



## CIRCLE OF FAITH RIPPLES

Greetings to you, Circle of Faith Parish. I am Anthony Christoffels, your new lead pastor. This has been a long awaited time for both of us and I am excited for what God is doing in this place. A little about myself, I grew up in Chandler, MN (a small agricultural community with a population around 250). I received my undergraduate degree in Construction Management from North Dakota State University in 2008. Afterwards I went to Luther Seminary to get a Master of Divinity degree. My wife, Stephanie, and I both graduated from Luther Seminary on May 19<sup>th</sup> of this year and were ordained on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Stephanie and I met while working at Shetek Lutheran Ministries in 2007. At that time we were both already looking at and talking about going to seminary. We did our internships in Southeastern South Dakota and received a wonderful surprise while we were there. In May of that year, we welcomed our son, Nicholas, into the world. Nicholas is a busy-body toddler who is running all over the place and getting into everything, but we are loving every minute of it.

Stephanie has accepted the call to serve Partners in Ministry in Trimont. We will be living at the parsonage next to First Lutheran in Trimont. Both of us are really excited to being a part of the Trimont, Welcome, and Ceylon communities.

In my spare time I like to be in the great outdoors. I enjoy fishing, camping, bicycling, hiking, and woodworking. And of course spending time with my family.

I thank God for all of the work that has already been done in getting Circle of Faith Parish started on the right foot. In just my first week, I have been seeing and hearing all of the many blessings that these three congregations have received. I look forward to the partnership that we will have as we do ministry together and I ask that you pray for your councils and your pastor. God bless Circle of Faith Parish as we begin together.

In Christ,  
**Pastor Anthony**

### July Worship Schedule

Date	St. Peter – 8:30 am	Trinity – 10:15 am	Waverly – 8:30 am
July 7 - Communion	Pr. Anthony	Carl Rabbe	Carl Rabbe
July 14	Carl Rabbe	Pr. Anthony	Pr. Anthony
July 21	Pr. Anthony	Carl Rabbe	Carl Rabbe
July 28 – Communion <i>Installation of Associate ??</i>	At Trinity	Pr. Anthony <i>Joint Service</i>	At Trinity

# 2013 VBS



Come join us for SonWest Roundup VBS August 4-8. [Yes, Sunday - Thursday]  
6:30 - 8:00 pm at Trinity Lutheran in Welcome.

It is for students 3 years old through completed 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

You can register by contacting MaryAnn Frerichs at 236-7590 or [maryannfrerichs@yahoo.com](mailto:maryannfrerichs@yahoo.com)  
or contacting the parish office at  
728-8259 or [parish@circleoffaithparish.org](mailto:parish@circleoffaithparish.org).

## THANK YOU's

To the Parish Council & Members of Circle of Faith Parish.

Thank you for the cards and gifts that you gave us at our Farewell on Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. Your prayers, thoughtfulness and best wishes are greatly appreciated. God's richest blessings to each of you.

Pr. Gerry and Mary Giese

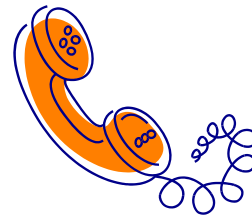
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Also a thank you to those individuals who have helped spruce up the three offices at Circle of Faith Parish in Welcome. The Pastor and Parish Administrator rooms got a coat of paint, and the Associate's has gotten a new window, heating/air conditioning unit and a coat of paint. A few touch ups are left, but it is good to have done what is so far:

Wes Strausser, Jon Saxen, Eileen Morrow, Tim Peterson, Tom Peterson, Bob Olson, John Sherman, Kirsten Rabbe, Carolyn Strausser, Jean Schock and anyone unknown or forgotten.

Our new phone system, once in place, will have a few different features to it. There will be the general greeting and then several different mail boxes for you to direct your call. Mailbox 1 will be for the emergency contact, it will tell you which pastor to

contact for an emergency. Mailbox 2 is for the church times of each parish. Mailbox 3 is for Pastor Anthony, Mailbox 4 for the Associate Minister and Mailbox 5 for the Parish Administrator. Just listen and the recording will tell you what to do.



## *A Note on Pastoral Visitation*

If you are hospitalized, moving into an assisted living center or nursing home, or are at home and would like a pastor to visit you for prayer and Holy Communion, **please be sure to call the parish office, and let us know**, so that one of the pastoral staff can come, and also check on you in the future. Hospitals and medical facilities, due to federal privacy laws, are not allowed to tell churches when their members are in – you, or someone in your family, will need to call and tell us.

Gone are the days when you could just tell them that you are Lutheran, but fortunately, a friendly face from church is still only a phone call away!

## **A Seminarian's Letters Home ---**

To the membership of Circle of Faith Parish:

Greetings to you all from back in Trimont! First and most important of all, a hearty welcome to Pastor Anthony Christoffels and his family! May God be with us all as our journey together begins. It is a joy to have you and your family with us, Pr. Anthony. We have waited a long time for you to come, and rejoice that God has brought you here.

Something I am spending a lot of time doing this summer, and Pr. Anthony will do in the near future as well, is visiting you all, and getting to know you. This is one of the best things that pastors have the chance to do. Yet, surprisingly, in a number of places where I've worked, a lot of people think that the pastor only comes to see you when you are sick, or can't get to church. I remember that from working as a student chaplain at the Mayo Clinic. Whenever the chaplain walked in, somebody would immediately assume that the worst was about to happen! It is certainly true that the Church (not just pastors, but everyone) always tries to visit when someone is ill. But there's much more to it than that, particularly for we who are Lutherans.

Luther wrote a lot about "mutual conversation and consolation." What he meant by that was simply getting to know people, learning about their families and their

relationships with their congregation, and seeing what wisdom you might have to share. I've been amazed at the wealth of knowledge possessed by many who have been members of our churches for decades. To drink from that wellspring of insight, and to see if there is anything I can offer to the conversation – that's what we do when we visit. So don't be surprised when one of us calls and asks to come and see you – we know that you have so much to offer, and we want to share in that.

As we welcome Pr. Anthony and step bravely out into our new walk together, let us pray for God's blessing, using these words:

*By your word, eternal God, your creation sprang forth, and we were given the breath of life. By your word, eternal God, death is overcome, Christ is raised from the tomb, and we are given new life in the power of your Spirit. May we boldly proclaim this good news in our words and our deeds, rejoicing always in your powerful presence, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.*  
[ELW, Spread of the Gospel]

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Your fellow member and pilgrim,  
Carl P. Rabbe, M.Div.

## **Circle of Faith Parish Council Meeting Minutes June 3, 2013**

Meeting was called to order at Trinity Lutheran at 6:40 pm by President Steve Williamson. Members present: Merle Burmeister, Jody Franck, Joel Rabbe, Kirsten Rabbe, Jon Saxen. Members Absent: Marilyn Cheever, Jon Helvig, Liz Stahl. Congregational Presidents present: Jody Franck – St. Peter.

Pr. Giese gave devotions, based on St. Paul's Prayer for the Ephesians, reminding us at Circle of Faith to look to the Holy Spirit for our strength and vision.

Kirsten Rabbe presented the Secretary's Reports for April and May Meetings. Motion by Jon Saxen, Seconded by Merle Burmeister to approve Secretary's Reports as presented. Motion was approved.

Joel Rabbe presented the Treasurer's Reports for April and May. Motion by Jon Saxen, seconded by Jody Franck, to approve the Treasurer's Reports as presented. Motion was approved.

### **Pastor's Report**

Pastor presented the Litany of Farewell, which will be used at Pr. Giese's farewell reception. President Steve Williamson will lead it on behalf of Circle of Faith. Pr. Giese also introduced the Conclusion of the Call Process and the Task of the Call Committee, which we will tailor and celebrate at a later date, when the Associate has been brought on board.

Pr. Giese explained the information he has gathered and prepared for Pr. Anthony, to help him as he begins at Circle of Faith. He has asked Carl to add to it as he sees a need. Pr. Giese will go through it all with Steve and Carl, before he leaves.

President Steve Williamson thanked Pastor Giese for his work and time with us, and wished him God's blessings on his future ministry, on behalf of all of the Parish Council and all of Circle of Faith Parish.

### **Ministerial Associate's Report**

President Steve Williamson welcomed our new Ministerial Associate, Carl Rabbe, and asked for his report.

Carl passed out a written report (see attached). Carl spoke of his plan for visitation with Circle of Faith parish members. He is working with Congregational Presidents to prioritize those to be visited, but is available to visit any parish member. Carl added his own word of thanks to Pr. Giese, for his leadership and guidance.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Office renovation update**

Jon Saxen met with Trinity President Becky Detert a couple of weeks ago to discuss the office renovation, to make space for our new Associate Pastor. They talked about a few things that need to be done in the Parish Office. Jon will get the trustees engaged in leading this process. They will try to time the painting in Pastor's office to be completed before Anthony comes. Pr. Giese will help by cleaning out his personal items some time next week.

Pr. Giese suggested moving the old copier and computer out of the Pastor's office as well.

#### **Pastoral Relations Committee**

The Pastoral Relations Committee will be Jon Helvig from Waverly, Bob Swanson from Trinity, and Keith Franck from St. Peter. Steve will talk to them and give them direction.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Pr. Anthony Christoffels – orientation and installation**

Welcome Committee will be formed to help with moving and settling in for Pr. Anthony and family. St. Peter members will be Annette & Gene, Darrel & Muriel Klenz from St. Peter. Trinity and Waverly will get suggested names to Kirsten.

Pr. Anthony's first day will be Monday, June 17, 2013. Installation will be Sunday, June 23, 2013. Pr. Larry Streng, Synod Minister, will conduct the installation, and will preside and preach that day. Installation will be a full communion service. After checking details with Pr. Anthony, the Worship Committee will convene to help with planning for the service.

#### **Voicemail upgrade**

Carl Rabbe reported on the Circle of Faith voice mail situation, and suggested having individual voice mail boxes for each pastor and the Parish Administrator, which will allow for confidentiality to be protected. Kirsten has researched this, and found that Frontier has this service available for an additional \$16.95 per month, which includes up to 5 additional voice mail boxes. Motion by Kirsten, seconded by Joe, to add the additional voice mail boxes. Motion passed. Steve asked that we check with Frontier on how to transfer messages to voicemail. Kirsten will investigate, and report to the office staff on procedure.

### **Annual Meeting for the Parish – set date**

President Steve spoke about the need for a Circle of Faith annual meeting, to present the proposed budget for the following year, and go over yearly financial statements, and provide a forum where people can ask questions. It should be held before congregational annual meetings, when budgets, including the Circle of Faith budget, need to be passed. This allows us to recommend items to the congregational annual meetings for passage, if necessary, and offers accountability and transparency to our congregations. Discussion was held on possible timing, and combining the meeting with an event that many people would attend. This item will be discussed further at our next meeting.

### **Circle of Faith and Congregational Organization**

Kirsten shared a Circle of Faith organizational chart, based on Steve's work of several months ago. Its purpose is to help pastors, staff, and parishioners understand the chain of management and command, and to know where to go for answers and information. (See attached. Committee structure for Trinity & St. Peter will be added.)

Discussion was held on congregational programs that might work better if shared at a parish level. This will be explored further with Pr. Anthony.

### **Parish Goals Committee**

Parish Council was asked to begin looking for names to work on a Parish Goals committee, to discuss where we go as a parish a) beginning this fall, b) for the rest of 2013, and c) in 2014 and beyond.

### **Future Congregational Outreach Parameters**

Discussion was held on the future of Circle of Faith reaching out to other future parish partners. President Steve asked us to think about: 1) How do we choose good partners going forward? 2) What makes a philosophical and theological fit for Circle of Faith? 3) What do we need to know about and set up for ourselves before we enter into any discussions with other congregations about joining Circle of Faith Parish? Joe stated that our first obligation is to the three congregations who reached out and took the risk to form Circle of Faith Parish. We have to learn to be good partners with each other before we can be good partners with others. This discussion will be continued at our next meeting.

### **Pr. Giese's Farewell**

Discussion was held on Pr. Giese's farewell, to be held on Sunday, June 16, 2013. We will ask Shirley Burmeister to make cakes for the reception, and the Parish Council will serve. Program will be led by Vice President Jon Saxen, with the Waverly Choir offering a musical tribute. Ideas for an appropriate gift were discussed. The Parish Council remarked on Pr. Giese's remarkable contributions to our Cluster Conversations, and as our Interim since Circle of Faith began in January, 2013.

### **Call Committee Update**

Call Committee chair Kirsten Rabbe reported that Pr. Anthony Christoffels has accepted the call to be Lead Pastor of Circle of Faith Parish.

The Call Committee has identified an Associate Pastor candidate for approval. Next step is to introduce Pr. Anthony to this candidate for his approval. Then the Finance Committee will work with the candidate to identify an appropriate compensation package. As this will be a contract position, no congregational vote is necessary, however communication with the congregations is very important. Once the Parish Council has approved the candidate and the package, the Call Committee will communicate with the parish members through Ripples of Faith, the bulletin, and if necessary, by letter. Steve suggested that if a Parish Council vote is necessary before our July meeting, we could vote email. Results will be reported at the next Parish Council meeting. Motion by Merle, seconded by Jon Saxen, to vote on a contract for the new Associate Pastor by email when the time comes. Motion passed.

Our next Parish Council meeting will be July 1, 2013, 6:30 pm, at Trinity - Welcome.

Motion by Jon Saxen, seconded by Merle, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirsten Rabbe, Secretary

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## **An Associate Pastor For Circle of Faith Parish**

The Call Committee would like to present Pr. Eric Midthun as our Candidate of Choice for the position of part time Associate Pastor for Circle of Faith Parish.

Pr. Eric is a veteran of the mission field. He grew up in Madagascar, the son of missionaries. When he was 17, his parents moved “home” to Minnesota, so he could graduate from an American high school. From there, he attended Augsburg College in Minneapolis, and then Luther Seminary in St. Paul. His first call was back to the mission field, this time in Papua, New Guinea. He worked in the mission field in remote areas of New Guinea, came home for a year of post-graduate study in Homiletics and Christian Ethics, and then returned to New Guinea to teach in a seminary there. When the political and on-the-ground situation in New Guinea became physically unsafe for his family (his wife and four children), it was time to come home to Minnesota.

Pr. Eric next served a two-point parish in Gonvick, Minnesota. This Norwegian pastor fit in well in the tight-knit Norwegian community, and he served there for 14 years.

Pr. Eric’s wife, who is an RN with a Master’s Degree, wanted a chance to pursue her career, so in 2005, they moved to Minneapolis. Pr. Eric decided to take a leave from call to give his wife the opportunity to follow her professional interests. He has been working with a childhood friend (another missionary’s son) in a lawn sprinkler business in the Twin Cities, while offering pulpit supply to area churches.

Pr. Eric and his wife have four grown children. Their second son is an ELCA pastor in Darwin, Minnesota, and he encouraged his father to return to active ministry. As he began to transition into active ministry, he decided to look to the Southwest Minnesota synod for opportunities.

The Call Committee found Pr. Eric to be warm, easy going, easy to visit with, and passionate about walking alongside people in their journeys of faith. He loves leading small group bible studies, visiting people in their homes, telling stories, making people laugh, and sharing explorations into the bible with parishioners. He likes to write sermons that use humor to illustrate theological points. We believe he will be a great fit with Pr. Anthony to complete Circle of Faith’s pastoral team. In his free time, Pr. Eric likes to spend time with his family, “dig in the dirt”, and ride his motorcycle in fair weather.

Circle of Faith will be contracting with Pr. Eric for his services as Associate Pastor. Because this is a contract, rather than a call, this does not require a congregational vote. This allows us to move Pr. Eric into our staff much more quickly than a traditional call would allow. Our parish has contracted with Pr. Eric through the end of 2013, at which time Circle of Faith and Pr. Eric will consider a half time call beginning in 2014.

Pr. Eric will live in Minneapolis part time, and in our area part time. We are helping him to explore housing options. Pr. Eric will be on-site every Sunday and Wednesday, as well as one other day per week, which will float at Pr. Anthony’s direction, according to the needs of Circle of Faith and its members.

Based on extensive interviews and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the Call Committee unanimously recommends Pr. Eric Midthun to serve as Associate Pastor of Circle of Faith Parish.

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## Circle of Faith Parish Pastoral Responsibilities

The Pastors will jointly be responsible for the spiritual needs of Circle of Faith Parish, and will work together to cover and/or delegate pastoral responsibilities.

Overall areas of responsibility will be as follows:

The Lead Pastor oversees

- . the spiritual leadership of the congregation
- . the management of the church staff and church office
- . worship planning
- . youth development
- . parish education, including confirmation
- . supporting the Associate Pastor through joint problem solving and the sharing of experiences

The Associate Pastor oversees

- . pastoral care of the congregations (visitation)
- . small group bible studies
- . other responsibilities as delegated by the Lead Pastor
- . supporting the Lead Pastor through joint problem solving and the sharing of experiences

Both pastors

- . Will officiate and preach at worship every Sunday.
- . Will work together to assure that the pastoral care, parish management, worship, youth, education, and other areas of congregational need are met.

Pulpit Supply

- . Securing Pulpit Supply will be the responsibility of the Parish Council. Pastors should notify the Parish President six weeks prior to their absence when taking time off from worship for vacation or continuing education. In the case of an emergency that would require your absence, notify the Parish President immediately.

# S T. P E T E R R I P P L E S

## St. Peter Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes - none

### WELCA –

Our next meeting is August 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. Hostesses are Jeannine Rasmussen and Rosemary Saggau. No Bible Study until August. No meeting in July because of Tuesday morning coffees. TMC schedule: July 2 - Volunteers Annette Yackle, Marge Schley, Bernice Lehmann, Jeannine Rasmussen, Shirley Schmidt and Janice Franck will furnish and work. July 9 – Group 1, July 16 – Group 2, July 23 – Group 3 July 30 Volunteers – Muriel Klentz, Sherry Schmidt, Elaine Krueger, Barb Schmidt and JoAnn Wink and Lorrene Knuth will furnish and work. If your name isn't on this list and you would like to help contact Janice @ 235-9709. Money made from this fundraiser is used for Christmas Cheer giving.

Thank you to those who furnished and came to the Lutz Wing Birthday party on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks Jeannine for your message on "Gatherings". All enjoyed the program and cake and ice cream. Jeannine reported an estimated 342 people attend the Ingham Okoboji Ice Cream Social. Thank you to those who furnished for it. Donations - \$4,637. Pie Auction - \$6,375. For a total of \$11,012. The Hog Roast will be Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 pm.

Our unit has donated \$100.00 to the Relay for life held in July.  
Our checkbook balance as of June 20<sup>th</sup> \$1916.49

The SWMN Synodical Women's Organization [WELCA] was held in Redwood Falls, June 21 & 22. Our unit delivered 21 fabric kits and 1 box of Christian Literature for the In-kind Offering. 10 Personal Care Kits were also sent along to LWR. The offering was 50% to Churchwide, 25% ELCA disaster Relief, and 25% to LWR Quilt and Kit shipping funds. Connie Jensen from Trinity and Ginny Skow from Union State Line rode along with me. I want to thank the St. Peter Women of the ELCA for paying for my registration fee.

We will miss Betty Warner as she moves to Shakopee. God bless her as she finds a new church home and friends.

We welcome Pastor Christoffels and his family.

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July !!! Blessings – Janice. "God is so big he can cover the whole world with his love and so small He can curl up inside your heart!"- unknown

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There will be an Open House Bridal shower for Michelle (Schumacher) Cheever bride of Cory Cheever on July 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 at the 9:15 Coffee Shop in Armstrong Iowa. The couple are registered at Kohl's, Yonkers and Target. Cory is the son of Marilyn and Neil.

Christian Petschke would like to thank St. Peter Lutheran for the generous gift for graduation.

### JULY USHERS

July 7	LeRoy and Janice Franck	July 21	Larry and Darcia Schmidt
July 14	John Schmidtke and Larry W Schmidt	July 28	Shirley Schmidt and Sherry Schmidt
Aug. 4	Bernice Lehmann and Jeannine Rasmussen		



# TRINITY RIPPLES

## Trinity Lutheran Council May Council Minutes – June 9, 2013

Meeting called to order by Pres. Detert at 9:20 a.m. Members present: Eileen Morrow, John Frerichs, Merle Burmeister, and Becky Detert, Joel Detert, Phil Burgess, Wes Strausser, and Jon Saxen.

Secretary's Report Reviewed. Treasurer's Report Reviewed. Financial Secretary Report - none.

Youth – There are 5 children that will be attending Bible camp this year. 3 will be going to Ingham Lake and 2 in Jr Hi that will go to Okoboji. VBS will be August 4 thru Aug 8<sup>th</sup> and we will sponsor it with St Paul's UCC church.

Deacon's Report – reviewed

Trustee's report – The administration offices are in need of paint. We need to put in a window and air conditioning in the Associate Pastor's office. Painting will be started on Wednesday June 12<sup>th</sup> at 9 am. A few other items will need to be worked on also in the offices.

The parking lot to the east of the church needs new curbs to hold back the vehicles parking on the neighbors grass. Will check into getting something to put on the edge of our property.

There are pews that need to be replaced and repaired.

Discussion was held on power washing the siding on the church.

Jon Saxen moved to approve the reports. Merle seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business: Progress has been made on the purchasing of the house next door.

New Business: The pie and ice cream social will be next month during the Welcome Festival. Wes moved to put an ad in the flyer, Jon seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor Anthony will be moving in June 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>. He and his wife will live in the parsonage in Trimont.

A motion was made by Wes and seconded by Jon to purchase the equipment for the associate's office and to paint the offices. Motion carried.

A joint church service will be held June 23<sup>rd</sup> at St. Peter's in Ceylon at 8:30 a.m. for the installation of Pastor Anthony.

We will not have services at Trinity.

June 16<sup>th</sup> was the Thank You farewell for Pastor Giese.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. Next meeting will be held July 14, 2013 at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Eileen Morrow, Secretary

## "PIE AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL" Saturday, July 20 1:00 – 4:30 pm



We are once again hosting our annual Pie and Ice Cream Social that is in conjunction with the Welcome Summer Festival on Saturday, July 20, 2013. We are asking members to donate 2 pies [9", preferably home-made] or \$10.00 for this event.

## "Thank you's"

Ladies of the church – I'm not sure which Circle served Mom's funeral, but I know that many hands Worked that day. Thank you for all you do for the church. Mom so enjoyed being a part of the TWELCA ministry. Thank you also for the rose given in her name. Kay Wohlhuter

Dear Congregation - Thank you for the Blanket as a confirmation gift. Thank you Chase

**T-WELCA** - Our unit met on June 5. Eunice Circle was in charge. The meeting opened with devotions. We have about \$4,180. In our Treasury, so voted to help the Youth going to Bible Camp with \$100., each towards their expenses. Those going are Jackie Frerichs, Jordan Stahl, Derek Hughes, Zane Borchardt and Todd Morrow. We hope they have a fun time.

June Schultz took bananas and cookies from our unit to the Trimont Nursing home and helped them play Bingo. Thanks!

Janet and Gary Miller sent a "Thank you" for the flowers they received for their Anniversary.

There were 2 confirmands this last May – Mariah Rasmussen and Chase Petersen . Julie made each a quilt from the Unit – thanks!. There also were 2 graduating 2013 seniors. Donna Hand and Madison Holm. We wish them well and our congratulations.

Don't let us forget the Salvation Army box and the 'Red Kettle' waiting for our donations.

Blessings- Connie Jensen

There is a can of paint just waiting to be put on the walls in our library. Looking for a volunteer (s) to do it. The paint is in the library, bring your own painting supplies.



### JULY

### USHERS

7	Larry and Deb Philipp Family
14	Bocky and Susan Borchardt, Henry and Sun Borchardt
21	Tim and Liz Stahl Family
28	Jon and Jen Saxen

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4	Phil Burgess and Norm Schley
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### COMMUNION

S-Velma Schaal	H-Bob Moffitt
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S-Jon Saxen	H-Brian Burmeister
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S-John Frerichs	H-Bocky Borchardt
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# W A V E R L Y     R I P P L E S

## Waverly Lutheran Council Meeting Minutes - none

*From the Presidents Desk -* 

Hi

What a wonderful service yesterday at St Peter's to install Pastor Anthony. This was a fulfillment of a dream started years ago. All of those meetings and hours spent to form Circle of Faith and then to find the right pastor to lead us forward. Thank you to all that had a hand in this, we owe you a huge debt!



I had an opportunity to travel in England, Scotland, and Wales with my daughter, Kristie, recently. We saw magnificent cathedrals with gorgeous stain glass windows and huge pipe organs. What struck me most was the lack of warmth in the structures. I am not talking about temperature, although I cannot imagine how they can heat such large churches, but the feeling you get as you walk into the building. Of course you feel awe and appreciation for the beauty, but it doesn't touch your soul. The cathedrals cannot compare to the warmth I feel when I walk into St Peter's, Trinity in Welcome, and of course Waverly. It is the welcome home kind of feeling. The feeling that everything is going to be alright and that there is support on all sides. They can keep their cathedrals, I will continue to appreciate our Circle of Faith churches. I have come to realize that it is not the building structure, it is the people that make a church. I would put the people of Circle of Faith up against any from those in the United Kingdom and I know who would come out ahead every time. I am thrilled to be a part of this cluster. I continue to feel the support and am filled with spirit and love from the wonderful people that make up our Circle of Faith. Thank you to each and everyone of you! What an exciting time for all of us!

Your Fellow Traveler,     *Deanne Gaalswyk*     President of Waverly

JULY USHERS: John Sherman, Tom Peterson, Brad Williams, Troy Schmidtke,  
Walt Bettin, Howard Jorgenson, Jon Bentz

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>JULY</b> 	<b>1</b> Doug Bettin Luke Bengé	<b>2</b> Sherry Schmidt	<b>3</b> Robert Swanson Jennifer Hughes  <i>Sam &amp; Kathy Anderson</i>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Roger Geiger Samantha Meyer	<b>6</b>   <i>Wayne &amp; Marty Burmeister</i>
<b>7</b> Larry W Schmidt Ben Chukuske Dylan Petersen	<b>8</b>   <i>Don &amp; Janet Saxen</i>	<b>9</b> Craig Hatland Steve Williamson  <i>Jon &amp; Jen Saxen - 25</i>	<b>10</b> Jon Petschke	<b>11</b> Guy Daly	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> Muriel Klénz	<b>15</b> Kim Dirks Jon Burmeister Joan Rezac Steven Hatland Tyler Bettin Walt Bettin	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Taylor Nordstrom Nathaniel Hansen Jessica Gibson Jeff Dirks  <i>Robert &amp; Lenore Olson</i>	<b>18</b> Colby Lyons Taylor Truesdell  <i>Joanne &amp; John Sherman</i>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Lowell Wohlhuter
<b>21</b> James Hatland	<b>22</b> Zachary Hovick Larry Schuett Gary Miller	<b>23</b> Jody Franck Jim O'Sell Starr Spiegeler	<b>24</b>   <i>Larry &amp; Deb Philipp - 20</i>	<b>25</b> Brandi Mulvihill	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>   <i>Larry and Darcia Schmidt</i>	<b>29</b> Brian Poppe Velma Schaal  <i>LeRoy &amp; Janice Franck Keith &amp; Jody Franck Arnold &amp; Irene Baumgaart - 70</i>	<b>30</b> LuAnn Peterson Dakoda Schultz  <i>Dale &amp; Shirley Keck Todd &amp; Rhonda Oeschle -30</i>	<b>31</b>			

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b><u>Worship hours</u></b> St. Peter – 8:30 Trinity - 10:15 Waverly - 8:30		Tuesday Morning Coffees @ St. Peter's 8:30 – 10:00	<b><u>Pastor's Office Hours</u></b> Mon. – Thurs. 9am - 1 pm	<b><u>Parish Administrator Office hours</u></b> Mon. – Fri. 9 am – 1 pm		
<b>JULY</b>	1 T-6:30 pm Parish Council mtg. @ Trinity	2 TMC W-Dorcas 2 pm Truman Living Center W- Mary 7pm	3	4 Happy 4 <sup>th</sup> of July 	5	6
7 Worship Services	8 T- Eunice	9 TMC	10 T- 9:00 am Hannah/Elizabeth	11	12	13
14 Worship Services *St. P. Council Mtg following worship *Trinity Council Mtg 9:15 am	15	16 TMC	17	18	19	20 Pie and Ice Cream Social @ Trinity 1-4:30 pm [St. Peter basement reserved – Bernice Lehmann]
21 Worship Services	22 Reports due for the Aug. Newsletter	23 TMC	24	25 9:30 am Assemble Newsletter @ Parish office	26	27
28 Worship Services	29	30 TMC	31			

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