

# Ripples of Faith 2021

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## September Worship Schedule

		FIRST	St. PETER	TRINITY	WAVERLY
<b>15<sup>th</sup> Week of Pentecost</b>	Sunday, Sept. 5 <i>Altar: Green</i>		Worship w/ Comm 8:30 am		Worship w/ Comm 10:30 am & online
<b>16<sup>th</sup> Week of Pentecost</b>	Sunday, Sep. 12 <i>Altar: Green</i>	Worship w/ Comm 9:00 am & online	Worship 8:30 am	Worship w/ Comm 10:30 am Drive-thru Comm.	Worship w/ Comm 10:30 am & online 9:15 am SS Drive-thru Comm
<b>17<sup>th</sup> Week of Pentecost</b>	Sunday, Sept. 19 <i>Altar: Green</i>	Worship w/ Comm 9:00 am & online	Worship 8:30 am	Worship w/ Comm 10:30 am Drive-thru Comm	Worship w/ Comm 10:30 am & online 9:15 am SS Drive-thru Comm
<b>18<sup>th</sup> Week of Pentecost</b>	Sunday, Sept. 26 <i>Altar: Green</i>	Worship w/ Comm 9:00 am & online	Worship 8:30 am	Worship w/ Comm 10:30 am	Worship w/ Comm 10:30 am & online 9:15 am SS



“We know love by this, that Jesus laid down his life for us – and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a sibling in Christ in need and yet refuses help?” 1 John 3:16-17



Dear Circle of Faith,

As you may know, Martin Luther himself lived through a pandemic, and during that time he wrote a letter giving guidance to Christians in similar circumstances: “Whether One May Flee From a Deadly Plague.” While thankfully medical science has advanced considerably since the 1500s, much of his advice remains very applicable to our everyday lives and choices.

Dr. Luther starts by pointing out that needlessly risking your life in a plague is no different than staying inside a burning house, or refusing to swim if you fall into water. Instead, we must always help our neighbor if we can. If they are already receiving enough help, you don’t need to pile on, but you must not get in the way of the help they’re receiving. Anyone who is able to help their neighbor who isn’t already receiving help, but instead abandons them, breaks Luther’s explanation of the 5<sup>th</sup> Commandment, “Thou shalt not murder,” because that endangers their lives. The urge to do that comes only from the devil.

Luther goes on to say that if it was Jesus or his mother Mary who were sick, we would be delighted to help any way we could. And Jesus tells us that how you treat your neighbor is how you would treat him, in Matthew 25:40. Therefore, so that we remain able to help each other, each of us must “act toward others that no one becomes unnecessarily endangered on [your] account and so cause another’s death. ...But if some are too panicky and desert their neighbors in their plight, and if some are so foolish as not to take precautions but aggravate the contagion, then the devil has a heyday, and many will die. On both counts this is a grievous offense to God and to man....” He concludes with some practical advice on living in a pandemic which was based on the medical knowledge available at the time.

Right now, throughout our country, the healthcare system is under enormous strain, in many places worse than it was during the first waves of the pandemic. ICU beds, even the ones for children, are in short supply or unavailable in many places. These beds are not only needed for those fighting Covid-19, but also for people who have had any number of health concerns. Many people are now not receiving the medical treatment they need because there are so many Covid-19 patients filling the healthcare system. Many others continue to not take precautions and aggravate the pandemic.

Considering all of the above, we, your pastors, want to make clear: it is indeed right, our duty and our joy, to wear masks as necessary to protect our neighbors, and to receive the vaccine (those who can receive it). For those who cannot, we give thanks for the ability to participate in our community and attend worship online. To do anything else would get in the way of the help our neighbors are receiving, and that would break the 5<sup>th</sup> Commandment. As Dr. Luther would put it, for the love of God and your neighbor, please do so.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Kay Rohloff & Pastor Kelly France

# Waverly Council

[WLC minutes are from the most recent meeting and are subject to amendment at the next regular meeting]

Waverly Council Meeting -  
August 10, 2021

President Bob Olson called the meeting to order. Pastor Kay led in prayer.



**Secretary Report:** Minutes from the May meeting were read. MM by Deanne and seconded by Sue to approve. Motion carried.

**Treasurer Report:** Deanne presented the treasurer report and is looking into ways to reduce the Frontier telephone bill. A landline is needed because of the elevator but otherwise is seldom used. Questions concerning the CFS L.P. June bill will be addressed. Checking account balance \$64,097.63. MM made by Gwen and seconded by Kevin to accept the treasurer report. Motion carried.

**Faith Formation:** Getting ready for the start of S.S. However with the increase in covid cases in Martin County plans may have to be changed. S.S. uncertain at this time.

**Caring Ministries:** In person visits have been suspended since Pandemic started. They will be sending more cards and making phone calls to shut-ins.

## OLD BUSINESS:

1 camper attended Green Lake Bible Camp & expenses were paid by the church.  
B.R. has been painted and new flooring installed.  
Gwen checking into a vanity with sink & Kevin agreed to install. New lights above vanity will also be added.  
Kitchen Flooring paid for by the Gifts/Memorial fund has been installed – toe kicks will be placed this week.  
Countertop, 2 sinks & faucets will be replaced. 2 stoves have been purchased by the Mary Circle and are ready to deliver. App. Cost of these remaining kitchen projects is \$6,000.

## NEW BUSINESS:

The steeple will be repainted. The cost of a crane is \$175.00/hr. Estimated need for 15 gallons of paint is app. \$3,000. A brief congregational meeting will be held after church to update members and ask for approval of \$9,000.00 to cover the remaining payment of the kitchen and steeple  
The Endowment fund has received a gift from the Dick Helvig family. Waverly has been listed as one of the recipients of the estate of Pastor Robert Onka. Pastor Kay brought up for discussion concerns regarding the recent surge in covid cases in our county. It was stated N-95 masks would be more beneficial and this will be discussed at Parish Council.  
No further business, Lynette moved we adjourn and Deanne seconded the motion.  
We then closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, MaryLou Sherman



On July 29, 2021 the Circle of Faith Parish call committee met at Trinity Lutheran in Welcome. Karen Helvig, Sam Chukuske, Linda Bakke, Keith Franck, Tom Peterson and Wendi Russenberger attended. Pastor Steve Cook gave us information on the call process, discussed our ministry site profile and gave us some perspective

interview questions we might ask. Our next meeting will be Monday, August 16 at 6:00 at Trinity in Welcome.





Keep these people in your prayer for Health & Healing:

**FIRST** - Susan Lorenz, Cliff Anderson  
**WAVERLY** - Emery Armbrust, Albert Armbrust, Brad Williams

**Keep** - our teachers, children, bus drivers, Helpers safe and healthy as they begin a new school year.

**Keep in your prayers** - The people of Haiti who have been affected by the recent earthquake.

**Keep**— all the firefighters safe from harm as they fight the fires across our country.

**Remember**—our call committee as they meet and prepare to find us new pastors.

**Let us remember**—on Sept. 11th, all those who died during that attack on our country. Give strength to their families as they reflect on this day.

**Keep in your prayers** - AJ Sowieja and his National Guard troop. Also remember Hayley & Jae praying that God will be with them.

**Keep Pastor Kay & Pastor Kelly in your prayers** as they minister to our “Circle of Faith” congregations. May the Holy Spirit guide them.

**We extend our sympathy to**



- the family of Bernice Lehman upon her recent death. Her funeral was held on Aug. 20th at St. Peter’s.

- To the family of Don Rudolph on the death of his sister.
- To the family of Dennis Krueger, who passed away earlier this year and was buried on Aug. 28th.



**Remember our members** who do not get out a lot. Give them a call, or send a greeting

Maplewood, Fairmont  
Arladyne Stanton, FLC  
Marty Scholl, WLC

Goldfinch, Fairmont  
Lois Schulte, FLC  
Elaine Krueger, StP  
Millie Wohlhuter, TLC

Home  
Joyce Potts, FLC  
Elaine Johnson, WLC  
Ione Nelson, TLC  
Sandy Newville, TLC  
Calvin Schultze, TLC  
Joan Ellis, WLC

Lakeview Methodist  
Nellie Oanes, WLC

Temperance Lake Ridge  
Janice Franck, StP  
Joanne Sherman, WLC

Trimont Season’s  
Bob Olson—FLC

**Please remember to be in prayer for our call committee as they begin their work. Also pray for God’s guidance as we seek new clergy.**

<u>Karen Helvig</u>	WLC
Tom Peterson	WLC
Wendi Russenberger	FLC
Roger Matejka	FLC
Keith Franck	St.P
Linda Bakke	St.P
Samantha Chukuske	TLC
Liz Stahl	TLC



Please keep in mind that they will not be able to share information about candidates that they are interviewing.



# First Lutheran News



## Parsonage update

**Thanks**— to Dan Krumwiede for taking up the carpet down stairs in the parsonage.

We had the house open for people to make suggestions on a recent Sunday. The comments were good.

**Painting**— is needed in the whole house. In the next couple of weeks we will be starting. A message will be sent out on Facebook and we will put info in the bulletins.

If you are interested in helping with the painting, contact LeeAnn, Linda or Lila.

**Flooring**— some ideas have been expressed and options will be looked into.

**Thanks to**—Duane Russenberger for calking some of the church windows, and repairing and painting the columns in the front of the church.

## Sunday School—

Hopefully we will be able to start class now in September. Watch the bulletins for more information on this.



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## Handicap parking —

You may drop off your person in the driveway by the ramp, but PLEASE move your car to the curb so that others who may need the ramp may.

## Worship Service

**September 5th** — there will be only - 2— Worship services, one at St. Peter's at 8:30 and the other at Waverly at 10:30.



## The rest of September

will be at 9:00 am.

If COVID is high our services will be scaled down with wearing of masks, singing only a couple of hymns. Communion offered as drive through on the 2nd & 3rd Sundays, at either Waverly or Trinity after the 10:30 service and until 12:30 for anyone who wants to receive it.

**Sermons** — If you would like a copy of the sermon for a Sunday. Let Lila know and she can get one to you.

**Lector** — If you are willing to read on a Sunday — let Lila know. Thanks !!!

## CREST— Lunch & Learn— 11-1 Wednesday, Sept. 15

All are invited to come enjoy a short program and a light lunch. A free will is suggested for the lunch. This is open to anyone in the area.

## Altar Committee—

Alice Gray &  
Marilyn Pierson



**Usher**— Roger Matejka

## Thought for the reflection

Every second brings a fresh beginning.  
Every hour holds a new promise.  
Every night our dreams can bring hope  
Every day is what you choose to make it



# St. Peter News




Next meeting: Sept. 1 @ 9 am  
Hostesses: Sherry and Shirley

Bible Study: We will begin a 4 session study on 'The Gift of the Spirit' In session 1 we'll discuss how the gift of the Holy Spirit gives us power we need to do God's work.

The quilt auction on August 7<sup>th</sup> was well attended. There are so many quilts and a few other items that it is split between a live auction and an online auction. There were 171 items live and 117 online. Our 7 for the live auction brought \$1210. The other 3 I haven't heard about yet from online.

At our last meeting Ann reported a treasury balance of \$778.22.

I've now heard of another church closing. Immanuel Lutheran, a beautiful little country church south of Gruver is closing after over 100 years of existence. It is about 2 miles north of Ingham Bible Camp. It's so sad when a church has to close.

 Prayers for Tuesdays @ 2: 9/7 - we are still praying for rain in this drought. 9/14 - we pray for the safety of all children as they return to school. 9/21 - we pray for peace in the Middle East. 9/28 - we pray that the spread of Covid-19 will soon stop.

We have received a letter from Lutheran World Relief thanking us for shipping money and donations. They have delivered quilts and kits to families in Mozambique that was ravaged by Cyclone Idai. School kits make the difference between getting an education or missing out. Personal care kits provide basic hygiene needs and the quilts help the families through cold winter nights. This is all "Mission in Action".

Bernice Lehmann, 91, passed away on August 13th. She was involved in the church in many ways and is deeply missed. She was a very special person and our sympathy goes to her family and friends.

Next work duty: Group 1  
September Altar care: Sherry  
September birthdays: Shirley Schmidt 13<sup>th</sup>.

September Anniversary: Roger and Joan Rezac 6<sup>th</sup>

*'Together, we won't stop until your love reaches every neighbor'* — Lutheran World Relief



DATE	READER	DATE	READER
Sept. 5	Jeannine Rasmussen	Sept. 26	Jeannine Rasmussen
Sept. 12	Jordan Petschke	Oct. 3	Jordan Petschke
Sept. 19	Jeff Petschke		

# Trinity News

DATE	READER	USHERS
Sept. 5	No service	
Sept. 12	Deb Philipp	John & Zane Borchardt
Sept. 19	MaryAnn Frerichs	John & MaryAnn Frerichs
Sept. 26	Liz Stahl	Bob Swanson Carlene Hand
Oct. 3	Deb Philipp	Larry & Deb Philipp

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# Waverly News

DATE	READER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
Sept. 5	Heidi Clow	Lynette Shaw
Sept. 12	Gwen Matz	Lynette Shaw
Sept. 19	Rosemary Atzenhoefer	Lynette Shaw
Sept. 26	Don Nordstrom	Lynette Shaw
Oct. 3	Tom Peterson	Heidi Clow

A special congregational meeting was called to order by President Bob Olson on Sunday, Aug 22

A motion was made and approved to spend \$6,000 to finish our kitchen project and \$3,000 for steeple paint

Motion made and carried to adjourn!

September Ushers	October Ushers
Steve Williamson	Bob Olson
Troy Schmidtke	Jim Sherman
Todd Rathman	Tim Peterson
Don Nordstrom	Cliff Armbrust

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ALL ARE INVITED TO.....

The Baptism of Elijah Yash France  
Son of Rev. Kelly and Rev. Mandy France

Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021 2:00 pm

910 4th Ave S. St. James, MN

Please bring a lawn chair.

Cake served afterwards.



I would like to form a parish choir. If you have interest in being part of a parish choir please let me know at [donnacy.nordstrom@gmail.com](mailto:donnacy.nordstrom@gmail.com) or by phone at 507-236-6132.

Once I know if there is interest we would meet to decide how to proceed. My thoughts are we could meet one time a

month to prepare and then plan to sing at our various churches. I am open to any thoughts and discussion.

Thank you for your interest.

—Nancy Nordstrom



# SEPTEMBER

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		1 Wayne Schultz Keith Johnson  <i>Erwin-Rosemary Atzenhoefer</i>	2 Brandon Nordstrom Holden Schmidtke Scott Smith Tyson Thiesse Lonnie Moffitt Linda Schulz	3 Paul Gaalswyk Karen Helvig Jennifer Kuehl  <i>Jon &amp; Kelsey Traetow 5</i>	4 Kally Philipp Mitchell Olson  <i>Don &amp; Nancy Nordstrom 45</i>	
5 Travis Petersen Steve Olson Brian Olson	6 Zane Borchardt James Chukuske Ezra Minscer AleaSha Meyer Noah Peta James Plumhoff Heather Potts  <i>Roger &amp; Joan Rezac 35</i>	7 Dawn Hartung	8 	9  <i>Brad &amp; Jennifer Schmidt 15</i>	10 Emery Armbrust Mim Potter Gary Sathoff Chad Helmstetter Kevin Nelson 	11
12  <i>David &amp; Dawn Hartung 40</i>	13 Shirley Schmidt	14 Doug Anderson Mary Ebeling Eliana Minscer Elijah Minscer Rhonda Potts  <i>Philip-Sheila Bettin 25</i>	15 	16 Thomas Rahm	17 Sun Borchardt Samantha Chukuske	18 Alex Schmidt
19 Lucas Bloomquist Teya Schmidtke	20 Tanya Schmidtke Hunter Olson	21 Jon Helvig Bev Meyer	22 Pam Faber  	23 Kim Haugen Abby Loveland	24 Bryson Rezac Patty Holtz Collin Schultz EllieRose Nelson	25 Lena Petschke Karen Olson Gary Winchester
26 Jordan Petschke  <i>John &amp; Julie Speckman</i>	27 Erwin Atzenhoefer Aldean Speckman Dale Ebeling Darlis Hoppe	28 	29 Marty Scholl Matthew Kruse Don Erickson	30 Chase Petersen Lacey Schmidtke		





Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy.

Psalm 96:12

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Parish Office Hours Welcome 9 am—1 pm Mond.—Thurs.  Trimont 8:30—12 Tues. & Thurs.			1  9 am WELCA—StP	2	3 Parish Office Closed Fridays	4
5 Worship  8:30 St. Peter 10:30 Waverly  Communion-all	6 Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord ... <small>1 Corin. 16:26</small>	7 7 pm Mary Circle  	8  <b>Goodbye Summer!</b> 	9	10	11  2 pm Baptism of Elijah Yash France (see invite on pg. 7)
12 St. Peter 8:30 First 9:00 Trinity 10:30 Waverly 10:30  Communion @ FLC TLC WLC  Drive-thru Comm @ TLC & WLC 	13	14  5:30 pm Parish Council mtg @ TLC ???  	15  11-1 CREST Lunch & Learn—FL  7:00 FL Council meeting	16	17  	18
19 St. Peter 8:30 First 9:00 Trinity 10:30 Waverly 10:30  Communion @ FLC TLC WLC  Drive-thru Comm @ TLC & WLC	20 Articles due for October Ripples	21   	22	23	24	25
26 St. Peter 8:30 First 9:00 Trinity 10:30 Waverly 10:30  Communion-all	27	28 9 am Assemble Ripples @ TLC  	29	30		



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If you are interested in becoming a Foster Grandparent,  
call 888-205-3770 or visit [lssmn.org/fgvolunteer](http://lssmn.org/fgvolunteer)