

Ripples of Faith 2017



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Sundays— 8:30 Worship St. Peter
 9:30 SS
 9:15 SS—Trinity
 10:30 Worship
 9:15 SS—Waverly
 10:30 Worship

Tuesdays: Men's Sunrise Bible Study.

Wednesdays: Confirmation
 7 pm Choir practice WLC

Thursdays: Women's Sunrise Bible

UPCOMING EVENTS:

9/5 Mary Circle WLC
 9/6 WELCA Stp
 Communion @ TSL
 Dorcas Circle WLC
 9/10 Circle of Faith Sunday school Rally Sunday
 9/13 Goldfinch Communion
 4 pm Family Confirmation @ TLC
 6 pm Evening Worship @ TLC
 9/14 Council meeting WLC
 9/17 Harvest Homecoming @ WLC
 9/18 Council meeting StP
 9/19 Wine, Women & the Word
 9/20 Articles due for October Ripples
 9/27 Assemble Ripples
 Sr. High Youth Group


**What's
Happening**

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September Worship Schedule

		St. Peter	Trinity	Waverly
13 th Week after Pente- cost <i>Altar: Green</i>	Sunday, September 3 rd	Worship w/Comm 8:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM
	Wednesday, September 6 th	Worship w/Communion at Trinity 6:00 PM (Everyone welcome)		
14 th Week after Pente- cost <i>Altar: Green</i>	Sunday, September 10 th	Worship 8:30 AM	Worship 10:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM
15 th Week after Pente- cost <i>Altar: Green</i>	Sunday, September 17 th	Worship 8:30 AM	Worship 10:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM
16 th Week after Pente- cost <i>Altar: Green</i>	Sunday, September 24 th	Worship 8:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM



Did you like the Wednesday evening worship services this summer? Do you wish that this service time was offered more often? Starting in September, the Wednesday evening worship services will continue. On September 13th, October 4th, and November 1st, we will offer a Wednesday evening worship service (in addition to our Sunday morning services).

Wednesday, September 13th
6:00 pm @ Trinity
Worship w/Communion

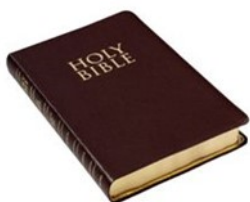
Wednesday, October 4th
6:00 pm @ Trinity
Worship w/ Communion

Wednesday, November 1st
6:00 pm @ Trinity
Worship w/Communion

If Sunday morning worship doesn't work for you, come Wednesday evenings instead.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation classes for 7th and 8th graders will start on Wednesday, September 13th. Our focus this year is on stories from the Bible, both Old and New Testament. We will be meeting on Wednesday afternoons from 4:00 – 5:15 pm at Trinity in Welcome. Pastor Anthony and Pastor Eric will be leading/teaching these classes. If you are a 7th or 8th grader this fall, we would like to have you join us. Remember that 2 years of confirmation class is required in order to be confirmed. So if last year was your first year of confirmation, we invite you back for your second year



Online registration for confirmation is available and open. If you were in confirmation last year, you still need to register this year, so that we have the most up to date information. The calendar and other resources are also now available online. You can find everything that you need at www.circleoffaithparish.org/confirmation. If you prefer, there will be hard copies of everything available through the parish office.

We are looking forward to another exciting year of confirmation.
If you have any questions please talk to Pastor Anthony.

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Is
Tuesday, Sept. 19
5:30—7:30 pm

@ Janice Franck's
1310 Adams Ave #305
Fairmont



Circle of Faith High School youth group will begin meeting on Wednesday, September 27th.



Put it on your calendar !!!

Sunday, September 10 is Rally Sunday for all our kids in Circle of Faith Parish



St. Peter - 9:30 am
Trinity - 9:15 am
Waverly - 9:15 am

We look forward to an exciting year ahead!



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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Please join us for

Harvest Homecoming

Waverly Lutheran Church

Sunday, September 17, 2017



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 17, 2017

- 9:45 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!
- 11:30 a.m.** Harvest Dinner (City people call this "lunch")
- 12:30 p.m.** Harvest Activities- A time to reconnect with family and friends.
- 2:00 p.m.** Group Picture
- 2:15 p.m.** Pig Barn Tour- A brand new building ready for the first group of pigs!
- 3:15 p.m.** Closing Worship
- 3:30 p.m.** Saying Farewell (Until we meet again!)

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

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 10, 2017 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 friends and extended family from far and wide, and to our Gloria Dei Lutheran, St. Paul, MN Sunday School buddies and families!



COUNCIL MINUTES

Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting
Minutes August, 9, 2017

Parish Council Members present are Jody Franck, Deb Philipp, Karen Helvig and Jon Saxen. Congregational Presidents Henry Borchardt from Trinity and Marilyn Cheever from St Peters. Pastor Eric Midthun and Pastor Anthony Christoffels.

Marilyn Cheever made a motion to approve agenda as written. Jon Saxen seconded that motion.

Devotions: Ephesians Chapter 2

Jody Franck made a motion to approve the Secretary's Report. Jon Saxen seconded that motion.

Jon Saxen discussed June and July Treasurer's report. Jody Franck made a motion to approve Treasurer's Report as written. Deb Philipp seconded that motion.

Pastor's report: There was an estimate for the youth mission trip to be \$625 per youth. It came thru at \$595 per youth. The trip was fully funded. Pastor reported the Trip went well. Youth will share their experience at a future date to their congregations. Bulletins are possibly being revamped to including bigger font and style. There is a Confirmation meeting time change to an afternoon schedule beginning this fall. A letter will be mailed to the current 7th and 8th grade families sharing time change and dates of family confirmation nights. All sessions will be held at Trinity. Snack provided and then confirmation then will begin around 4 then run and end to 5:15 p.m. Fairmont schools and MCW will bus kids to Welcome. There is a balance of about \$350 left in youth budget and this will be used for snack for the confirmation kids. Two upcoming pulpit supplies are when Rick Carlson lay person from St James on August 20th in St Peter and Pastor Jon Malm on Sept 3rd at Waverly.

Old Business: 5 year anniversary celebration Oct 15th joint service will be held at Trinity.

New Business:

-Ceylon Parade Saturday, August 26th at 3 p.m. Deb Philipp will contact Ceylon congregations to get parade materials to members of St Peter's.

-Wednesday Evening Worship. There was a discussion to try Wednesday night services throughout the year as an extra service besides Sundays. Trinity will try this worship time beginning on Wednesday, September 6th starting at 6 pm and continuing on Wednesday October 4th, and November 1st. This would be the (first Wednesday of each month.) We will then evaluate and see how it went.

-Pulpit Supply: There was a discussion from St Peter that if a Pastor was gone (due to a vacation or sickness, etc.) they would suggest to their congregation to attend either Waverly or Trinity service and they would not hold a service on those dates. There was a discussion if either of the two other churches wanted to do the same thing. Councils at each church will discuss and come back to parish council to share what was decided at their congregation.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, October 4th at 7p.m.

Jon Saxen made a motion to adjourn. Deb Philipp seconded it that motion.

Sincerely submitted, Deb Philipp—Parish Council Secretary

Trinity Council

August 9, 2017

Members present were Henry, Larry, Jean, Velma, and Pastor Eric. Pastor Eric opened the meeting with devotion and a prayer.

PASTOR AND PARISH COUNCIL REPORT: Confirmation begins on Sept. 13th. The class will begin at 4:15 pm. It was discussed that on the first Wed. of each month, a meal will be furnished to the youth and their parents. Having a Wed. Evening worship service once a month was also discussed from the Parish Council. It would be held at Trinity at 6 pm on the first Wed. of the month. It was suggested trying this for the months of Sept. Oct. and Nov. The musicians at these services would be paid by COF.

REPORTS: The secretary's, treasurer's and Financial Secretary's reports were reviewed and accepted by a motion from Velma and second by Larry. There were no reports from the Faith Formation, Caring Ministries or Property Committee.

OLD BUSINESS: We will approach several members to see if they would be interested in doing the greeting card job.

NEW BUSINESS: Our custodian has submitted her resignation effective 9/30/2017. The council accepted with regrets. A notice in our bulletin/newsletter asking for anyone interested in the position should contact the church office.

The custodian fee for cleaning after funerals was raised to \$50. to coincide with the other congregations in COF. The motion was made by Velma and seconded by Larry.

It was noted the besides the confirmation students doing the acolyte duties, that members of the congregation be encouraged to volunteer to help with this.

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Feed back from members of Trinity and St. Paul's UCC sparked interest in having a community service every three month with joint Sunday school. After talking to members about this, if there is a majority of interest, the idea will be pursued.

OTHER DISCUSSION: Information on the cemetery plots needs to be researched and updated. John Borchardt and Jean Schock will gather what information they can from old records and try to get information more current.

Motion to adjourn was made by Velma and seconded by Jean. Next meeting will be in Oct. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Waverly Council

August 13, 2017

Members present: Cliff Armbrust, Gwen Matz, Sue Rathman, Jon Helvig, Pastor Anthony, Tim Peterson and Belva Peterson The meeting was called to order by the president Tim

Secretary's Report: No report

Treasurer's Report: Cliff presented the report. A motion by Gwen and second Jon to accept the report as presented. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: The youth mission trip cost was under the budgeted amount. They completed two serve projects. Lindsay Bettin will present a report later about the trip. Ceylon is having a town festival August 26th. There will be a parade and we will need parish members to help walk beside parish float. About 30 people from South Africa and Pastor Rebecca will be here for the Harvest Homecoming. They will be helping with music.

Worship Committee: They are planning the worship service for the Harvest Homecoming.

Caring Ministries: They continue to visit and offer communion to our members in the health care facilities. Belva is offering transportation services for a member of our circle of faith parish until she is able to drive.

Faith Formation: No report

Property Committee: The insurance adjuster looked at the church roof and reported there was no hail damage. Jon report the LP from CFS was been contracted. Sue reported the fence around the burn barrel is damaged and should be replaced. Tim offered to replace the fence. Gwen reported on estimates to replace the women's flooring. After some discussion, Tim offered with the help of some members to replace the flooring. The money will be used from the gift and memorial fund.

Old Business: None

New Business: The Pastor reported in September, October, and November, there will be a parish worship service the 1st Wednesday of the month starting at 6:00 pm at Trinity. Confirmation lessons will be held right after school. So trinity will be serving a meal to the children. Belva will check with Trinity to see if Waverly can provide any help for those meals. October 15th at 10:3 there will be a joint worship service at Trinity with a potluck to follow. This will be a 5 year anniversary of the circle of faith parish. Jon reported plans are moving along for the harvest homecoming. He still has to get bus services. Belva said she already had 6 families registered from Gloria Dei.

The next meeting will be September 14th at 7:00pm Motion made by Sue and seconded by Jon to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Sincerely submitted, Belva Peterson acting secretary.

St. Peter Congregational Mtg.

Aug. 6, 2017

Call to order by Jody Franck - 9:10 am The March 26, 2017 meeting minutes were read by Muriel Klenz. Minutes approved.

The treasurer's report was discussed. Kathy pays Circle of Faith four times a year - Dec. 31 for January—March. March 31 for April—June. The amount is about \$9,000.00 each time. Circle of Faith pays all salaries. Each congregation pays labor, supplies, fuel, and utilities. Checking balance on January 1 was \$2044.61 and on August 5th was \$18,243.33.

Pastor Anthony reported that the youth group trip to Custer State Park was successful. They worked on service projects in the park, built a raised box for gardening at a senior living program, hiked to South Dakota's highest point of 11,000 feet.

Jody has contacted Ann Garbers of the Martin County Kinship program about our mentoring program in Ceylon. They discussed legal responsibilities and she would work with anyone wanting to be a mentor to a Ceylon youth. Contact Jody.

John Schmidtke has resigned his head usher position. Thank you John, for your years of service. Anyone interested in helping with that position, contact Jody.

The possibility of closing our church when a pastor cannot be here was suggested. The cost for pulpit supply averages \$200.00 a service. \$150. flat fee plus mileage. We would have the choice of attending Trinity or Waverly services. Motion by Barb seconded by JoAnn and carried that St. Peter's is okay with closing church if a pastor is unable to be here. Pastor Anthony will present this idea to the Circle

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Ushers & Worship Assistants

St Peter

DATE	LECTOR	USHERS
SEPTEMBER		
3	Jeff Petschke	Jeff and Jordan Petschke
10	Murial Klens	Keith and Jody Franck
17	Jeannine Rasmussen	Neil and Marilyn Cheever
24	Bernice Lehmann	Janice and LeRoy Franck
October		
1	Jordan Petschke	Roger and Joan Rezac

Trinity

DATE	LECTOR	USHERS	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
SEPT.				
3		Lonnie and Bob Moffitt		Velma Schaal John Frerichs
10		Amy Morrow Eileen Morrow		
17		Wes and Carolyn Strausser	Brianna Morrow	
24		Todd Williams Larry Puhman	MiKenna Harder	Tony Truesdell Joel Detert
OCT. 1		Larry and Deb Philipp	Logan Hughes	John Borchardt Jon Saxen

Waverly

DATE	LECTOR	CHILDREN'S TIME	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
SEPT.				
3	Daniel Helvig	John Sherman	Youth	Don Nordstrom
10	Karen Helvig	Tim Peterson	Youth	Don Nordstrom
17	Worship Team	Worship Team	Youth	Worship Team
24	Tom Peterson	Pastor	Youth	Don Nordstrom
Oct. 1	Tim Peterson	Kirsten Rabbe	Youth	Susan Rathman

September Ushers: Jon Helvig, Dan Helvig, Erwin Atzenhoefer, Tom Peterson, Jeff Lueth

October Ushers: Bob Olson, Jim Sherman, Brian Clow, Dennis Krueger, Don Nordstrom

St. Peter Ripples



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of Faith Council at the next meeting. Heat automatically goes up about 5 am on Sundays in the winter and goes down again about 10.

Honeywell announcements are useful and helpful. Members must call the church office with telephone number changes.

It was suggested that there be a plate at the back of the church for offerings and suspend ushering people out after services. It was decided to not change current practices. Anyone not wanting to usher may call the office to remove name from the usher list.

Ceylon parade is August 26th at 3 pm. Circle of Faith float is a registered parade unit. Walkers and helpers are needed. Call Ronnie or Jody. Any donations will support the city park.

January annual meeting is scheduled for Jan. 21, 2018, the 3rd Sunday.

Motion by Keith, seconded by Sherry to adjourn at 10:15.



Next Meeting: September 6th @ 9 am Hostess: Barb Schmidt

Bible Study: This fall we take part in a three session study of the Apostles Creed and what we together say we believe. The first article talks about God, the Holy Creator and Parent of all things.

The results of the June Ice Cream Social are 330 people attended. Donations were \$3,073. an amazing \$6,310 for the pie auction. The \$9,383 total will go toward paying for the new chapel to be dedicated on August 27th.

The 30th Annual Quilt Auction on August 5th was great as usual with beautiful weather. We sit under the trees as the quilts are displayed on the balcony - the meal was delicious and pie and ice cream served in the pm. There were over 180 quilts so we didn't stay for all the auction, but the 6 we donated brought a total of \$520. The highest went for \$2,100. This lady age 89 had died in February and had just completed this quilt.

Janice will host "Wine, Women and the Word" on Tues. Sept. 19 from 5:30—7:30.

The results of the July Breakfasts are: coffee table \$433, love table \$277 for a total of \$710 for the 3 days. We have received \$400. for replacing the rummage sale income. 2 quilts were sold for \$30. Muriel reports \$1,844 in the treasury.

"Thank You" for the cards, phone calls, prayers, visits and well wishes that I received during my recent illness. I'm not quite 100% yet but getting there. Jeannine

Our sympathy goes to the family of Lola Hagen who died on August 11th. A lovely lady.

Next work duty: Group 1; September Altar care: Barb Schmidt

September birthday: Eileen Christensen will be 101 on Sept 3rd Shirley Schmidt - Sept. 13

O God, give us your vision, Help us root our love in your wisdom. Give us the courage to be made new daily. Transform us. In Jesus name. Amen

— Love, Jeannine



Thank you for all the get well cards, and visits from Pastor Anthony, Pastor Eric, and Marilyn Oelke.

—Gayle and Rhoda Odegaard.

Trinity Ripples



sundayschool

Sunday School at Trinity is moving back to Sunday mornings. Classes begin Sunday, September 10th. Children 3 year olds through 6th grade are welcome. For more information and to register online, please visit our website: www.circleoffaithparish.org/trinitysundayschool.

Post cards that were sent out had the wrong time, Sunday school time is 9:15 am.

Trinity Custodial Position

Cheryl has resigned. The council accepted with regrets. So

We are looking for a church custodian, effective 10/1/2017

If you are interested, please call the church office. 728-8259



All loose offering from our Community Worship Service on July 16, went to The Martin County Back Pack Program.

A total of \$101.00 was sent.

Thank You !!!

Waverly Ripples

Harvest Homecoming



*Our Harvest Homecoming
is coming up on September 17. Please see Page 4
for more information*

For the Harvest Homecoming service, September 17th, the worship committee is requesting volunteers willing to participate in the skits. If you would consider reading a part, please contact one of the worship committee members (Kendra Helvig, Gwen Matz, Sonja Haugen). Thanks in advance for sharing your time and talents.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Will Hecht Wayne Schultz <i>Rosemary & Erwin Atzenhoefer '55'</i>	2 Brandon Nordstrom Holden Schmidtke
3 Paul Gaalswyk Karen Helvig Jennifer Kuehl Eileen 101 yrs Christianson Scott Smith Lonnie Moffitt	4 Kallie Philipp <i>Nancy & Don Nordstrom</i>	5 Travis Petersen	6 Noah Peta AleaSha Meyer De Elda Rose Jamie Chukuske Zane Borchardt Ezra Minscer James Plumhoff <i>Joan & Roger Rezac</i>	7 Dawn Hartung	8 Chelsie Wink 	9
10 Mim Potter Emery Armbrust Mary Schultze Gary Sathoff	11 Kirsten Rabbe	12 <i>Dawn & David Hartung</i>	13 Shirley Schmidt <i>Kirsten & Joel Rabbe</i>	14 Elijah Minscer Eliana Minscer Doug Anderson <i>Sheila & Philip Bettin</i>	15	16 Thomas Rahm
17 Sun Borchardt Samantha Chukuske	18 Alex Schmidt 	19 Teya Schmidtke	20 Tonya Schmidtke	21 Jon Helvig Beverly Meyer	22 <i>happy, happy birthday to you!</i>	23 Abby Loveland
24 Bryson Rezac 	25 Lena Petschke	26 Jordan Petschke <i>Julie & John Speckman '30'</i>	27 Erwin Atzenhoefer Janet Miller Aldean Speckman	28 <i>Jenna & Joel Minscer</i>	29 Marty Scholl Matthew Kruse	30 Lacey Schmidtke Chase Petersen

SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Church times: Sept.—May 	Sunday school times 9:30 StP 9:15 TLC 9:15 WLC				1	2
3 8:30 St. P 10:30 TLC & WLC Communion-all	4 	5 7 pm Mary Circle @ Karen Koeder	6 9 am WELCA-StP 10:00 am Comm @ TSL 1:30 pm Dorcas Circle @ TSL	7 	8	9
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"Earth and All Stars" could not be more appropriate for the start of the school year. The lyrics were written by Herbert Brokering in 1968 to commemorate the 90th anniversary of St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. He said, "I tried to gather into a hymn of praise the many facets of life which emerge in the life of community. There are references to building, nature, learning, family, war, festivity, music, seasons, emotions, death, resurrection, bread, wine, water, wind, sun, spirit, which have made impressions on me." Brokering served as a pastor and was involved in the World Council of Churches.

The music for "Earth and All Stars" was composed by David Johnson, who had served as a professor and music department head at St. Olaf for a time. He taught in several universities, was an organist and choir director and has composed many hymn tunes.

Singing this hymn should fill you with awe and bring to mind ALL that we owe to God. I defy you to think of something that is not included in this hymn. We must all "Sing to the Lord a new song!" A great start to the school year 2017-2018.