

# Ripples of Faith 2019



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Sundays— 8:30 am St. Peter	
	10:30 am Trinity & Waverly
	—9:15 Sunday school
	Trinity & Waverly
Mondays: 9:30 am Men's Bible Study	
	First Lutheran, Trimont

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

12/3	THCC Worship
	Mary Circle WLC
12/4	WELCA Christmas Luncheon @ St. Peter
	Confirmation
12/11	Goldfinch Communion
12-18	Confirmation Christmas Party
12-20	Articles due for January Ripples
12/24	Christmas Eve Services
12/25	Merry Christmas
12/26	Parish Office Closed
12/27	Assemble Ripples

*Advent*

*The Joy*  
 of CHRISTMAS  
 CELEBRATE THE SEASON

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# DECEMBER Worship Schedule



		St. Peter	Trinity	Waverly
1 <sup>st</sup> Week in Advent	Sunday, December 1 <sup>st</sup> <i>Altar: Blue</i>	Worship w/Comm 8:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM
2 <sup>nd</sup> Week in Advent	Sunday, December 8 <sup>th</sup> <i>Altar: Blue</i>	Worship 8:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM
3 <sup>rd</sup> Week In Advent	Sunday, December 15 <sup>th</sup> <i>Altar: Blue</i>	Worship 8:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM <i>SS Christmas Program</i>
4 <sup>th</sup> Week in Advent	Sunday, December 22 <sup>nd</sup> <i>Altar: Blue</i>	Worship 8:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM
Christmas Eve	<b>Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Altar: White</i>	<b>Candlelight Worship w/Comm 7:00 PM</b>	<b>Candlelight Worship w/Comm 5:00 PM</b>	<b>Candlelight Worship w/Comm 5:00 PM</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Christmas	Sunday, December 29 <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



It has come to my attention that there is confusion about some things that were read in previous newsletters. Allow me to explain...

We are NOT forcing Pr. Eric to leave Circle of Faith Parish!

We are, however, working on ensuring adequate, stable pastoral coverage for Circle of Faith for the future. Pr. Eric has expressed an interest in retiring within the next couple of years. No date or official retirement announcement has been made. Given this news, however, the Parish Council and I are exploring our staffing options to fill Pr. Eric's position whenever he does retire. Thanks to Pr. Eric we have the unique opportunity to make plans for a smooth transition whenever he decides to spend more time golfing and fishing rather than preaching and teaching.

The Parish Council and I want to be transparent with you. We want you to know that we are exploring options. Now given the current landscape within the greater church, we realize that it might be challenging to find an ordained pastor who is willing to work part-time. And even though we certainly are open to calling a part-time ordained pastor, we are also exploring the option of a seminary intern. This intern would be a student who is training to be an ordained pastor. Part of their educational training involves hands on ministry in a congregational setting. More information about what it means for Circle of Faith to be an internship site will be given later if this option is determined to be the direction that God is leading us towards.

Other options that we are exploring include a parish nurse or a youth director. The parish nurse would be a paid staff person who would help with visitation and bringing Holy Communion to our homebound members. The youth director would be a paid staff person who would help with confirmation and various youth activities within the parish.

Finally, the Parish Council, Pr. Eric and I are also working on answering the question, "What does Circle of Faith look like as three congregations being served by one pastor?" To answer this question, we welcome your input and suggestions. There is no right or wrong answer to this question. In the nearly 10 years of our three congregations working on partnered ministry (7 years officially together as Circle of Faith), we know that our ministry is a partnership and any good partnership takes compromises. As we continue to work together as three congregations doing partnered ministry together, we walk by faith, trusting in God's will for St. Peter, Trinity, Waverly AND Circle of Faith Parish.

I pray that you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving celebration with family and friends. May you all have a blessed Advent!

In Christ, Pastor Anthony





## ELECTRONIC GIVING COMING SOON

The World is Changing. Technology is connecting us more with family and friends. Transportation is making us more mobile to explore God's creation and visit people we love. Online shopping and credit cards make giving and purchases more convenient. We use less cash and checks, and more credit/debit cards and automatic transfers. At Trinity Lutheran, we don't want to limit how you can support your church family. If cash or check is your preferred way of supporting your church family, great! If you'd prefer to offer your gifts using a credit/debit card, **NOW** you can do that too!

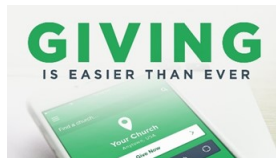
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~OR~

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At Circle of Faith, we use Honeywell Instant Alert to communicate important messages about worship, confirmation, and meetings. So that you don't miss announcements such as: "No worship today due to a winter storm!" please ensure that your contact information is current and up to date in the parish office AND on Honeywell. Instructions for getting on Honeywell can be found on our website. If you need assistance updating or getting access to Honeywell, please call/email the parish office.



St. Peter 7 pm Candlelight & Communion  
Trinity 5 pm Candlelight & Communion  
Waverly 5 pm Candlelight & Communion



### HEADS UP !!!

2020 Annual Meetings will be January 19.  
(the 3rd Sunday of the month)

Reports for the packets need to be in the office by Thursday, January 9.

**What:** St. Peter Christmas Luncheon  
**For:** All ladies of Circle of Faith Parish & other invited guests  
**When:** Wed. Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> @ noon  
**Program:** Pastor Eric on his life in Madagascar and New Guinea

Please RSVP by Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> to:  
Muriel - 507-235-3047  
Rosemary - 507-632-4652.



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Members present: Steve Williamson, Troy and Lacey Schmidtke, Susan Kruger, Lois Schmidtke, Sonja Haugen, Brandon Nordstrom, Brian and Heidi Clow, Don Nordstrom, Pastor Anthony.

Meeting was called to order by Steve.

Agenda was submitted and motion to approve. Motion carried.

**Secretary's Report** was read, motion to approve, and carried.

**Treasurer's Report** was read. Budget was reviewed. Brandon stated that Crystal Valley would be sending a check for corn sold in for Waverly. There would also be an amount coming from Cargill. Motion made to approve the report, motion carried.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Anthony thanked the council and expressed gratitude to the Congregation for his vacation time and for having flexibility in the past year. Also wanted to thank Don and Nancy for taking the kids. Change to Confirmation this year. There will 2 meetings per month for 2 hours versus a weekly class. The plan is to allow for more hands on activities in addition to the lecture. (Such as making Communion Bread.) So far it is going well. In August the Synod met in Milwaukee. The Bishop was re-elected and will serve for another 6 years. Constitution updates will be shared at the annual meeting of Waverly Church.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Worship:** Will meet in October.

**Caring Ministries:** Continue community visits. They will be adding several new members to visit in the near future. The people have expressed appreciation of the large print materials.

**Faith Formation:** Going well. Luann Peterson will now be assisting with the younger kids. Work will begin on the Christmas Program in November.

**Property:** The lights went out in the Church last week. A dimmer fuse blew. It is unclear if it is currently working. There is a wet spot near the piano. Has been an issue in the past. Is likely due to a valve. Watson's will be out to evaluate the boiler for the year. The heat is currently working. Brian has been fixing the screens and will continue in the spring.

**Endowment:** Will have a meeting in the fall.

**Parish Council Report:** the Council has been busy related to the Pastoral transition planning. Pastor Eric will at some point make the decision to retire. There have been discussions of hosting internships where the Church would have the opportunity to become educator in the process. It will be difficult to find a part-time Pastor. Other outside the box ideas are being welcomed. The future will need to be met with open minds and willingness

**Old Business:** The app Tithe.ly was brought forth by Pastor Anthony. It is an app designed to streamline giving and would allow those who want to give remotely or not at a service the opportunity. It can be set up for routine donations or single donations. It allows for year-end tax documentation. Anyone can use the app and donate. It does not have to be a member. Trinity is moving ahead with the app. The app will be presented at the Annual Meeting. A suggestion was made by Don to mention the app each week at the service to the Congregation. Some of the Council Members will begin using the app in order to share their experience at the Annual Meeting.

**New Business:** Corn has been donated in Waverly's name. December will be open for nominations of the new council members for opening positions. Will need to nominate a Nominating Committee. The president is the previous Council President and 4 others will need to be determined. Suggested members included Mary Lou Sherman, Gwen Matz, Jon Helvig, Sue Rathman, and Belva Peterson. Steve will connect with Jon to get the process started. The CD is due in November. A motion was made to renew and then discuss how to handle it in the new year. Motion carried.

The December Council meeting will be a party. At the meeting the agenda for the annual meeting will be prepared.

Annual Meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2020.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

# St. Peter Council

Met Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> following Sunday morning service.

Those present were Pastor Eric, Jody Franck, Aubrey and Jim Plumhoff, Angie Schmidt, Dale Leiding. Marilyn Cheever and Muriel Klenz.

The secretary's and treasure's reports were presented and approved. Financially our church account are stable.

Dale has done some repairs on the back roof but come spring he will get someone to help with more repairs.

Parish Council met last week and worked on the yearly budget. ST. Peter Council will review it ahead of the church annual meeting where it will be discussed and approved.

Christmas Eve service will be in St. Peter's on December 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Jody and Jim will line up the service and will involve Confirmation kids and others. There will be communion. Keith and Jody will get candy and nuts for bags. Council members will help pack bags after church on December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Church decorating will take place the weekend of November 30-December 1. Calls for help will be made depending on schedules and weather.

Benevolence giving:

Ingleside - \$100. Terry Mueller - \$50.00. Goldfinch Estates - \$100.00. Rosemary Saggau - \$25.00. Temperance Lake Ridge - \$100.00. JoAnn Wink - \$35.00. Kennedy Family - \$50.00

The church's food shelf box will be delivered to Heaven's Table location early in December.

Discussed changing to small container for garbage to lower monthly fee.

Will contact Frontier to remove church's number from telephone book as phone has been disconnected for an extended time. The only working phone at church is the necessary one in the elevator which will only call 911.

The church cancellation policy was discussed and decided to leave same as last year - hopefully a phone call about 7 am Sunday morning.

Jeremy Wink will discontinue entering the individual donations into the computer. He will meet with Aubrey to help her learn the program.

The next Council meeting will be January 12<sup>th</sup>. Annual meeting plans, parish budget, and St. Peter's finances will be discussed.

Motion by Jody, seconded by Jim to adjourn the meeting, Carried.

Secretary - Muriel Klenz

## Trinity Council

11-12-19

Members Present: John Borchardt, Larry Phillip, Becky Dert, John Frerichs, Jon and Kelsey Traetow, Todd Williams, Pastor Eric and Pastor Anthony.

M/S/P Jon/Todd to pass the Agenda as listed

**Opening Devotions:** Pastor Eric talked about Joy vs Happiness & how we can always have Joy with what Christ has done for us.

**Pastor's Report:** Will be on Continuing Education December 2nd-8th. Will be gone on Vacation from Christmas to new Years. Tithely is live and ready to go

**Secretaries Report:** Accepted M/S/P John/Jon

**Treasurers Report:** Accepted M/S/P Todd/Kelsey

### Committee Reports:

Faith Formation: Nothing to report

Caring Ministries: Nothing to report

Property: We having gotten a quote for someone to clean the siding on the East and North sides of the building would do it for \$700

**Parish Council Report:** The 2020 budget is ready. \$16,000 will be credited back to the 3 churches. Trinity's assessment for 2020 will be \$13993 per quarter.

### Old Business

\*Tithely : It is live and ready to go

\*Renovation Fundraisers: We need to get started on this. A notice will go out in the bulletin to try get people to be on the committees. Pastor has some ideas of things to do.

### New Business:

\*Holy Communion in Advent: Was brought up to have communion every Sunday during advent. M/S/P Jon/John to do this

\*Jennifer Kuehl Resignation/New Custodian Position: Accepted the resignation of Jennifer as Custodian M/S/P Jon/Todd MRCI is bidding to do the custodial duties. They would come 1 day a week. M/S/P Becky/Larry to do this for a 3 month probationary period. Discussion about what to do if something special would come up and we needed to have things cleaned at another time. Will try get subs to cover those times at a flat rate of \$50. M/S/P Todd/Jon to try this.

\*Justin Borchardt Transfer: M/S/P Jon/John to accept the transfer of Justin Borchardt to Grace Lutheran in Fairmont

\*Fellowship Hall Tables: Discussion about looking into different tables for the fellowship hall they are looking into the round tables for some of them.

Bathroom Remodel: Discussion on making one of the bathrooms handicap accessible. Most feasible to make the men's bathroom the handicap accessible and make it unisex. The women's bathroom needs both stools replaced. Wes has indicated that he would spearhead getting quotes and ideas on what we should do.

\* New Council Positions: We need people to cover the various positions coming up for council. Think of names of people to contact.

" Discussion: We will need to meet sometime in December when we have a better idea of our end of year finances to decide how much and where we will be sending Benevolence gifts.

Next meeting January 21, 2020 M/S/P Todd/Jon to adjourn Closed with the Lord's Prayer



# St. Peter Ripples



No regular meeting in December. Our WELCA ladies are again hosting a Christmas Luncheon at noon on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>. Group 1 is in charge. All ladies (and men are welcome) of Circle of Faith Parish are invited plus other invited guests. Please come and enjoy hearing Pastor Eric tell of his life experiences in Madagascar and New Guinea.

Ann reports \$1,479.74 in the treasury. \$1,000. is allocated for our "Christmas Cheer" mission giving. It was Thankoffering time. It is still time to give your Thankoffering to Ann. Thank You !!!

It was decided at the last convention that our 2020 In-Kind offering focus is Personal Care kits. 1 light weight dark colored bath size towel, 2 or 3 bath size bars of soap, 1 sturdy comb, 1 metal nail clippers and 1 adult toothbrush (we have a lot on hand), so please no toothbrushes and they add toothpaste later.

Prayers for Tuesdays at 2! 12/3—give thanks that the harvest season is over. 12/10—this Advent season we pray for home, church and community . 12/17—pray for a wonderful Christmas season. 12/24—Pray for safe travel to Christmas gatherings. 12/31—Thank God for all blessings received in 2019 and pray for continued blessings in 2020.

Although we have no meetings in January and February, those with the Gather magazine might want to study the 4 session Bible study at how God calls us to fruitful, faithful work. Next year is the 50th Anniversary of the ordination of women in the ELCA.

Next work duty: Group 1 (the luncheon)  
 December Altar care: Jeannine Rasmussen  
 Honorary Birthday: Elaine Krueger 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Shirley O'Sell 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Janice Franck 6<sup>th</sup>.  
 Anniversary: Tom and Rose Hovick 15<sup>th</sup>.

Wishing you the quiet beauty of a peaceful Christmas Season!



Jeannine

# Trinity Ripples

## CELEBRATING THROUGHOUT ADVENT



What is Holy Communion? We believe that Holy Communion is the body and blood of Jesus given with bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us to eat and drink. We believe that in this Holy Meal, we physically and spiritually receive Christ and the forgiveness of our sins.

The landscape is changing; we all know that. People come to worship when they can. Often this means that their schedules might not line up with our church's Holy Communion schedule. If we believe that Holy Communion is the nourishment and forgiveness of sins that we need, then why not offer this meal and celebrate this sacrament every Sunday? It is out of good hospitality that we celebrate Holy Communion every time that we gather, rather than a couple times per month. So that no matter when someone walks through our doors to join us for worship, there the sacrament of Holy Communion will be there for their nourishment and forgiveness of sins. Whenever someone is in need of Jesus and this Holy Meal, they can easily find it.

At Trinity's last council meeting, we decided to try celebrating weekly Communion throughout the season of Advent. For the entire month of December, the Sacrament of Holy Communion will be offered. When you come to our Lord's table to receive the Sacrament of His own body and blood, trust that all of your sins are indeed forgiven and that Jesus goes with you as you go back into the world as a forgiven child of God!

No Sunday school—Dec. 22, 29 and Jan. 5

# Waverly Ripples

The 2020 Women's hand book will soon be printed. Please review the committees and let MaryLou or Deb know if you have any suggestions or want to make changes for the coming year. Thanks !!!

## **MARY CIRCLE**

Tuesday, December 3 - 7 pm  
 @ Nancy Nordstrom

# St Peter



# Trinity

DATE	LECTOR	USHERS
December 1	Jordan Petschke	Jordan and Christian Petschke
8	Jeff Petschke	Ann Wenzel / Sherry Schmidt
15	Jeannine Rasmussen	JoAnn Wink / Jeannine Rasmussen
22	Muriel Klenz	Keith and Jody Franck
29	Jordan Petschke	Kathy Bremer / Shirley Schmidt
January 5	Jeff Petschke	Neil and Marilyn Cheever

DATE	LECTOR	USHERS	COMMUNION
December 1	Liz Stahl	Bob Swanson Carlene Hand	John Frerichs Velma Schaal
8	MaryAnn Frerichs	Larry and Deb Philipp	
15	Deb Philipp	Becky and Joel Detert	
22	Liz Stahl	Lonnie and Bob Moffitt	
24 Christmas Eve	MaryAnn Frerichs	Larry Puhrman Todd Williams	Joel Detert, John Frerichs Henry Borchardt, John
29	Deb Philipp	Nate and Sam Chukuske	Lonnie and Bob Moffitt
January 5	Liz Stahl	Sun and Henry Borchardt	John Frerichs Velma Schaal

# Waverly

DATE	LECTOR	CHILDRENS TIME	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
December 1	Tim Peterson		Ushers	Lynette Shaw
8	Paul Gaalswyk	Pastor	Ushers	Lynette Shaw
15	Laurie Sherman		Ushers	Lynette Shaw
22	John Sherman	Pastor	Ushers	Lynette Shaw
29	Kiley Bettin		Ushers	Lynette Shaw
January 5			Ushers	

**December Ushers:** Jon Helvig, Erwin Atzenhoefer, Jeff Lueth, Tom Peterson

**January Ushers:**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

<p>1 Elaine Krueger</p>  <p><i>Tony &amp; Sue Hed</i></p>	<p>2 Keith Thiesse</p> <p><i>Greg &amp; Jennifer Moore</i></p>	<p>3 Shirley Burmeister Alysha Casias Nellie Oanes Wes Strausser</p>	<p>4 Nathan Chukuske Shirley O'Sell</p> 	<p>5 Barbara Sherman Alexander Hansen</p>	<p>6 Janice Franck Payton Leiding Steve Morrow Tanner Muller</p> <p><i>Lee &amp; Mary Thompson 50</i></p>	<p>7 Laura Justice</p> 
<p>8 Tonya Brooks Carol Senne Tracy Winter</p>	<p>9 Janet Poppe</p>	<p>10 Madison Gibson- Fletcher Jenna Minscer</p> 	<p>11 Cory Lyons</p>	<p>12 Dawn Gray Justin Hansen Joel Rabbe</p>	<p>13 Daniel Armbrust Joshua Peterson Dallas Rasmussen Bryanna Petschke</p>	<p>14 Gayle Askeland Tanner Bettin</p>
<p>15 Jesse Bettin Renee Hartwig</p> <p><i>Tom &amp; Rose Hovick</i></p>	<p>16 Elizabeth Benge Kollyns Gerhardt Jeff Miller Robert Moffitt Lincoln Silverthorn Steve Wenzel</p>	<p>17 John Garbers Shawn Odegaard</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 Oren Peterson</p> 	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Kirsten Olson</p>
<p>22 Matthew Benge Brice Oechsle</p>	<p>23 Bob Nelson</p> <p><i>Wes &amp; Carolyn Strausser</i> <i>Steve &amp; MarLeone Williamson</i></p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 Phil Burgess Jordan Peterson</p> 	<p>26 Joanna Petschke</p>	<p>27 Lukas Hansen Kayla Olson</p> 	<p>28 Eva Lueth Tyler Lyons</p>
<p>29 Liam Hecht Remington Rademaker</p>	<p>30 Todd Morrow</p> <p><i>David &amp; Laurie Jensen</i></p>	<p>31 Jo Miller Angie Schmidt Kelsey Traetow</p>  <p><i>Darrell &amp; Deb Miller</i></p>	<p><b>HAPPY</b></p>  <p><b>ANNIVERSARY!</b></p>			



# December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p>  <p>FIRST SUNDAY of Advent</p> <p>8:30 am St. Peter 9:15 am SS TLC / WLC 10:30 am TLC / WLC</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:30 am Men's Bible Study First Lutheran, Trimont</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:30 am THCC Worship</p> <p>7 pm WLC Mary Circle</p>	<p>4</p> <p>NOON WELCA Christmas Luncheon - St. Peter</p> <p>4-6 pm Confirmation</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Parish Office Closed Fridays</p> 	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p>  <p>SECOND SUNDAY of Advent</p> <p>8:30 am St. Peter 9:15 am SS TLC / WLC 10:30 am TLC / WLC</p> <p>Fox Lake 4-H 4-6 pm TLC</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:30 am Men's Bible Study First Lutheran, Trimont</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>1 pm Communion @ Goldfinch</p> 	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> 
<p>15</p>  <p>THIRD SUNDAY of Advent</p> <p>8:30 am St. Peter 9:15 am SS TLC / WLC WLC SS Program 10:30 am TLC / WLC</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:30 am Men's Bible Study First Lutheran, Trimont</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>4-5 pm Confirmation Christmas Party</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Articles Due for January Ripples</p>	<p>21</p> 
<p>22</p>  <p>FOURTH SUNDAY of Advent</p> <p>8:30 am St. Peter 10:30 am TLC / WLC</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:30 am Men's Bible Study First Lutheran, Trimont</p>	<p>24</p>  <p>Christmas EVE</p> <p>Candlelight/ Communion Services</p> <p>StP— 7 pm TLC— 5:00 pm WLC— 5:00 pm</p>	<p>25</p>  <p>Merry CHRIST Mas</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Parish Office Closed</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>8:30 am St. Peter 10:30 am TLC / WLC</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>9 am Assemble Ripples</p>	<p>Jan. 1 Parish office Closed</p>  <p>HAPPY NEW YEARS</p>	<p>Jan. 2</p> <p>Parish Office Closed</p>		



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