



# 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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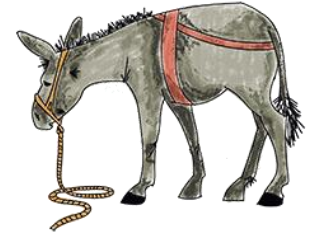
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## Be the donkey

Corrie ten Boom, a devout Christian who helped shelter hundreds of Jewish people from Nazis during World War II, was asked how she stayed humble despite her fame.



"When Jesus rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday on the back of a donkey, and everyone was waving palm branches and throwing garments onto the road and singing praises, do you think that for one moment it ever entered the head of that donkey that any of that was for him?" she replied. "If I can be the donkey on which Jesus Christ rides in his glory, I give him all the praise and all the honor."

Jesus told his followers they'd need to carry (or "take up") their cross. But how well do you carry your Savior? How do you bring him into a world that desperately needs the good news of the gospel?

MARCH	WORSHIP SCHEDULE	FIRST	ST. PETER	TRINITY	WAVERLY
<b>Lent 3</b>	Sunday, March 3 <i>Altar: purple</i>	10:30 am Communion 9:15 am SS		9:00 am Communion	9:00 am Sunday school
<b>Lent 4</b>	Sunday, March 10 <i>Altar: purple</i>	10:30 am Communion 9:15 am SS		9:00 am Communion	9:00 am Sunday school
<b>Lent 5</b>	Sunday, March 17 <i>Altar: purple</i>	10:30 am Communion 9:15 am SS		9:00 am Communion	9:00 am Sunday school
<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	Sunday, March 24 <i>Altar: purple</i>	10:30 am Communion 9:15 am SS		9:00 am Communion	9:00 am Sunday school
<b>EASTER</b>	Sunday, March 31 <i>Altar: white</i>				7:30 am Joint Circle of Faith Easter worship breakfast following

Members present: Jody F, Belva P, Becky D, Wendy R, Jake H, Marilyn C (Pres.), Vicki S., Jon S. (Pres)

Meeting called to order by V Pres. Jody F.

Election of Officers: Pres, Jody F; VP, Belva P; Treas, Wendy R.; Sec, Becky D.

Devotions by Pastor Kelly

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve by Belva P, Second Wendy R. Passed

Treasurer's report: Motion to approve by Vicki S., Second by Belva P. Passed

Pastor's Reports on file in parish office. Discussed Visitations. Pulpit Supply, Office Hours, etc.

Congregational reports: None

Call Committee Report: Nothing to report.

Old Business:

Discussion about Youth Gathering/Fund Raising projects

New Business:

- Mid-Week Lenten Loose Offering dedicated to Lutheran World Relief
- Easter Schedule: Joint service at Waverly at 7:30 AM. Breakfast to follow by Youth Gathering  
Motion by Becky D., Second by Belva P. Passed
- Pentecost: Joint Service on May 19<sup>th</sup> at Trinity. 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- Worship Schedule to rotate times starting 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in June: 9:00 am First and Waverly; 10:30 am St. Peter and Trinity. Times to switch every first Sunday in June for a year. Monthly rotation will remain the same with December each parish having their own services. Motion by Wendy R., Second Vicki S. Passed

Motion to adjourn by Vicki S, Becky D. second. Passed

Next meeting Tuesday, April 9th – 6:00 PM - Trinity

Submitted, Becky Detert, Secretary

Parish Council



2024 ELCA  
Youth Gathering

July 16—20 2024  
New Orleans,  
Louisiana



The youth going on the ELCA Youth Gathering are putting on the suppers before the Wednesday night Lenten services. Free-will offering. March 6, 13, 20. Supper starts at 6 pm. Easter breakfast also.

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 Rohman. Adult leaders: Liz Stahl and Heidi Clow.

**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, We are in the season of Lent. Help us to remember that your Son, died and rose again for our salvation.**

**We pray—for the church to lead us faithfully to the cross.**

**We offer to you—** thanks all those in our Circle of Faith, who give of their time and talents.

**We pray—** Bless all those who call upon you. May your love be in all hearts of those who call upon you.

**Be with our parish—** all of our Circle of Faith congregations. Your Son has given us a light to shine on us. as we gather in your Holy place.

**We pray also—**for all those who are in need , and give comfort to those who care for them.

**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.

**O God, you brought us new life. Thank you for trusting in us to live according to your will.**



To the family of Joanne Sherman of Waverly. Joanne passed away on Monday, Feb. 26 and her service was at Waverly on March 1.

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 - StP  
Ken Cutler - FL

Seasons Health Care-Trimont

- Loren Schultz - TLC  
Lois Schmidtke - WLC

Homestead Assisted Living, Estherville

- Jeannine Rasmussen - St.P

**Prayer for the Day**



**O God, receive our prayers. Give us strength given to us by your Son. Help us to keep steadfast in the faith and wisdom that only you can give. In your name. 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 here at First  
9:15 SS**

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

## Helpers for March:

**Usher: Duane Russenberger  
Altar Committee: Bev Anthony  
Marilyn Pierson**



**Daylight Savings Time —  
Sunday March 10th**

**Be sure to set your clocks ahead  
on Sat. the 9th as we switch to  
day light savings time.**



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

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

## Holy Week



**Maundy Thursday — worship is  
at St. Peter's**

**Good Friday—service will be here  
at First.**

**Both services begin at 7:00 pm**

## EASTER

**Sunday, March 31st—  
7:30 am at  
Waverly Lutheran**



Our Circle of Faith congregations will gather together for Easter worship. It is almost impossible to find pulpit supply so the Parish Council has decided to do a combined worship service. It will be for this Sunday ONLY.

The Youth going to the National Gathering in July will service a light breakfast following the service.



**Our Sunday School children from First  
and Waverly will be singing during the  
worship service.**

**Sunday, March 10th—**

**We rejoice with Raylee  
Joanne Helmstetter as she  
is baptized.**

**Her parents are:**

**Jacob & Lindsee.**

**Sponsors are:**

**Jake & Alaina Baker ;**

**Lauralee & Tyler Nolte.**



**Women of WELCA—will meet on Monday  
March 4th at 6 pm..**

**THANK YOU** to LeeAnn Steen, Becca Sinn and Donny Faber for serving the last 3 years on council. Thanks to Cindy Sinn for saying “yes” to being on council.

**Choir members —** We will sing at most of the Lenten services. Practice will be before the Lenten service each week

**CREST — March 20th—11-1**

All are invited. There is a program at 11 and a light lunch at noon. Free will for the lunch.



# St. Peter News



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

## ST. PETER ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

2/04/2024—St. Peter Annual meeting called to order by Marilyn Cheever. Devotions given by Pastor Kelly.

Motion to approve agenda by Kathy Bremer and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jodi Franck.

Pastors Report: Pastor Kelly talked about the youth group trip to New Orleans. 12 youth in total will be going, 4 from St. Peter. Tyler Poppe, one of the students spoke to the congregation and thanked them for allowing her to attend. There will be fundraiser suppers to help with the cost. Please come out and support our youth.

Secretary's report presented, motion to approve from Annette Wenzel and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jody Franck.

Treasurer's report presented, motion by Jody Franck to approve and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sherry Schmidt.

Old Business: Thank you to Rosemary Saggau for all her years of service providing organ music. Thank you to Marilyn Oelke for providing music on the USB organ.

New Business: Parish Budget was presented. Motion from Angie Schmidt to approve and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jody Franck. The role of the Parish nurse was discussed. She can help in many ways with her medical background. If anyone would like a visit from her please call the parish office.

—St. Peter church budget was presented, motion from Kathy Bremer to accept and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jane Leiding.

—Discussion on the group cast, if you delete a phone line, get a new number etc., please call the church office so you can continue to receive the updates.

—Cement work on the front steps and sidewalk will start this spring. Dale Leiding is working with a contractor on this project. Thank you to this anonymous donor for making this project happen.

—Benevolence account was discussed, this account has not been used in several years. Account will be closed, and remaining money moved to the general fund. Motion to close this account and keep all mission giving local. Motion by Keith Franck and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Annette Wenzel.

Other Business: Keith presented the call committee

efforts. At this point we have pastors that are interested in coming to Circle of Faith.

Thank you to everyone who does all the jobs that keep our church running.

Lord's Prayer. Meeting adjourned



St. Peter will be collecting items for Heaven's Table during the month of April

# Trinity News

Mid-week Lenten services continue be held at Trinity. March 6, 13, 20. They 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.

## TRINITY ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES 01/21/2024

Liz Stahl and Alex reported on the youth gathering that will be held in New Orleans this summer.

Meeting was called to order by Jon Saxen, President, at 9:45 a.m.

Secretary's Report- Motion by Bob Moffitt to approve the minutes from the January 15, 2023 annual meeting. Jean Schock seconded. Motion carried. The 2024 budgets for Trinity Lutheran and Circle of Faith were gone over. Bob Moffitt made a motion to approve the budgets. Jen Saxen seconded. Motion Carried.

Pastor's report was included in the annual report.

Nominating Committee Report – Terms that are up are:  
Jon Saxen – President  
Lonnie Moffitt – Financial Secretary  
Jeff Miller – Property

These people have agreed to continue in their positions. There are positions open in the:

- Faith Formation committee
- Caring ministries
- Call committee
- Synod Assembly Delegate

Motion by Jean Schock, seconded by Liz Stahl to approve council members. Motion carried.

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Liz Stahl gave an update on the call committee. Looking at 1 ½ time position. Have talked with some possibilities. One more person is needed on the call committee from Trinity.

# Waverly News

## Old Business

- Parish update – will be trying different things in the coming year. Will have 4 joint services
- Becky Detert thought the New Year’s egg bake went well.

## New Business

- By-Law changes to Trinity Constitution proposed:  
First Change: The annual meeting of this congregation shall be held on the third Sunday in January each Year TO The annual meeting of this congregation shall be held on a Sunday between January 15 and February 20 each year.

Second Change: 5% of the voting members shall constitute a quorum TO Voting members present at a legally called meeting shall constitute a quorum.

Motion by Todd Williams to make the changes, seconded by Henry Borchardt. Motion Carried.

The changes will need to be ratified at the next annual meeting.

- The 150th Anniversary of Trinity Lutheran Church (1874 – 2024) is coming up. The church was established May 31, 1874. Volunteers are needed to head up a committee to decide how we will celebrate it. Jon Saxen will take names of anyone who would like to help. You can also contact the office.

Pastor led the congregation in the liturgy in the meeting booklet.

Motion to adjourn by Jean Schock, seconded by Bob Moffitt. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted, Lonnie Moffitt

DATE	READER
March 3	Liz Stahl
March 10	Deb Philipp
March 17	Becky Detert
March 24	Liz Stahl

## WAVERLY ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

President Tim Peterson called the 2024 Annual Meeting to order on Sunday, February 4 following the worship service. 33 members present.

**PASTORS REPORT:** The opening liturgy is listed in the annual report. Pastor stated joint services are going well and thanked everyone for their flexibility. He stated he is always available for questions. 12 young people along with 2 chaperones will be attending the youth convention held in New Orleans this summer. The youth will be serving supper prior to Lenten services at Trinity at Welcome. A free will offering will be taken.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT:** Minutes were read from the 2023 Annual meeting. A motion was made by Brad and seconded by Sue to accept. Motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** The financial report was reviewed by Deanne. Several additions were added to the 2024 budget. It was reported the youth convention will cost app. \$2,000 per person. Motion by Laurie and seconded by Bob to add \$2,500 to the budget to help with costs. The \$1,500 set up for camp last year was never used.

-Waverly’s 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be celebrated Sept. 8. Motion made by Jeff and seconded by Jammer to add \$7,500 to the budget for these expenses.

-Nancy brought to our attention that our SS children have ben attending VBS at 1<sup>st</sup> Covenant in Trimont during the summer where they receive materials and a meal while attending. Motion made by Nancy and seconded by Gwen to add \$500 to the education fund to help with these costs. Motion made by Don and seconded by Karen to accept the Treasurer’s report.

**ENDOWMENT REPORT:** Jon briefly updated us on the Endowment Fund. Ending balance for 2023 was \$119,269.00. Motion by Bob and seconded by Nancy that funds for the Youth Convention and Anniversary Fund can also be applied for.

**COF REPORT:** Karen presented the COF Parish budget statement. The 4 churches are charged a flat fee with the rest covered with a percentage rate. Motion made by Nancy and seconded by Laurie to accept the 2024 operating budget. Motion passed.

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**OLD BUSINESS:** Brad gave an update on the roof and steeple repair. Plan is to have it done by early summer. Current roof fund is \$14,692.38.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Discussion about the Food Insecurity Day that our parish had participated in was very successful. It was decided to do this again and tie it in with our Anniversary celebration. Motion by Karen and seconded by Jeff to use our anniversary offering to provide food/fruit to local food shelves as a mission project.

-The Synod Assembly will be held June 7 & 8 at Gustavus and can be attended in person or through zoom.

The Annual meeting for Living Meadows is Feb. 27. They are asking for number of attendees, name and e-mail address.

-The copier needs replacement and has been approved for Susan to purchase another.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Bob thanked everyone for accepting their new role and then presented the slate of officers. Motion to accept a unanimous ballot was made and seconded.

No further business, motion by Bob and seconded by Susan to adjourn.

**Mary Circle—Monday, March 4 - 2 pm**  
**\*date change\* @ the church.**



Practice this month will be ???



We will be tying quilts at Waverly on March 21st and 22nd from 9-12am. Anyone is invited to come and help. No special skills needed. If you can tie a knot you have all the skill you need.

Any one who would like to donate flowers for Easter, it would be appreciated. If you would like to donate a lily for the lily cross, contact Nancy Nordstrom or Mary Lou Sherman. Flowers would need to be at church on the Saturday morning before Easter.



Easter Worship for all of Circle of Faith will be a joint worship at Waverly. The service starts at 7:30 am. There will be a breakfast following served by the youth members going to the ELCA Youth gathering this summer in New Orleans.



**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. **Learning Focus:** Lent / Easter

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
Transfiguration (358)	A Rich Man's Question (334)	Lazarus (440)	Palm Sunday (454)
Joseph Helps His Family (60)	The Widow's Offering (342)	Mary Anoints Jesus (444)	The Chief Priests (460)
Baby Moses (66)	The Sadducees Question (406)	Serve and Follow (446)	The Last Supper (462)
The Burning Bush (72)	Paying Taxes (306)	God's House (448)	Jesus is Betrayed (468)
Free from Slavery (76)	The Pharisee and the Tax Collector (396)	The Promise of the Holy Spirit (450)	Christ the King (474)
The Plagues (78)	The Pool of Siloam (432)	Jesus the Vine (452)	The Day Jesus Died (476)
The Red Sea (84)	Bartimaeus Sees (338)	The Lamb of God (246)	The Empty Tomb (482)











Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 David Olson	2 John Speckman
3 Morgan Bloomquist Fynn Brosnahan Robert Johnson	4 Kiley Ellanson Laura Girard Brianna Rezac	5 	6 Carolyn Ficken	7 Julie Olson Daniel Smith  Larry & Gayle Schuett	8	9 Madison Mahle Keith Meyer
10 Joanna Sandberg 	11 Easton Kuehl Carter Mosloski Robin White	12 Eric Bloomquist	13 Stephany Dahl Caelyn Harder	14 Jeff Petschke Nick Thiesse	15 Elizabeth Petschke Hunter Schmidt	16 
17 Carolyn Strausser 	18	19 Katie Petschke Kelci Russenberger	20 Effie Bentz Ralph Stanton  Jon & Elizabeth Petschke 20	21 Kelly Sinn	22 Ethan Lee Harlie Gibson-Fletcher	23 Susie Benge Dianne Bettin Keith Franck Karen Keck Bonnie Rahm Nick Sandberg
24 Kennedy Janssen Connor Simmonds Aaron White	25 Rod Olson Kevin Schmidt	26	27 Scott Morrow	28 	29 Josh Koehler Adilene Petschke Richard Traetow	30 Chad Lyons
31 Kelsey Jensen						



# MARCH

Do not turn away from the LORD,  
but serve the LORD with all your  
heart. 1 Samuel 12:20

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			All Fundraiser suppers and Lenten Services are at Trinity in Welcome		1	2
3 9 am Trinity 10:30 am First 9:15 am SS 9 am SS WLC	4 Parish Office Closed  2 pm Mary Circle @ WLC	5 Parish Office Closed	6 6 pm Youth Gathering fundraiser supper 7 pm Lenten Worship	7	8	9 
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17 9 am Trinity 10:30 am First 9:15 am SS 9 am SS WLC	18 	19	20 11-1 CREST at FL 6 pm Youth Gathering fundraiser supper 7 pm Lenten Worship	21 Quilt tying @ Waverly 9 am—12	22 Quilt tying @ Waverly 9 am—12	23
24  9 am Trinity 10:30 am First 9:15 am SS 9 am SS WLC	25	26	27	28  7 pm @ St. Peter	29  7 pm @ First	30
31 EASTER 7:30 am Circle of Faith Joint Easter service @ Waverly Breakfast following	April 1 Parish office closed					



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He was raised  
 on the third day  
 in accordance  
 with the Scriptures

1 Corinthians 15:4



*Sunday morning scripture  
 readings for March*

DATE	1st READING	PSALM	2nd READING	GOSPEL
March 3	Exodus 20:1-17	Psalms 19	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	John 2:13-22
March 10	Numbers 21:4-9	Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22	Ephesians 2:1-10	John 3:14-21
March 17	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Psalms 51:1-12	Hebrews 5:5-10	John 12:20-33
March 24	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalms 31:9-16	Philippians 2:5-11	Mark 14:1-15:47
March 31	Acts 10:34-43	Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Mark 16:1-8