

# Ripples of Faith 2018



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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:

1/1	Mary Circle - WLC
1/3	TSL Communion WELCA - StP 4 pm Family Confirmation 6 pm Worship @ TLC
1/9	Quilting - WLC Parish Council meeting TLC Council meeting
1/10	Goldfinch Communion Youth Group Quilting - WLC, StP
1/11	Quilting - StP WLC Council meeting
1/12-1/13	Jr Hi Lock-in @ WLC
1/21	Annual meetings
1/22	Articles due for Feb. Ripples
1/24	Quilting - StP Youth Group
1/25	Quilting - StP
1/26-1/27	Sr Hi Lock-in @ WLC
1/31	Assemble Ripples

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## January Worship Schedule

		St. Peter	Trinity	Waverly
1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Christmas	Sunday, December 31 <sup>st</sup> <i>Altar: White</i>	Worship w/Comm 8:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM
	Wednesday, January 3 <sup>rd</sup> <i>Altar: White</i>	Worship w/Communion at Trinity 6:00 PM <i>(Everyone welcome)</i>		
Baptism of Our Lord	Sunday, January 7 <sup>th</sup> <i>Altar: White</i>	Worship w/Comm 8:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM
2 <sup>nd</sup> Week after Epiphany	Sunday, January 14 <sup>th</sup> <i>Altar: Green</i>	Worship 8:30 AM	Worship 10:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM
3 <sup>rd</sup> Week after Epiphany	Sunday, January 21 <sup>st</sup> <i>Altar: Green</i>	Worship 8:30 AM <i>Annual Meeting after worship</i>	Worship 10:30 AM <i>Annual Meeting after worship</i>	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM <i>Annual Meeting at 7:00 pm</i>
4 <sup>th</sup> Week after Epiphany	Sunday, January 28 <sup>th</sup> <i>Altar: Green</i>	Worship w/Comm 8:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM



## PRAYER CONCERNS

As Christians, we believe that prayer is our way of communicating with God. We also believe in the power of prayer; that God actually hears our prayers of thanksgiving and our cries for help. Since everyone is in need of prayers, each week during all worship services we will pray for a few families in our parish.

### ANNUAL MEETINGS

St. Peter, Ceylon – after worship on Sunday, January 21, 2018  
 Trinity, Welcome – after worship on Sunday, January 21, 2018  
 Waverly, Trimont – at 7:00 pm on Sunday, January 21, 2018

All reports need to be in the office by Monday, Jan. 8. Absolute deadline !!!!!



*Thank you to all who gave us Christmas wishes, food and goodies during the Christmas Season. Everything was very much appreciated. We are hoping that God blessed you and yours with a very Merry Christmas.  
 Pastors Anthony and Eric, Eileen and Lisa*

# LOCK - IN Youth Group News

Junior High (7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
Friday, January 12 – Saturday, January 13  
8:00 pm – 8:00 am  
Waverly Lutheran Church

High School (9-12<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
Friday, January 26—Saturday, January 27  
8:00 pm - 8:00 am  
Waverly Lutheran Church

All youth in grades 7-12 from Circle of Faith Parish and Partners in Ministry (Trimont) are invited to attend an overnight lock-in at Waverly. You are allowed to invite one friend to come with you if you wish. More details to come as we get closer. **Mark this on your calendar now!**

*\*\*If you have a game, meet or tournament on the Friday night or Saturday, you may arrive late or leave early. Please let Pastor Anthony know if you plan to arrive late or leave early.*

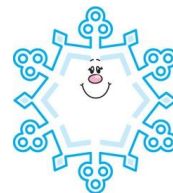
**We will need adult chaperones to help throughout BOTH nights. We schedule chaperones in 2 hour shifts. Talk to Pastor Anthony if you're interested in helping.**



## HIGH SCHOOL

High School Youth Group will be meeting on Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:00 pm at Trinity. Come and join us as we discuss faith, life, and have some fun.

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2017 marks the 500<sup>th</sup> 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.





# COUNCIL MINUTES

## Parish Council December 5, 2017

Parish Council Members present include: Deanne Gaalswyk, Jon Saxen, Jody Franck, Jeff Lueth, Karen Helvig and Deb Philipp. Pastor Eric Midthun was present.

Jon Saxen made a motion to accept the pastoral housing allowance from Pastor Eric and Pastor Anthony as presented. Jody Franck seconded it.

A reminder was given that there are no Sunday services on Christmas Eve at any of the churches.

The Church Council Presidents have all received their assessments.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 6 p.m. Deanne Gaalswyk adjourned the meeting. Jeff Lueth seconded it. Supper followed the meeting with spouses at Tami's on the Ave.

## St. Peter Council

The St. Peter council members attending the November 28<sup>th</sup> meeting were Pastor Anthony, Pastor Eric, Jody and Keith Franck, Angie Schmidt, Jeremy Wink, Dale Leiding, Kathy Bremer and Muriel Klenz. Additional for church decorating were Kathryn Detert and Marilyn Cheever.

The September 18<sup>th</sup> secretary's report was reviewed and accepted - motion by Dale, seconded by Angie, carried.

Kathy had a detailed treasurer's report and answered questions. Motion to accept by Angie, seconded by Muriel, carried.

Benevolence gifts were discussed: Donations for 2017 will be:

SW MN Synod	\$200.00
Goldfinch	\$150.00
Salvation Army	\$150.00
CREST	\$150.00
Pastor Anthony	\$ 75.00
Pastor Eric	\$ 75.00

\$100.00 remains in this account.

Heaven's table back pack program \$168.00 from Sunday school noisy offerings. Motion to accept this list by Keith, seconded by Dale - carried. Kathy will send these checks now.

Pastor Anthony reported on the Christmas service schedule that was decided upon at the October Parish council meeting:

Sunday, Dec. 24 - No morning services

Sunday, Dec. 24 - 5:00 pm at Waverly and Trinity

Sunday, Dec. 24 - 7:00 pm Sunday school program at St. Peter

Wednesday, Dec. 20 -- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, joint service at Trinity at 7 pm.

No services Christmas Day.

Sunday, Dec. 31 - normal worship service times.

Pastor Anthony, Eric and Stephanie will have a round robin schedule for the 5 Lenten Wednesdays. Each church will have a normal Ash Wednesday schedule.

Pastor Anthony went over the Circle of Faith Parish 2018 Budget. St. Peter council will meet after church on Sunday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss the 2018 budget and will meet January 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

St. Peter Annual meeting will follow church services on Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>.

Parish council will meet every other month - odd number months. Church councils will follow the same schedule.

St. Peter's general savings account remains untouched and the Youth account has \$800.00 St. Peter's 4<sup>th</sup> 2017 sharing agreement of nearly \$9000.00 was paid October 2, 2017. Next payment is due January 2018.

Motion to adjourn was made by Angie, seconded by Dale, carried.

Secretary, Muriel Klenz

December 17, 2017

St. Peter Council met following church services on December 17, 2017. Members present were Keith and Jody Franck, Angie Schmidt, Jeremy Wink and Muriel Klenz.

2018 budget was discussed and approved. Motion by Angie, seconded by Keith, passed. Total budget for 2017 was \$64,189. and for 2018 it is \$64,862. Quarterly check to Circle of Faith for 2017 was \$8,842.25 and for 2018 it is \$9,203.00.

A mike needed replacing and it was decided to pay for it out of memorial funds. \$75.00. Also included were some glow sticks for Christmas Eve services.

Keith and Jody will purchase goodies for the Christmas sacks.

Meeting adjourned. Secretary, Muriel

# Trinity Council

Date: December 12, 2017

Members present were Henry Borchardt, Jean Schock, Becky Detert, Velma Schaal, John Borchardt and Bob and Lonnie Moffitt.

Henry call the meeting to order. Under New Business there were additions of Benevolence, Janitor and Cemetery By-Laws. The agenda was approved with the additions.

There were no opening devotions and no Pastor's Report.

The Secretary, Treasurer and Financial Secretary reports were presented. Bob made a motion to accept the reports, Velma seconded. Motion carried.

There was nothing to report for the Faith Formation, Caring Ministries or Property committees.

The budgeted versus the actual expenses was gone over for 2017.

## NEW BUSINESS

The new janitor has been putting in about 40 to 45 hours at a salary of \$350. Bob made a motion to increase the salary to \$400 as of January 1, 2018. Velma seconded. Motion carried.

The 2018 budget was presented and discussed. Jean made a motion to approve the 2018 budget, seconded by Bob. Motion carried.

There are several positions that need to be filled for the coming year that will be voted on at the Annual Meeting which is to be held on January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018. We have found replacements for the President, Financial Secretary and two people on the property committee. There also two people on the caring committee whose terms are up this year. There is no one on the Faith Formation committee at the present time and we also need volunteers to go to the Synod Assembly. Anyone willing to serve please contact a council member or the Pastor.

The Cemetery By-law updates were presented by John Borchardt. These need to be voted on at the annual meeting. Jean made a motion to present the cemetery by-laws as updated and Bob seconded. Motion carried.

Benevolence spending was discussed. The following donations were decided upon - Heavens Table \$1,000, CREST \$250, Synod \$500, and the Pastor Program \$250 if it is still there. Lonnie made a motion to approve the donations per above, John seconded. Motion carried.

Bob made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Velma. Motion Carried.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Lonnie Moffitt

## Special Trinity Lutheran Council Meeting October 15, 2017 after church

Members present were Henry Borchardt, Velma Schaal, Jean Schock, Lonnie Moffitt, Pastor Anthony, Becky Detert, John Borchardt.

Henry Borchardt called the meeting to order.

The only thing on the agenda was to decide on a janitor for Trinity Lutheran Church. Of the applications that were received it was decided that we would hire Jennifer Kuehl for a 90 day probationary period beginning November 1, 2017. Velma made the motion and Jean seconded it. Motion Carried.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Lonnie Moffitt

# Waverly Council



# Ushers & Worship Assistants

St Peter

DATE	LECTOR	USHERS
January		
7	Muriel Klenz	Keith and Jody Franck
14	Bernice Lehmann	Sherry Schmidt / Bernice Lehmann
21	Jordan Petschke	Jeff and Jordan Petschke
28	Jeff Petschke	Larry R Schmidt / Christian Petschke
February 4	Jeannine Rasmussen	Neil and Marilyn Cheever

Trinity

DATE	LECTOR	USHERS	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION
January 3		John and Rita Garbers		Lonnie and Bob Moffitt
7	MaryAnn Frerichs	Liz and Jordan Stahl	MiKenna Harder Logan Hughes	Henry Borchardt John Frerichs
14	Megan Gerhardt	Zane and John Borchardt	Kylee Jagodzinske Brianna Morrow	
21	Liz Stahl	Bob Swanson Carlene Hand	Brice Oechsle Kiaya Schweiss	
28	MaryAnn Frerichs	Larry and Deb Philipp	MiKenna Harder Kylee Jagodzinske	Joel Detert John Borchardt
Feb. 4	Megan Gerhardt		Logan Hughes Brice Oechsle	

Waverly

DATE	LECTOR	CHILDRENS TIME	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
January				
7	Deanne Gaalswyk	Tim Peterson	Youth	Don Nordstrom
14	Rosemary Atzenhoefer	Susan Rathman	Youth	Don Nordstrom
21	Kelley	Pastor	Connor Josie	Nathan
28	LuAnn Peterson	Pastor	Youth	Don Nordstrom
Feb. 4	Paul Gaalswyk	Karen Helvig	Youth	Tom Peterson

**January Ushers:** Bob Olson, Jim Sherman, Brian Clow, Dennis Krueger

**February Ushers:** John Sherman, Tim Peterson, Cliff Armbrust, Brad Sherman, Jeff Armbrust

# St. Peter Ripples



Next meeting: January 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 1:30 pm  
Hostesses: Jeannine and Janice  
Bible Study: "Washing hands with distant hearts" Casting the Gospel — a look at how we identify with the characters of the Bible

There were 45 in attendance at the December 6<sup>th</sup> Christmas luncheon. There were many favorable comments on the meal and program. It helped get us into the Christmas Spirit.

The new service books are being worked on. I did not hear that anyone wanted off, so I assume that when you are called you want to help and I thank you for this.

January means that quilting will start. The dates are the 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> and then the 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>. Bring your own lunch and stay as long as you can.

Muriel reports that \$2,240. was given for WELCA expenses, missionary and Christmas cheer to 14 recipients this year.

Prayers for Tuesdays at 2 pm:

Jan. 2-pray for your family, Jan. 9-pray for God's family, Jan. 16-pray for your community, Jan. 23-pray for the nation and Jan. 30-pray for the world.

It is not too early to think about collecting items for personal care kits, the highlighted kits for the 2018 Convention in June. Each kit consists of one light weight bath size towel, 2 or 3 bath size bars of soap, 1 adult size toothbrush, 1 sturdy comb and 1 metal nail clippers

Next work duty: Group 2. January Altar care: Barb Schmidt

January birthdays: 4<sup>th</sup>-Jeannine Rasmussen; 13<sup>th</sup>-Marge Schley;  
15<sup>th</sup>-Nancy Steele; 23<sup>rd</sup>-Jeanne Leiding

We are not put on this earth for ourselves, but are placed here for each other. If you are always there for others, then in time of need, someone will be there for you. — Jeff Warner

Happy New Year !!! Jeannine

Reminder: Annual meeting, Sunday, January 21, following the worship service.

## Trinity Ripples

Reminder: Annual meeting, Sunday, Jan. 21 following worship service.

## Waverly Ripples

Reminder: Annual meeting, Sunday, Jan. 21 @ 7 pm.

January quilting 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> ???


# JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>1 Ronald Rahm</p> 	<p>2 Karen Koeder Belva Peterson Tom Peterson Amelia Brosnahan</p>	<p>3</p>  <p>Jon &amp; Karen Helvig</p>	<p>4 Deb Armbrust Jeannine Rasmussen</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> 
<p>7 Aimee Hand Mason Mosloski</p>	<p>8</p> 	<p>9 Amanda Brosnahan</p>	<p>10 Wayne Burmeister John Frerichs Maurice Rahm Lacey Lueth</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 Brock Burmeister Olin Bakke</p>	<p>13 Marge Schley Scott Benge</p>
<p>14 Marilyn Schlager</p> <p>Lorrie &amp; Paul Jensen '35</p> <p>Zac and Leah Gerhardt</p>	<p>15 Audrey Swanson Nancy Steele</p>	<p>16 Ione Nelson</p>	<p>17 Denyse Borchardt</p> 	<p>18 Julie Schulz James Korte</p>	<p>19 Larry Puhrman Bryce Winter Larry R Schmidt</p>	<p>20 Victor Abelson</p>
<p>21 Victoria Lake</p>	<p>22 Deborah Schneider</p>	<p>23 Jeanne Leiding</p>	<p>24 Cody Williams Susan Krueger</p>	<p>25 Margo Paplow</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 Rhonda Oechsle</p>
<p>28</p> 		<p>30</p>	<p>31 MarLeone Williamson</p>			



# January

# 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Happy New Year 	2  7 pm Mary Circle WLC	3 10 am TSL Communion 1:30 pm WELCA STP  Family Confirmation 6 pm worship 7 pm Waverly choir	4	5 Fridays— Parish office Closed	6  EPIPHANY
7 Communion - all  St. Peter 8:30 am Worship  TLC & WLC 9:15 am SS 10:30 am Worship	8	9 WLC quilting  6 pm Parish Council mtg  7:30 pm TLC Council mtg	10 2 pm Goldfinch Comm.  StP & WLC Quilting 4 pm Confirmation 7 pm Youth Group @ TLC 7 pm Waverly choir	11  StP Quilting  7 pm WCL Council mtg	12  Jr Hi Lock in @ WLC 8 pm	13  8 am ↗
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21 StP 8:30 am Wor- ship & Annual mtg TLC & WLC 9:15 am SS 10:30 am Worship TLC Annual meeting follows worship WLC 7 pm Annual mtg	22 Ripples deadline	23	24  StP quilting  4 pm Confirmation  7 pm Waverly choir	25  StP quilting	26  Sr Hi Lock-in @ WLC 8 pm	27  8 am ↗
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It is hard to imagine what America was like in the early 1700's before the Revolutionary War and after the arrival of so many people with varied interests and backgrounds. It must have been almost chaotic. Into this chaos Timothy Wright was born in Massachusetts in 1752. He was a brilliant child - learned the alphabet in one lesson, read Latin at the age of 6, read the Bible as a child, taught the catechism to a group of native Americans, entered Yale at age 13, graduated at age 17, wrote his first book at age 20, neglecting sleep and exercise in order to keep his mind free to study. There was a low mark of morality at the time, and professors and students were primarily atheists and infidels. Christians had to meet in secret and communicate in code. He would debate upperclassmen on "Are the scriptures of the Bible the Word of God?" Soon small groups of believers were meeting. The Harvard, Brown and Dartmouth did the same. This Second Great Awakening provided spiritual leadership America needed for the next generation. Timothy became a pastor and leader. He served as a chaplain with George Washington during the Revolutionary War. A successful farmer, representative in Connecticut State Legislature, on the faculty at Yale, in 1795 he was elected president of Yale. He raised the academic standards and brought spiritual emphasis to the campus. In 1797 Timothy revised Watt's Psalms and Hymns, adding 33 of his own hymns including, "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord". This collection of hymns was used in New England churches for the next 30 years. All this was accomplished in spite of the fact that he was unable to read for more than 15 minutes at a time without excruciating pain as a result of having had small pox. The hymn, "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" is the oldest American hymn that has been in continual use since the 1700's. He wrote it during those revival years at Yale and it expresses his deep love for the Kingdom of God. (Hymn #598 - Blue Covenant Hymnal),

Vs. 1: "I love Thy kingdom, Lord, the house of Thine abode,  
The church our blest Redeemer saved with His own precious blood.  
Vs. 3: For her my tears shall fall, for her my prayers ascend.  
To her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.  
Vs. 4 Beyond my highest joy I praise her heavenly ways,  
Her sweet communion, solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise."  
(Editorial comment: Do you suppose we need our own "Third Great Awakening" today??)