

Ripples of Faith 2017



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Tuesdays: Men's Sunrise Bible Study.

Thursdays: Women's Sunrise Bible

Sundays—8:30 Worship TLC & StP

Wednesdays—6:30 pm Worship WLC

Tuesdays in July

Coffees @ St Peter 8:30—10 am

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 7/4 Independence day
- 7/5 Mary Circle WLC
- 7/8 Trimont Parade
- 7/12 Goldfinch Communion
- 7/15 Pie Social @ TLC
Welcome Parade
- 7/16 Welcome Community Worship / Meal
- 7/17 StP Council meeting ?
- 7/23-28 Youth Mission Trip
- 7/30 Parish Picnic @ TLC
- 7/30—8/3 VBS @ St Paul's –Welcome



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July Worship Schedule

		St. Peter	Trinity	Waverly
4 th Week after Pentecost <i>Altar: Green</i>	Sunday, July 2 nd	Worship w/Comm 8:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 8:30 AM	
	Wednesday, July 5 th			Worship w/Comm 6:30 PM
5 th Week after Pentecost <i>Altar: Green</i>	Sunday, July 9 th	Worship 8:30 AM	Worship 8:30 AM	
	Wednesday, July 12 th			Worship w/Comm 6:30 PM
6 th Week after Pentecost <i>Altar: Green</i>	Sunday, July 16 th	Worship 8:30 AM	Community Worship 10:00 AM @ St. Paul's UCC	
	Wednesday, July 19 th			Worship w/Comm 6:30 PM
7 th Week after Pentecost <i>Altar: Green</i>	Sunday, July 23 rd	Worship 8:30 AM	Worship 8:30 AM	
	Wednesday, July 26 th			Worship w/Comm 6:30 PM
8 th Week after Pentecost <i>Altar: Green</i>	Sunday, July 30 th	Parish Picnic Worship w/Comm At Trinity 8:30 AM – Potluck Brunch following worship		



	St. Peter	Trinity	Waverly
June	Wednesdays at 6:30 PM <i>Holy Communion every week</i>	Sundays at 8:30 AM <i>Holy Communion 1st & Last Sunday</i>	Sundays at 8:30 AM <i>Holy Communion every week</i>
July	Sundays at 8:30 AM <i>Holy Communion 1st & Last Sunday</i>	Sundays at 8:30 AM <i>Holy Communion 1st & Last Sunday</i>	Wednesdays at 6:30 PM <i>Holy Communion every week</i>
August	Sundays at 8:30 AM <i>Holy Communion 1st & Last Sunday</i>	Wednesdays at 6:30 PM <i>Holy Communion every week</i>	Sundays at 8:30 AM <i>Holy Communion every week</i>


NEW THIS SUMMER

Throughout the summer, our worship services will focus on hearing the Old Testament stories (some familiar, some maybe not so familiar). Below is a list of the stories that you can look to hear throughout the summer during our Sunday morning and Wednesday evening services:

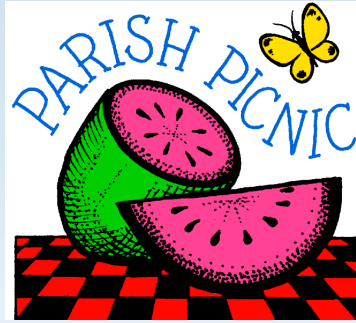
Noah and the Flood
The Story of Joseph
Joshua
Elisha Heals Naaman
Isaiah and Hezekiah
Israel into Exile
Queen Esther

The Call of Abraham
Deliverance at the Red Sea
David and Nathan
The Prophet Micah
The Call of Jeremiah
The Return from Exile

NEXT



Is July 18th
@ Barb Schmidt
515 120th Ave
Ceylon
5:30—7:30 pm



Is set for Sunday, July 30th.
Worship at 8:30 am @ Trinity.
Potluck Brunch to follow.

Some suggestions for brunch potluck:
Coffee cakes, egg bake,
Rolls, fresh fruit



Tuesday
Morning Coffees

July - St. Peter, Ceylon
8:30—10 am



DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that you can reserve the fellowship hall at church for graduation, birthdays, anniversaries, family reunions, wedding receptions or other gatherings? Outside of Sunday mornings, most of the time our fellowship halls are available for gatherings when maybe your house just isn't quite big enough. If you would like to ever use the fellowship hall at church we simply as that you call (507-728-8259), email (parish@circleoffaithparish.org), or stop by the parish office to make your reservation.

NOTE: If you reserve the space by writing your name on the calendar in the kitchen at the church, please contact the parish office to confirm your reservation.

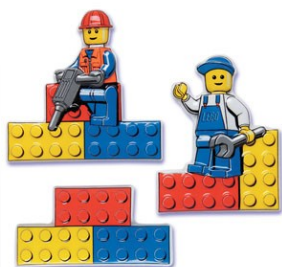
2017 Youth Mission Trip

Outlaw Ranch - Custer, SD
July 23—28th

YOUTH TRIP UPDATE

We are less than 1 month from leaving on our youth mission trip to the Black Hills.

Eight high school students from Circle of Faith (1 from St. Peter, 1 from Waverly, 6 from Trinity) will join six high school students from Partners in Ministry, Trimont, and together we will travel to Custer, SD. We leave on our trip the morning of Sunday, July 23rd and we return home on Friday, July 28th. Again, thank you for your support and look for more updates on the youth trip as we get closer.



Vacation Bible School

Sunday, July 30th - Thursday, Aug. 3

St. Paul's - on Dugan St. in Welcome

Ages 3 yrs —completed 5th grade — 6:30—8 pm

**Building our Faith
Brick by Brick
'some assembly required'**

Always looking for helpers - anyone interested in helping with VBS, please call the Trinity church office—728-8259.



2017 marks the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther nailing the 95 Theses to the doors of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. Please join Pastor Anthony and Pastor Stephanie as we walk in the footsteps of Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation beginning in Rome and ending in Germany in the summer of 2018. Brochures are available in all three churches. For more information talk to Pastor Anthony.



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COUNCIL MINUTES

Parish Council June 13, 2017

Parish Council Members present are Jon Saxen, Marilyn Cheever, Scott Morrow, Karen Helvig and Deb Philipp. Congregational Presidents present are Henry Borchardt, from Trinity and Marilyn Cheever from St. Peter and Deanne Gaalswyk from Waverly. Pastor Anthony Christoffels is attending the meeting.

Jon Saxen made a motion to approve the agenda as written Deanne Gaalswyk seconded that motion. Pastor Anthony led the Devotions from Psalm 89 read from the book Christ in our Home. He shared this passage is all about fostering relationships we have. He has been meeting with young families of kids that are 3 to 6 years of age from Trinity and they have discussed the possibility of bringing Sunday School back to Sundays.

Jon Saxen made a motion to approve the Secretary's report. Marilyn Cheever seconded that motion.

Jon Saxen presented the Treasurer's report. Marilyn Cheever made a motion to accept the report as written. Scott Morrow seconded that motion.

Pastor's Report: There was a discussion on Pulpit supply for Trinity on the 25th of June. We are unable to secure an ordained Pastor so will adjust communion and have it the 18th and not on the 25th. Trinity will have an unordained Pastor on June 25th and communion will not be offered that day. Pastor Anthony is having a change of vacation. He will be here on July 2nd for services, but not the last week of June. He is changing his vacation to the last week of August and the Sunday of Labor Day. Lisa is looking for pulpit supply. Pastor Anthony and Pastor Eric attended Synod Assembly on June 8 and 9th.

Committee reports: none

Old Business: There was a discussion about parades if we should hand out sticky notes or magnets with our logo. It was decided that we will need someone with a truck to pull circle of faith logo figure on a trailer. Each church will ask their members if there is an interest for riders. We will not have walkers this year or hand out any items. Marilyn made a suggestion about youth working at a food stand in Ceylon on Auction Day for fundraisers for the youth. Some teens are interested in going to the National conference in Houston in June 2018 and this would be a good fundraiser. The youth trip in July will have two parent volunteers from Trinity attending, along with 6 youth from Trinity, one youth from Ceylon, one youth from Waverly, and six youth from Stephanie's churches. Deb Philipp will contact Welcome and Trinity parades to register our float.

New Business: Meeting frequency: There was a discussion of

meeting every other month. It was decided that we will meet every two months beginning in August. There was a discussion if we received the Honeywell alert for our Council meeting tonight. Pastor Anthony is able to set it up for groups of members to receive messages about meetings and events. Marilyn Cheever suggested for members to attend with Pastor to go visit with families that are on the roster to see if inactives are interested in attending church again.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, August 9^h, 5:30 pm at Trinity before 6:30 evening service.

Jon Saxen made a motion to adjourn. Scott Morrow seconded that motion.

Sincerely submitted,
Parish Council Secretary, Deb Philipp

Trinity Council 6/13/2017

Members present were Henry B. John B. Becky, Jean, Velma Larry and Pastor Anthony.

Agenda was read and approved with motion from John and seconded by Velma. Pastor led us in opening devotion.

PASTOR'S REPORT: He informed us of a change of date for his vacation. He will be gone June 25th and since they could not obtain an ordained pastor for that Sunday, communion will be June 18th instead. He spoke about fall Sunday school and having a 3-6 yr old class which would involve around 8 children. He is meeting with those parents and getting good response from them. He attended sessions of the Synod Assembly on June 9-10

SECRETARY'S REPORT: One correction was made concerning the location of the joint service with St. Paul's on July 16th. It will be held at St Paul's UCC and not Trinity. Larry Philipp moved to accept the correction and Velma seconded.

TREASURER'S AND FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT: Read and approved with motion by Larry and second by Velma. No reports on Faith Formation or Caring Ministries.

PROPERTY REPORT: Back door light needs to be fixed or replaced. A new filter needs to be put in the coffee maker in the kitchen. A letter was received from a company wanting to do a free inspection and evaluation of the stain glass windows. After discussion, it was decided not to act on this.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT: People are needed to ride the floats at Trimont and Welcome parades. Nothing will be handed out along the route this year. A driver and vehicle are needed to pull the float. Parish council meeting will be held the even month of the year instead of every month. *****

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COUNCIL MINUTES

May 11, 2017 7PM

June 18, 2017 7PM

The meeting was called to order. Meeting opened with devotions.

Agenda: motion was made to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: The operating statement was reviewed by the members present. Noted \$50,000 for the cemetery fund. Motion was made to submit the budget. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor was not present, but it was reported that the Mission Trip in July will be the 11th-14th. Pastor Anthony will be attending along with 8 youth and adult chaperones.

Worship Committee: There will be no Pastor for the following Sunday worship. The Worship Committee will conduct the service as a group. Carnations will be purchased for the Mother's Day Service. The summer Wednesday services will begin in July and run through August. There was a suggestion that there be a few camp fire services during the summer as well.

Caring Ministries: Mary Lou and Belva continue to do monthly visits and communion.

Property Committee: The Boekett bill was received for the shingles. John Helvig or Kevin Shaw may have a lift to be used in order to get the shingling job completed. There are 2 leaks. One in the SE corner and one in the Nursery. The CFS contract is up for renewal. Discussion was had on whether or not to prepay. Brad Sherman will be contacted to look in to this. The bathroom floor and toilet need to be replaced. The air conditioners will need cleaning outside before summer. There is a bill from the County for the sign. The floral refrigerator is not working. Margo Paplow will bring in her old one to be used as an interim in the next few weeks.

Faith Formation: No report

Parish Council: The Summer Worship schedule is planned to be the same as 2016. Waverly will begin 8:30 am services on Sundays. Wednesday evenings in July. Discussion was had on whether the congregation will participate in the summer celebration parades in Trimont and Welcome. We would be walking and handing out Freeze pops. Outreach for food packing with Feed the Children needs volunteers. Habitat for Humanity is also in need of volunteers.

The last Sunday of July is schedule to be the Parish Picnic. Trinity will host the event. It will be Pot Luck. A suggestion was made for a Brunch Theme for the Pot Luck.

Old Business: Our South African sister parish will have a large group of perhaps 15 visiting for Harvest Homecoming only. Green Lake Ministries has been paid, members of the camp out youth would receive reduced tuition.

Sexual Misconduct Policy was discussed. It will not be needed if we do not have the added coverage. Motion was made to drop the extra coverage. Motion carried.

New Business: Next Council meeting will be Sunday, June 11th, following worship.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting was called to order.

Agenda: motion was made to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from last meeting were read. Motion to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: The operating statement was reviewed by the members present. Motion was made to submit the budget. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Synod Assembly was attended the previous weekend. Pastor Anthony will be on vacation next Sunday. Other upcoming vacation for Pastor Anthony will be August 14-22 and August 28-September 4.

Worship Committee: Committee met last Thursday. Youth Sunday will continue to be the 3rd Sunday of every month. The Children's Sermon will include an opportunity for the children to assist with the Offering and also Ushering at the end of the Service. The third Sunday Worship will also be assisted by the youth group. The Youth will Acolyte that Sunday. On other Sunday's the Ushers will Acolyte unless Youth are present to assist. Rally Sunday is September 10th. The list of those who will assist with Worship is being put together. It will be posted in the July Ripples. There is consideration of making the bulleting larger print. This will require of eliminating some items that can be found in the Worship Books. Parish Picnic is July 30th at Trinity. It will be a Brunch themed potluck. Harvest Homecoming is September 17th. The theme is Stewardship. Pastor Rebecca will be contact regarding the participation of our South African sister Parish. October 29th is Reformation Sunday. The committee will meet again in August.

Caring Ministries: Mary Lou and Belva continue to do monthly visits and communion. There has been a request for transportation assistance for a lady in Welcome as an Outreach project.

Property Committee: The shingles have been repaired. Kevin Shaw should be thanked for use of his lift used to get the shingling job completed. The leak in the Nursery will still need to be addressed. Pricing had been done for a new refrigerator It would range from \$450-550. Discussion on the possibility of having an insurance adjuster look at the shingles following the recent hail storm. John Helvig will contact CFS regarding the fuel contract and pricing.

Faith Formation: No report

Parish Council: The Summer Worship schedule is planned to be the same as 2016. Wednesday evenings in July. Continued discussion on participation in the summer celebration parades in Trimont and Welcome. We will have a float only unless volunteer can be secured to hand out the freeze pops. A suggestion was made to enlist the Youth Group. We are also in need of a truck and trailer for the float.

Old Business: Flooring and a toilet are still needed for the bathroom. We will remove the old tiles. An estimate will be sought on the flooring and the toilet. We will install the toilet. Someone will be contracted for the flooring. Monies will come out of gifts and memorials. Would like to have it completed by September.

New Business: Next Council meeting will be Sunday, August 13th, following worship. Motion made to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Ushers & Worship Assistants

St Peter

DATE	LECTOR	USHERS
JULY		
2	Jordan Petschke	Jeremy and Chelsie Wink
9	Muriel Klentz	Ronnie and Jane Leiding
16	Jeannine Rasmussen	Jeannine Rasmussen / JoAnn Wink
23	Bernice Lehmann	Kevin and Angie Schmidt
30	Parish picnic @ Trinity	8:30 am
AUGUST 6	Jordan Petschke	Bernice Lehmann / Sherry Schmidt

Trinity

DATE	LECTOR	USHER	COMMUNION
JULY			
2	Liz Stahl	Wes and Carolyn Strausser	Henry Borchardt John Frerichs
9	MaryAnn Frerichs	Wayne and Marty Burmeister	
16	Community Worship	@ St. Paul's - 10 am	Meal following
23	MaryAnn Frerichs	Bob Swanson Audrey Swanson	
30	Liz Stahl	Larry and Deb Philipp	John Frerichs Velma Schaal
AUG. 6	MaryAnn Frerichs	Todd Williams Larry Puhrman	Bocky Borchardt Tony Truesdell

Waverly

DATE	LECTOR	CHILDREN'S TIME	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
July 5	Deanne Gaalswyk		Ushers	Lynette Shaw
12	Susan Rathman		Ushers	Lynette Shaw
19	Belva Peterson		Ushers	Lynette Shaw
26	Joanne Sherman		Ushers	Lynette Shaw
July 30	Parish Picnic @	Trinity	8:30 am	Brunch following
6	John Sherman		Ushers	Gwen Matz

July Ushers: John Sherman, Tim Peterson, Cliff Armbrust, Brad Sherman, Jeff Armbrust

August Ushers: Steve Williamson, Troy Schmidte, Todd Rathman, Will Hecht

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WELCA – There will be no meeting in July. The August meeting will be August 2nd at 9:00 a.m. with Bernice Lehmann as hostess. We will have the Tuesday morning breakfasts in July. None on the 4th. Group 2 on July 11th, Group 1 on July 18th and volunteers on July 25th.

The Ingham Camp Ice Cream Social on June 4th was well attended with beautiful weather and a great program by over 40 counselors. I have not received the offering on pie auction amounts as yet.

At the WELCA convention on May 6th we heard about the problem on hungry children continuing to grow in our area. Two food packaging events will take place: July 12th in Willmar and July 25th in Worthington. These packets will go to the local food shelves, backpack programs and to disabled and homeless veterans in our Synod 29 counties. After discussion and a vote we decided to donate \$200.00 at this time to our local Heaven's Table Backpack program in Fairmont.

Muriel reports a balance of \$1,297.00. We also decided to send a \$50 offering to the Triennial convention in Minneapolis July 13-16.

Upcoming Events:

August 4th Okoboji Quilt viewing with Scandinavian Feast

August 5th Quilt Auction 1 pm with meal before

August 27th Ingham Lake Hog Roast

Next work duty: Group 2

July Alter Care: Barb Schmidt

July Birthdays: July 2nd Sherry Schmidt, July 14th Muriel Klenz

“I’ve learned that no matter what happens or how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow.” Maya Angelow



Jeannine

St. Peter Council

June 19, 2017

No business meeting.

Yard work, dirt work, grass planting and tree trimming were done.

Sherburn Nursery has worked on landscaping and trimmed bushes.

Present were Keith and Jody Franck, Jeremy Wink, Terry and Mary Muller, Darrel and Muriel Klenz.

Secretary, Muriel Klenz

Trinity Ripples



We are looking for more people to read scripture on Sunday mornings.

If you are interested please give Mary Ann Frerichs 236-7590 or the church office a call.

Thank you !!!

Many thanks to all who furnished baked goods, gave cash donations and/or worked in the kitchen for our May coffees. We had nice crowds each week.



Our church will host a Pie & Ice Cream Social, July 15th, 2017, 1-4 pm during the Welcome Festival. We are asking members to donate 2 pies or \$15.00 for this event. Thank You !!



Welcome Summer Festival Worship Service

Sunday, July 16. 10 am

@ St. Paul UCC Fellowship Hall.



Burgers and Hot dogs to follow.
(food furnished by Trinity and St. Paul's)



***** Council minutes continued:

NEW BUSINESS: Trinity needs a person to be a card writer. Cards are sent to members on special occasions, shut-ins, and sympathy to ones losing a loved one.

The Ice Cream social will be 1-4 pm on July 15. A Thrivent card is being looked into for purchasing supplies needed for the social. Proceeds will go to the youth group to help fund a trip to the national convention in Houston in 2018.

Motion to adjourn made by Larry and seconded by Velma. Next meeting will be August 9th after our Wed. evening church service.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.






Waverly Ripples

From the Worship committee: At the council meeting, it was determined that the 3rd Sunday worship will be assisted by the youth group that includes acolytes. Other Sundays the ushers will acolyte unless youth are present to assist. The list of youth assisting with worship is being put together and will be given to them in August.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Luke Benge Doug Bettin
2 Sherry Schmidt	3 Jennifer Hughes Robert Swanson <i>Kathy & Ron Anderson</i> <i>Rhoda & Gayle Odegaard</i>	4 	5 Gwen Matz Samantha Meyer	6 <i>Marty & Wayne Burmeister</i>	7 Ben Chuckuske Torrey Paplow Dylan Petersen Larry W Schmidt	8
9 Mara Immens Steve Williamson <i>Jen & Jon Saxen</i>	10 Nikki Hansen Jon Petschke	11	12 <i>Nicole & Cody Leiding '20</i>	13	14 Harry Gerdes Muriel Klenz	15 Tyler Bettin Walter Bettin Jon Burmeister Steve Hatland Joan Rezac
16 	17 Jessica Gibson Nathan Hansen Taylor Nordstrom <i>Robert & Lenore Olson</i>	18 Elizabeth Kuehl Colby Lyons Taylor Truesdell <i>Joanne & John Sherman</i>	19 Craig Hatland Kaden Olson	20 	21 James Hatland Gayle Schuett	22 Zach Hovick Gary Miller Larry Schuett
23 Jody Franck Starr Speigeler	24 Jordan Stahl <i>Deb & Larry Philipp</i>	25 Brandi Mulvihill Kevin Philipp	26 <i>Ronnie & Jane Leiding</i> <i>Stephanie & Andy Truesdell</i>	27 Melissa Lueth Steve Sheppard <i>Margo & Brannon Paplow</i>	28 <i>Darcia & Larry Schmidt</i>	29 Bryan Poppe Velma Schaal <i>Jody & Keith Franck</i> <i>Janice & LeRoy Franck '55</i>
30 LuAnn Peterson Dakoda Schultz <i>Shirley & Dale Keck '65</i>	31					

JULY

2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2 8:30 am Worship/ Holy Communion StP & TLC	3	4 	5 1:30 pm Dorcas Circle @ TSL 6:30 pm Worship @ WLC Holy Communion	6	7	8 Trimont parade
9 8:30 am Worship StP & TLC	10 	11  Tuesday Morning Coffees - StP 8:30—10 am	12 2 pm Communion @ Goldfinch 6:30 pm Worship @ WLC Holy Communion	13	14	15 Trinity Pie and Ice Cream Social 1-4 pm Welcome parade 4 pm
16 8:30 am Worship StP TLC—Community Worship 10 am Burgers / hotdogs following.	17 St. Peter Council ?	18  Tuesday Morning Coffees - StP 8:30—10 am	19 6:30 pm Worship @ WLC Holy Communion	20 Articles due for August Ripples	21	22 
23 8:30 am Worship StP & TLC Youth	24 Misslon	25  Tuesday Morning Coffees - StP 8:30—10 am Trip	26 9 am Assemble August Ripples 6:30 pm Worship @ WLC Holy Communion	27 	28	29
30 Parish Worship 8:30 am @ Trinity 'Picnic Brunch' to follow 	31 Building our Faith Brick by Brick 'some assembly required' Vacation Bible School-July 30-Aug. 3 Held at St. Paul's UCC, Fellowship Hall					



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“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.” Numbers 6:24-26.

This benediction first appeared in scripture in Numbers 6th chapter. This was in the 14th century before the birth of Christ. As the Israelites were wandering in the wilderness the Lord commanded the priests to bless them with this three-fold blessing. In 1979 archeologists found tiny silver scrolls in Jerusalem’s Hinnom Valley. They proved to be dated back to the 7th century B. C. but when they were opened and cleaned what was written on them was this biblical text going back to 1400 B.C.

Dwight L. Moody said of this benediction: “Here is a benediction that can give all the time without being impoverished. Every heart may utter it, every letter may conclude with it, every day may begin with it, every night may be sanctified by it. It is the Lord Himself who gives us this bar of music from heaven’s infinite anthem.”

The ancient words have been set to many different melodies or tunes but the most beautiful pairing was with P. C. Larkin’s music (1888-1931). He excelled on the organ, founded the School of Music at Northwestern, and helped start the American Guild of Organists. His music blends with the benediction so beautifully and has been sung by choirs and congregations throughout the world. Every time you hear or say or sing these words – remember they are God’s Words for you and all mankind all through the ages.