



SEPTEMBER

PASTORS RIPPLES

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Our new parish is now off and running, with a full paid staff. Pastor Eric came on board last month and now we are fully ready to journey on to wherever God is calling us to go. As we discern together where it is God is calling us to, I have been hearing that it would be good to start off by discerning who we are. Who are we as members of St. Peter, Trinity or Waverly Lutheran churches? Who are we as Circle of Faith Parish? Who are we as children of God? This is the question we will be asking ourselves this next year, "Who are we?" To go along with this question, our staff has picked 1 Peter 2:9 as our theme verse:

"...you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

We all are born into sin and live in the darkness of the world. But Christ, who is the light of the world, has called us out of the darkness into his light. At our baptism a candle is lit signifying Christ's light that is now in us, and the darkness of this sinful world cannot overpower it. Saint Peter says in this verse that we are made to be God's children, placed as citizens of God's kingdom, and empowered to live as his royal priesthood. We are not alone but are part of his people, a holy nation.

As we begin to answer this question, "Who are we?", we are first and foremost children of God. Chosen at baptism to be God's children. We have been called out of the darkness to proclaim the mighty acts of God. Throughout this coming year we will expand on this question to dig deeper into how our identity as children of God works with our parish mission statement: "Saved by Grace, Gathered in Faith, Called to Serve."

In Christ, *Pastor Anthony*

~~~~~  
Dear Friends,

I have enjoyed the WELCA bible study this last month. It is the story of the feeding of the 5000 and in that story, towards the end of the day the disciples want to send the people away to nearby towns so they can find themselves something to eat. But Jesus tells the disciples, "You feed them." Naturally they were astonished, they did not have that much food or even a way to get that much food. Jesus was not concerned about what they did not have and asked what they did have. They found two fish and five loaves of bread. The rest is history.

This is how I have come to be a pastor at Circle of Faith Parish. After many years of pastoral ministry, these past several years I was content to work with my friend in his lawn sprinkler business. Everything was fine until our Son (who is a pastor) challenged me to think about getting back into ministry where he thought I could

contribute to the Church. I explained to him all the things I did not like and did not have and all the obstacles etc. etc. He responded, “I didn’t ask what you don’t like and what you don’t have and what you think the obstacles are, I asked what you do like and what you do have and what the possibilities might be.” (He can be a handful, this boy...and sometimes stubborn) Well, it was a lot of work to change my way of thinking, but eventually, with some help, a resume developed which I threw out there with a prayer and a teeny tiny bit of faith. It happened to land in the hands of the call committee here who happened to be looking for someone that looked something like that resume. Imagine that! How could that happen? The rest is history. I’m happy and amazed to be here with all of you.

Over the next months we are going to be thinking about who we are as three individual congregations in one Circle of Faith Parish. We could do that either by looking at what we don’t have and what we are not, or by looking at what we do have and what we are. It is much easier and safer to focus on what we do not have as individuals and congregations. But I want to challenge us to do what Jesus did with his disciples...focus on what we do have. When we know what we have, we can offer it with just a teeny tiny bit of faith, and God will use it in ways we never even imagined. So, who are you? And, who are we? And, what do we have?

In Christ, *Pastor Eric*

### September Worship Schedule

| Date                     | St. Peter – 8:30 am          | Trinity – 10:30 am                         | Waverly – 10:30 am                       |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| September 1 - Communion  | Pr. Anthony                  | Pr. Eric                                   | Pr. Anthony                              |
| September 8              | Pr. Anthony                  | Pr. Anthony                                | Pr. Eric<br><i>Rally Day</i>             |
| September 15             | Pr. Eric<br><i>Rally Day</i> | Pr. Eric<br><i>Rally Day</i>               | Pr. Anthony<br><i>Harvest Homecoming</i> |
| September 22             | Pr. Eric                     | Pr. Anthony                                | Pr. Eric                                 |
| September 29 - Communion | Pr. Anthony                  | Pr. Eric Bodenstab<br><i>Pulpit Supply</i> | Pr. Anthony                              |

## RALLY DAY!

Rally Day is when we kick off our fall programming events. Below is the schedule for this year’s Rally Days

**Remember children, bring your backpacks to church on Rally Day!**



| <b>St. Peter Lutheran<br/>Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup></b>                                                                                       | <b>Trinity Lutheran<br/>Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup></b>                                                                                               | <b>Waverly Lutheran<br/>Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup></b>                                                                                                   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| - Blessing of Backpacks<br>- Installation of Sunday School Teachers<br>- Malaria Campaign Kickoff<br>- Sunday school every other Sunday Sept. 15 & 29 | -Blessing of Backpacks<br>-Installation of Sunday School Teachers<br>-Malaria Campaign Kickoff<br>-2 <sup>nd</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> graders receive Bibles | - Blessing of Backpacks<br>- Installation of Sunday School Teachers<br>- Malaria Campaign Kickoff<br>- 2 <sup>nd</sup> graders receive Bibles<br>- Cradle Roll |

## Schedule for Regular Sunday Morning Worship Services

### September – May

|                              | <b>St. Peter Lutheran 8:30 am</b> | <b>Trinity Lutheran 10:30 am</b> | <b>Waverly Lutheran 10:30 am</b> |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday</b> | Pastor Anthony                    | Pastor Eric                      | Pastor Anthony                   |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</b> | Pastor Anthony                    | Pastor Anthony                   | Pastor Eric                      |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</b> | Pastor Eric                       | Pastor Eric                      | Pastor Anthony                   |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> | Pastor Eric                       | Pastor Anthony                   | Pastor Eric                      |

*Above is the typical pastoral rotation each month. This schedule is subject to change.  
The most up to date schedule will always be printed in the monthly newsletter.*

## Schedule for Special Worship Services **2013-2014**

|                                                        | <b>St. Peter Lutheran</b>  | <b>Trinity Lutheran</b>     | <b>Waverly Lutheran</b>     |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Thanksgiving Eve</b><br><i>Wed, Nov 27, 2013</i>    | 7:00 pm Joint Service      |                             |                             |
| <b>Christmas Eve</b><br><i>Tue, Dec 24, 2013</i>       | 7:00 pm Children's Service | 5:00 pm Candlelight Service | 5:00 pm Candlelight Service |
| <b>Christmas Day</b><br><i>Wed, Dec 25, 2013</i>       | N/A                        | N/A                         | N/A                         |
| <b>Ash Wednesday</b><br><i>Wed, Mar 5, 2014</i>        | 6:30 pm                    | 6:30 pm                     | 8:00 pm                     |
| <b>Mid-Week Lenten Eve</b><br><i>Wed, Mar 12, 2014</i> |                            | 7:00 pm Joint Service       |                             |
| <b>Mid-Week Lenten Eve</b><br><i>Wed, Mar 19, 2014</i> |                            |                             | 7:00 pm Joint Service       |
| <b>Mid-Week Lenten Eve</b><br><i>Wed, Mar 26, 2014</i> | 7:00 pm Joint Service      |                             |                             |
| <b>Mid-Week Lenten Eve</b><br><i>Wed, Apr 2, 2014</i>  |                            | 7:00 pm Joint Service       |                             |
| <b>Mid-Week Lenten Eve</b><br><i>Wed, Apr 9, 2014</i>  |                            |                             | 7:00 pm Joint Service       |
| <b>Maundy Thursday</b><br><i>Thu, Apr 17, 2014</i>     | 8:00 pm                    | 6:30 pm                     | 6:30 pm                     |
| <b>Good Friday</b><br><i>Fri, Apr 18, 2014</i>         | 7:00 pm Joint Service      |                             |                             |
| <b>Easter</b><br><i>Sun, Apr 20, 2014</i>              | 9:30 am                    | 7:00 am breakfast after     | 10:30 am                    |
| <b>Summer Picnic</b><br><i>To Be Announced</i>         |                            | 10:00 am Joint Service      |                             |

*Above is the schedule for special services. The joint services are on a 3 year rotation. Only the first year is shown.*

*Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday times are also on a rotation.*

*Christmas Eve and Easter are not on a rotation. These are the set times each year.*

*This schedule is subject to change. The most up to date schedule will always be printed in the monthly newsletter.*



# WHY WORSHIP?

## matters

**4 week sermon series beginning on Sunday, September 22.**

We will spend 4 weeks learning about the worship service and why we even come to church on Sunday mornings to worship.

This sermon series will be at all three Circle of Faith congregations.

*Sunday, September 22 – Gathering to worship*  
*Sunday, September 29 – Hearing God's Word*  
*Sunday, October 6 – Receiving Holy Communion*  
*Sunday, October 13 – Sent out in mission*

**You are invited to join us as we explore *Why Worship Matters*.**

## Cottage Meetings



There will be 8 Cottage Meetings held throughout the parish during the first 3 weeks of September. You are invited to attend one of these meetings. Each meeting is limited to only 4 members from each congregation for a total of 12 people attending each meeting. The Cottage Meetings will give you a chance to share your thoughts about your church and our parish. The following questions will be asked:

- *What are we doing well?*
- *What would you like to see brought forward from St. Peter/Trinity/Waverly?*
- *What could we improve on?*
- *What is your dream for Circle of Faith in the near and far future? (2-20 years)*
- 

|                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Wednesday, September 4</b><br><b>1:00 PM</b><br><i>LeRoy &amp; Janice Franck</i><br><i>1310 Adams Ave, Fairmont</i><br><i>507-235-9709</i>   | <b>Wednesday, September 4</b><br><b>7:00 PM</b><br><i>Don &amp; Nancy Nordstrom</i><br><i>1809 115th Ave, Welcome</i><br><i>507-728-8897</i> | <b>Sunday, September 8</b><br><b>7:00 PM</b><br><i>Keith &amp; Jody Franck</i><br><i>474 80th Ave, Dunnell</i><br><i>507-632-4201, 507-236-0774</i> |
| <b>Wednesday, September 11</b><br><b>7:00 PM</b><br><i>Delano &amp; Elaine Bergemann</i><br><i>301 Kruse St, Welcome</i><br><i>507-728-8561</i> | <b>Thursday, September 12</b><br><b>1:30 PM</b><br><i>Karen Koeder</i><br><i>530 Ash St. E, Trimont</i><br><i>507-639-6275</i>               | <b>Monday, September 16</b><br><b>7:00 PM</b><br><i>Bernice Lehmann</i><br><i>201 W Sherman, Ceylon</i><br><i>507-632-4539</i>                      |
| <b>Tuesday, September 17</b><br><b>10:30 AM</b><br><i>Trinity Lutheran Church</i><br><i>204 2nd St, Welcome</i><br><i>507-728-8259</i>          | <b>Tuesday, September 17</b><br><b>7:00 PM</b><br><i>Joe &amp; Kirsten Rabbe</i><br><i>951 W. Main St, Trimont</i><br><i>507-639-9021</i>    | <p><b><i>You can sign up<br/>at church!</i></b></p>                                                                                                 |

## CONFIRMATION MEETING

Sunday, September 8 @ 11:30 am --- Trinity Lutheran, Welcome

All 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents are invited to an information meeting about the Confirmation Program at Circle of Faith Parish. The first night of confirmation begins on Wednesday, September 18 @ 6:30 pm at Trinity Lutheran in Welcome. A more detailed letter is being mailed out. If you do not get this letter please let Pastor Anthony know.

\*\*\*\*\*



Calling all photographers! Circle of Faith needs your photos. If a picture is worth a thousand words, share your best photographic stories of what's happening in your congregation. We will choose select photos to use on our website, our Facebook page and other social media, and in our history books. Email your photos to [parish@circleoffaithparish.org](mailto:parish@circleoffaithparish.org), and Lisa will forward them on to the appropriate person

.....

## A Seminarian's Letters Home --- September 2013

To the membership of Circle of Faith Parish:

Greetings to you all from Evanston, IL! By the time you read this, I will be entangled in the glorious mess of books and papers and classes and presentations and meetings of which PhD study is made up. Thank you again to all of you for a fantastic summer, for great ministry, and for the chance to see amazing new things coming into being at Circle of Faith. I will be holding our parish in my prayers as we begin our first official school year as a new parish.

On September 15, we will celebrate our annual Harvest Homecoming Festival out at Waverly. I look forward to returning home and participating in that with you. It's always a great thing to see our partners and buddies from Gloria Dei come down for a day of feasting and fun. Last year, though, I remember an even greater joy, as I had the privilege of distributing Holy Communion on that morning to many of our extended church family members who may not be able to get home that often and worship with us. Yet, even if they had been away for a very long time, there was plenty of space, and food and drink, for them all at Christ's table. Likewise, by the grace of God, we had plenty of pork chops on a stick, salad, bread and bars for everyone, lots of animals to meet and play with, and more than enough to learn. There was room for everybody that day, as there always is in the Kingdom of God. It will be so again on that September morning, and it will always be so whenever we gather together. After all, the Body of Christ is big enough to find a home for every last one of us.

As we move forward into the new school year, and toward Harvest Homecoming, let us pray for God's blessing, using these words:

*Most gracious God, according to your wisdom the deep waters are opened up and clouds drop gentle moisture. We praise you for the return of planting and harvest seasons, for the fertility of the soil, for the harvesting of crops, and for all other blessings that you in your generosity pour out on all people. Give us a full understanding of your mercy, that our lives may show respect and care for your creation, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

[ELW, Thanks for the Harvest]

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.



## Farm 4 Waverly & Harvest Homecoming

What's It All About?

Dear Circle of Faith Partners at St. Peter & Trinity:

We would like to take this opportunity to share with you a project that has taken form and become a reality, with God's help and guidance. The project is known as Farm 4 Waverly.

Farm 4 Waverly was born of a desire to identify and implement an outreach project for Waverly. History has proven that Waverly is at its all time best when the congregation is working on a positive, faith-based project. The benefits bless our congregation as a project is conceived and as it is carried out.

### CONCEPT

Farm 4 Waverly ultimately has three objectives:

First, to experience God's Word, especially Jesus' New Testament agricultural parables, in a hands-on way.

Second, to create, nurture, and sustain relationships with one or more congregations and their members, in the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, who do not currently have agricultural roots.

Finally, to create a sustaining source of revenue that will support God's work through Waverly's hands and the Holy Spirit's guidance for generations to come.

### FARMING

Farm 4 Waverly's first crop year was 2011. Each year, Farm 4 Waverly plants 15 acres of corn and 15 acres of soybeans. The Farm 4 Waverly project pays rent, margin reimbursement, and crop input expenses, just as if it were a free-standing, independent farm operation. A member of our congregation serves as the "straw boss" and is responsible for marketing the grain and gathering the receipts by each and every calendar year end.

### OUTREACH

Waverly has partnered with Gloria Dei Lutheran Church of St. Paul, Minnesota. As part of their Families of Faith curriculum, a member of Waverly (Liz Rabbe) leads class sessions called "Sowing Seeds" for Gloria Dei's second graders and their parents, to help them understand stewardship of our land and all God gives us. This is a spiritual and agricultural outreach. They learn some basics about farming, grain, and even livestock. During the course of the year, each 2<sup>nd</sup> grader is paired with a member or a family at Waverly, to share correspondence and to pray for that child and their family. Each fall, the children (who will then be 3<sup>rd</sup> graders) are transported to Waverly aboard motor coaches with their parents and siblings. Waverly hosts a Harvest Homecoming Sunday for our church and these young families, sharing worship, a Harvest Banquet, hay rides, horseback rides, livestock education including real live animals, and Waverly's own and unique "machinery hill." Worship centers on God's blessings of faith, daily bread, and new friends. This year's Harvest Homecoming will be on Sunday, September 15, 2013.

Farm 4 Waverly is about the seeds of faith that we hope will grow within each of us and our congregations; not unlike the hopes and dreams for our newly formed Circle of Faith Parish. With all the warmth and graciousness Waverly so readily offers, it is our prayerful hope that the young families and children that Farm 4 Waverly / Sowing Seeds touches will choose to adopt Waverly as a faith partner,

maintaining a relationship that can be shared with their children and their children's children. Much like the first seed planted, each one can produce new seed, if properly nurtured and cared for. And who knows, maybe, just maybe, someday one of those children may enroll in seminary and serve as Circle of Faith's Intern, Associate Pastor, or Lead Pastor. God works in unique and mysterious ways. What a gift!

To you, our valued partners at St. Peter and Trinity – you, too, are welcome to come and experience the day with us. You will find an invitation later on in Ripples of Faith that cordially invites you to be our guests at the Harvest Homecoming celebration. Our banquet is adorned with pork chops on a stick, roasted sweet corn, fresh baked bread, desserts, and more. So if you're interested in attending, please RSVP as printed on the invitation. There will be worship at all three congregations on September 15<sup>th</sup> (it is Rally Day at Trinity and St. Peter), so you are welcome to worship in your church and then join us for the Banquet and the rest of the afternoon.

For those of you who would be willing to help with the day and learn first hand how we might work together as a parish and expand or develop new outreach projects together, we'd welcome your help and support. After all, working and dreaming is what brought St. Peter, Trinity, and Waverly together. Please contact any member of the steering committee for more information.

Sincerely,

The Farm 4 Waverly Steering Committee  
Belva Peterson  
Jon & Karen Helvig  
Joe & Kirsten Rabbe  
Steve & MarLeone Williamson

~~~~~

SOUTH AFRICAN DELEGATES COMING TO CIRCLE OF FAITH PARISH

The Watonwan River Conference of the SW MN Synod will be hosting 5 people (4 women & 1 man) from the Shiyane Circuit for 3 weeks. Watonwan River is partnered with the Shiyane Circuit of the Southeastern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Southern Africa.

Circle of Faith Parish is a part of the Watonwan River Conference and will be hosting a welcoming potluck for the delegates. Everyone is invited to attend. Also, 3 of the delegates (Princess Tyler, Simson and Busiswe Khoza) will be attending our regular Sunday morning worship services (1 delegate at each service).

WHAT: Welcoming Potluck
WHEN: Saturday, September 21
4:00 PM
WHERE: Waverly Lutheran

WHAT: Morning Worship Service
WHEN: Sunday, September 22
8:30 AM & 10:30 AM
WHERE: At all Circle of Faith Congregations

Delegates' names and brief information.

Princess Tyler – chairperson of the Shiyane Partnership Committee, administrator of the Arts and Crafts Centre, interested in building relationships, and is well respected in the area.

Simson – retired farmer, Princess Tyler’s husband.

Busiswe Khoza – runs a preschool, maintains a garden to feed the children, area AIDS representative, Shiyane Partnership Committee, Diocesan AIDS committee, and works on the rabbit project (*a joint project between Watonwan River Conference and the Shiyane Circuit*).

Faith Ngojane – deputy chairperson of the Shiyane Partnership Committee, retired school teacher, respected church leader, and raises, butchers and markets chickens.

Jabu Nkabini – administrator at the Lutheran old age home and is interested in Sunday School.

This trip is to help build our mutual friendship. We worship and serve the same Lord Jesus on both sides of the ocean, but we don’t always do that in the same way. We can learn from our brothers and sisters in Africa just as much as they learn from us. You are invited to join in on this ongoing relationship with our brothers and sisters in South Africa. Join in the joy.

~~~~~

## GOD’S WORK, OUR HANDS SUNDAY



The ELCA is 25 years old this year! The nearly 10,000 congregations of the ELCA will be doing something in their community that makes a positive change in the world on or around Sunday, September 8. Circle of Faith Parish has decided to do a special children’s offering on Rally Day for the ELCA’s Malaria Campaign. Come and bring your loose change on Rally Day

~~~~~

NEW WORSHIP TIMES! Starting Sunday, September 1

St. Peter Lutheran 8:30 AM	Trinity Lutheran 10:30 AM	Waverly Lutheran 10:30 AM
---	--	--

OFFICE FURNITURE REQUESTED

Fall is upon us and are you looking to do some fall cleaning? Do you have some furniture lying around that you have been meaning to get rid of? If so, our parish office is in need of a few pieces of furniture to complete the office set up. We are looking for the following items that are still in good condition:

- **2 office arm chairs**
- **2 end tables**
- **1 loveseat sofa**

Please contact Pastor Anthony if you have any of these items that you would like to donate to the parish office.

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

St. Peter Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes -- August 13, 2013

The meeting was called to order. Members present were Jody Franck, Roger Rezac, Jeannine Rasmussen, Pastor Eric and Lois Duncan. Absent were Jeremy Wink, Keith Franck, Dale Leiding, Jamie Leiding and Mary Muller.

Pastor Eric opened with prayer.

Secretary's report – I want to apologize for the mistakes I made in the July newsletter about the congregation voting to change the church time from 8:30 to 8:15. The council voted to keep the time at 8:30. Also that we would be voting on gay marriages, we were to discuss it. Sorry about this. I guess I can't rely on memory of what was said.

Treasurer's report: none

Benevolence report – balance on hand after sending \$300.00 to Synod was \$907.08.

Pastor's report – Pastor Eric is enjoying getting back to church services, etc. Commuting is going well. Pastor Anthony reported that Sept. 8th is the 25th Anniversary of the ELCA and the church wide would like all three churches to do a mission project. Waverly is going to raise money for Malaria nets on Sept. 8th, rally day for Sunday school. Trinity is going to raise money for Malaria Nets on Sept. 15th their rally day and St. Peter is going to raise money for Malaria nets on their rally day which is Sept. 15. Pastor Anthony asked what time we wanted Easter Service and we voted to have it at 9:30.

Waverly will host a potluck meal on Sept. 21st (a Saturday) for 3 women from South Africa. Everyone is invited to come. Not sure what time, but it will be announced later. On Sept. 22nd (a Sunday) we voted to have one of the women come to our service at St. Peter.

Old Business

We were wondering if the roof still leaked. Roger is going to have someone come and look at it. Cement outside the elevator and along the south side needs to be done. Roger is going to have Loren Shriver from Frmt come and fix it. Council meetings will be on a Sunday after church except for the 4 joint council meetings.

Congregation will vote on not having Semi-annual meetings at the semi-annual meeting. We are just going to discuss having gay marriages in our church at the semi-annual meeting.

Summer fill for LP is done. Keith just had to book it now.

Wednesday night is going to be joint education night. Jamie is going to talk to Pastor.

Have to find out from JoAnn Wink if men's bathroom has been fixed. Basement floor will be done in August.

New Business

Visitation list for the congregation. You have to call the church office. We are going to start the membership updates.

Other Business

A motion was made and seconded to send Steve Williamson \$200.00 for Carl Rabbe. He is getting gift cards from Target and Barnes and Nobles book store. Carl was never paid for his time with the church.

We also would like a Noisy Sunday once a month, for putting loose change in cans to raise money for Sunday school.

No other business. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Council Secretary – Lois Duncan

St. Peter Lutheran Semi-Annual meeting – August 18th, 2013

Pastor Anthony opened with devotions and prayer.

Secretary's report – read Treasurer's report – read Youth Fund treasurer's report – read

Memorial Treasurer's report – read Benevolence Treasurer's report – read, with a balance on hand of \$907.08.

Pastor's report – Cottage meetings will begin in Sept. The first one is Sept. 4th. 12 people will attend and it will be in people's homes. It is for the Pastors to get to know everybody. A report to the Parish Council will be made. At these meetings, 3 questions will be asked: 1) What is our church doing well? 2) What can we do to improve? 3) What is your dream for the Circle of Faith Parish?

Sept. 8th is the 25th Anniversary of the ELCA. 10,000 congregations will be doing a mission project. St. Peter, Trinity and Waverly will all do a mission project of raising money for Malaria Nets on their rally days for starting Sunday School in September.

Old Business

Wiring is not done in kitchen. Lowell Rosenberg has only been at the church once.

New Business

Change by-law of not having a semi-annual meeting. A handout will be given out in July, but no meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to make a by-law of **not** having a semi-annual meeting and to have a hand out in July with no meeting. To change the constitution, it has to be brought up 30 days before the congregation can vote and it has to be voted on twice. After it has been voted on once, it has to be 90 days before the second vote can be taken. To make a by-law, it has to be brought up to the congregation 30 days before it can be voted on and then it only needs one vote.

Discussing if we want same sex or Gay Marriages in our church. We don't have a rite (a set form of conducting a ceremony) in our church. A motion was made and seconded to set up a by-law **not** to perform same sex or Gay Marriages in our church. To be voted on at the Annual Meeting in January.

The council will work on writing a by-law of **not** having Gay Marriages, to be voted on at the Annual meeting.

Church time is at 8:30. The council voted on this at the July meeting. Trinity will have its services at 10:30 and Waverly will have its services from June - August at 8:30 and from September - May to have it at 10:30.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Council Secretary, Lois Duncan

WELCA –

This summer has gone so fast it doesn't seem like it should be September already. With busy July serving coffees every week it has taken some of us most of August to recoop. Thank you again to all those who furnished and worked. How blessed we are to have fellowship with all the area congregations.

At the August meeting Jeannine gave a report about the quilt auction. The six quilts and tote St. Peter sent brought \$995. The total for the auction was approx. \$43,000. The Hog Roast was the 25th, thank you to those who furnished for it. Thank you to those who came and helped quilt for missions on the 28th and 29th of August.

The September meeting will be the 4th, Barb Schmidt and Janice Franck hostesses. It will be at 9 am at Village Cooperative in Fairmont located behind ShopKo. Pastor Anthony will lead the Bible study from the "Gather" magazine on "Hannah, A Promise Keeper".

Sherry reported as of Aug. 1st there is \$2,921.68 in the bank account. The total for the July coffees was \$1,005.

Sunday School will finish packing the rest of the school kits on Rally Sunday the 15th.

Looking ahead: Sat. October 5th is Fall Gathering at Trinity Lutheran, Sleepy Eye.

Bernice Lehmann is in charge of altar care. Group 1 is up for the next work duty.

Blessings – Janice

SEPTEMBER USHERS

Sept. 1 Neil and Marilyn Cheever

Sept. 8 Roger and Joan Rezac

Sept. 15 Keith and Jody Franck

Sept. 22 Dale and Jeanne Leiding

Sept. 29 Bob Nelson and John Schmidtke

Oct. 6 LeRoy and Janice Franck

TRINITY RIPPLES

Trinity Lutheran Council Minutes –Aug. 13, 2013

Meeting called to order by Pres. Detert at 7:30 p.m.

Members present: Eileen Morrow, Merle Burmeister, Becky Detert, Liz Stahl, Phil Burgess, John Frerichs, and Jon Saxen.

Opening devotions by Becky.

Pastor's report. The confirmation fees will be based on the individual students in each congregation.

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

TWELCA – none

Youth & Board of Ed –Sept 15th is Rally Day. They will hand out bibles and have installation of Sunday School teachers.

Deacon's Report – going good. Trustee's report- working on the house project next door.

John moved to approve the reports, Liz seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Still working on getting a few more quotes on tree removal.

New Business:

Pastor would like to start holding Cottage Meetings starting in September.

Next meeting: Sept 11th 7 p.m.

Phil moved to adjourn, Eileen seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 with Lord's Prayer.

Eileen Morrow, Secretary

At one of the funerals held at our church earlier this year, a cake pan bottom was taken home by error. The cover of the pan is still here, but the bottom is the wrong one. Please check your 9x13 pans and see if you happened to have taken the wrong one home. It does have a name on it. Thank you !!!

SEPTEMBER

USHERS

COMMUNION

1 Robert and Lonnie Moffitt
8 Joel and Becky Detert
15 Connie and Norman Jensen
22 Monica and James Chukuske
29 Loren Schultz and Dick Traetow

S-Velma Schaal H-Robert Moffitt

S-Bocky Borchardt H-Brian Burmeister

OCTOBER

6 Jon and Jen Saxen

S-John Frerichs H-Jon Saxen

W A V E R L Y R I P P L E S

WAVERLY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING -- August 13, 2013

The Waverly Church Council met on Tuesday, August 13, 2013, at 7:00 pm. Members present: Cliff Armbrust, Rosemary Atzenhoefer, Deanne Gaalswyk, Karen Koeder, Bob Olson, Tim Peterson, Deb Schneider, and John Sherman.

Deanne Gaalswyk, Council President, called the meeting to order, and opened with prayer.

The secretary report was read, and clarified. Motion by Rosie, second by Tim to accept the report with clarification that Christmas Eve service will not rotate. Motion carried.

Cliff gave the financial report. July receipts totaled \$4,356.94. Disbursements totaled \$1,577.46. Year to date income minus expenses is - \$6182.15. Motion by Bob, second by Rosie to accept the financial report. Motion carried.

Pastor's report: Per Pastor Eric, "things are going well."

Old Business:

Motion by Tim, second by Bob that Waverly will support Lindsey Betting to attend confirmation. Motion carried.

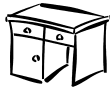
Waverly will host a potluck on Saturday, September 21, at 4 pm., to welcome members of the South African Synod.

New Business:

Bids for an electronic stove top, to replace the gas stove top, will be sought.

With no further business, motion by Bob to adjourn, seconded by Tim, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Schneider



From the Presidents Desk -

"School days, school days, good old fashion rule days." Even if my school days are far behind me and I don't have any children returning to the classroom, I always associate September with going back to school. There seems to be a change of rhythm in our lives when September comes around. The weather starts cooling down getting ready for harvest.

Instead of thinking about going to the lake, thoughts are about gearing up for the fall field work. People finish gathering their produce from their gardens and preserving it to be enjoyed during winter. There is a change in sports, though there is a great deal of overlapping these days. There just seems to be a sense of anticipation, something is coming. For Waverly, it is our Harvest Homecoming Festival! We will once again entertain our friends from Gloria Dei in St Paul. It is a day of worship, fun, and celebration. Waverly is bursting with activities and laughter. What a wonderful way to kick off the fall season.

So if you are not getting your children out the door for school, still take the time to look around and appreciate this beautiful place we call home. We have an opportunity to really experience the changing of the seasons. Stop, look, and listen. You can see, hear, and feel the change in the air.

Your fellow traveler, *Deanne Gaalswyk*, Waverly President

DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITY

Remember when Jesus changed the rules of Sabbath by healing on that day? Waverly too is in a state of change, even at worship on Sunday, as we find ways for involvement and discipleship in new ways. So...being an acolyte, once reserved for confirmation ages and ushers is now being opened to all families. Yes, families, with or without children, lighting and extinguishing the candles...our reminder of Christ in our midst. Just like doing the Advent readings. For more information and to become a part of this new Discipleship Opportunity find Karen Koeder at 639-6275 or kkoeder@gmail.com



Waverly's New Barn Quilt to be Installed

Waverly's Harvest Star barn quilt reflects our congregation's faith in God and our roots in agriculture; past, present and future.

The Waverly Harvest Star tells the agricultural story of new life. The scarlet center star symbolizes the seed that bursts forth into the seedling. The brown points of the outer star symbolizes the rich earth in which the seed is planted. The purple points of the outer star symbolize point of the plow, turning the ground upside down, creating a bed to receive the seed. The golden circle symbolizes the sunshine that warms the earth, and helps the crop to grow. The blue background symbolizes the endless cycle of planting and harvest, sunshine and rain, seed and grain, birth and death, that make up life in this farming community. We at Waverly recognize all of this as a gift from God.

The Waverly Harvest Star also tells the story of God's great love for us. The scarlet center star reminds us that Jesus, our brother, became a man to live among us, the seed of God's love. The brown points of the outer star remind us that Jesus, our Lord, commanded us to go and make disciples of all nations, the harvest of redemption. The purple points of the outer star form a cross, reminding us that Jesus, our Redeemer, died for us, the sacrifice for our sin. The golden circle reminds us that God's love is with us always and never ends, the warmth for our weary souls. The blue background reminds us we are part of God's vast plan, the mystery of hope.

"And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love." I Corinthians 13:13

This barn quilt will be installed on Waverly's exterior in early September, and will be dedicated at Harvest Homecoming on September 15, 2013.

SEPTEMBER:

Ushers: Tim Peterson, Steve Williamson, Randy Schneider, Brian Clow, Jeff Lueth

Lay Readers

Sept. 1	Deb Schneider	Proverbs 25:6-7	Psalm 112	Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16
Sept. 8	Laurie Sherman	Deut. 30:15-20	Psalm 1	Philemon 1-21
Sept. 15	no reader needed	Exodus 32:7-14	Psalm 51:1-10	1 Timothy 1:12-17
Sept. 22	Paul Gaalswyk	Amos 8:4-7	Psalm 113	1 Timothy 2:1-7
Sept. 29	Mary Peterson	Daniel 10:1-14, 12:1-3	Psalm 103:1-5, 20-22	Revelation 12:7-12

To the members of St. Peter and Trinity

From your parish partner - Waverly

Please join us for
Harvest Homecoming
Waverly Lutheran Church
Sunday, September 8, 2013



The Lord will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest. ~Psalm 85:12

Harvest Homecoming

Waverly Lutheran Church
Sunday, September 15, 2013

- 10:00 a.m. Gather and greet old and new friends**
Gloria Dei families arrive - Waverly Buddy Families will meet them
- 10:30 a.m. Harvest Worship** – Like a stalk of corn, a unique hybrid service that focuses on kids!
- 11:45 a.m. Harvest Dinner** (City people call this “lunch”)
- 1:00 p.m. Harvest Activities** – and a time to reconnect with long time family and friends!
- 3:00 p.m. Conservation and Stewardship**
- 3:15 p.m. Closing worship**
- 3:30 p.m. Saying farewell** (Until we meet again!)




Please:

- **Bring your family!**
 - **Come in your blue jeans for a day of Faith, Family, Farming and Fun!**
(Bring a change of clothes for the ride home, if you plan to participate in any farming activities.)
- **RSVP by September 8, 2013 to**
RSVP@Farm4WaverlyOutreach.com
or call 507-728-8259 and leave a message.
Please tell us the number and names of those attending and the ages of the children in your family, so we can plan for food and fun for the day.

*A special welcome to our
Gloria Dei Lutheran, St. Paul, MN
Sunday School buddies and families!*

Find out more:
www.Farm4WaverlyOutreach.com
or ask a Waverly member for more information

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
September 	1 Wayne Schultz <i>Erwin & Rosemary Atzenhoefer</i>	2 Brandon Nordstrom Laurie Nelson Noah Leiding	3 Eileen Christensen Scott Smith Paul Gaalswyk Karen Helvig Lonnie Moffitt	4 <i>Don & Nancy Nordstrom</i>	5	6 De Elda Rose James Chukuske Jr Zane Borchardt AleaSha Meyer <i>Roger & Joan Rezac</i>
7 Dawn Hartung	8 Chelsie Wink	9 <i>Lowell & Millie Wohlhuter</i> <i>Brady & Jennifer Schmidt</i>	10 Mim Potter Gary Sathoff	11 Kirsten Rabbe	12 <i>Dawn & David Hartung</i>	13 Shirley Schmidt <i>Kirsten & Joel Rabbe</i>
14 Doug Anderson Sarah Schwanz <i>Sheila & Philip Bettin</i>	15	16 Arnold Milbrandt Thomas Rahm	17 Gerry Hendricks Samantha Chukuske	18 Alex Schmidt <i>Jamie & Noah Leiding</i>	19 Teya Schmidtke <i>Janet & Paul Poppe</i>	20 Tanya Schmidtke Kim Haugen
21 Jon Helvig Beverly Meyer	22 Mindy Holmen	23 Gary Franks Abbey Loveland Cody Schwanz Jamie Leiding	24 Bryson Rezac	25 Brady Schmidt <i>Danny & Tammy Williams</i>	26 Jordan Petschke Hazel Armbrust <i>John & Julie Speckman</i>	27 Aldean Speckman Janet Miller Erwin Atzenhoefer
28	29 Marty Scholl Matthew Kruse	30 Chase Petersen <i>Justin & Carey Borchardt</i>	31			

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>Worship hours</u> St. Peter – 8:30 Trinity - 10:30 Waverly - 10:30	<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u> 9:30 9:15 9:15	<u>Parish Administrator Office hours</u> Mon. – Fri. 9 am – 1 pm	<u>Pastor's Office Hours</u> Mon. – Thurs. 9am - 1 pm	 Kids remember your backpacks on Rally Sunday	SEPTEMBER 2013	
1 Worship Services Holy Communion	2 Parish Office Closed LABOR DAY	3 W- Mary 7pm School starts 	4 St. P. 9 - WELCA T- 9:30 –WELCA W – Dorcas 1:30 <u>Cottage Mtgs</u> 1 pm @ J/L Franck & 7 pm @ D/N Nordstrom	5	6	7
8 Worship Services Confirmation mtg 11:30 @ Trinity Rally Sunday @ Waverly St. Peter Council mtg <u>Cottage Mtg –</u> 7pm @ K/J Franck	9	10 6 pm Parish Council mtg. @ Trinity	11 T- 9:00 am Hannah/Elizabeth <u>Cottage Mtg</u> 7 pm @ D/E Bergemann T-Council mtg 7pm	12 <u>Cottage Mtg</u> 1:30 pm @ Karen Koeder	13	14
15 Worship Services Rally Sunday @ St. Peter and Trinity Harvest Homecoming Waverly	16 <u>Cottage Mtg</u> 7 pm @ Bernice Lehmann	17 <u>Cottage Mtgs</u> 10:30 am @ Trinity & 7 pm @ J/K Rabbe	18 Confirmation 6:30 pm @ T	19	20	21 W – 4:00 pm South African Delegates Welcoming Potluck
22 Worship Services Sunday School Items due for October newsletter <hr/> 29 Worship Services Holy Communion Sunday School	23 <hr/> 30	24	25 Confirmation 6:30 pm @ T	26 9:30 am Assemble Newsletter @ Parish office	27 T-Wedding Rehearsal 4:30 - pm	28 T-Minscer / Baldwin Wedding & Reception 2-7 pm

Circle of Faith Parish
P.O. Box 328
Welcome, MN 56181

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

US Postage Paid
Non-Profit Organization
Permit No. 5
Welcome, MN 56181

To All Members of Circle of Faith Parish:

For a wonderful summer of visits, worship, welcome and learning, thank you from the bottom of my heart. Special thanks are extended to all who came to my farewell reception, and who gave me such lovely gifts and cards.

You all took a real chance on me, welcoming me to your churches and to your homes this summer. But even more so, long before that, you took a chance on a beautiful new dream that God gave you in forming our area parish. It has been great to watch this all unfold behind the scenes for so many years, and now to see it finally come into being. I look forward to journeying on with you, as a member of Waverly and of Circle of Faith, into the future.

May the God who calls stars by name and hairs by number, who bears our joys and sorrows as one of us, and who calls us onward into new light and life be with you all in this autumn season, and always.

Grace and Peace,
Carl Rabbe
916 1/2 Noyes St., Apt. X1
Evanston, IL 60201
Email: carlrabbe@gmail.com