



Ripples of Faith 2023

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January Worship Schedule

		FIRST	ST. PETER	TRINITY	WAVERLY
1 Christmas	Sunday, Jan. 1 <i>Altar: white</i>	Worship/Comm 10:30 am Lessons & Carols		Worship /Comm 9:00 am Lessons & Carols	
Baptism of our Lord	Sunday, Jan. 8 <i>Altar: white</i>	Worship/Comm 10:30 am SS—9:30		Worship /Comm 9:00 am	9:15 am SS
2 Epiphany	Sunday, Jan. 15 <i>Altar: green</i>	Worship/Comm 10:30 am SS—9:30		Worship /Comm 9:00 am	9:15 am SS
3 Epiphany	Sunday, Jan. 22 <i>Altar: green</i>	Worship/Comm 10:30 am SS—9:30		Worship /Comm 9:00 am	9:15 am SS
4 Epiphany	Sunday, Jan. 29 <i>Altar: green</i>	Worship/Comm 10:30 am SS—9:30		Worship /Comm 9:00 am	9:15 am SS

Parish Council Meeting 12/14/22

Member's present: Jake H., Dean S.---1st Lutheran
Karen Helvig, Nancy Nordstrom ---- Waverly Lutheran
Sam C. (via phone) ---Trinity Lutheran
Church Presidents: Jeff L., Marilyn C.
Pastor Kelly

We reviewed the Budget for Circle of Faith. A motion by Karen and 2nd by Nancy to add a Parish Nurse position to the budget at a maximum amount of \$8,500 per year/ all in favor / motion passed. Motion by Jake and 2nd by Karen to accept the Parish Budget as presented / all in favor / motion passed.

Pastor Kelly asked to have \$20,000. designated to housing for 2023

As there was no other business we adjourned

Next meeting: 1/11/23 at 5:30 note change of date and time!!!!!!

Proof of light



On January 6 Christians celebrate Epiphany, when the Magi came to worship baby Jesus. Epiphany, which means an appearance or manifestation, symbolizes the first recognition of the Savior by non-Jews. Because Epiphany also is a reminder that Jesus came as the light of the whole world, its symbols include light, candles and a star.

How did the wise men know — and how do we know — that Jesus is the light of the world? As preacher George Buttrick said, "It would little avail to ask how we know. That would be like asking how we know that Beethoven's 'Hymn to Joy' is joyous. If a man were to say, 'It is not joyous to me,' he would not condemn the music; he would tell only his morbidness. There is no logic to establish an axiom, for an axiom is the basis of all logic; and the soul of Jesus has axiomatic truth. Jesus is light, and there is no proof for light except light itself."

Confirmation Wednesday, Jan. 11 & 25 — 4:30 pm @ Trinity.

Sunday morning scripture readings for January

DATE	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Jan. 1	Lessons	and	Carols	
Jan. 8	Isaiah 42:1-9	Psalm 29	Acts 10:34-43	Matthew 3:13-17
Jan. 15	Isaiah 49:1-7	Psalm 40:1-11	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	John 1:29-42
Jan. 22	Isaiah 9:1-4	Psalm 27:1, 4-9	1 Corinthians 1:10-18	Matthew 4:12-23
Jan. 29	Micah 6:1-8	Psalm 15	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	Matthew 5:1-12



Keep these people in your prayers for Health & Healing:

FIRST - Susan Lorenz, Emily Lee, Kay Marie Krumwiede, Linda Schulz
WAVERLY - Emery Armbrust, Rosemary Atzenhoefer

TRINITY - Robert Swanson, Tony Truesdell
ST. PETER - Jeannine Rasmussen. Lorrene Knuth

Gracious God, as we celebrate your Epiphany, By revealing your Son to everyone by the leading of a star. Fill the world with your glory and yourself to all through this light of your Son.

Help us Lord, as your church to proclaim the message of your son and the cross. Help us to work together even with all our differences.

Keep in your prayers—all those who have been and are experiencing disasters of all kinds. Be a stronghold to those who are in trouble, those who need shelter, are lonely and afraid.

We pray— Be with all our leaders, energized them, so that they may do their work according to your ways.

Nurture our “Circle of Faith’ congregations. Showing us how to witness and inspire cooperation among our neighbors.

Praying that the Lord will be with our congregations as we work together and partner in your ministry.

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

Keep Pastor Kelly in your prayers - asking him to be with Pastor lead him, & guide him in the ministry of our congregations.

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
Elaine Krueger - StP
Millie Wohlhuter - TLC
Janet Saxen - TLC

Home
Joyce Potts - FLC
Joan Ellis - WLC
Ione Nelson - TLC
Sandy Newville - TLC
Calvin Schultze - TLC

Temperance Lake Ridge
Janice Franck - St P
Joanne Sherman - WLC

Homestead Assisted Living, Estherville
Jeannine Rasmussen - St.P

Gold Finch Memory Care
Lois Schulte—FL

Prayer for the Day



Holy God, our strength and redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Keep these members of our “Circle of Faith” congregations in your thoughts and prayers as they continue to look for candidates for our parish.

Karen Helvig 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 sympathy and prayers to the families of Robert Olson, of First who passed away recently.

FIRST LUTHERAN NEWS



Worship this month

10:30—here & 9:00 at Trinity—Welcome
The service on January 1— will be one of Hymns and readings.



Annual Business Meeting Please bring a dish to pass. Council members are in charge of the kitchen.

Sunday, January 22

The annual meeting will be right after the service approximately 11:30. After the meeting we will have a potluck meal.

TEASURERS— You need to have your reports to Lila by the January 8th.

Auditors— you will need to audit these reports by January 12th.

CREST— Lunch & Learn— 11-1 Wednesday, January 18th

Lunch & Learn is a get together for anyone interested, men & women. Program is at 11 with a light noon lunch at noon.



Waverly choir—invites anyone who would like to come sing with them, join them on Wednesday evenings 7 pm for practice.



NEEDED— COUNCIL MEMBERS

We have 2 people going off the church council this year. So — we need a few people willing to put their name on the ballot.

Also—we need a person to go on the “Circle of Faith” board, as our congregational representative.

Please give some consideration to either of these requests.

Please let the Lila know in the office or get in touch with a council member.

Sunday School

Our THANKS to our SS children, & teachers for a very nice program. Thank you parents — for your diligence in getting your children to SS.



Sunday School will begin on Sunday, the 8th of January.

NEW Addresses or Phone numbers

If you have a new address and especially a different phone number — such as— no land line and only cell phone number.



Could you please send it to the Lila in the office.

We would like to send you information and if there is a need to get in touch we would be able to do so.

Confirmation meets at 4:30 on Jan. 11th

Parish Council meets —5:30 on Jan. 11th

Happy New Year &
Here's to new beginnings!
The best is yet to come!



St. Peter News

ANNUAL MEETING

Please be working on your annual reports to turn in to the office.

Did not hear of the date before the Ripples needed to be printed.

← The date will be in the bulletin. →

Waverly News

ANNUAL MEETING

Choir practice will be held at First in Trimont during the month of January.
7 pm

No Mary's Circle the month of January.



NO WELCA the month of January

Trinity News

ANNUAL MEETING

Annual meeting will be held on Sunday, January 15, following the 9 am worship service.

Please have all reports in the office by January 5th.

DATE	READER
Jan. 1	Deb Philipp
Jan. 8	Liz Stahl
Jan. 15	Becky Detert
Jan. 22	Deb Philipp
Jan. 29	Liz Stahl



On hold for the next few months

Former Pastor Gerry Giese and his wife Mary, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Dec. 16. If you would still like to send a card, their address is 221 Connie Lane, Eagle Lake, MN 56024



Birthdays & Anniversaries

January

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1 Ronald Rahm Cindy Nelson	2 January Elliott Amelia Brosnahan Karen Koeder Belva Peterson Tom Peterson William Thayer	3 DiAnn Bloomquist Matraca Hanson Nick Fett <i>Jon & Karen Helvig</i>	4 Debra Armbrust Jeannine Rasmussen Ella Carlson	5 	6 Charles Bloomquist	7 Aimee Hand Mason Mosloski
8 	9 Amanda Brosnahan	10 Wayne Burmeister Lacey Lueth Maurice Rahm	11 Tyler Poppe	12 Olin Bakke Brock Burmeister	13 Scott Bengé	14 Marilyn Schlager <i>Zac & Leah Gerhardt</i> <i>Paul & Lorrie Jensen '30'</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 Puhman Larry R Schmidt	20 Victor Abelson Max Olson	21 Victoria Lake 
22 Deb Sherman	23 	24 Susan Krueger Cody Williams	25 Margo Paplow	26 Synjin Haugen	27 Rhonda Oechsle	28
29 Dennis Bloomquist	30 Ashley Patten Kris Scheff	31 Faith Poppe MarLeone Williamson Jerry Gray				

january

Be **STRONG** in the grace that is
in Christ Jesus
2 Timothy 2:1

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>Lessons & Carols</p> <p>9 am Trinity</p> <p>10:30 am First</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7 pm Mary Circle @</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Wise Men Seek Him Still</p>  <p>7 pm Choir-WLC/ First @ First</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Trinity Annual reports are due in office</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Parish Office Closed Fridays</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>9 am Trinity</p> <p>10:30 am First</p> <p>9:39 FL SS</p> <p>9:15 SS WLC</p> <p>Communion</p>	<p>9</p> <p>FL Treasurers Reports to Lila</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Annual mtg reports are due at the Parish Office.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>4:30 pm Confirmation @ TLC</p> <p>5:30 pm Parish Council mtg @ TLC</p> <p>7 pm Choir-WLC/ First @ First</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> 	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>9 am Trinity — Annual meeting</p> <p>10:30 am First</p> <p>9:30 FL SS</p> <p>9:15 am SS WLC</p> <p>Communion</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Audited Reports due to Lila</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>11—1 CREST Lunch & Learn @ First</p> <p>7 pm Choir-WLC/ First @ First</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Articles due for February Ripples</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9 am Trinity</p> <p>10:30 am First</p> <p>11:30 Ann. Meeting & potluck</p> <p>9:30 FL SS</p> <p>9:15 am SS WLC</p> <p>Communion</p>	<p>23</p> 	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9 am Assemble Ripples</p> <p>4:30 pm Confirmation @ TLC</p> <p>7 pm Choir-WLC/ First @ First</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> 
<p>29</p> <p>9 am Trinity</p> <p>10:30 am First</p> <p>9:30 FL SS</p> <p>9:15 am SS WLC</p> <p>Communion</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>				



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