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# June

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### June schedule:

6/1 Mary Circle WLC  
6/4 WELCA StP  
6/8 Parish Council meeting  
6/13 Congregational meetings / vote  
6/20 Father's Day





*"And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'" Matthew 25:37*

Dear Friends of Circle of Faith,

I am so looking forward to getting to know all of you! I've been living in Minnesota for almost 10 years now, but I grew up in the part of Northern Illinois that isn't Chicago, and I've been Lutheran all my life. I went to college and seminary in Iowa, and moved to Minnesota when I married my husband, Rory, who does tech support for a TaylorCorp company. We live in Blue Earth, which is where he grew up, and we have a cat named Maggie, short for Magdalena. My sermons tend to be practical, and not too long! If Martin Luther loved to answer the question, "What does this mean?" then I love to answer the question, "What does this mean for us, right now?" I'm especially looking forward to when church choirs become a normal part of life again.

I'm about a month past my second vaccine shot, so I'm fully vaccinated. I was able to get my shots a little early because I was working with another church before I came here. I realize that many of you are also fully vaccinated, and that's wonderful! The more of us who receive the vaccine, the safer we make our churches and our communities for everyone.

However, I expect many people in each of our congregations are still in the partial stage of getting vaccinated, not yet a full 2 weeks past their second shot. So despite the recent CDC announcement about it being safe for fully vaccinated people to not wear masks in most situations, these people who aren't past their full waiting period will still need to mask up like usual. And of course, some who intend to get vaccinated haven't been able to start the process yet, and none of the vaccines have been approved for children under 12.

So I intend to continue wearing a mask to church on Sunday mornings until no one has to wear a mask anymore. If I can make one person feel more safe or more welcome by wearing a mask, I will do so. I especially hope it will help the kids under 12 feel more welcome and a part of things at worship. However, I do understand that some people have difficulties hearing, so while I will be wearing a mask for most of Sunday mornings, I will briefly remove it when I speak in leading worship: for announcements, scripture, the sermon, and prayers. When we meet each other aside from Sunday mornings, I will probably not be wearing a mask. However, if you would ever like me to put on a mask, please feel free to ask, I plan to always have one with me.

We've all been through a lot in these past 14 months, we've learned a lot, and many of us are personally familiar with the toll that Covid-19 can take. While we're nearing the end of this crisis, we're not quite there yet. But as Christians we know that putting up with the minor inconvenience of wearing a mask is well worth it, for the love of our neighbors who would find Covid-19 far more dangerous than we would. Each time I see a person wearing a mask, I give thanks for that person's care for my health, even as I look forward to the day when all this is behind us.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Kay Rohloff

# JUNE Worship Schedule

		FIRST	ST. PETER	TRINITY	WAVERLY
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Pentecost</b>	Sunday, June 6 <sup>th</sup> <i>Altar: Green</i>	Worship w/Comm <b>10:30 am</b> & online	Worship w/Comm <b>8:30 am</b>		
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Pentecost</b>	Sunday, June 13 <sup>th</sup> <i>Altar: Green</i> Congregational meetings	Worship / Mtg-Vote w/Comm <b>10:30 am</b> & online	Worship / Mtg-Vote <b>8:30 am</b>	Worship / Mtg-Vote w/Comm <b>10:30 am</b> & online	Worship / Mtg-Vote w/Comm <b>9:00 am</b> & online
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Week of Pentecost</b>	Sunday, June 20 <i>Altar: Green</i>			Worship w/Comm <b>10:30 am</b> & online	Worship w/Comm <b>9:00 am</b> & online
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Week of Pentecost</b>	Sunday, June 27 <i>Altar: Green</i>	Worship w/Comm & Baptism <b>10:30 am</b> & online	Worship w/Comm <b>8:30 am</b>		



**SAMPLE BALLOT**  
(church name)  
Sunday, June 13, 2021

Add First Lutheran of Trimont to the Circle of Faith Parish.

YES —

NO —

On Sunday, June 13, 2021, there will be a congregational meeting at each Circle of Faith church to vote on the addition of First Lutheran of Trimont, to Circle of Faith Parish.

First Lutheran will be voting on joining Circle of Faith Parish, with acceptance of Parish agreement and by-laws.

For this vote to pass, a 2/3 majority will be needed in each congregation.



"Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about[!] these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you."  
- Philippians 4: 8-9 (NRSV)

**2021 Southwestern Minnesota  
Synod Assembly**  
June 6, 11 & 12, 2021  
Virtual Assembly - Gustavus  
Adolphus College, St. Peter, MN

Registered voters:  
Interim Pastor Kay Rohloff—Circle of Faith, Jon Saxen—Trinity, Gwen Matz & Karen Helvig—Waverly

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**MOST OF THE TIME** when we say people are charismatic, we mean simply that they have presence. Bill Cosby, Charles Manson, the Princess of Wales, Dr. Ruth Westheimer all have it in varying degrees and forms. So did Benito Mussolini and Mae West. You don't have to be famous to have it either. You come across it in children and nobodies. Even if you don't see such people enter a room, you can feel them enter. They shimmer the air like a hot asphalt road. Without so much as raising a finger, they make you sit up and take notice.

On the other hand, if you took Mother Teresa, or Francis of Assisi, or Mahatma Gandhi, or the man who risked his neck smuggling Jews out of Nazi Germany, and dressed them up to look like everybody else, nobody would probably notice them any more than they would the woman who can make your day just by dropping by to borrow your steam iron, or the high school commencement speaker who without any eloquence or special intelligence can bring tears to your eyes, or the people who can quiet an hysterical child or stop somebody's cracking headache just by touching them with their hands. These are the true charismatics, from the Greek word *charis* meaning 'grace'. According to Saint Paul, out of sheer graciousness God gives certain men and women extraordinary gifts or *charismata* such as the ability to heal, to teach, to perform acts of mercy, to work miracles.

These people are not apt to have presence, and you don't feel any special vibrations when they enter a room. But they are all in their own ways miracle-workers, and even if you don't believe in the God who made them that way, you believe in them.

-Frederick Buechner in [\*Whistling in the Dark\*](#)



Faith *daring the soul to go  
beyond what the eye can see*



We are excited to announce that we have a new notification service called *GroupCast*. This service will provide us with the same notification options as we have had with *Honeywell*, and so much more.

### Why Change?

We have been using *Honeywell Instant Alert* for the last five years to notify members of Circle of Faith about worship services and cancellations, funerals and meeting reminders. This past fall we were notified that the *Honeywell Instant Alert* service would be discontinued as of August 2021. *GroupCast* is matching the price we have been paying for *Honeywell*, and they have locked in that price for the next five years.

### What's Next?

If you had been receiving a text message notification through our *Honeywell* system, you will soon receive an Opt-In text message from *GroupCast*.

If you want to continue receiving text messages, there is nothing that you need to do.

If you wish to stop receiving text messages, the text message you receive from *GroupCast* will have instructions on how you can Opt-Out.

If you have not been receiving phone calls or text messages about our worship services, please contact the parish office to update your contact information. We will get you added to our new notification system.

# Parish Council

May 11, 2021

Present Members: Nancy Nordstrom, Tim Peterson, Dean Sinn, Vicki Smith, Beth Mulso, Jody Franck, John Borchardt, Becky Detert, Jim Lorenz

Church Presidents: Jon Saxen, Bob Olson

Clergy: Pastors Anthony and Stephanie Christoffels

John Borchardt called the meeting to order.

Motion by Nancy Nordstrom, seconded by Jim Lorenz to approve the agenda as printed. Approved.

Pastor Anthony led devotions.

A motion by Tim Peterson, second by Jody Frank to approve Secretary's Report. Approved

A motion by Jody Franck, second by Beth Mulso to approve Treasurer's Report. Approved.

## Pastor's Report:

-Pastors reported on Continuing Education program and thanked Circle of Faith for supporting their attendance.

-Discussed sound system upgrade for Trinity and First Lutheran.

-Pastors are preparing an information list for interim pastor.

## Old Business:

-Four Point Parish agreement: Tim Peterson motioned, Nancy Nordstrom seconded the following motion: First Lutheran will be voting to accept Circle of Faith Parish agreement and By Laws as written and the present Circle of Faith Parishes will be voting to accept First Lutheran into the Circle of Faith Parish. Approved.

-Farewell Reception: Anderson Shelter House. 1:30–3:30 Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.

## New Business

-Ministry Site Profile: A motion by Jody Frank, second by Beth Mulso to approve the MSP as presented. Approved. Roger Matejka is head of call committee.

-Financial Transition from a three point to a four point parish was discussed. A "Pathway Towards Full Partnership" was presented. A motion by Nancy Nordstrom, second by Jody Frank to accept the financial transition as presented. Approved.

-Reminder that congregations should vote on Parish Agreement by June 13<sup>th</sup>.

-Katherine Rolhoff has been hired as interim pastor starting May 17<sup>th</sup>. Services for May: 23<sup>rd</sup>: First Lutheran at 9 AM, Trinity at 10:30. May 30<sup>th</sup> St Peter at 8:30, Waverly at 10:30. June Services: 6<sup>th</sup> St. Peter at 8:30, First Lutheran 10:30. May 13<sup>th</sup>, Waverly at 9, Trinity at 10:30.

-Interim Pastor: Interview will be conducted with a second interim candidate by Executive Committee on Sunday May 16<sup>th</sup>.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 8th @ 5:30 PM

Becky Detert, Secretary

# Trinity Council

April 8, 2021

**Members Present:** Jon Saxen, Pastor Anthony, Jay Mulso, Todd Williams, John Garbers, Jeff Miller, John Frerichs, Jon and Kelsey Traetow

Meeting called to Order by Jon Saxen

**Approve Agenda:** M/S/P Todd W/John G.

**Opening Devotions** by Pastor Anthony: Reminder that God is with us no matter where we are

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from Council meeting on 12-16-20 approved. M/S/P Jay M/Jeff M

**Treasurer's Report:** Discussion held on Report. Everything paid for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter. Report Approved. M/S/P John F/ Todd W

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor's Anthony and Stephanie will be on Continuing Education in Seattle April 17-22. April 18<sup>th</sup> will be a Joint Parish Worship Service at Trinity with Karen Koeder Leading. Will be no communion that day.

-Need to get some volunteers to learn how to run the computer to do the Web streaming of the service.

-May 16<sup>th</sup> will be Anthony and Stephanie's last Sunday with us. Checking with pastor Eric to possibly come down so we can have the goodbye with him as well since we never got to have one before.

-Scheitel's Music in Mankato is going to come down to do an evaluation on our sound system and give recommendations on how to improve.

## **Committee Reports:**

Faith Formation: None

Caring Ministries: None

Property: A concern was brought up about soft water for the church. Culligan was contacted and they will set us up with a softener and take care of putting salt in for us for the same price that we pay now for the mineral tank. M/S/P Todd W/Jeff M to approve this.

Renovation: Once the glass block is installed the window wells will be filled in and sloped away so that it helps with water drainage away from the building

**Old Business:** None

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Transfer Request: Tayler Hagen to St. John Lutheran in Sherburn M/S/P Jay M/ Jon T to approve  
Farm Management Lease Renewal: Discussion was held on Renewal of the lease with Farm management.  
Four Point Parish Model Proposal: Discussion as held on the Proposal for the 4 point parish model. No suggested changes to the proposal.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer  
Meeting adjourned  
Submitted by John Frerichs

## St. Peter Council April 25<sup>th</sup>

Marilyn called meeting to order  
Secretary's report was given. Council went through the banners and threw out old banners due to water damage.  
Treasurers report was presented by Aubrey. Our quarterly payment to Circle of Faith was made, our next big payment is July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Old Business The possibility of putting funds from our Savings account into an endowment plan was discussed. The benefits of endowment funds would be they have better returns than a savings account. We could use the dividend checks for our benevolence spending instead of using our general fund. It takes \$25,000 to start, they require all transactions be at least \$2000. We can go below the \$25,000 if we need to money for emergency use. We will vote on this decision as a congregation, we will have bylaws written to suit our own congregation needs. Motion by Jim to present this to our congregation, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dale.

Pastor Anthony is done on May 17<sup>th</sup>. With this Parish council is looking to hire 2 full time pastors. They are also looking into adding First Lutheran in Trimont to our Parish. St. Peter worship schedule would not change with this.

There will be a congregational vote on adding First Lutheran to our Parish.

Senior Sunday is May 16<sup>th</sup> honoring Ty Leiding

Synod Assembly is online this year with bishop election and vote. This takes place on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in watching this please let Lisa at the office know.

## Waverly Council Sunday, May 2

Waverly Council met on Sunday, May 2 after the 10:30 church service. President Bob Olson called the meeting to order.

Treasure report was read and approved. (Circle of Faith is paid through the end of June)

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Katherine C Rohloff (Interim Pastor) will be starting May 17. Here first Sunday service will be May 23 with rotating church services. Pastor Anthony reported on the Four Point Parish Agreement. A very thorough proposal has been drawn up and reviewed. First Lutheran, Trinity and St. Peter councils have all agreed to the proposal. A motion was made and seconded to accept the proposal. This will go to the Parish Council for final approval. A second parish office will be added at First Lutheran in Trimont if the final vote is approved. The office hours will remain the same with a combined total of 18 hours per week. The Circle of Faith phone number will have the ability to ring in both offices and both offices will function as a parish office. Lisa Wohlhuter will remain in Welcome and Lila Cutler will be the secretary in Trimont.

NEW BUSINESS: Waverly internet service is now off the Armbrust Tower, so there will be no further internet expense. GroupCast will be our new notification service. Heidi Clow, Lacey and Troy Schmidtke will train to be the persons sending out alerts and messages. Motion made and seconded to apply for a \$500 grant from the endowment fund to help pay expenses for any child wishing to attend Green Lake Bible Camp. Family would be expected to make the down payment and the money would then be available to pay camping expenses.

OLD BUSINESS: Gwen reported on the information she has gathered on the kitchen and bathroom floor. Asbestos need to removed from both the kitchen and bathroom floors. The cost would be approx. \$2,700 and Mary Circle has agreed to pay for the removal and cleanup of asbestos. New flooring for both the kitchen and bathroom, including labor would be \$3,620.31. Motion made and carried to take the money out of Gifts and Memorial Fund for this project. Security of the church was briefly discussed. Some options could include cameras vs. number locks on doors. Pastor suggested a timed lock on the doors which would be set to automatically lock and then unlock at certain times. Further discussion will be needed.

Council will meet 3/x a year or as needed. Motion made and carried to adjourn the meeting.

MaryLou Sherman, Secretary

# St. Peter Ripples



Meeting: June 2 @ 9 am  
Hostesses: Marge & Rosemary


Lesson: More on intergenerational friendships. They are among God's greatest gifts.

We have begun quilting for LWR. Only 5 of us worked but 14 were completed. We meet again the 19th & 20th. Several women have made quilts at home/ Kathryn has done 5 crib quilts and Muriel has made and donated 20 lap-ropes to Lakeview and 6 to St. Luke's in Blue Earth. Julie made the 10 for Forest Ridge girls detention center. On May 15<sup>th</sup>, 40 quilts, 24 school kits and 14 personal care kits were delivered to the collection point in Albert Lea. At 10 am one semi was almost full and another semi waiting. This is all "Mission in Action".

The Ingham Bible Camp Ice Cream Social will be Sunday June 6<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 pm and the pie auction at 6 pm. All food will be dished up using 'to go' containers. Covid guidelines will be followed.

The July coffees are cancelled. There will be no WELCA meeting in July.

Our treasury shows a balance of \$502.90. \$100 was given for LWR shipping and a gift was given to Pastors Anthony and Stephanie.

 Prayers for Tuesday @ 2. 6/1-Pray that we receive ample rainfall for the crops. 6/8-Pray for our graduates and our confirmands. 6/15-Pray for all fathers, young and old, mentors, single dads (Father's Day is June 20). 6/22-Pray for God's guidance as we start the process to find new pastors. 6/29-Pray for Pastor Katherine Rohloff as she begins to serve as our interim pastor.

Next Work duty: Group 1

June Altar Care: Barb Schmidt

Honorary birthdays: Lorrene Knuth-10<sup>th</sup>

Anniversaries: Neil & Marilyn Cheever 15<sup>th</sup>, Terry and Mary Muller 15<sup>th</sup>, Olin and Linda Bakke 24<sup>th</sup>.

*We are all living stones in this world. We are surrounded by the light of Christ!*

*When we run alone it's called RACE*

*When God runs with us, it's called GRACE.*



Jeannine

## St Peter

Date	Reader
June 6	Jeannine Rasmussen
June 13	Jordan Petschke
June 20	
June 27	Jeff Petschke
July 4	

## Trinity

Date	Reader	Ushers
June 6		
June 13	MaryAnn Frerichs	John and Zane Borchardt
June 20	Deb Philipp	Larry and Deb Philipp
June 27		
July 4	MaryAnn Frerichs	Bob Swanson, Carlene Hand

## Waverly

Date	Reader	Communion Assistant
June 6		
June 13	Sonja Haugen	Susan Rathman
June 20	Lynette Shaw	Susan Rathman
June 27		
July 4	Camryn Clow	Jeff Matz

June Ushers	July Ushers
Bob Olson	Brad Sherman
Jim Sherman	Cliff Armbrust
Todd Rathman	Tim Peterson
Jeff Matz	Jon Helvig

The Waverly Kitchen and small bathroom asbestos tiles have been removed by Bienick's Abatement team. The new flooring has been ordered, so we are waiting for the tile to come in and have Matt Becker to lay the tile. The flooring may not be put in until August. Just a heads up as to how long the kitchen and small bathroom will be out of order.

# JUNE

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Brad Sherman	2	3 McKenzie Petersen	4 Billye Kruse Jackie Roberts Keith Winter  <i>Jay &amp; Beth Mulso</i>	5 
6 	7 Shawna Kinney	8 Albert Armbrust Derek Hughes Amanda Roberts  <i>Dan &amp; Kendra Helvig</i>	9 Eileen Morrow	10 Bocky Borchardt Lorraine Knuth	11  <i>Brad &amp; Laurie Sherman</i>  <i>Brad &amp; Connie Williams</i>	12 Donna Hecht Parker Leiding
13  <i>Grant &amp; Kristie Pomeranke</i>	14 	15 Cliff Armbrust Jacob Buntjer Matthew Malo  <i>Daniel &amp; Karen Armbrust</i> <i>Neil &amp; Marilyn Cheever 30</i>	16  <i>Joel &amp; Becky Detert</i>	17  <i>Scott &amp; Amy Morrow</i>	18  <i>Terry &amp; Mary Muller</i>	19 
20 Brittany Poppe  <i>Shane &amp; Jennifer Kuehl</i>	21 Todd Williams	22 Jackie Hecht	23 Sheila Bettin Jayden Fritz	24 Josh Johnson  <i>Olin &amp; Linda Bakke</i>	25  <i>Joseph &amp; Sandy Newville</i>	26
27 Emerson Geerdes Margo Gibson- McDonald	28 Cole Lightfoot	29 Ronnie Leiding  <i>Tim &amp; Belva Peterson 20</i>	30 Christian Petschke Marsha Rettig  <i>Cliff &amp; Debra Armbrust</i>			





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Parish Office Hours Mon.—Thurs. 9 am - 1 pm  WORSHIP		1  7 pm Mary Circle @ WLC  	2  9 am WELCA-StP	3	4 Parish Office Closed Fridays	5
6  8:30 am St Peter Communion 10:30 am First Communion	7	8  5:30 pm Parish Council mtg  	9	 Let's do good to all people. <small>Galatians 6:10, NASB</small> 		
13 Congregational meetings/Vote 8:30 am St. Peter 9 am Waverly Communion 10:30 am Trinity & First / Communion	14  <b>FLAG DAY</b>	15  	16			
20  9 am Waverly Communion 10:30 am Trinity Communion	21 	22  	23	24	25	26
27  8:30 am St. Peter Communion  10:30 am First Comm / Baptism	28	29  	30			



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