

Ripples of Faith 2018



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Sundays— 8:30 am St. Peter
 9:15 Sunday school
 10:30 am Trinity
 9:15 Sunday school
 10:30 am Waverly

Wednesdays: Confirmation
 Waverly Choir practice

UPCOMING EVENTS:

10-2	Mary Circle WLC
10-3	WELCA StP
10-9	Quilting WLC
10-10	Quilting WLC
	Communion @ Goldfinch
	Confirmation
	Family confirmation
	Meal
	Worship
	High School Youth Group Bible Study
10-16	Wine, Women & the Word
10-20	Articles due for October Ripples
10-21	Fall Friendship Fest @ TLC
10-23	THCC Worship
10-28	Youth Group trip?
10-31	Assemble Ripples





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October Worship Schedule

20 th Week after Pentecost <i>Altar: Green</i>	Sunday, October 7 th	Worship w/Communion 8:30 AM	Worship w/Communion 10:30 AM	Worship w/Communion 10:30 AM
	Wednesday, October 12 th	Worship w/Communion at Trinity 6:00 PM		
21 st Week after Pentecost <i>Altar: Green</i>	Sunday, October 14 th	Worship 8:30 AM	Worship 10:30 AM	Worship w/Communion 10:30 AM
22 nd Week after Pentecost <i>Altar: Green</i>	Sunday, October 21 st	Worship 8:30 AM	Worship 10:30 AM	Worship w/Communion 10:30 AM
Reformation Sunday <i>Altar: Red</i>	Sunday, October 28 th	Worship w/Communion 8:30 AM	Worship w/Communion 10:30 AM	Worship w/Communion 10:30 AM



& the 

Tuesday, October 16, 5:30 pm
(To be announced)

Bring your 'Christ in Our Home' booklet & a Bible

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Fall Friendship Fest
Sunday, October 21st 2 pm
@ Trinity in Welcome

Bring a friend or 2 and wear a hat!
Marilyn Oelke will be presenting her collection of vintage hats.
After her presentation, refreshments will be served.

Sign-up sheets are at each church.
Sign up by October 14th.



Parish Council

September 11, 2018



Parish Council Members present: Deanne Gaalswyk, Deb Philipp, Jeff Leuth, Scott Morrow. Trinity Council President Jon Borchardt, St Peter Council President Jody Franck, Waverly President Jon Helvig and Pastor Anthony Christoffels. Call to order

Jody approved the agenda as presented. Jeff Leuth seconded that motion.

Devotions were on Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Pastor Anthony spoke that there are stressful times but God is always with us, and not to worry.

Secretary's Report: Jeff Leuth approved the Secretary's report as presented and Jody Franck seconded that motion.

Treasurer's Report: Deanne Gaalswyk made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Jeff Leuth seconded that motion.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Eric is on vacation and will be back for Sunday the 16th worship. Pastor Anthony spoke briefly on the German trip that he, Stephanie and some members were on for 10 days. He enjoyed touring the many churches that were 300 to 400 years old. Pastor will give a presentation at the December TWELCA meeting at St Peters, Ceylon about the full trip. Confirmation is starting this week. There are thirteen kids, (eight) 8th graders and (five) 7th graders.

Trinity and UCC Welcome will be sharing teachers, kids and rotating monthly hosting Sunday school. It will be starting on Sunday, September 16th. Times are 9:15 to 10:15. Waverly will be having Sunday school each week as well. Mens' bible study are changing times and day to Monday mornings at 9:30. Pastor Anthony will be on vacation during the week of Sept 17th. Pastor Anthony and family will be going to the cities for Stephanie's deployment activities starting Wednesday night, with the morning of September 23rd the day she departs. On September 23rd Gloria Dei Pastors will be filling in for Pastor Anthony at Waverly.

Congregation reports: none

Old Business:

Summer picnic Recap: Helvig's hosted the worship and picnic at their home on Fox Lake on August 5th. Golf carts were used to bring members to the sitting area if they desired it. The Service was very nice and enjoyed by the group. The offering that was collected that day was given to the youth group.

New Business:

There was a discussion of removing the 2nd line as it wasn't needed. Jody Franck made a motion to cancel the second phone line. Scott Morrow seconded that motion.

Executive committee report:

Pastor Anthony will be developing a flyer to be put in pews in the churches to welcome children to church. With Pastor Stephanie being deployed for almost a year and most weeks Pastor Anthony will be bringing his children with him to worship he will be more specific when asking members to watch the children for the day. He will introduce the children to the family so the kids are more comfortable in knowing who in charge of them for the day. Pastor Anthony shared that it's ok for anyone to step in to help. There will be a new bolded area in the bulletin each week. We as a congregation will be saying Prayers for Pastor Stephanie, Anthony and family and this will also be the spot that we will pray for specific members each week.

Discussion: The future... What's next?

There was discussion on summer attendance. It has been down at all three churches. How can we reach people? Next meeting will be Tuesday, November 13th at 6 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church in Welcome.

Adjourn Scott Morrow made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jon Helvig seconded that motion.

Sincerely submitted Deb Philipp, Parish Council Secretary



Trinity Council

SEPTEMBER 11, 2018

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

Meeting was called to order by John Borchardt.

Motion by Bob Moffitt, seconded by Brian Burmeister to approve the agenda with one addition. Motion carried.

Pastor Anthony gave devotions from the book of Matthew on Jesus's Sermon on the Mount. The Message – Don't worry about getting so you can respond to God's giving. Jesus is trying to get us to relax.

Pastor's Report – Had a Wonderful Trip to Germany. Program year begins this week with Sunday School, confirmation and youth group. St. Paul and Trinity will be combining their Sunday Schools this year and will rotate monthly between the two churches. There are 13 students in confirmation this year from St. Peter and Trinity. Waverly does not have any students in confirmation this year. There are 8 – 8th graders and 5 – 7th graders.

Pastor Eric is on vacation this week but will be back on Sunday.

Pastor Anthony will be on vacation this next week to spend time with the family before Steph leaves on Sept 23rd.

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A motion was made by Bob Moffitt, seconded by Brian Burmeister to approve the Secretary's report. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was gone over and a motion was made by Bob, seconded by Brian to approve the report. Motion carried.

There was nothing to report from the Faith, Caring or Property Committees.

Parish Council – Wednesday night services were poorly attended. It was discussed as to whether switching the months around for the churches would make a difference. Also mentioned the Summer Service and about doing a service by the lake once a month in the summer.

Old Business – Discussed the children's floor mat that had been discussed and approved by the council last year but never done. Talked about putting it up front with quiet toys and have an adult supervising the time. The children would need to stay on the mat and be quiet during the service. Mats will be gotten.

New Business – Check signing in case of an emergency was discussed. When the treasurer is gone, the office usually has a couple of checks that are signed so that any bills that come in and need to be paid can be taken care of. Bob made a motion, seconded by Brian to have Leah Gerhardt be able to sign checks in the case of an emergency. Motion carried.

Building Renovation Plan was discussed. Brian had gotten bids on replacing the siding and some windows. Mixson and Borderline wouldn't bid on the project but Brian got bids from three other companies with both steel and vinyl siding being quoted. The bids ranged from \$60,000+ for vinyl siding to \$70,000+ for the steel siding at today's prices knowing that the price would be higher in a year. These prices did not include anything extra that they might find that needs to be repaired before putting the siding on.

John read a letter that was received in the mail from a company out of Winona that takes a look at stained glass windows and what repairs might need to be done. John reached out to them but has not heard back. They do a free evaluation. We know that there is no caulking left around the stained glass windows and there is some lead that needs to be redone. Will wait to see if John hears back from them.

Lonnie made a motion to adjourn, Zane seconded it. Motion carried. We closed with the Lord's Prayer. Next meeting will be Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.



Respectfully submitted,
Lonnie Moffitt

Waverly Council

August 26, 2018

9:45am 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: No Report

Worship Committee: Will meet the following Tuesday.

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

Property Committee: Will reach out to for bids on the downstairs bathroom. The remodel will most likely need to take place in the winter months. The Church carpets and cleaning have been completed at a much lower cost and the job was well done.

Faith Formation: Rally Sunday will be September 16. Committee will finalize the teacher schedule.

Parish Council: No report

Endowment: The grants have been approved and there will be distribution ceremony announced at a later date.

Old Business: Jon is working on updating the cemetery records. The meeting with Peterson Anthony insurance will be coordinated so that all the parish meetings can be held in one day.

New Business: There was discussion surrounding a possible adult education prior to the 10:30a services at Waverly. Faith Formation will need to continue the discussion. Gloria Dei will be coming to lead the September 23rd service. Rural water will now need a reading on a monthly basis. For now, Steve will stop and get the reading.

Next meeting will be November 11 or 18, to be announced at 9:30a. There will also be a meeting in December prior to the annual meeting.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The Lord's Prayer was recited.



*JESUS, is
S'More
than enough
for me.*

President Jody called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. following Sunday morning church services. Those attending were Pastor Anthony, Jody Franck, Angie Schmidt, Dale Leiding, Jeremy Wink and Muriel Klenz.

Motion by Angie, seconded by Dale to accept secretary's report as printed.

Pastor's report: Confirmation classes began last week 9-12-18. School bus dropped students at Trinity church as planned. There are a total 13 students -5 from St. Peters, 3 first year and 2 second year.

Pastor will present program on his Germany trip at WELCA Christmas Party 12-5-18 at 12:00 noon. All St. Peter women are invited.

Pastors Anthony and Stephanie will be among about 4000 people at her deployment group meeting this week. She leaves 9-21-18.

Wednesday summer church months may change among the Circle of Faith churches for 2019.

Parish outdoor service and picnic were a success.

Chance of more than one outdoor service during 2019.

Old Business: Various accounts at Ceylon Bank now list council president and treasurer's names on signature cards.

No decision on church roof fix yet.

Sherburn Nursery has trimmed bushes.

Dale & Jeremy are checking some windows that need caulking.

St. Peter's property insurance saw a big increase beginning 7-1-18 from \$283.91 to \$358.25 a month.

A state department group inspects our elevator yearly.

A call has been made to schedule a service check up soon.

11-11-18 is 100 years since the great war ceased.

Churches have been asked to toll bells 21 times at 11:00 a.m. on 11-11-18. Dale will look into this.

Our Tuesday kids group seems to be going well-church gets opened and locked on schedule. One pastor usually attends.

Our 125th anniversary committee is hoping for mostly word of mouth advertising with cake and coffee following church services. No date yet. Will try to locate all former pastors.



Next council meeting will follow Sunday services on Nov 11th or 18th.

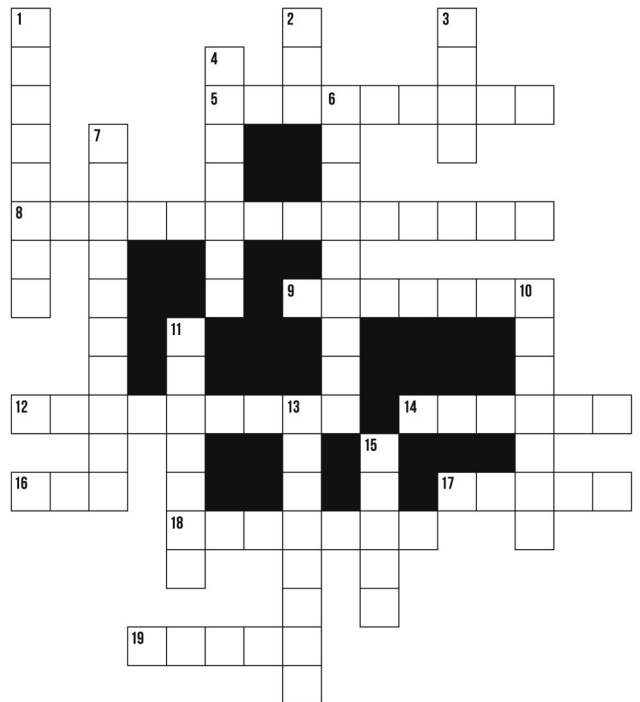
Closed with the Lord's prayer.

Secretary, Muriel



Puzzle!

Psalm 19:1 says, "The heavens declare the glory of God." Complete this crossword that emphasizes the natural phenomena of God's created world.



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| 1. windy snowstorm | 12. mass of snow, earth or rocks sliding down a mountain |
| 2. thick, obscuring mist | 13. the degree of moisture in the air |
| 3. frozen rain pellets | 14. a spring that spews boiling water and steam |
| 4. an area's normal weather conditions | 15. condensed water vapor in the atmosphere |
| 5. sudden electrostatic discharge in the sky | 16. frozen water |
| 6. violent tropical storm | 17. deluge |
| 7. shaking of the earth's crust | 18. when day and night are of equal length |
| 8. northern lights | 19. frozen dew or vapor |
| 9. partial or full blockage of the sun or moon | |
| 10. wearing away of the soil | |
| 11. large mass of snow and ice | |

Answers: 1. blizzard, 2. fog, 3. hail, 4. climate, 5. lightning, 6. hurricane, 7. earthquake, 8. Aurora Borealis, 9. eclipse, 10. erosion, 11. glacier, 12. avalanche, 13. humidity, 14. geyser, 15. cloud, 16. ice, 17. flood, 18. equinox, 19. frost

St. Peter Ripples



Next meeting: Wednesday, October 3
@ 1:30 pm
Hostesses: Marge Schley and Janice Franck

Bible Study: Session 2: Turning to others. When we turn to God, we find grace.

Remember we change to afternoon meetings now until next summer. Looking ahead we hope to have a Guest Day on December 5th with Pastor Anthony telling of his trip to Germany. More on this later - I'm looking forward to it.

Ann reports a treasury balance of \$1688. We have received some nice donations. "Thank You". \$148. was paid for shipping costs for more "Fair exchange coffee. This helps coffee growers in their world countries make a living.

The Ingham Hog Roast made \$8,402. A smaller crowd this year. No pie sold for less than \$100. with one going for \$300. Several events coming up at the Okoboji site are "Women's Day Away" October 21st. The theme is "Finding hope and purpose when life hurts." The other event is the fall crafting retreat Nov. 16-18. These events are always well attended.

Our Fall Gathering is October 6 at 8:30 am at Zion Lutheran in Odin. Speaker will be Missy Berg Heilman on "Big Girls, beautiful inside and out.

The recent WELCA convention decided that the 2019 In-Kind offering focus is school kits. LWR focuses on sustainable development projects and disaster relief and recovery worldwide. Currently, its efforts are in Indonesia after earthquakes. In 2016 \$14 million worth of quilts and kits were sent to 21 countries aiding over 576,000 people.

Prayers for Tuesdays at 2: 10/2-pray for safe harvest time. 10/9-pray for all women attending fall gatherings. 10/16-pray for the units hosting these events. 10/23-pray for Pastor Stephanie as she is deployed. 10/30-pray for Pastor Anthony as he is a single Dad for this time.

Options Pregnancy Center in Fairmont reports a need for many items to meet the needs of their clients. Bath towels, gift cards for personal care items, clothing, diapers, wipes, bottles are just a new things needed.

"Congratulations" to Roger and Joan Rezac on their anniversary, September 6th.

Best Wishes to Shirley O'Sell as she adjusts to her new home in Des Moines. She moved to be near her daughter Kathie.

Next work duty: Group 2

October Altar care: Jeannine Rasmussen

Honorary Birthdays: 10-25 Charlotte Schmidtke

Neighbors don't become such through legislation, but through relationships.

Love, Jeannine



Trinity Ripples



SUNDAY SCHOOL

During the month of October, Sunday school classes will be held at Trinity.



Sunday, October 21 - 2 pm
Fall Friendship Fest
(Article on pg. 2)



Waverly Ripples



For: Readers
Communion help
Ushering

Please let Gwen Matz know if you would like to 'volunteer' for helping out in any way.

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Ushers & Worship Assistants

St Peter

DATE	LECTOR	USHERS
October		
7	Jeff Petschke	Dale and Jeanne Leiding
14	Jeannine Rasmussen	Jeremy and Chelsie Wink
21	Muriel Klenz	JoAnn Wink and Kathy Bremer
28	Bernice Lehmann	James and Aubrey Plumhoff
November		
4	Jordan Petschke	Ronnie and Jane Leiding



Trinity

DATE	LECTOR	USHERS	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION
October 7	Megan Gerhardt	Todd Williams Larry Puhrman	Youth	Henry Borchardt John Borchardt
Wed. 10		Larry & Deb Philipp	Youth	Velma Schaal John Frerichs
14	Liz Stahl	Jean Schock Starr Spiegelers	Youth	
21	MaryAnn Frerichs	John and Rita Garbers	Youth	
28	Megan Gerhardt	John and MaryAnn Frerichs	Youth	Lonnie and Robert Moffitt
Nov. 4	Liz Stahl	Joel and Becky Detert	Youth	Brian Burmeister Velma Schaal



Waverly

DATE	LECTOR	CHILDRENS TIME	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
October				
7	Mary Lou Sherman	Tim Peterson	Youth	Tom Peterson
14	Lynette Shaw	Susan Rathman	Youth	Tom Peterson
21	Killey Bettin	Pastor	Youth	Tom Peterson
28	Rosemary Atzenhoefer	Pastor	Youth	Tom Peterson
November				
4	Deanne Gaalswyk	Karen Helvig	Youth	Laurie Sherman



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

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



October Birthdays & Anniversaries




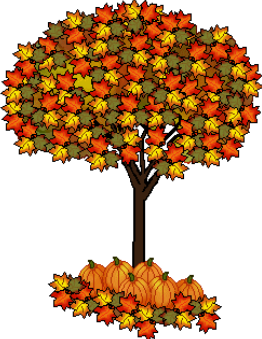



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			MaryAnn Frerichs	Ronald Schock Kathleen Klug Michael & Tina Schultz	Nathan Simmonds	
7	8 Landon Gerhardt Gayle Odegaard Kenzie Schmidtke Liz Stahl Victor & Diana Abelson	9 Jodi Lueth	10 	11 Laurie Sherman	12 Vicki Smith 	13
14 Joel Minscer	15 	16	17 Emilee Kuehl	18 Jon Saxen Ralph & Maureen Stanton 15	19 Brian Rahm Ellie Kuehl	20
21 	22 Milton Holmen	23	24 Kathy Johnson Tate Leiding Maverick Silverthorn	25 Charlotte Schmidtke Todd & Susan Rathman 15	26 Calvin Schultze	27
28 	29	30 Kiley Bettin Kelley Bettin Lola Lueth Millie Wohlhuter	31 Dana Dettmer Jackie Frerichs Charles Rahm Joyce Sathoff 			

Ocotober

2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
StP 8:30 am Worship TLC & WLC 9:15 SS 10:30 am Worship	1	2	3 1:30 pm WELCA StP 4 pm Confirmation	4	5 Office closed Fridays ↓	6
7 World Communion Sunday Communion-all	8 	9 Quilting WLC	10 1-3 pm Goldfinch Communion Quilting WLC 4 pm Confirmation 5 pm Family / meal 6 pm Worship 7 pm Youth Group	11	12 	13
14 Deadline to sign up for Fall Friend- ship Fest @ TLC Communion- WLC	15	16 5:30 pm Wine, Women & the Word	17 NO Confirmation	18 	19	20
21 FALL FRIENDSHIP FEST - 2 pm @ Trinity Communion- WLC	22 Reports due for Novem- ber Ripples	23	24 4 pm Confirmation Youth Group Hay Ride ?	25	26 	27
28 Reformation Sunday Communion-all	29	30 9:30 THCC Worship	31 9 am Assemble Ripples NO Confirmation 			



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“Oh, How I Love Jesus”

This hymn is more about “why” rather than “how”. The last words of the chorus are, “Because He first loved me”.

The verses were actually written by a British clergyman, Frederick Whitfield in 1865. He likely never heard the chorus because it was a nineteenth century American Folk Song usually sung at camp meetings of the time. The song is really about Jesus’ name.

Vs. 1: There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its’ worth;
It sounds like music in mine ear, the sweetest name on earth.
Oh, how I love Jesus, oh, how I love Jesus, oh, how I love Jesus, because He first loved me.

Vs. 2: It tells me of a Savior’s love, who died to set me free,
It tells me of His precious blood, the sinners perfect plea.
Oh, how I love Jesus, oh, how I love Jesus, oh, how I love Jesus, because He first loved me.

Vs. 3: It tells me what my Father hath in store for every day
And tho’ I tread a darksome path, yields sunshine all the way.
Oh, how I love Jesus, oh, how I love Jesus, oh, how I love Jesus, because He first loved me.

Vs. 4: It tells of One whose loving heart can feel my deepest woe,
Who in each sorrow bears a part that none can bear below.
Oh, how I love Jesus, oh, how I love Jesus, oh, how I love Jesus, because He first loved me.

It is unknown when and where the chorus was added, but it definitely “makes” this a hymn that is loved by so many.