



Ripples of Faith 2024

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CIRCLE OF FAITH PARISH

First, Trimont, MN
 St. Peter, Ceylon, MN
 Trinity, Welcome, MN
 Waverly, rural Trimont, MN



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CROSS OF ASHES — On Ash Wednesday, as Lent begins, worshipers' foreheads are often marked with ashes in the sign of the cross. The ashes traditionally come from burning palm branches from the previous Palm Sunday. In the Old Testament, ashes were a sign of mourning and repentance. Today, some worshipers wipe off the ashes before leaving church, to symbolize being cleansed from sin by Jesus' death; others wear the ashes the rest of the day, carrying the cross of Christ into the world. Reciting Genesis 3:19 often accompanies the placement of ashes: "You are dust, and to dust you shall return."

FEBRUARY	WORSHIP SCHEDULE	FIRST	ST. PETER	TRINITY	WAVERLY
5 Epiphany	Sun. February 4 <i>Altar: green</i>	9:15 SS	9:00 am Worship Communion		9:00 SS 10:30 am Worship Communion
Transfiguration of our Lord	Sun. February 11 <i>Altar: white</i>	9:15 SS	9:00 am Worship		9:00 SS 10:30 am Worship Communion
Ash Wednesday	February 14 <i>Altar: purple</i>			Mid-week	7:00 pm worship
1 Lent	Sun. February 18 <i>Altar: purple</i>	9:15 SS	9:00 am Worship	2/21 6 pm Youth Suppers 7pm Service	9:00 SS 10:30 am Worship Communion
2 Lent	Sun. February 25 <i>Altar: purple</i>	9:15 SS	9:00 am Worship Communion	2/28 6 pm Youth Suppers 7 pm Service	9:00 SS 10:30 am Worship Communion

Parish Council

Next meeting is Tuesday, January 9—6:00 pm at Trinity. This meeting was cancelled. The next Parish Council meeting is Tuesday, February 13 @ 6 pm.

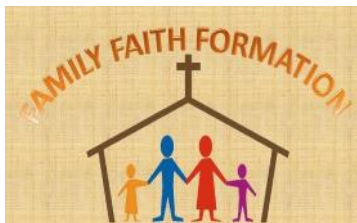


First's annual meeting was January 28. St. Peter's Annual meeting is February 4. Trinity's Annual meeting was January 21. Waverly's Annual meeting is February 4.

The youth going on the ELCA Youth Gathering are going to put on suppers before the Wednesday night Lenten services. Free-will offering.

The services are at Trinity each week and start on Wednesday, February 21. Supper starts at 6 pm.

Free-will offering as this is a fundraiser for the Youth Event. Those going are Alyx Stahl, Callie McCorkell, Michael McCorkell, Morgan McCorkell, Camryn Clow, Carmyne Hecht, Dakota Wiley, Ella Carlson, Madelyn Carlson, Riley Ebeling, Tyler Poppe. Ida



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 or in the Hymnal at page 1160.

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
The Apostles Creed (ELW 97)	SC Apostles Creed 1st Article	SC Apostles Creed 2nd Article	SC Apostles Creed 3rd Article
Creation (2)	Adam and Eve (8)	Jesus is Born 212	Jesus Baptism (242)
Abraham and Sarah's Visitors (34)	Jacob Wrestles (46)	Simeon and Anna 226	The Promise of the Holy Spirit (450)
Fiery Furnace (180)	The 10 Commandments (94)	The Lamb of God 246	Matthias the Apostle 500
Jesus the Word 240	God Calls Samuel (122)	The Day Jesus Died 476	The Holy Spirit 502
The Fruit of the Spirit 550	Solomon Builds a Temple (136)	The Empty Tomb 482	The Holy Spirit Comes Down 524
Early Believers 504	Praise God (158)	The Ascension 498	Many Members One Body (542)

Keep these people in your prayers for Health & Healing:



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

Dear Lord, as we begin our season of Lent, Help us to remember that in Jesus’s resurrection it is the beginning of life for us all. That through death and baptism we come into a fruitful life that begins with Christ.

We pray—that as our congregation assemblies are upon us. Be with those who are representatives that they may be lead by your Holy Spirit.

We offer to you— thanks all those in our Circle of Faith, who give of their time and talents in the many ways that help to lead our congregations.

We pray– for all nations— help and teach us to love all people. Steer us away from hatred, & fear and help to lead us into a path of peace and understanding.

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 for those who lack what they need in their daily lives, for those who are grieving, and those who are ill. Hear our prayer.

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.

Trusting in you— we lift our prayers to you. Knowing that you hear our prayers.



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



Almighty God, the light of you shines into our hearts. Give us new hearts that we may receive repentance and forgiveness from you. 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.

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| 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 Schedule :
10:30 worship at Waverly
9:15 SS

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



Lent begins on
Ash Wednesday, February 14th.
with the service being held this
year at Waverly— 7:00 pm

Lenten service will be each
Wednesday evening
7:00 pm at Trinity in
Welcome.



The youth will be serving a
meal before the service.
6 pm Free-will offering.

Sunday School is at 9:15 each Sunday.

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

Watonswan River Conf. Assembly
Feb. 25th—2 pm
Trinity Lutheran Church, Madelia

Our Circle of Faith
congregation rejoiced with
McKenna Mae Windschitl
Daughter of Cordell and
Kally on Sunday
January 21st.



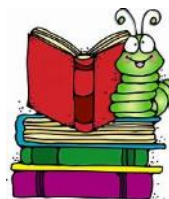
at First Lutheran Church.
Her sponsors were Kevin Philipp &
Whitney Smith.
She is the granddaughter of Larry & Deb
Philipp.



Parish council meets on
February 13th , 6:00 pm at
Trinity

CREST — February 21st —11 –1
All are invited. There is a program at 11
and a light lunch at noon. Free will for the
lunch.

Women Together
Will not meet this month.



Like a good book?
On these cold winter days
You should check out our li-
brary here at First as there are
many wonderful books to read.



St. Peter News



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

Annual meeting is set for Sunday, Feb. 4 following the worship service

Trinity News

Trinity Lutheran & WELCA

"May your days be merry and Bright!"

Dad sends his wishes for a blessed Christmas season and New Year. Thank you for keeping him in your thoughts and prayers. His health continues declining though we assured through our faith he will be healed when he joins the heavenly hosts.

With love and peace.

Robin Adkins-daughter, Norm Schley

Mid-week Lenten services will be held at Trinity Starting Wednesday, February 21. They will begin with a supper that is being served by the Youth that are going to the ELCA Youth Convention is July. The suppers start at 6 pm.



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!

Grandma & Grandpa are Larry and Deb Philipp.

Waverly News

Annual meeting is set for Sunday, Feb. 4 following the worship service

Waverly to celebrate 125 years !!

Waverly Lutheran Church was established April 10, 1899 by 13 Norwegian families. These settlers moved to Waverly Township from Clinton County, IA after leaving Norway. The white steepled church was then built in 1901. OT commemorate this occasion a service of praise with noon meal is planned for Sept. 8 2024 to celebrate 125 years. The theme for this event is:

'Together with God we grow and celebrate God's faithfulness'

Please save the date and more information

A short meeting was held 12-12-23 at 5:30 with the following members: Tim Peterson, Troy Schmidtke, Jeff Matz, and Deanne Gaalswyk.

The proposed budget for 2024 was set. Further review and discussion will take place at our Annual meeting.

Mary Circle—February 6 2 pm @ the church.



Practice this month will be at Waverly.

DATE	READER	COMMUNION
February 4	Tom Peterson	Susan Rathman
February 11	Don Nordstrom	Susan Rathman
February 18	Mary Lou Sherman	Susan Rathman
February 25	Deanne Gaalswyk	Susan Rathman
FEBRUARY USHERS		
Brad Sherman, Cliff Armbrust, Tom Peterson		



FEBRUARY

Birthdays & Anniversaries



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 Bengel Stephen Helvig	6 Jane Anderson	7 	8 Neil Cheever Emma Koehler James Korte	9 Alyx Stahl Aaron Ebeling Holden Faber	10 Alyssa Umbreit
11 Rebecca Sinn 	12 Dylan Muller Scott Peterson Mary Lou Sherman	13 Paul Jensen	14 <i>Vernon & Sylvia Handevitd 55</i> <i>James & Mary Lou Sherman</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 Matejka Nick Matejka Ben Matejka	22 Deb Miller Nichole Smith <i>Susie & Bocky Borchardt 50</i>	23 Aubrey Plumhoff Jacob Helmstetter	24 Sandy Winter <i>Sierra & Zach Peterson</i>
25	26	27	28 Cheyenne Poppe Janet Saxen Jen Saxen	29 		

FEBRUARY

Where morning dawns and evening fades you call forth songs of JOY
Psalm 65:8

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 9 am Worship Planning meeting @ TLC	3
4 9:00 am Worship @ St. P Annual Meeting 9 am SS @ WLC 10:30 am Worship Annual meeting 9:15 SS @ First	5	6 2 pm Mary Circle @ WLC	7 6 pm Youth Gathering/ Chaperone meet- ing @ TLC	8	9 	10
11 9:00 am Worship @ St. P 9 am SS @ WLC 10:30 am Worship 9:15 SS @ First	12	13 6 pm Parish Council mtg @ TLC	14  Service @ Waverly 7 pm 	15	16	17
18 9:00 am Worship @ St. P 9 am SS @ WLC 10:30 am Worship 9:15 SS @ First	19 Parish office closed	20 March Ripples articles due	21 11am-1pm CREST @ First 6 pm Supper 7 pm Weekly Lenten service @ TLC	22	23 	24
25 9:00 am Worship @ St. P 9 am SS @ WLC 10:30 am Worship 9:15 SS @ First 2 pm WR Conf. Assembly-Madelia	26 	27	28 9 am Assemble Ripples 6 pm Supper 7 pm Weekly Lenten service @ TLC	29		



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Sunday morning scripture readings for February

DATE	1st READING	PSALM	2nd READING	GOSPEL
Feb. 4	Isaiah 40:21-31	Psalms 147:1-11, 20c	1 Corinthians 9:16-23	Mark 1:29-39
Feb. 11	2 Kings 2:1-12	Psalms 50:1-6	2 Corinthians 4:3-6	Mark 9:2-9
Ash Wed.	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17	Psalms 51:1-17	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
Feb. 18	Genesis 9:8-17	Psalms 25:1-10	1 Peter 3:18-22	Mark 1:9-15
Feb. 25	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16	Psalms 22:23-31	Romans 4:13-25	Mark 8:31-38