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# March Worship Schedule

3 <sup>rd</sup> Week in Lent	Sunday, March 4 <sup>th</sup> <i>Altar: Purple</i>	Worship w/Comm 8:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM
5 Week III Lent =	Wednesday, March 7 <sup>th</sup> <i>Altar: Purple</i>	Lenten Eve Worship at Waverly "Pray" 6:30 PM		
4 <sup>th</sup> Week in Lent	Sunday, March 11 <sup>th</sup> <i>Altar: Purple</i>	Worship 8:30 AM	Worship 10:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM
4 Week in Lent	Wednesday, March 14 <sup>th</sup> <i>Altar: Purple</i>	Lenten Eve Worship at Trinity "Play" 6:30 PM		
5 <sup>th</sup> Week in Lent	Sunday, March 18 <sup>th</sup> <i>Altar: Purple</i>	Worship 8:30 AM	Worship 10:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM
	Wednesday, March 21 <sup>st</sup> Altar: Purple	Lenten Eve Worship at St. Peter "Love" 6:30 PM		
	Palm Sunday Sunday, March 25 <sup>th</sup> <i>Altar: Purple</i>	Worship w/Comm 8:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM
	Maundy Thursday Thursday, March 29 <sup>th</sup> <i>Altar: Purple</i>	Worship w/Communion at St. Peter 6:30 PM		. Peter
Holy Week	Good Friday Friday, March 30 <sup>th</sup> <i>Altar: N/A</i>	Worship at Waverly 6:30 PM		
	Easter Vigil Saturday, March 31 <sup>st</sup> <i>Altar: White</i>	Worship w/Communion at Trinity 6:30 PM		rinity
	Resurrection of Our Lord Sunday, April 1 <sup>st</sup> <i>Altar: White</i>	Worship w/Comm 8:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 7:00 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM

#### **HIGH SCHOOL**



High School Youth Group NOT be meeting in March because of the Lent meals and worship services each Wednesday evening in the month. We'll meet again after Easter.

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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.

# MID-WEEK LENTEN EVE WORSHIP SERIES

Everyone is busy. Time is at a premium. So much of our stress and anxiety derives from our pollution of time. God has given us the gift of time, and called it holy, yet we often experience time as a curse. Over the five weeks of Lent, you are invited to recapture time as a gift. We will wrestle with questions of time and discover how to experience the joy of the present moment. Come back each week as we focus on ways in which we use our time.

Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> – Work Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> – Stop Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> – Pray Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> – Play Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> – Love



## **EVENING MEALS DURING LENT**

We will again have a meal before the Mid-week Lenten Eve Worship services. All Lent Worship services (excluding Sunday services) will be joint services, rotating throughout the parish. Below is the schedule and assigned host congregations.

Ash Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> – Waverly (no evening meal)
Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> – Trinity
Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> – St. Peter
Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> – Waverly
Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> – Trinity
Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> – St. Peter
Maundy Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup> – St. Peter (no evening meal)

Good Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> – Waverly

(no evening meal)

Easter Vigil, March 31<sup>st</sup> – Trinity

(no evening meal)









## **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

The most sacred period in our Christian faith is soon approaching – Holy Week. During this most Holy Week, we worship, we remember, we participate in the saving events of Jesus' journey to the cross, death and resurrection.

#### Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup> (8:30 am – St. Peter, 10:30 am – Trinity, Waverly)
On Palm/Passion Sunday we wave our palm branches, giving praise to our King who came to redeem us from sin and death.

### Maundy Thursday

Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup> (6:30 pm at St. Peter)
On Maundy Thursday we come to the end of this
Lenten season to hear those sweet words of forgiveness, "In obedience to the command of our
Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins!"

#### **Good Friday**

Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> (6:30 pm at Waverly)
On Good Friday we hear of our Lord's crucifixion, contemplating the mystery of our crucified Savior and the mystery of redemption. And we cry out to God to have mercy on us, poor helpless sinners.

#### Easter Vigil

Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> (6:30 pm at Trinity)
On Holy Saturday we hold a vigil as we await our Lord's return. We watch and listen as stories of our salvation are dramatically told. We see, feel and experience the move from Good Friday to Easter, from darkness to light, from death to life.

#### Resurrection of Our Lord

Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> (7:00 am – Trinity, 8:30 am – St. Peter, 10:30 am – Waverly)
On Easter Sunday we come to worship rejoicing that our God, the creator of the universe, is not dead in a tomb, but alive! We can't help but shout for joy and ring bells of celebration.

Join us for all of it, if you can, as we worship, remember, and participate in the saving events of Jesus' journey to the cross, death and resurrection.

# Ushers & Worship Assistants

DATE	LECTOR	USHERS
March		
4	Jeff Petshcke	Dale and Jeanne Leiding
11	Jeannine Rasmussen	Janice and LeRoy Franck
18	Muriel Klenz	James and Aubrey Plumhoff
25	Bernice Lehmann	Jeremy and Chelsie Wink
April 1	Jordan Petschke	Ronnie and Jane Leiding

DATE	LECTOR	USHERS	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION
March 4	Liz Stahl	Susie and Bocky Bor- chardt	Logan Hughes Kiaya Schweiss	Velma Schaal John Frerichs
11	Mary Ann Frerichs	Liz and Jordan Stahl Jenny Clifford/Jean Schock	Brianna Morrow Brice Oechsle MiKenna Harder Kiaya Schweiss	
18	Megan Gerhardt	Bob Swanson Carlene Hand	Logan Hughes Kylee Jagodzinske	
25	Liz Stahl	Beth and Jay Mulso	Brice Oechsle MiKenna Harder	Bocky Borchardt Jon Saxen
31		Larry and Deb Philipp		Velma Schaal John Borchardt
1	MaryAnn Frerichs	MaryAnn and Jon Frerichs	Brianna Morrow Logan Hughes	Lonnie and Bob Moffitt

DATE	LECTOR	CHILDRENS TIME	ACOLYTE	COMM ASSSISTANT
March 4	Tom Peterson	Karen Helvig	Youth	Laurie Sherman
11	Joann Sherman	Tom Peterson	Youth	Laurie Sherman
18	Josie	Pastor	Nate Camryn	Connor Ushers-Nathan, Kelley, Kiley
25	LuAnn Peterson	Pastor	Youth	Laurie Sherman
April 1	Lynette Shaw	Tim Peterson	Youth	Gwen Matz

March Ushers: Steve Williamson, Troy Schmidtke, Todd Rathman, Will Hecht

April Ushers: Jon Helvig, Erwin Atzenhoefer, Tom Peterson, Jeff Lueth

# St. Peter Ripples



Next meeting: March 7<sup>th</sup> at

1:30 pm

Hostesses: Marge and Ann

Bible Study: The parable of 'the Good Samaritan'. Author Mark Allen Powell writes that the popular understanding of the story is 'We ought to be able to help anyone in need, this understanding is ingrained within our culture'.

At the February meeting we packed 16 packages of cookies for various individuals or families.

Thus far we have made 44 quilts in 5 days with 6—8 ladies working. We'll work 3 more days.

March is food collection month for the Salvation Army. A box will be in the narthex.

Remember: we are doing Personal Care Kits: 1 bath size towel (dark color), 2 bars soap (8-9 oz. total) 1 adult toothbrush, 1 sturdy comb and 1 nail clippers. Fold towel in half and fold other items inside, secure with yarn, string or rubber band.

Ann reports a balance of \$500.47 in the treasury.

March Altar care: Marge Schley.

Honorary March Birthday: Bernice March 3.

Dear God, The Apostle Paul urges us to give thanks for all things and in all circumstances.

We want to do that, but we especially want to give thanks for all people.

Thank you for people who notice us and for people who ignore us,

- . . . for people who remember us and for people who have forgotten us,
- . . . for people who take time for us and for people who are just too busy.
- . . . For people who have helped us and for people we have helped.

Thank you for people who surprise us. Thank you for everyone. Amen

Love Jeannine

#### Remember—March is collection month for



Thank you to Pastor Anthony for visiting us down in Apache Junction, AZ, in late January. The weather was great while he was here.

-Gayle & Rhoda Odegaard

# Trinity Ripples



If you wish to grace our altar with an Easter Lily or a plant, 'in memory of' or 'in honor of' a loved one, contact Mary Ann DeBus 236-5820 or the church office 728-8259 by Wed. March 28.

Please bring your flower/plant to the church by Saturday, March 31. Thank you

# Waverly Ripples



"These are vegetables, mother. You wouldn't want me to eat something I've given up for Lent, would you?"







Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Appliers ary			NAME OF THE PARTY	Gary & Janet Miller '60'	2 Jon Speckman	3 Bernice Lehmann Fynn Brosnahan Randy Martin
4 Diana Abelson Brianna Rezac	Happy Birthday	6	7 Daniel Smith  Gayle & Larry Schuett	8	9 Keith Meyer Krista Garbers	10 Joanna Sandberg
I I Easton Kuehl Carter Mosloski	12	13 Eivey Kuehl Stephany Feely Caelyn Harder	I4 Jeff Petschke Nick Thiesse	I5 Liz Petshcke Hunter Schmidt June Schultz	16	17 Lily Truesdell Carolyn Strausser Steve Schlager
HAPPY O ANNIVERSARY	19 Katie Petschke Don & Marge Schley	20 Effie Bentz Ralph Stanton Liz & Jon Petschke	21	22 Harlie Gibson- Fletcher	23 Keith Franck Suzy Benge Bonnie Rahm Dianne Bettin Karen Keck	24 Connor Simmonds
25 Kevin Schmidt	26	27 Scott Morrow	28	29 Richard Traetow Mary Peterson Duane Anderson Josh Koehler Adilene Petschke	30 Chad Lyons	31 Mavis Johnson Darrel Klenz Kelsey Jensen













Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
WORSHIP 8:30 am StP 10:30 am TLC 10:30 am WLC		Tuesdays 6:30 am Men's Sunrise Bible Study 1st Lutheran, Trimont		I Thursdays 9 am Women's Sunrise Bible Study, 1st Lutheran, Trimont	2 Parish office closed— Fridays	3
9:15 am TLC 9:15 an WLC						
4	5 Parish Office Closed	6 Parish Office Closed	7 I:30 WELCA—StP I0 am Comm—TSL	8	9	10
Communion—all		7 pm WLC Mary Circle @ Rosemary A.	5:15 pm Youth FR Supper @ WLC 6:30 pm Lent Service			
Spring Forward! Daylight Savings Begins	12	Quilting—WLC	14 Quilting—WLC 2 pm Goldfinch Communion	IS MAN	I6	17
WLC— Communion		6 pm Parish Council 7:30 pm TLC Council	5:15 pm Youth FR Supper @ TLC 6:30 pm Lent Service			Happy St Patrick's Day!
18	19	20 Deadline for April Ripples articles.	21	22	23	24
WLC— Communion	7 pm StP Council meeting		5:15 pm Youth FR Supper @ StP 6:30 pm Lent Service			
Communion—all	26	27	9 am Assemble Ripples 3-8 pm Easter Vigil rehearsal	Maundy Thursday Service	Service	Easter Vigil Service 6:30 pm @
Communion—an				6:30 pm @ StP	6:30 pm @ WLC	TLC

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The Scottish hymn, "Immortal, Invisible, God Only One", has been described in so many ways. One scholar called it a "flowery attempt to express the inexpressible." Another called it "full of plump polysyllables." However, the inspiration for the hymn is found in 1 Timothy 1:17 (KJV) when Paul tells Timothy, "Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory forever and ever. The writer of the hymn was Walter Smith, a pastor of the Free Church of Scotland for 44 years (1850-1894). He wrote many hymns but

this is the only to survive to this day.

Vs. 1: Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days. Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Vs. 2: Unresting, unchanging, and silent as night. Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might. Thy justice like mountains high soaring above. Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Vs. 3: To all life Thou givest, to both great and small; In all life Thou livest, the true life of all. We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish, but naught changes Thee.

Vs. 4: Great Father of glory, pure Father of light. Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight. All praise we would render: O help us to see. 'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee.

It has been said that these days we tend to have a casual attitude toward prayer - we need to catch a glimpse of God's greatness. In these stanzas, we come face-to-face with our Immortal, Invisible, Unchanging God who loves us dearly.