

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: 4 pm Confirmation
 7 pm Choir practice WLC

Thursdays: Women's Sunrise Bible

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 4-1 EASTER Worship
- 4-2 Parish office closed
- 4-3 Mary Circle -- Waverly
- 4-4 WELCA -- St Peter
Family Confirmation
Worship
Youth Group
- 4-7 WELCA Spring Gathering
- 4-10 Waverly Council meeting
- 4-17 Wine, Women & the Word
- 4-18 Youth Group
- 4-19 Articles due for May Ripples
- 4-22 Turkey Dinner -- Trinity
- 4-25 Assemble Ripples
- 4-29 Confirmation -- Waverly



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April Worship Schedule

		St. Peter	Trinity	Waverly
1 st Week of Easter	Sunday, April 1 st Altar: White	Worship w/Communion 8:30 AM	Worship w/Communion 7:00 AM	Worship w/Communion 10:30 AM
	Wednesday, April 4 th Altar: White	Worship w/Communion at Trinity 6:00 PM		
2 nd Week of Easter	Sunday, April 8 th Altar: White	Worship 8:30 AM	Worship 10:30 AM	Worship w/Communion 10:30 AM
3 rd Week of Easter	Sunday, April 15 th Altar: White	Worship 8:30 AM	Worship 10:30 AM	Worship w/Communion 10:30 AM Blessing of Seeds
4 th Week of Easter	Sunday, April 22 nd Altar: White	Worship 8:30 AM	Worship 10:30 AM	Worship w/Communion 10:30 AM
5 th Week of Easter	Sunday, April 29 th Altar: White	Worship w/Communion 8:30 AM	Worship w/Communion 10:30 AM	Worship w/Communion 10:30 AM Confirmation

Easter Sunday this year is on April 1st (and that's not a joke!). And just like with Christmas, as Christians, our Easter celebration does not end on Easter Sunday. Instead, we celebrate that Jesus overcame death and the grave for 50 days! So throughout the season of Lent we have not been singing the Canticle of Praise (Glory to God... or This is the Feast...) because Lent is a penitential season focusing on our sins and faults. This is also why we haven't been saying or singing the word "Alleluia." But now during the season of Easter, we celebrate the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ for 50 days. So we do sing *This is the Feast* for all of Easter and we do not sing the Kyrie as this is more of a lament, a crying out to God.



This year, Circle of Faith has five confirmands who will be affirming their faith. Kelley Bettin, Kiley Bettin, Josie Clow, and Nathaniel Hansen from Waverly will affirm their faith on Sunday, April 29th during 10:30 am worship. Tate Leiding from St. Peter will affirm his faith on Sunday, May 6th during 8:30 am worship.



HIGH SCHOOL

High School Youth Group will be meeting on Wednesday April 4th for our monthly Bible study. Then we will meet on Wednesday, April 18th to work on making tie blankets for our summer mission project. For both dates, we will meet at Trinity at 7:00 pm.

Last October, we commemorated the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. This July, Pr. Anthony and Pr. Stephanie will be leading a pilgrimage trip to Germany to see key places in the Reformation movement. The trip begins on July 19 flying into Berlin and the trip will conclude in Munich on July 29. There are still spots available. Airline tickets will be purchased soon, so if you would like to go please don't wait to sign up.




WEBSITE HELP

Our Circle of Faith website is in need of some TLC. The parish council is looking for someone or a couple of people who are interested in web design to spruce up our website. Any adults or youth who have experience or have an interest in learning how to update a website are encouraged to talk to Karen Helvig or Pastor Anthony.




Tuesday, April 17 - - 5:30 pm
@ Bernice Lehmann's

Bring your 'Christ in Our Home' booklet



WELCA Spring Gathering
April 7th at Augustana in St. James.
Coffee begins at 8:30
and the meeting at 9:00.
Lunch after meeting.



Tuesday Morning Coffees
Each Tuesday in April
8:30—10 am
Host - Trinity Lutheran Church of Trimont

Council Minutes

Parish Council March 13, 2018

Parish Council Members present include: Jeff Lueth, Deanne Gaalswyk, Deb Philipp, Karen Helvig, Marilyn Cheever and Jody Franck (St Peter's President). Congregational President Jon Borchardt from Trinity and Pastors Eric Midthun and Pastor Anthony Christoffels were also in attendance. Call to Order
There was an Addition of the Parish youth fundraisers to the agenda. Jody Franck made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Jeff Lueth seconded that motion.

Devotions: Pastor Anthony reviewed the meaning of Holy Week. Beginning with Palm Sunday (passion Sunday) thru

Wednesday each day one of the passion stories could be read from each of the four gospels. Maundy Thursday's theme is eat, drink and serve. Friday is about suffering, Saturday victory and Easter Sunday on the resurrection.

Secretary's Report: Jody Franck made a motion to accept the Secretary's report as written. Deanne Gaalswyk seconded that motion.

Treasurer's report: Jody Franck made a motion to accept January and February Treasurer reports. Jeff Lueth seconded that motion.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Anthony traveled to Arizona at the end of January and visited with five members from our Circle of Faith Parish. He also attended the Minnesota State Wrestling Tourney to watch three of our COF parish youth wrestle. Pastor Anthony has been working on setting up payroll with an online services from Maple Grove called Clergy Financial. Three staff receive paper checks instead and Lisa is creating them each month. The trip to Germany that will be held July 19th-29th has nine people attending (including Pastor Anthony and Stephanie). Pastor Anthony is requesting to put all of his continuing education Dollars to that trip. The Synod says he can roll over a monetary balance from 2017 and all of 18 to use for this trip. Deanne made a motion to use continue ed dollars from 2017 and the continuing ed of 2018 up to \$1000 for the use of the Luther trip to be used in July. Jody Franck seconded that motion.

The new Youth for Christ Director stopped by at Trinity last week to share that the breakfast club is back at Martin County West High School. This is a time that high school kids can come in for pancakes at no charge. Area Pastors and/or caring adults can visit with kids one on one as they are eating and give them some positive adults they can talk with. They will be held on Monday mornings until the end of the school year. They are looking for volunteers to cook pancakes and to assist in clean up.

Pastor Eric Midthun shared that he attended a continuing educational workshop in Colorado. His topics of interest at that workshop included learning about the embodiment of the gospel. He shared with us how bodies are so important and to be enjoyed. In February, Pastor Eric took a week of vacation in March with all of his family. He thanked the parish for this time.

Committee updates: NONE

Election of Officers:

President: Karen Helvig Vice President: Jeff Lueth
Secretary: Deb Philipp Treasurer: Jody Franck
Deanne Gaalswyk made a vote for a unanimous ballot.
Marilyn Cheever seconded that motion.
Financial committee: Scott Morrow, Jody Franck and Jeff Lueth

Old Business:

New Business:

Parish youth fundraisers ,meals for lent: The COF youth have decided to tith 10% of their fundraiser earnings towards purchasing materials for tie blankets that they will make for Childrens' Hospital patients. Pastors and the youth will travel to the cities in the summer to deliver the blankets to the kids in the hospitals. The balance of the fundraiser money will be saved for a trip for the youth in the summer of 2019. Jon Borchardt is the current youth leader for Circle of Faith Parish, Steph Feely and Jennifer Hughes have been great Parent Volunteers assisting where needed. There was a motion by Deanne Gaalswyk for the COF parish youth money to be a pass thru as a reserve fund item for the youth savings account. Jeff Lueth seconded that motion.

Karen Helvig reported that Gloria Dei church from the cities has offered to pay for the motor coach buses when they transport their members to visit Waverly Church/ Circle of Faith for the Harvest Homecoming. They have agreed to do pulpit supply three times this year without cost from our Parish when Stephanie is deployed to give respite and family time to Pastor Anthony. Their adult choir will come down for a weekend and provide a joint service when they are here. Circle of Faith has been invited to join in a mission trip to Guatemala where members may be working at food shelves or working at repairing houses that could be hurricane proof.

Parish Summer Picnic:

There is a possibility of Sunday, August 5th at 10 am to have a service we will be calling Worship on the water with the Pastors on a Pontoon leading the service and members can pull up with their boats or sit on the shore at Jon and Karen Helvig's home on Fox Lake with potluck to follow.

Direction for the year:

There are several possibilities of things we can be working on this year. There will more discussion about our direction at our next meeting.

Summer parades:

There was a discussion of having each church council deciding on their own if there is interest to have members walk in the parades this summer.

Website:

We will be checking with high school youth or college youth if any would have interest in updating our website. Lisa will put this announcement in the newsletter. Next Parish Council meeting will be Tuesday, May 8th at 6 p.m at Trinity.

Deanne Gaalswyk adjourned the meeting. Jody Franck seconded that motion.

Sincerely submitted,

Deb Philipp — Parish Council Secretary

Trinity Council

March 13, 2018

Members present: Pastor Anthony, Pastor Eric, John and Zane Borchardt, Becky Detert, Leah Gerhardt, Brian Burmeister, and Bob and Lonnie Moffitt.

President John Borchardt brought the meeting to order. Lonnie made a motion to approve the agenda, Bob seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor gave devotions- Holy Week is coming up – Palm Sunday through Easter. It used to be they would have church for 8 days in a row. The Passion story would be read from all 4 gospels but that is not done anymore. On Thursday we leave in silence and on Friday enter in silence. There is one service over the three days. Confirmation students are required to attend all 3 services.

Elections were held for Vice President and Secretary. Motion was made by Brian and seconded by Becky that Bob Moffitt will be Vice President and Lonnie Moffitt will be Secretary. Motion Carried.

Pastor Anthony's report – He went to AZ in January and visited Pinky Saxen and Dick and Marlys Traetow. Went to State Wrestling Tournament. The youth did fundraisers and decided to tith 10% of what they made. They have decided to do tie blankets and take them to the Children's Hospital in the Cities. They will use the tithe money to buy the fabric for the blankets and will make them this summer and then deliver them. The youth are still working on a bigger trip in 2019. The Youth for Christ breakfast club at MCW has been revived. Need volunteers to help make the pancakes and clean up. Pancakes and juice will be served on Monday mornings before school at the high school from 7 to 8:20.

Pastor Eric – Took one Sunday off for daughter's wedding. Went to continuing ed. The speakers from Luther Seminary spoke on the EmBodyment of the Gospel. Vacationed in Tuscon last week.

Discussed Honeywell Alert notifying for council meetings both by phone and email.

Secretary report- Bob made motion to approve, Brian seconded. Motion Carried.

Treasurer report – Bob made motion to approve, Lonnie seconded. Motion carried.

Financial Secretary Report – Bob made motion to approve, Brian seconded. Motion carried.

Faith Formation – No report

Caring Ministries committee – no report

Property Committee – Need to check on the mike in the front of the church. Becky will check it out. If a new one is needed we will get one with a power switch on it.

Parish Council report – Parades in the summer were discussed. Parish council supports doing the parades again. They pick up the cost of the freeze pops that are handed out. Volunteers will be needed to walk/ride in the parades if people want to do it. The summer picnic will be August 5 and it is possible that it will be a service on the lake. St. Peter hosts it this year. Waverly partners with Gloria Dei at harvest time. Gloria Dei is wanting to reach out to youth and other parish members more. They are planning a couple of youth trips. A joint mission project was mentioned and they were looking at getting a Soukup hurricane house.

OLD BUSINESS

Turkey Dinner will be Sunday, April 22. Becky will get a letter out to the council members.

Church Bats – exterminator has stopped by. Needs to wait until the snow is gone and will then assess the building and give us a quote.

NEW BUSINESS

We still have some council positions that need to be filled. We have three names that we will be contacting to see if they will serve.

The building renovation plan for the 150th anniversary was discussed even though it is still 6 years away. John Borchardt will do an assessment on what some of the things are that might be considered. We will have another assessment done and combine the ideas and then get a committee together to get estimates, etc.

Bob made a motion to adjourn, Brian seconded. Motion carried. We closed with the Lord's Prayer. Next Meeting will be May 8, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.



St. Peter Council March 19, 2018

The St. Peter Church Council was called to order by president Jody Franck at 7 pm. Those in attendance were Jeremy Wink, Angie Schmidt, Keith Franck, Jody Franck, Pastor Anthony, Muriel Klenz.

The Secretary's report from the January 23, 2018 annual meeting was printed. Motion to approve by Angie, seconded by Keith, carried.

The Treasurer's report from January 1 until present was printed and discussed. Memorial balance now is \$4,041.71. This account may be used for church purchases.

Easter and July banners and a communion cup filler have been ordered. New rugs are being purchased for entry doors and a vacuum cleaner has been purchased.. Benevolence balance now is \$175.59. Youth fund balance is \$807.70. Motion to accept report by Keith, seconded by Angie, carried.

Pastor spent a couple of days in Arizona in January visiting snow bird members. A good experience, hopes to do it again.

Youth fundraiser meals ahead of Lenten services have had a good response. They have a bigger trip planned for 2019 and are working on a mission project this year. Ten percent of meal offerings will purchase fabric for making the quilts for a hospital in the cities. They will take a day trip this summer to deliver them.

A Ceylon group, "Operation Jumpstart" is forming for Ceylon kids from 8-12 years old to gather twice or more a month for support, goal setting, and fun activities. They would like to use our church basement from 4:30—6:30 pm. They would like a Pastor there and will clean up after themselves. Pastor Anthony said he or Pastor Eric would try to be there most times depending on all schedules. Angie would unlock a door on her way home from work and Jody will see that it is locked again. The hope it works for them as kids need adult mentors.

Our 125th Anniversary will be celebrated in 2020. Jody will get a group together to begin planning. Volunteers needed

Summer church schedules will be same as last year. Wednesday evenings in June at St. Peter, July at Trinity, and August at Waverly. No Sunday services in those churches those months.

St. Peter is to host the summer picnic this year. Plans include a possible worship on the water followed by a pot luck meal.

No parade in Ceylon this summer.

Youth for Christ offers a free breakfast every Monday at Martin County West High School. About 100 kids attend this. Volunteers needed.

We talked about the large ladder purchase. Keith will measure.

Keith and Jeremy will find out about disposing of some old electronics.

Next meeting - May 14th 6 pm.

Secretary — Muriel.



Ushers & Worship Assistants

St Peter

DATE	LECTOR	USHERS
APRIL 1	Jordan Petschke	Ronnie and Jane Leiding
8	Jeff Petschke	Kevin and Angie Schmidt
15	Jeannine Rasmussen	Larry W. Schmidtke / Christian Petschke
22	Muriel Klenz	Bob Nelson / Larry R Schmidtke
29	Bernice Lehmann	Darryl and Muriel Klenz
MAY 6	Jordan Petschke	Annette Yackle / Bernice Lehmann

Trinity

DATE	LECTOR	USHERS	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION
APRIL 1	MaryAnn Frerichs	MaryAnn & John Frerichs	Brianna Morrow Logan Hughes	Lonnie & Bob Moffitt
8	Megan Gerhardt	Laurie & Tony Truesdell	Kylee Jagodzinske Kiaya Schweiss	
15	Liz Stahl	Joel & Becky Detert	Mikenna Harder Logan Hughes	
22	MaryAnn Frerichs	Wes & Carolyn Strausser	Kylee Jagodzinske Brianna Morrow	
29	Megan Frerichs	Lonnie & Bob Moffitt	Brice Oechsle Kiaya Schweiss	John Garbers Henry Borchardt
MAY 6	Liz Stahl	Larry Puhrman Todd Williams	MiKenna Harder Kylee Jagodzinske	Bocky Borchardt Jon Saxen

Waverly

DATE	LECTOR	CHILDRENS TIME	ACOLYTE	COMM ASSISTANT
APRIL 1	Lynette Shaw	Tim Peterson	Youth	Gwen Matz
8	Tim Peterson	Susan Rathman	Youth	Gwen Matz
15	Connor	Pastor	Kiley Nate	Camryn
22	Laurie Sherman	Pastor	Youth	Gwen Matz
29	John Sherman	Pastor	Youth	Gwen Matz
May 6	Mary Lou Sherman	Karen Helvig	Youth	Susan Rathman

April Ushers: Jon Helvig, Erwin Atzenhoefer, Tom Peterson, Jeff Lueth
Sunday, April 15: Josie, Nathan, Kelley

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

St. Peter Ripples



Next meeting: April 4—1:30 pm
Hostesses: Muriel & Rosemary

Bible Study: This is the final session that focuses on Multiple Meanings. We will consider how the story of the Prodigal Son is understood by believers in different parts of the world.

We had another productive year in quilting. 88 were put together by 6—8 ladies at the church. Several ladies sewed some at home adding another 23 for a total of 111. WOW !!! This is 'Mission in Action' and thanks to all who worked, &/or furnished material or donated towards shipping. Recipients are LWR, E'ville Ministerial Christmas, Forest Ridge Teen Rehab Center in Gruver, Upper Des Moines (welfare), Okobojo Auction, Salvation Army, Temperance Ridge, Goldfinch, Confirmation and Caring Options in Fairmont.

April 14th is Ceylon's Community Day and once again WELCA is asking for voluntary donations instead of our previous rummage sales. Thank You!!

Our WELCA Spring Gathering will be April 7th at Augustana in St. James. Coffee begins at 8:30 and the meeting at 9. Lunch after meeting.

Keep praying always and especially on Tuesdays at 2 pm.

- 4/3 O Lord nourish me with your Word.
- 4/10 O Lord fill my heart with your love and grace.
- 4/17 O Lord guide me and walk with me.
- 4/24 O Lord send your Holy Spirit to make me strong in my faith.

Ann reports a treasury balance of \$463.49

Next work duty: Group 2
April Altar Care: Ann Yackle
April Honorary birthdays:
Rosemary-15th, Kathryn-30th

In Norway during the long winter months, they practice 'koselig' pronounced koas-uh-lie, meaning cozy. It's the Norwegians philosophy to get through the winter. They drink warm beverages, wear sweaters, get together often, light candles, etc. During these winter days in Minnesota (& Iowa) do you practice 'koselig'? How do you stay cozy during our winter days & nights?

Easter Blessings ! Jeannine

Trinity Ripples

Sunday, April 22 — Turkey Dinner

Roast Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy Dressing, Vegetable, Dessert

11:30 am—1 pm

\$8.00 age 13 and up

\$5.00 age 6-12

5 and under free



Sr. Graduate Recognition Sunday will be held, Sunday, May 6th.

Waverly Ripples

Sunday, April 15.

"Blessings of the Seeds"

You are invited to bring whatever you would like:
Seeds, tractors, plants, shovels

In April, Mary Circle is going to meet at the Trimont City Offices room. 7 pm



On Sunday, April 29, the basement and kitchen are reserved for a Confirmation reception.



Mark your Calendars:

SW MN Synod Assembly
June 8 & 9 -- Redwood Falls

Women of the ELCA 2018 Convention
June 29—30 -- St. Cloud



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Maisie Bentz	2 	3 Aaron Burmeister Dennis Hoppe	4 Holly Wiggins Jennifer Petersen	5	6 Jordan Hovick Brian & Heidi Clow Keith & Carol Thiesse James & Donna Hand	7 
8	9 	10	11 Merle Burmeister	12 Don Schley	13 Brooklyn Petersen 	14 Norm Schley Beth Mulso
15 Haley Jensen Rosemary Saggau Kevin & Lynette Shaw '40	16	17 Logan Hughes Brandie Gibson-Fletcher	18 Page Armbrust Don Schlager Brian Sandberg Zac Gerhardt	19 Tom Hovick Michael Roth Justin Shaw Kay Wohlhuter	20 Lee Thompson Aldor Rose	21 Henry & Sun Borchardt
22 Bennett Dorschner Wyatt Bengé	23 Deanne Gaalswyk Alan Johnson	24 Catherine Sherman	25 Hunter Schmidtke	26 Kendra Helvig	27 James Chukuske Sr Zach Peterson	28
29 Ellie Plumhoff	30 Rosemary Atzenhoefer Kathryn Dertert Brady Lueth					



APRIL 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p>  <p>7 am Trinity breakfast following 8:30 am St Peter 10:30 am Waverly</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Parish Office closed</p>	<p>3</p>  8:30—10 am Trinity—in Trimont 7 pm Mary Circle @ Trimont City Offices room	<p>4</p> <p>1:30 pm WELCA StP 4-6 pm Family Confirmation 6 pm Worship-TLC 7 pm Youth Group</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Parish office closed on Fridays</p>	<p>7</p> <p>WELCA Spring Gathering 8:30 am Augustana in St. James</p>
<p>8</p> <p>WLC—Communion</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>  8:30—10 am Trinity in Trimont 7 pm WLC Council mtg	<p>11</p> <p>1-3pm Communion @ Goldfinch 4 pm Confirmation</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Annual Ceylon Community Days</p>
<p>15</p> <p>WLC—Communion</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>  8:30—10 am Trinity in Trimont 5:30 pm Wine Women & the Word	<p>18</p> <p>4 pm Confirmation 7 pm Youth Group</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Articles due for May Ripples</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>WLC—Communion</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>  8:30—10 am Trinity in Trimont	<p>25</p> <p>9 am Assemble Ripples 4 pm Confirmation</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Confirmation WLC Kitchen/Basement reserved - WLC All—Communion</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>Tuesdays 6:30 am Men's Sunrise Bible Study—1st Lutheran Trimont</p>		<p>Thursdays 9 am Women's Sunrise Bible Study—1st Lutheran Trimont</p>		



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Sir John Bowring, who wrote this hymn, was considered to be a remarkable man. Born in 1792, he was thought to be one of the greatest linguists that ever lived. Before he was sixteen he had mastered 5 languages without the aid of a teacher. Before his death he could converse in over 100 languages and was a member of the learned society in Europe. He had been knighted by Queen Victoria, served two terms in The House of Commons, and was appointed Governor of Hong Kong. He also had written several books on politics, religion, economics, poetry and many hymns. In spite of all that he is most remembered for this simple hymn, "In the Cross of Christ I glory." It has been reported that Sir Bowring had visited Macao, on the south coast of China and was so impressed by the sight of a bronze cross standing on the ruins of a great cathedral. The building had been built by the Portuguese but had been destroyed by a typhoon, leaving the cross standing high above the ruins. Bowring was inspired by Galatians 6:14 which reads, "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Vs. 1: In the cross of Christ I glory. towering o'er the wrecks of time; All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

Vs 2: When the woes of life o'ertake me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy, Never shall the cross forsake me; Lo! it glows with peace and joy.

There are three more verses - all proclaiming the strength and peace you can receive just by glorying in the cross of Christ.

There is a funny story about the music for this hymn. The tune used now was written in 1851 by Tamar Conkey, organist and choir master who left the service at Central Baptist Church in Norwich, right after he had played the prelude one Sunday. He was very angry because the choir members were all absent to sing the choir number. That afternoon he sat down and wrote a new hymn tune and took it to church for the evening service. Someone asked him what he wanted to name the tune. He replied "Rathbun" because she was the one soprano that showed up for the evening service! Choir members - - - BEWARE!