

Ripples of Faith 2023

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February Worship Schedule

		FIRST	ST. PETER	TRINITY	WAVERLY
5 Epiphany	Sunday, Feb. 5 <i>Altar: green</i>	SS—9:15am	Worship /Comm 9:00 am		9:15 am SS 10:30 Worship Communion
6 Epiphany	Sunday, Feb. 12 <i>Altar: green</i>	SS—9:15 am	Worship 9:00 am		9:15 am SS 10:30 Worship Communion
Transfiguration	Sunday, Feb. 19 <i>Altar: white</i>	SS—9:15 am	Worship 9:00 am		9:15 am SS 10:30 Worship Communion
Ash Wednesday	Feb. 22 <i>Altar: Purple</i>	6:30 pm			
1 Lent	Sunday, Feb. 26 <i>Altar: purple</i>	SS—9:15 am	Worship /Comm 9:00 am		9:15 am SS 10:30 Worship Communion

Parish Council January 11, 2023



Members present: Dean S, Karen H, Becky D, Nancy N, Vicki S, Jody F
 Church Presidents present: Marilyn C, Jon S, Duane R

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm Devotions by Dean S

Secretary's report: motion to approve by Karen H, Second by Nancy N. Passed

Treasurer's report: motion to approve by Becky D, second by Jody F. Passed

Pastor's Reports at next meeting.

Congregational reports: Annual meetings upcoming for all congregations.

Call Committee Report: Karen H reported that the Call Committee is continuing to work on finding a candidate for a single pastor parish.

Old Business:

- Parish Nurse Schedule starts after approval at annual meetings

New Business:

- Lenten Services: First Lutheran-Ash Wed., Waverly-Maundy Thur., St. Peter-Good Friday, Trinity-Weekly Lenten Services. All services start at 6:30 PM
- Easter Services: Pastor Kelly 9 & 10:30 at Ceylon & Waverly
- Supply Pastor 7 AM and 8:30 at Trinity and 1st Lutheran
(Admin Asst. To find supply pastor for 7 and 8:30 services)
- If the need arises due to vacations/emergency/pastoral supply the emergency number needs to be sent as a group cast so all members are aware of it.
- Review of Admin. Asst Salary: Raise to be 5%. Karen H motion, Jody F second, passed
- Refunding of surplus Circle of Faith Funds was tabled to a later date.

Meeting adjourned. Karen H motion; Jody F second. Passed

Next meeting February 22nd after Ash Wed service at First Lutheran

Submitted, Becky Detert, Secretary



Wednesday, Feb. 8 – 4:30 pm @ Trinity.

Sunday morning scripture readings for February

DATE	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Feb. 5	Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]	Psalm 112:1-9 [10]	1 Corinthians 2:1-12	Matthew 5:13-20
Feb. 12	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Psalm 119:1-8	1 Corinthians 3:1-9	Matthew 5:21-37
Feb. 19	Exodus 24:12-18	Psalm 2	2 Peter 1:16-21	Matthew 17:1-9
Feb. 22 Ash Wed.	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17	Psalm 51:1-17	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
Feb. 26	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7	Psalm 32	Romans 5:12-19	Matthew 4:1-11



Keep these people in your prayers for Health & Healing:

FIRST - Susan Lorenz, Laura Girard 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 approach the Lenten Season be with us in mind and spirit. Reminding us that on Ash Wednesday, it is from Ashes to dust we will return.

O God, give strength to all who have hope in you. Because without you we can not accomplish anything. Help see the things we ought, and give us the power to do them.

Keep in your prayers—all those who have been and are experiencing disasters. Also give shelter to those who need homes. Protect those who do not have heat and are cold; and give your touch to those who are sick or homebound.

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

Nurture our congregations. Call us to a common purpose and turn our hearts toward you so that the choices may be life-giving for all.

Lord we bring to you all our needs and hopes trusting your power and wisdom.

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

Keep Pastor Kelly in your prayers - praying that the Holy Spirit will guide him in his ministry to our Circle of Faith parish.



Our sympathy and prayers to Jerry Gray and his family upon the recent death of his brother-in-law, Roger.

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

Home

Joyce Potts - FLC

Joan Ellis - WLC

Ione Nelson - TLC

Sandy Newville - TLC

Calvin Schultze - TLC

Goldfinch, Fairmont

Elaine Krueger - StP

Millie Wohlhuter - TLC

Janet Saxen - TLC

Temperance Lake Ridge

Janice Franck - St P

Joanne Sherman - WLC

Gold Finch Memory Care

Lois Schulte—FL

Homestead Assisted Living, Estherville

Jeannine Rasmussen - St.P

Prayer for the Day



Almighty God, you have made us and forgive the sins of all who repent. Give us new hearts, so that we may receive your mercy and forgiveness through your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen

Watonwan River Conference Assembly—2023

Feb. 26, 2023 2 pm

Our Savior's Lutheran Church in New Ulm

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



FIRST LUTHERAN NEWS



Worship this month
10:30—Waverly & 9:00 at St. Peter's
No services in February here at First or Trinity



To — Linda Fett for being on the church council the last 3 years.

To— our auditors for looking over the reports and auditing them.

Thank you to—Ean Sinn and Duane Russenberger for going on council. To Wendi Russenberger for being our representative to Circle of Faith.

Lent Begins with Ash Wednesday.

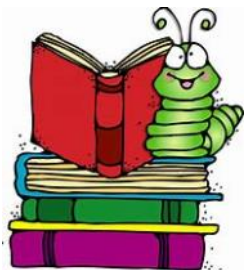
February 22nd.

The Ash Wednesday service will be held here at First, 6:30 pm.



Lenten Services — will be held each week on Wednesday nights at Trinity in Welcome, 6:30

LENT—is the 40 day journey toward Easter. For some it is a time of fasting & repentance as we look forward to Easter and Christ's promise of life to all.



Like to read on these snowy cold winter days ????? Remember—our church library has many good books to chose from. All free to check out.

**CREST— Lunch & Learn— 11-1
Wednesday, February 15th**

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

Waverly choir—will meet Feb. 1, 8 & 15 at 7:00 pm at Waverly Church. Anyone interested is welcome to join them.

Confirmation—meets on the 8th of Feb.

Parish council—will meet on Feb. 22nd at First—after the Ash Wednesday service.

Sunday School

Will meet each Sunday at 9:15 for the month of February



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 get it to the Lila in the office by January 30th.

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

Is this how we all feel this Winter ??



St. Peter News

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, February 12, 2023 following worship



NO WELCA Jan. Feb. March

Next meeting is April 5 @ 1:30 pm
Hostess: Rosemary

Lesson: We will begin our Winter/Spring Bible Study. This is a 4 session study of the 10 Commandments. Session one is on Commandments 1 & 2. "Dancing the Decalogue" Pastor Christa Von Zychlin will help us see how these are more than they appear to be at first.

At our December meeting Ann reported a treasury balance of \$747. A thank offering of \$760. was sent in-the most for a long time-thank you to all!

Christmas Cheer donations given to:

Ceylon Fire Dept.	100
1st Responders	100
Salvation Army	50
Youth for Christ	50
Options	50
CREST	50
Heaven's Table	50
Habitat for Humanity	25
Pastor Kelly	25

The news from our missionaries, Ethan and Sandy Christoffersen is that after a summer home assignment they are back in Taiwan. Ethan will be teaching a course at the Hakka Mission seminary. Taiwan missionaries have been in Taiwan since 1951 bringing the Word of God closer to the people there.

January birthdays: Jeannine — 4th
Nancy — 15th

February Birthdays: Barb — 3rd

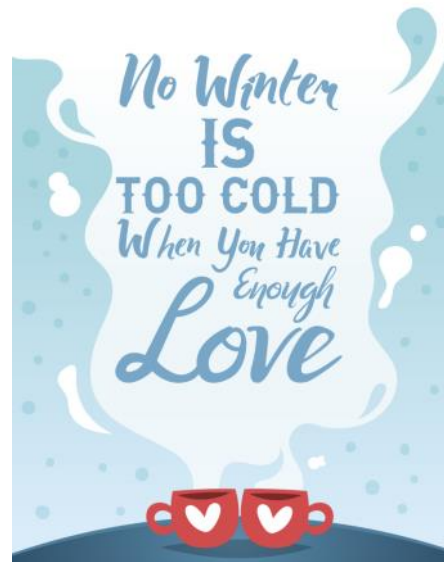
God writes the Gospel not in the Bible alone but also in the trees, the flowers, clouds and stars.
—Martin Luther

Trinity News



On hold for the next few months

Trinity Annual meeting minutes on Pg. 6



Waverly News

Mary Circle - February 7 2 pm @ Waverly

Waverly Annual meeting minutes on pg 7.

DATE	READER	COMMUNION
Feb. 5	Tom Peterson	Susan Rathman
Feb. 12	Don Nordstrom	Susan Rathman
Feb. 19	MaryLou Sherman	Susan Rathman
Feb. 26	Tim Peterson	Susan Rathman

FEBRUARY USHERS
Brad Sherman
Cliff Armbrust
Tom Peterson

Meeting was called to order by Jon Saxen, President, at 9:50 a.m.
Pastor Kelly led the congregation in the Liturgy.

Bob Moffitt made a motion to approve the agenda with organist being added under New Business. Becky Detert seconded. Carried.

Secretary's Report – Bob Moffitt made a motion to approve the Minutes from the January 23, 2022 annual meeting. Jean Schock seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – The 2022 year end review was gone over and also the 2023 budgets for Trinity and Circle of Faith Parish. Jeff Miller made a motion to approve both budgets, Bob Moffitt seconded. Motion carried. Becky Detert thanked the people that mowed the church lawn last summer and also Henry for the doing the cemetery.

Pastor's report was included in the annual report. Pastor Kelly thanked everyone for their help in making things go easier with only one Pastor.

Bob Moffitt made a motion to approve the ballot as presented in the report, Henry Borchardt seconded. Motion carried. Those elected were:

- Jon Saxen, President, Jan 2023 – Jan 2024,
- Becky Detert, Treasurer, Jan 2023 – Jan 2026,
- Joel Detert and Todd Williams, Caring Ministries, Jan 2023 – Jan 2025,
- John Garbers and Jay Mulso, Property, Jan 2023 – Jan 2025,
- Samantha Chukuske, Faith Formation, Jan 2023 – Jan 2025,
- Beth Mulso and Becky Detert, Parish Council, Jan 2023 – Jan 2025.

Old Business

- Parish Update – We will be cutting back to one pastor for 2023.
- The call committee is doing an Amendment to the Parish profile.
- The schedule for the Lenten services will be in the newsletter coming out.
- The date of the Church anniversary was asked about. The year for this is 2024.

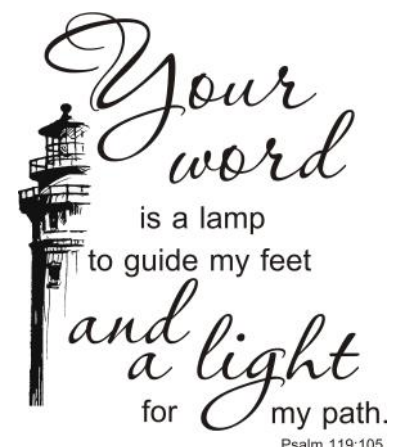
New Business

- Jon Saxen has been checking on keyboards so that we would have music in the event that we don't have an organist for some of the services. He has been working with a company in Mankato dealing with a keyboard, audio and software to make everything compatible with our present equipment. We would also need someone to record the service/hymns. Approximate cost would not exceed \$5,000. Becky Detert made a motion to use memorial money for the purchase of the equipment/software that would be necessary. Bob Moffitt seconded. Carried. Jean Schock said the women had some money that they would be willing to contribute to the cost if needed.

Lonnie Moffitt made a motion to adjourn, Bob Moffitt seconded. Carried

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Lonnie Moffitt



Waverly Annual Mtg

President Jeff Lueth called 2023 Annual Meeting to order on Sunday, January 15 at 6 pm. 22 members present. Pastor Kelly opened with Liturgy and prayer.

Secretary Report: Minutes were read from the 2022 Annual meeting. Motion was made by Brad to accept and seconded by Nancy. Motion carried

Treasurer's Report: Deanne reviewed and presented the 2023 proposed Income/Expense and Budget report. End of year checking account has a balance of \$91,387.82. A CD with 1/2% interest shows a balance of \$29,066.04 Don moved/Bob seconded to approve the proposed budget or 2023 and a motion to accept the 2023 final budget was also passed.

Our parish had chosen last Sept. 11 as Food Insecurity Sunday. All monetary collections on that Sunday were used to purchase boxes of fruit from area schools FFA and then donated to local food shelves. A total offering of \$1,428 was collected allowing Waverly students from MCW and Truman schools to purchase boxes of fruit. The recipients of apples and oranges were Heaven's Table-Sherburn site, Trimont Food Shelf, Heaven's Table-Fairmont and Ruby's Pantry-Sherburn. A big thank you to Deanne for organizing and distributing the fruit.

Pastors Report: Pastor Kelly thanked everyone for stepping up and accepting their new roles.

COF Report: Nancy presented the COF Operating report. Checking account has a balance of \$32,341.46. Motion by Sue and seconded by Gwen to approve the budget. Question arose on the Operating Statement. Waverly Church assessment is 37% which is based on attendance. There was some discussion about base rate adjustment. With combining services, each church will keep track of their own attendance. The Parish Council has decided to add a parttime Parish Nurse. She will work with all congregations and help with meeting with shut-ins and visitations. The call committee is now looking at calling a single pastor leading worship at two of the four churches each Sunday.

Endowment Report: Sue reported grants totaling \$7,800 were presented to several college students this past year. There will be money to be disbursed again this year. Application to be given to Endowment Committee.

Nominating Committee Report: Bob Olson presented the slate of officers. Motion to accept a unanimous ballot was made and seconded.

Old Business: The shingles on the church are needing replacement. Prices vary and have gone up in price. Brad and Jeff will look into this and get some pricing quotes.

New Business: We were reminded that Waverly will be 125 years old in 2024. Nancy, Deanne, Belva and MaryLou volunteered to be on this committee. The printer at church is not working. It was suggested the council should decide on a replacement. The discussion continued on a security camera for the church. Custodial and choir pay will be unchanged. Harvest Homecoming with Gloria Dei was briefly discussed. Everyone was in agreement that we should go ahead with planning.

Motion made by Tim and seconded by Laurie to amend the constitution and change the quorum from 20 people to those present. Next year, Annual meeting will be after church services.

The 2024 Youth Convention will be held in New Orleans. 9th grade and up, even young adults, are encouraged to attend. Lenten suppers this year will be at Trinity and youth will be helping with these to help defray the cost.

No further business, Brad moved/Bob seconded to adjourn.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

faith
CAN MOVE
mountains
°MATTHEW 17:20°

Birthdays & Anniversaries



February

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Cara Hansen Terry Muller Joyce Potts	2 Amy Feely Kevin Shaw	3 Barb Schmidt Kent Janssen	4 Henry Borchardt Josie Clow Daryl Schultz
5 Celeste Bengé Stephen Helvig	6 Jane Anderson		8 Neil Cheever James Korte Emma Koehler	9 Alyx Stahl Aaron Ebeling Holden Faber	10 Alyssa Umbreit 11 Rebecca Sinn 
12 Dylan Muller Scott Peterson MaryLou Sherman	13 Paul Jensen 	14 <i>Vernon & Sylvia Handevídt</i> <i>Jim & MaryLou Sherman '50'</i>	15 Larry Potts Vanessa Olson	16 Loren Schultz Deb Olson Duane Russenberger	17 <i>Jeff & Jodi Lueth</i> 18 Jay Mulso Donny Faber
19 Bowdin Bentz Cara Sinn 	20 Sarah Hecht	21 Ross Cutler Kari Matejk Nick Matejka Ben Matejka	22 Deb Miller Nichole Smith <i>Harold & Susan Borchardt</i>	23 Aubrey Plumhoff Jacob Helmstetter	24 Sandy Winter <i>Zach & Sierra Peterson '5'</i> 25
26	27	28 Cheyenne Poppe Janet Saxen Jen Saxen			



The Lord upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down
Psalm 145:14

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7 pm Choir Practice @ WLC	2 	3 Parish Office Closed Fridays	4
5 9:00 am St. Peter Communion 9:15 First SS 9:15 SS Waverly 10:30 am Waverly Communion	6	7 2 pm Mary Circle @ WLC	8 4:30 pm Confirmation @ TLC 7 pm Choir Practice @ WLC	9	10 	11
12 9:00 am St. Peter St. Peter Annual Mtg 9:15 First SS 9:15 SS Waverly 10:30 am Waverly Communion	13	14 	15 11-1 CREST Lunch & Learn @ First 7 pm Choir Practice @ WLC	16 Articles due for March Ripples	17	18
19 9:00 am St. Peter 9:15 First SS 9:15 am SS Waverly 10:30 am Waverly Communion	20 Parish Office Closed 	21	22 9 am Assemble March Ripples Ash Wednesday – 6:30 pm @ First –Parish Council mtg follows service	23 	24	25
26 9:00 am St. Peter Communion 9:15 First SS 9:15 am SS Waverly 10:30 am Waverly Communion	27 Feb. 26 2023 Conference Assembly 2 pm @ Our Savior's in New Ulm	28 				



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Students who will have completed 9th-12th grade by June 2023.

Registration will open on January 1st, 2023 and remain open until the June 2023

Summer Intensive is filled. Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, MN

Participants pay a \$500 registration fee; \$100 is due upon registration to reserve your spot. All other costs are paid through a generous grant from the Lilly Endowment. Registration scholarships are available for participants based on need. Travel scholarships are also available.