

Ripples of Faith 2022

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January Worship Schedule

		FIRST	St. PETER	TRINITY	WAVERLY
2 Christmas	Sunday, January 2 <i>Altar: White</i>	Worship w/Comm 9:00 am No SS	Worship w/Comm 8:30 am	Worship w/Comm 10:30 am	Worship w/Comm 10:30 am & online 9:15 am SS
Baptism of our Lord	Sunday, Jan. 9 <i>Altar: White</i>	Worship w/Comm 9:00 am SS—10:00 am	Worship 8:30 am	Worship w/Comm 10:30 am Drive-thru Comm 11:30– 12.	Worship w/Comm 10:30 am & online 9:15 am SS Drive-thru Comm 11:30– 12.
2 Epiphany	Sunday, Jan. 16 <i>Altar: Green</i>	Worship w/Comm 9:00 am SS-10:00 am	Worship 8:30 am	Worship w/Comm 10:30 am	Worship w/Comm 10:30 am & online 9:15 am SS
3 Epiphany	Sunday, Jan. 23 <i>Altar: Green</i>	Worship w/Comm 9:00 am SS-10:00 am	Worship 8:30 am	Worship w/Comm 10:30 am	Worship w/Comm 10:30 am & online 9:15 am SS
4 Epiphany	Sunday, Jan. 30 <i>Altar: Green</i>	Worship w/Comm 9:00 am SS-10:00 am	Worship w/Comm 8:30 am	Worship w/Comm 10:30 am	Worship w/Comm 10:30 am & online 9:15 am SS

Our Interim Pastor



Dear Circle of Faith,

As January arrives and New Year's Resolutions start, we thought that some among us might be wanting to try some new things with their faith lives, get closer to God, or learn more about the Bible. So we have a few readable suggestions for you!



Spiritual Practices

Praying in Color by Sybil MacBeth and Lauren Winner – Are you a visual learner, or do you get distracted easily in prayer? Combine prayer & art with *Praying in Color*!

Faithful Families by Traci Smith – An expansion of her *Seamless Faith*, this book has even more ways to practice your faith daily with your whole family!

Intimacy with God: An Introduction to Centering Prayer by Thomas Keating - Describing the theological basis for the Centering Prayer while staying rooted in the heart of a practice that is very personal and intimate, the study explores how harmful attitudes and beliefs about God can distort a positive relationship with the divine.

Awakened by Death: Life Giving Lessons from the Mystics by Christina N. Peterson - Taking readers on a journey through history, guided by the mystics, *Awakened by Death* shows us how our psychological and spiritual relationship to death has changed over time, and helps us to reclaim a healthy engagement with our own mortality.

Learn about the Bible

How the Bible Actually Works by Peter Enns – If the Bible doesn't hold easy answers, then what is in there? And why? (Enns has written lots of other great books about the Bible, too!)

Inspired by Rachel Held Evans – What does it mean that scripture is inspired? What does that mean for how we approach scripture? Is it okay to ask questions? Even my questions?

The Bible Makes Sense by Walter Brueggemann - More than simply introducing readers to major themes, the author reveals an engaging biblical understanding of the world that leads to a life of joy, wholeness, and peace.

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Faith & Daily Struggles

When Kids Ask Hard Questions by Bromleigh McCleneghan & Karen Ware Jackson – Guidance for many of those impossible questions – and there’s a Volume 2, too!

All Who Are Weary by Emmy Kegler – When exhaustion, mental health, and faith meet, God is there. A reflection on finding God when you feel lost.

Baptized in Teargas by Elle Dowd – Explore how our faith calls us to be active and seek justice in an unjust world.

Native Kaitlin B Curtice - Native is about identity, soul-searching, and being on the never-ending journey of finding ourselves and finding God.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Kay & Pastor Kelly

Circle of Faith members:

With the new year upon us and the annual meetings of each church coming —

A clean up of the records is due. If you have a new phone # or no land line anymore, new cell #, address, email address, whatever, please let the church office know. With the annual meetings coming and the packets being made, all new information can be included in those, or not if that’s your wish.

Also if you want your Parish Ripples sent a different way, change to a paper copy or visa versa, you want email now, again, please let the church office know,

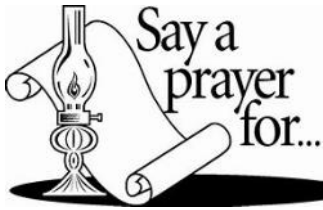
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Sunday scripture readings for January

Date:	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
January 2 Christmas 2	Jeremiah 31:7-14	Psalm 147:12-20	Ephesians 1:3-14	John 1:1-18
January 9 Jesus Baptism	Isaiah 43:1-7	Psalm 29	Acts 8:14-17	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
January 16 Epiphany 2	Isaiah 62:1-5	Psalm 36:5-10	1 Corinthians 12:1-11	John 2:1-11
January 23 Epiphany 3	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10	Psalm 19	1 Corinthians 12:12-31a	Luke 4:14-21
January 30 Epiphany 4	Jeremiah 1:4-10	Psalm 71:1-6	1 Corinthians 13:1-13	Luke 4:21-30



Keep these people in your prayers for Health & Healing:

FIRST - Susan Lorenz, Emily Lee, Ken Johnson, Elliot Sinn

WAVERLY - Emery Armbrust,

TRINITY - Jeff Miller, Dick Traetow, Diana Abelson

Remember— with “Thanks” - We rejoiced in the birth of Jesus, who came to bring us the riches of his grace.

Blessings of Epiphany— We give thanks, O God, for your son as seen by the Wisemen, and their following the star. May the light shine to all of us, in our hearts and over all the world.

Prayers of Thanks - for the church and those who spread the Gospel to all nations.

We pray— that the good news in our words and our prayers will bring all together in Christ’s mission to all the world showing the love of Jesus’ birth.

Prayers for those who are alone, those who are suffering, and those who need healing of any kind. That they will feel the presence of the Lord and his healing powers.



Remember—our call committee. Give them the guidance and the presence of the Holy Spirit in their decisions.

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.



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



Maplewood, Fairmont
Arladyne Stanton, FLC
Lois Schulte, FLC
Marty Scholl, WLC

Goldfinch, Fairmont
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

Temperance Lake Ridge
Janice Franck, St P
Joanne Sherman, WLC
Bob Olson, FLC

Keep these members of our “Circle of Faith” congregations in your thoughts and prayers as they help find our congregations new pastors.

<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


Our Prayer for the New Year—is that everyone may have PEACE, LOVE, and JOY in the new year.



First Lutheran News

Services in January 9:00 am
Sunday School— 10:00 am

Sunday School
is Fun!



Sunday School— What a great program
THANKS—to all our children,
to parents, and to the leaders.
Sunday School will resume
on Sunday, January 9th—
at 10:00 am. See you then!

Congratulations to Jacob & Rebecca Sinn on the birth of a daughter, Aubrey Ann, on December 12th.

Baptism: We rejoice with Angela [Olson] & Taylor Volnor as they had Colson Jay Volnor baptized here on December 29th. God's blessings to them.
Grandparents are: David & Karen Olson

Congregational Annual meeting —
Sunday February 6th immediately following the 10:30 worship service.



Treasurers—have your reports ready for the auditors : Holden & Dean by **Jan. 16th.**
Auditors will have to have info to Lila on **Jan. 22nd.**
Please have this information on time.

Confirmation— is held at Trinity—
4:30 pm — January 5th and 19th .

CREST— Lunch & Learn— 11-1
Wednesday, January 19th.
All are invited to come join us.
It is open to all area people.

Congregational meeting—

On December 19th we had a congregational meeting to approve needed funds for repairing/upkeep of the parsonage.

The down stairs painting is mostly done, just kitchen and bathroom left. The hardwood floors will need one more coat of poly.

The upstairs has to be painted, and new carpet put down in hall and bedroom.

The council asked for \$ 15,000.00 which should cover, paint, carpeting, kitchen flooring, & bathroom make over.

New Year — comes with changes



if you could pass on to the office — your correct phone number; an email address, home address, so that we can get in touch with you one way or another.

Realizing that some people do not want their cell numbers published, let Lila know and we will keep it in the office only.

And if you have any other changes for the yearbook.



Recycle— STEP will still take your holiday lights that don't work, and also if you would like to save your toilet paper rolls they could use them also. Just leave in the green container in the back hall.



Words for thought

We're all like
SNOWFLAKES
Unique and
one of a kind



St. Peter News



There will be no January meeting. For those receiving the “Gather” magazine a four-session study on the kingdom of God will kick-off the new year with a look at Jesus’ teaching on the Kingdom of God, a present and future reality. Together we’ll look at Jesus’ parable and other scriptures about the present, the future and eternal life.

Ann reports a balance on hand of \$523.22. On January 1 we had a balance of \$528.56. Income was \$1,807.50 and expenditures of \$1,812.8f4. Thankoffering of \$425. was the most we have received. Even in these perilous times we still find much to be thankful for.

Christmas Cheer donation went to: Ceylon Fire Dept. Ceylon First Responders, Martin County Salvation Army Youth for Christ, Options Pregnancy Center, CREST, Fairmont Hospital Foundation, Pastor Kay, Pastor Kelly and the McCorkell Family for a total of \$600.

The McCorkell Family had their home completely destroyed by fire in November. Quilts, food and a donation were delivered to them. They are now living in Fairmont and we hope their lives will continue to be blessed with a slow return to a new normal.

Southwest Minnesota Bishop Jon Anderson recently retired after 18 years. He will now serve as Luther Seminary’s Director of Rural Ministry. Also congratulations to our new Bishop, Dee Pederson who began her duties on Sept. 1st.

Prayers for Tuesdays @ 2: 1/4-pray for a new year for continued blessings for Women of the ELCA. 1/11-pray that the Holy Spirit will lead and guide this organization in 2022. 1/18-pray for all military organizations at home and abroad. 1/25-pray for our Interim Pastors and for the call committee as a search continues for new Pastors.

Next work duties: Group 1

Altar Care: the new format will begin-disposable kits on the 1st Sunday and traditional on the last Sunday.

January Birthdays: Jeannine Rasmussen-4th, Nancy Steele-15th.

The new 2022 yearbooks will be coming in January.

Loving God, even when the challenges we face seem to great to handle, you remind us that we are never alone. Inspire us to seek your presence with each other and with-in the work of your church. In your holy name we pray, Amen.



Jeannine

DATE	READER	DATE	READER
Jan. 2	Jeff Petschke	Jan. 23	Jeff Petschke
Jan. 9	Jeannine Rasmussen	Jan. 30	Jeannine Rasmussen
Jan. 16	Jordan Petschke	Feb. 6	Jordan Petschke

Trinity News

Trinity folks - an address update on Eddie Ekstrand: In January of 2022, Eddie will be moving to her 'new' room at Lakeview.

Her new address will be:

Eddie Ekstrand
c/o Lakeview MHCC
610 Summit Dr Rm #232-Blue Wing
Fairmont, MN 56031

She has a milestone birthday coming in March, more on that in a later Ripples.

Dear Trinity Lutheran friends,

My heartfelt thanks for my retirement gifts of the beautiful musician’s cross and the generous gift of money ! It has been a special blessing to be your church organist, and to lead the family of God at Trinity in worship and praise of our Savior, Jesus Christ. God bless you as you continue to sing a new song to the Lord!

In Christ,

—Marilyn



Communion - Sunday,
January 9, 11:30—12.

DATE	READER	USHERS
Jan. 2	Liz Stahl	
Jan. 9	Deb Philipp	
Jan. 16	Liz Stahl	
Jan. 23	Deb Philipp	
Jan. 30	Liz Stahl	
Feb. 6	Deb Philipp	



Southwestern Minnesota Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Christmas message from Bp. Dee Pederson

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace among those whom he favors.....The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. (Lk. 2).

Scripture speaks again and again of people singing and praising God.

The song of Miriam, *Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously.* (Ex. 15)

The Psalmist, *I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing my praise to my God while I have my being.* (Ps. 104),

St. Paul, *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly....and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.* (Col. 3)

And finally, the vision of Revelation, *They sing, "Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come. (Rev. 4)*

It seems that we were made for singing and praising God. Music and praise mark our life together as the church.

Yet Scripture also tells of times when God's people could not sing. While in exile and asked by their captors to sing the songs of their homeland, the Psalmist cried, *How could we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?* (Ps. 137).

Singing and praising God: it's one of the things about being the church that we've missed deeply during the pandemic, something it's hard to do during many of life's troubling circumstances.

This Christmas, it feels good to be able to sing and praise God in worship once again! And whenever any of us is not able to lift our voices to praise God, we can be confident that someone else, somewhere, is lifting-up their voice for us.

Every time I sing in worship, I give thanks to God for you as a beloved child of God. I am grateful for your ministry and the gift of being church together with you.

Wherever you are, however you worship this Christmas, may your heart join the voices of the angels and shepherds, glorifying and singing and praising God. For Christ is born. The Word is made flesh.

+ Bp. Dee Pederson



W O W
Wednesdays: January 12
6:30—7:30 pm

Waverly News

Waverly 2022 booklets will be out early in January.

DRIVE-THRU

Communion — Sunday,
January 9. 11:30 am—12.

DATE	READER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
Jan. 2	Karen Helvig	Lynette Shaw
Jan. 9	Laurie Sherman	Lynette Shaw
Jan. 16	Sonja Haugen	Lynette Shaw
Jan. 23	Lynette Shaw	Lynette Shaw
Jan. 30	Gwen Matz	Lynette Shaw
Feb. 6	Tom Peterson	Gwen Matz

January Ushers	February Ushers
Bob Olson	Brad Sherman
Brian Clow	Cliff Armbrust
Don Nordstrom	Tom Peterson

January



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<i>Happy Anniversary</i>					1 Ronald Rahm Cindy Nelson	
2 Karen Koeder Belva Peterson Tom Peterson January Elliott Amelia Brosnahan Roger Thayer	3 DiAnn Bloomquist Matraca Hanson Nick Fett	4 Debra Armbrust Jeannine Rasmussen Ella Carlson	5 Kristie Pomerence	6 Charles Bloomquist 	7 Aimee Hand Mason Mosloski	8 Wyatt Gaalswyk
9 Amanda Brosnahan	10 Wayne Burmeister John Frerichs Lacey Lueth Maurice Rahm	11 Tyler Poppe 	12 Olin Bakke Brock Burmeister	13 Scott Bengé	14 Marilyn Schlager <i>Zac & Leah Gerhardt Paul & Lorrie Jensen</i>	15 Nancy Steele Audrey Swanson Vanessa Olson
16 Ione Nelson	17 Denyse Borchardt Sheri Potts	18 Julie Schulz Ryan Sinn Chris Fett	19 Larry Puhrman Larry R Schmidt	20 Victor Abelson Max Olson	21 	22 Deborah Sherman
23 Jeanne Leidijng 	24 Susan Krueger Cody Williams	25 Margo Paplow	26 Synjin Haugen	27 Rhonda Oechsle	28 	29 Dennis Bloomquist
30 Kris Scheff	31 Faith Poppe MarLeone Williamson Jerry Gray					

JANUARY 2022

My name — will be great among the nations,
from the rising to the setting of the sun.
Malachi 1:11

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
WORSHIP 8:30 am St. Peter 9:00 am First 10:30 am Trinity 10:30 am Waverly	Sunday school 10:00 am FLC 9:15 am WLC Jan. 12 WOW					1 
2 No SS at First Communion—all	3 9 Men's Bible St. FL	4	5  4:30 pm TLC	6 Wise Men Seek Him Still 	7	8
9  Drive-thru Comm. @ Trinity & Waverly Communion FLC, TLC, WLC	10 9 Men's Bible St. FL	11	12 W O W 6:30 pm TLC	13	14	15
16 Communion FLC, TLC, WLC	17 9 am Men's Bi- ble St. FL 	18	19 11-1 CREST Lunch –Learn at First 7 FL Council 4:30 pm TLC 	20 Articles due for February Ripples	21	22
23 Communion FLC, TLC, WLC	24 9 Men's Bible St. FL	25 	26 9 am Assemble Ripples @ TLC	27	28	29
30 Communion—all	31 9 Men's Bible St. FL	Feb. 1 Parish Council meeting				



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