



# Ripples of Faith 2024

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**They set out;  
 and there,  
 ahead of them,  
 went the star  
 that they had seen  
 at its rising,  
 until it stopped  
 over the place  
 where the child was.**

**Matthew 2.9**



| DECEMBER                   | Worship Schedule                          | FIRST                                       | ST. PETER | TRINITY                      | WAVERLY    |
|----------------------------|---|---|-----------|------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Baptism of our Lord</b> | Sunday, January 7<br><i>Altar: white</i>  | 9:15 SS<br>10:30 am Worship<br>Communion    |           | 9:00 am Worship<br>Communion | 9:00 am SS |
| <b>2 Epiphany</b>          | Sunday, January 14<br><i>Altar: green</i> | 9:15 am SS<br>10:30 am Worship<br>Communion |           | 9:00 am Worship<br>Communion | 9:00 am SS |
| <b>3 Epiphany</b>          | Sunday, January 21<br><i>Altar: green</i> | 9:15 am SS<br>10:30 am Worship<br>Communion |           | 9:00 am Worship<br>Communion | 9:00 am SS |
| <b>4 Epiphany</b>          | Sunday, January 28<br><i>Altar: green</i> | 9:15 am SS<br>10:30 am Worship<br>Communion |           | 9:00 am Worship<br>Communion | 9:00 am SS |



Notice to all churches: Annual meetings are sometime in January. Those that have reports to turn in, please have them into your respective office by Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. Sooner if possible. First's annual meeting is January 28<sup>th</sup>.

Hopefully this has reached you before Dec. 31.

Trinity is hosting worship on Dec. 31 for all Circle of Faith Parishes.

Service at 10:00 am  
'Lessons and Carols'.

A brunch will be served following:  
Egg Bake, rolls and beverage.

(Mimosas if you would like)

**A Prayer for the New Year**

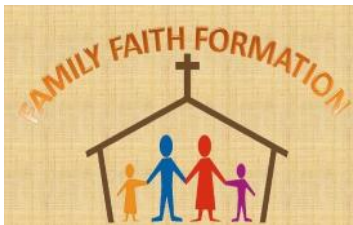
Lord,  
Whether I leave behind a year of joy or of trials and difficulties, I pause to give thanks.

Thank you for being with me every day of the year.

Thank you for making all things **new**  
and for giving me the grace of fresh starts  
and **new beginnings**.

Remind me of your presence in the days to come,  
even when I feel pushed and rushed by busyness.

**Be Glorified in my life this year. Amen**



**At Home Family Faith Formation:** Each night read the Small Catechism (SC) selection or bible story (pages listed are for the Spark Bible.) Talk about where you see yourself in the story, where you see God, and how it relates to your faith. End with the Lord's Prayer.

Use the story bible given at baptism. The small catechism is available via app searching "Luther's Small Catechism" at [Catechism.augsburgfortress.org](http://Catechism.augsburgfortress.org) or in the Hymnal at page 1160.

**Learning Focus Sacraments**

| Week 1                           | Week 2                         | Week 3   | Week 4                           |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| SC Holy Baptism (I)              | SC Holy Baptism (IV)           | SC Holy Baptism (How people are taught to confess) | SC The Sacrament of the Altar    |
| Jesus' Baptism (242)             | The Red Sea (84)               | Tempted (248)                                      | Manna Quail, and Water (90)      |
| SC Holy Baptism (II)             | Walking on Water (294)         | Jesus Teaches about Anger (272)                    | Jesus Feeds 5000 (426)           |
| The Holy Spirit Comes Down (524) | Naaman is Healed (148)         | The Parable of the Talents (316)                   | Wedding At Cana (410)            |
| SC Holy Baptism (III)            | Woman at the Well (420)        | Saul to Paul (514)                                 | Jesus Blesses the Children (328) |
| Jonah and the Big Fish (190)     | Philip and the Ethiopian (510) | The Fruit of the Spirit (550)                      | The Road to Emmaus (488)         |
| Lazarus (440)                    | God's Love is Forever (408)    | Who is the Greatest? (324)                         | The Last Supper (462)            |



**Keep these people in your prayers for Health & Healing:**

- FIRST** - Melva Ammann
- WAVERLY** - Rosemary Atzenhoefer
- TRINITY** - Bill LaFavor, Norm Schley, Julie Schluz
- ST. PETER** - Ty Leiding

**O God, we are confident and thankful to you as we offer our prayers to you.**

**We thank you**—that as your church we can gather together to worship and praise you.

**We offer to you**— thanks for all your creation, for peace and justice, around the world,

**We pray**— that you be with all who have been affected by disasters. Give them hope for a new tomorrow.

**Be with our parish**— all of our Circle of Faith congregations., that in all of our joys and sorrows that we remember that we all are your children.

**We pray also**—for all those who are in need, sick, hungry, suffering or lonely. Help us to remember that you are our comforter in all times of need.

**Help us**—as we begin a new year that this earth has been entrusted to us to take care of it which is pleasing to you.

**Remember**—our call committee. May the Spirit guide them through the process of finding a full time pastor.

**Keep Pastor Kelly in your prayers** - as your servant help him to teach and preach the Holy Gospel to our Circle of Faith congregation.

- Maplewood, Fairmont
- Goldfinch, Fairmont
- Arladyne Stanton - FLC
- Elaine Krueger - StP
- Marty Scholl - WLC
- Millie Wohlhuter - TLC
- Janet Saxen - TLC



- Home
- Joyce Potts - FLC
- Joan Ellis - WLC
- Ione Nelson - TLC
- Sandy Newville - TLC
- Bill LaFavor - TLC
- Temperance Lake Ridge
- Janice Franck - St P
- Joanne Sherman - WLC
- Ken Cutler—FL
- Season Health Care -Trimont
- Loren Schultz TLC
- Homestead Assisted Living, Estherville
- Jeannine Rasmussen - St.P

**Prayer for the Day**



**Thank you Lord, for all the countless blessing that you have bestowed on us. May we be like the Wise Men, coming to know you, love you, and follow you each day with praises.**

**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



Kally and Cj had their baby girl on Thursday, December 7th! Her name is McKenna Mae Wlndschitl. She was 6lbs - 12 oz and 19 inches long of cuteness!

# FIRST LUTHERAN NEWS



**WORSHIP Schedule :**  
10:30 worship  
9:15 SS

**Lector :** If you would be willing to lector once in a while .... Let Lila know.

**Annual Meeting —**  
January 28th  
Immediately following  
worship.



After the meeting—we will have a lunch of BBQ'S provided by the council. You are asked to bring a salad or dessert.

**Treasurers:** You will need to have your books balanced and ready for auditors: by January 15th .



**Auditors:** will need the audited reports to Lila by January 19th. Please adhere to these dates so that we can get the information together and done on time.



**Delegate:** If you would be willing to represent First Lutheran at either the Watonwan River Assembly, which will be February 25th in Madelia or willing to represent our congregation at the Synod Convention—June, 8-9th please let a council member or Lila know.



Or if you would put your name on the ballot for Church council.

During Epiphany and up to Lent We will be using a NEW liturgy as part of the worship service, called Dakota Road. There will be a special folder with that music in for you to follow along with.

Sunday School will begin on January 7th 9:15

Choir members — Practice will be at First this month — 7 pm on Wednesday nights If you like to sing you are most welcome to join us at any time.

Confirmation dates are: January 10th & 24th Class is at 4:30 at Trinity

CREST — January 17th —11 –1 All are invited. There is a program at 11 and a light lunch at noon. Free will for the lunch.

Reminder — Parish Council meets at 6:00 pm on January 9th in Welcome.

Women Together Will not meet this month or in February

Thank You— on behalf of Trimont Community Food shelf for your generous monetary gift. What a blessing it was to receive and it will go a long way in helping us provide for those in need.



**New addresses:**  
Alice [Gray] Olson  
300 1st Ave. S.E. # 323,  
Austin Mn 55912

Tim & Dianne Pearson  
749 S. 30th St. # 236,  
Grand Forks, ND 58201  
AFTER JAN. 6TH

# St. Peter News



St. Peter WELCA will not meet again until April of 2024. New booklets will be out some time in early 2024

*A New Year is God's Gift*

**In the joyful moments — thank Him.  
 In the busy moments — bless Him.  
 In the trying moments — trust Him.  
 In the quiet moments — praise Him.**

| DATE       | READER       |
|------------|--------------|
| January 7  | Liz Stahl    |
| January 14 | Deb Philipp  |
| January 21 | Liz Stahl    |
| January 28 | Becky Detert |

# Waverly News

Mary Circle—No meeting in January



Choir will start up again on January 10. Practice this month will be at First

# Trinity News

## Trinity Council

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting  
 December 17, 2023

Jon S. called meeting to order.  
 Members present: Jon Saxen, John Garbers, Becky Detert and Lonnie Moffitt

Becky made motion to approve agenda, John seconded.  
 Motion carried.

A motion to approve the following reports and transfers was made by Lonnie, seconded by Becky.

- Secretary's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Faith Formation (None)
- Caring Ministries (None)
- Property (None)

Pastor's Report – Logan Hughes will transfer to St. John's. Charles Raforth from Immanuel Lutheran in Fairmont to Circle of Faith Trinity

Christmas Eve Services will be at 6:30 p.m.

Benevolence Funds to be disbursed: Heaven's Table \$1,750, Crest \$250, Kinship \$250, Synod \$1,750.  
 2024 Budget was approved with a couple of changes.

There will be a Joint Church Service at Trinity at 10:00 a.m. on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

2024 Church council was gone over. Same as last year.

Annual Meeting date either January 14 or January 21, 2024. Motion Carried.

John G. made motion to adjourn, seconded by Becky D. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted, Lonnie Moffitt

# PUZZLE

## HAPPY NEW YOU!

Changing the calendar each January is a reminder that God makes all things new.

*Directions: Use the clues and the calendar code to complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, ESV.*

| JANUARY 2024 |        |           |           |          |        |          |
|--------------|--------|-----------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
| Sunday       | Monday | Tuesday   | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|              | 1      | 2         | 3         | 4        | 5      | 6        |
|              | God    | night     | word      | in       | love   | Jesus    |
|              | glory  | therefore | speak     | give     | light  | Christ   |
|              | saw    | beginning | anyone    | waters   | help   | is       |
|              | he     | again     | through   | earth    | made   | while    |
|              | new    | if        | and       | creation |        |          |

The second Monday \_\_\_\_\_  
 The last Monday \_\_\_\_  
 The 16th \_\_\_\_\_  
 One day before the 20th \_\_\_\_  
 The day before the first Friday \_\_\_\_  
 The last weekday of the second week \_\_\_\_\_  
 The day after the 20th \_\_\_\_  
 The day after 18th \_\_\_\_  
 The first day of the second weekend \_\_\_\_  
 The last Sunday \_\_\_\_  
 The last day of the month \_\_\_\_\_

Answers: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.



# JANUARY

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



| Sun   | Mon  | Tue  | Wed  | Thu   | Fri   | Sat  |
|---|--|--|--|---|---|--|
|   | 1<br>Ronald Rahm<br>Cindy Bee<br>Nelson  | 2<br>Amelia<br>Brosnahan<br>January Elliott<br>Karen Koeder<br>Belva Peterson<br>Tom Peterson                | 3<br>DiAnn<br>Bloomquist<br>Matraca<br>Hanson<br>Nick Fett<br><br><i>Jon &amp; Karen<br/>           Helvig</i> | 4<br>Deb Armbrust<br>Jeannine<br>Rasmussen<br>Ella Carlson                                | 5<br>Jones Olson<br><br> | 6<br>Nolan Chukuske<br>Charles<br>Bloomquist   |
| 7<br>Aimee Hand<br>Mason Mosloski   | 8<br><br>                  | 9<br>Amanda<br>Brosnahan   | 10<br>Wayne<br>Burmeister<br>Lacey Lueth<br>Maurice Rahm   | 11<br>Tyler Poppe   | 12<br>Olin Bakke<br>Brock<br>Burmeister   | 13<br>Scott Bengé<br><br> |
| 14<br>Marilyn Schlager<br><br><i>Zac &amp; Leah<br/>           Gerhardt</i><br><br><i>Paul &amp; Lorrie<br/>           Jensen</i> | 15<br>Nancy Steele<br>Audrey Swanson   | 16<br>Ione Nelson<br><br> | 17<br>Denyse<br>Borchardt<br>Sheri Potts   | 18<br>Julie Schulz<br>Ryan Sinn<br>Chris Fett   | 19<br>Larry Puhrman<br>Larry Schmidt  | 20<br>Vic Abelson<br>Max Olson   |
| 21<br>Victoria Lake   | 22<br>Deb Sherman<br><br> | 23<br>Jeanne Leiding   | 24<br>Susan Krueger<br>Cody Williams   | 25<br>Margo Paplow  | 26<br>Synjin Haugen   | 27<br>Rhonda Oechsle   |
| 28  | 29<br>Dennis<br>Bloomquist   | 30<br>Kris Scheff  | 31<br>Faith Poppe<br>MarLeone<br>Williamson  | <br> |   |  |



And above all these put *LOVE*  
 which binds everything together in  
*PERFECT HARMONY*  
 Colossians 3:14

| Sun  | Mon   | Tue   | Wed   | Thu   | Fri    | Sat |
|--|---|---|---|---|--------|-----|
| <b>Sunday, Dec. 31</b><br>Circle of Faith<br>Joint Service @<br>Trinity 10:00 am<br>Brunch following<br><br>Worship Schedule | 1<br>                                       | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5<br>  | 6   |
| 7<br><br>9:00 am Trinity<br>10:30 am First<br>9:15 am SS<br>9:00 am SS WLC   | 8   | 9<br><br>6 pm<br>Parish<br>Council mtg<br>@ Trinity | 10<br><br>4:30 pm<br>Confirmation @ TLC<br><br>7 pm Choir practice<br>@ First | 11<br><br>Annual meet-<br>ing reports...<br>due any time. | 12     | 13  |
| 14<br><br>9:00 am Trinity<br>10:30 am First<br>9:15 am SS<br>9:00 am SS WLC  | 15<br>FL—<br>treasurers<br>Reports due      | 16  | 17<br>11-1 CREST @ FL<br><br>7 pm Choir practice<br>@ First                   | 18  | 19<br> | 20  |
| 21<br><br>9:00 am Trinity<br>10:30 am First<br>9:15 am SS<br>9:00 am SS WLC  | 22<br>FL—auditors<br>reports due to<br>Lila | 23<br>  | 24<br><br>4:30 pm<br>Confirmation @ TLC<br><br>7 pm Choir practice<br>@ First | 25  | 26     | 27  |
| 28<br><br>9:00 am Trinity<br>10:30 am First<br>Annual meeting &<br>lunch following<br>9:15 am SS<br>9:00 am SS WLC           | 29  | 30  | 31  |   |        |     |



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Now, faith is  
 being sure  
 of what we hope for...  
 Hebrews 11:1



*Sunday morning scripture readings for January*

| DATE    | 1st READING          | PSALM                 | 2nd READING           | GOSPEL       |
|---------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Jan. 7  | Genesis 1:1-5        | Psalms 29             | Acts 19:1-7           | Mark 1:4-11  |
| Jan. 14 | 1 Samuel 3:1-10      | Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18 | 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 | John 1:43-51 |
| Jan. 21 | Jonah 3:1-5, 10      | Psalms 62:5-12        | 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 | Mark 1:14-20 |
| Jan. 28 | Deuteronomy 18:15-20 | Psalms 111            | 1 Corinthians 8:1-13  | Mark 1:21-28 |
|         |                      |                       |                       |              |