



# 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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(The birthday of the Christian Church)

Circle of Faith will be having a joint service  
 on Sunday, May 19

10:30 am

@ Trinity in Welcome

We will celebrate Pentecost and also help  
 Trinity celebrate their 150th Anniversary as  
 a church. 1874/2024

A light meal will follow the service



A little history of  
 Trinity can be found on  
 page 5.

MAY	WORSHIP SCHEDULE	FIRST	ST. PETER	TRINITY	WAVERLY
<b>Easter 6</b>	Sunday, May 5 <i>Altar: white</i>	10:30 am Worship Communion Confirmation		9:00 am Worship Communion	9:00 am SS
<b>Easter 3</b>	Sunday, May 12 <i>Altar: white</i>	10:30 am Worship Communion		9:00 am Worship Communion	9:00 am SS
<b>Pentecost Trinity's 150th Anniversary</b>	Sunday, May 19 <i>Altar: red</i>			<b>10:30 am COF Joint Worship Communion</b>	9:15 am SS
<b>Holy Trinity</b>	Sunday, May 26 <i>Altar: white</i>	10:30 am Worship Hymns & Lessons service		9:00 am Worship Communion	

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

Meeting called to order by Pres. Jody F.

Devotions by Pastor Kelly

- \* Secretary’s Report: Motion to approve by Wendy R. Second Gwen M. Passed
- \* Treasurer’s report: Motion to approve by Becky D., Second by Vicki S. Passed
- \* Pastor’s Reports on file in parish office.
- \* Congregational reports: None
- \* Call Committee Report: None

Old Business:

- Discussion about Youth Gathering/Fund Raising projects. Lent/Easter proceeds were \$2882 before expenses.
- Joint Easter Service seemed to be well received.

New Business:

- Pentecost: Joint Service on May 19<sup>th</sup> at Trinity. 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- Approved a pay raise for Parish Administrators to \$15, plus a change in office hours to Tuesday-Thursday 8:30-12:30 with additional hours for special projects such as monthly newsletter.
- Circle of Faith Facebook live stream is being worked on.

Motion to adjourn by Jake H, Belva P. second. Passed Next meeting Tuesday, June 11th – 6:00 PM - Trinity

Submitted, Becky Detert, Secretary



**At home Family Faith Formation:** Each night read the 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

**Learning Focus:** Miracles

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
Teaching and Healing 254	Four Friends 348	Lazarus 440	Fiery Furnace 180
Jesus Heals 256	Ten Men Healed 390	The Empty Tomb 482	The Red Sea 84
A Storm 286	Zacchaeus 400	The Road to Emmaus 488	Manna, Quail, and Water 90
The Centurion’s Servant 290	Wedding at Cana 410	Doubting Thomas 492	Elijah and the Widow 140
Walking on Water 294	Woman at the Well 420	The Ascension 498	Elisha Feeds 100 144
Jesus Heals two blind men 300	Jesus Feeds 5000 426	Peter Heals 506	Naaman is Healed 148
Bartimaeus Sees 338	The Pool of Siloam 432	Peter and Tabitha 520	Transfiguration 358

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



- FIRST** - Melva Ammann , Patty Holtz  
Marian Anderson, Donnie Faber  
**WAVERLY** - Rosemary Atzenhoefer,  
Joan Ellis  
**TRINITY** - Bill LaFavor, Norm Schley, Julie Schulz  
Dick Traetow  
**ST. PETER** - Ty Leiding

**We offer to you**— thanks for all women who are mothers, stepmothers, foster mothers, and all women who have mothered us in faith.

**We pray**– Bless all those who call upon you. Anyone who is homeless, hungry, in prison, sick or in need in any way. Give shelter, clothing, food or what every they may need as you see best.

**Be with our parish**— all of our Circle of Faith congregations. Especially Trinity Lutheran as they celebrate 150 years of ministry.

**We pray**—for our missionaries, and all those who work to spread your word to all people.

**We pray also**—for all the farmers, and any one who prepares your earth for the good of all people.

**Pray for** of the creatures of this world. That they may be protected, that they may find food to sustain their life. We pray that we can rejoice in the many wonders your have given us.

**Pray for the remembrance** of all who have gone before us. Whether it be loved ones, those who have defended our country, or those who are dear to us.

**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.

**To the families of**



Charles Raforth of Trinity  
John Schmidtke, of St. Peter  
May their memories bring them comfort.

Maplewood, Fairmont  
Marty Scholl - WLC

Goldfinch, Fairmont  
Elaine Krueger - StP  
Millie Wohlhuter - TLC  
Janet Saxen - TLC

Home  
Joan Ellis - WLC  
Sandy Newville—TLC  
Bill LaFavor—TLC



Temperance Lake Ridge

Janice Franck - StP  
Ken Cutler - FL

Seasons Health Care-Trimont  
Lois Schmidtke– WLC  
Joyce Potts—FLC

Homestead Assisted Living, Estherville  
Jeannine Rasmussen - St.P

**Prayer for the Day**



**Gracious God, through the glorious resurrection of your Son, you have chosen us to be yours, and you protect us. Now send us your Spirit so that we may find this joy that you have bestowed on us. 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**

## **SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, May 12th - following the service.**

This will be to vote on the bids that the council has received for the shingling of the church Roofing bids for First Lutheran and garage.

Council recommends asphalt shingles on the parsonage and garage. Bids range 19,500 up to 28,000—Labor included.

Roofing bids for Sanctuary & steeple: 2 options—asphalt or steel shingles. Asphalt bid is \$58,000 to \$ 78,00 with one bid yet to come. Steel shingles will last longer but cost more. Steel shingles range from \$ 93,000 to \$ 116,000 with one bid to come in . Labor included.

Council recommends steel on the steeple due to accessibility and longer life. Council isn't formally recommending, but opinions lean toward longer of life steel and the steepness of sanctuary roof being a factor for labor cost.

Sanctuary has ice damming due to poor insulation in roof. A 3 inch Styrofoam option to insulate roof would prevent ice damming and make heating more efficient A bid of \$ 25,000 with one more to come in.

An insurance claim was put in last year for hail damage to these roofs and we received a payment of \$ 61,000 to be used towards this repair.



**Confirmation**  
We rejoice with Lillie Oudekerk and Jackson Wilmes as they Affirm their Baptism on Sunday May 5th

**Women of WELCA will meet on  
May 8th At 6:00 pm**

**Honor our Graduates  
Sunday, May 12th,  
Come—9:45 and share with us fellowship  
and cake to wish them well in their  
new adventure**

At First we would like to congratulate our MCW graduates:

Ella Carlson & Ethan Lee.

From college we wish Emily Matejka the very best in her new chapter, graduating from SDSU , Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree.

Emily will be living and working in Grand Forks ND. Her address will be 4177 S. Columbia Rd. # 303 Grand Forks, 58201—after May 15th

Let Lila know of any other of our young people who are graduating from College or other school.



**Tuesday Morning coffee  
Host is Trinity Lutheran,  
Welcome  
Time—8:30-10:00 am**

All are invited to come and have a cup of coffee and goodies. This is for men as well as women. Free will donation

## **CREST — May 15th - 11 –1**

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

## **New Address and Home—**

Arladyne Stanton has moved to Florida to be closer to her son, Billy. Her address is 5325 Tuscawilla Ct. Weeki Wachee, Florida 34607

She would always love notes from her Trimont friends

## **Mission work .....**

These are the items we need for our project.

*33 light weight towels. Can be lightly used.  
60 bath size bars of soap in original package  
25 receiving blankets - [30X 30 in size, cotton, flannel, knitted or crocheted.]  
40 –80 cloth diapers  
48 pillow cases  
4—newborn t-shirts [plain no lettering]*

*You may bring them to First Lutheran and put on the table back by the library.*



# St. Peter News



St. Peter WELCA May 1,  
@ the church 1:30 pm



Graduates of Circle of Faith Parish/St. Peter Lutheran  
Ellie Plumhoff—Fairmont high School  
Callie McCorkell—Martin County West High School  
Hunter Schmidt-Martin County West High School

# Trinity News

Unbelievable !!!! 150 years !!!!  
Trinity Lutheran Church, Welcome, MN, will be celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Pentecost Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>!! Worship will be held at 10:30 AM with a light lunch to follow.

Please join us for a celebration !!!

It is with great joy, we look back at a 150 years of worship and fellowship. On Pentecost Sunday in 1874 the Rev Reck installed the first officers of the newly established congregation: *The Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Fox Lake, Manyaska, Fraser and Rolling Green*. The first services were held in the homes of the members. In 1876 the congregation built a parsonage about a half mile northwest of Welcome on donated property. This parsonage also served as a place of worship. Several pieces of land were purchased in the village of Welcome in 1884. One piece was set aside for a cemetery and the other two for a church and parsonage. The first church was built in 1885 (five years before Welcome was incorporated) and served until 1937. A new church was built in 1937 by Henry Rose. The stain glass windows were dedicated in 1949, and a new parsonage was built in 1951.

In 1960, the church was remodeled and an education unit was added. At this time an all electric heating system was installed making Trinity the first church in Minnesota with all electric heat. In 1991 a new addition to the entry was added to include an elevator. In 1997 a new heating system replaced the previous electric system.

In 2001, Trinity joined with St. Peter's of Ceylon as a joint congregation; keeping each congregations' identity while sharing a pastor. In 2014, Waverly joined the joint congregation renaming the joint venture Circle of Faith. In 2021, First Lutheran of Trimont joined Circle of Faith.

The Trinity Lutheran Church building and Circle of Faith is still serving the congregation today.

Graduates of Circle of Faith Parish/Trinity Lutheran

Alyx Stahl-Martin County West High School  
Tyson Thiesse-Martin County West High School  
Sage Anderson-Fairmont High School

DATE	READER
May 5	Deb Philipp
May 12	Becky Detert
May 19	Liz Stahl
May 26	Deb Philipp

**Tuesday Community Coffee**

All are welcome! Join us every Tuesday and enjoy some good coffee, rolls, and fellowship!

**8:30 AM - 10:00 AM**

**May - Welcome**  
Trinity Lutheran Church

# Waverly News



Choir practice will be at FIRST @ 7 pm

**Mary Circle, Tues. May 7—2 pm @ the church**

## 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. To 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'**

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**MAY**
  
*Birthdays and Anniversaries*



**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**








**Fri**

**Sat**

			<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p>Max Nordstrom Signe Hanson</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p>MaryAnn DeBus Tim Peterson Rodney Anderson</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Gary &amp; Joyce Sathoff</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <p>Lindsey Bettin</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">4</p> <p>Donna Hand Morgan Olson</p>
<p>5 Kathryn Kurzejeski Kesley Schultz Landon Fett</p>	<p>6 Brian Burmeister Megan Gerhard Jerome Glidden</p>	<p>7 Kennedy Poppe</p>	<p>8</p> 	<p>9</p>	<p>10 Bobbi Sandberg Taylor Saxen</p>	<p>11 Nicole Leiding Ty Leiding Jeff Lueth</p>
<p>12 Marisa Bettin Jon Traetow Anita Nelson</p>	<p>13 Alex Saxen Bo Schultz</p> <p style="text-align: center;">John &amp; Denyse Borchardt</p>	<p>14 Emily Bettin Jameson Chukuske Adam Rasmussen Barry Olson Jacob Sinn</p>	<p>15 Merle Burmeister Marilyn Cheever Ilsa Pomeranke Tammy Williams</p>	<p>16 Kari Anderson Dale Hansen MiKenna Harder</p>	<p>17 Sarah Justice Darby Hilgendorf Sabrina Wooters</p>	<p>18 Susan Borchardt Dale Leiding Jean Schock</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Doug &amp; Sibyl Anderson</p>
<p>19 Owen Hasnon Hayley Soweija James Johnson</p>	<p>20 Sonja Haugen Dustin Lyons Kim Mosloski</p>	<p>21 Roger Thayer</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Merle &amp; Shirley Burmeister</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Scott &amp; Vicki Smith 30</p>	<p>22 Brian Clow Katelyn Jensen Lea Silverthorn Jeff Sinn</p>	<p>23 JoAnn Wink Julie Krumwiede</p>	<p>24 Carlene Hand Cam Peterson</p>	<p>25 Sandy Newville Darcia Schmidt</p>
<p>26 Jeff Armbrust Linda Bakke Jim Hatch</p>	<p>27 Levi Hansen Sue Jorgensen Jane Leiding Don Nordstrom Rosalie Rademaker</p>	<p>28 Adrian Rasmussen Cory Sinn</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ron &amp; Jean Schock</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Larry &amp; Holly Wiggins</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 Tristan Wilmes</p> 	<p>31 Brianna Morrow Lois Nelson</p>	



You did not choose me but I chose you.  
 And I appointed you to go and bear fruit.  
 John 15:16

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>NEW PARISH OFFICE HOURS in WELCOME</p> <p>Tues—Thurs 8:30 am—12:30 pm</p>	<p>Parish office closed on Mondays &amp; Fridays</p>	<p>Trinity in Welcome will host the Tuesday morning coffees 8:30—10 am</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1:30 pm WELCA-St. Peter</p>	<p>2</p> <p> National Day of Prayer</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p> Kentucky Derby</p>
<p>5</p> <p>9 am Trinity</p> <p>10:30 am First Confirmation</p> <p>9:00 am SS WLC</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Parish office closed</p>	<p>7</p> <p>TMC</p> <p>2 pm Mary Circle @ Waverly</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:00 FL Women Get together</p> <p></p>	<p>9</p> <p>Ascension Day picnic 11 am Cedar Hanson Co. Park Trimont</p> <p> Ascension Day</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>First L. Church Reserved</p>
<p>12</p> <p> HAPPY Mother's DAY</p> <p>9 am Trinity</p> <p>10:30 am First -Congregational mtg</p> <p>9:00 am SS WLC</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Parish office closed</p>	<p>14</p> <p>TMC</p>	<p>15</p> <p>11-1 CREST Lunch &amp; Learn—FLC</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p> ARMED FORCES DAY</p>
<p>19</p> <p> Pentecost</p> <p>10:30 am COF Joint Service @ Trinity-who is also celebrating 150 yrs.</p> <p> 150 YEARS ANNIVERSARY</p> <p>9:00 am SS WLC</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Parish office closed</p>	<p>21</p> <p>TMC</p> <p>June Ripples articles are due</p>	<p>22</p> <p></p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p> <p> Trinity Sunday</p> <p>9 am Trinity</p> <p>10:30 am First</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Parish office closed</p> <p> Memorial Day Remember Those Who Gave Their Lives</p>	<p>28</p> <p>TMC</p>	<p>29</p> <p>MCW Baccalaureate 6:30 pm @ the Covenant church in Trimont.</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p> SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER</p>	



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**July 16—20 2024**  
**New Orleans, Louisiana**

**THANK YOU!** A total of \$2,882.00 was donated to the youth from the Lenten Suppers and Easter Breakfast for their Youth Gathering in July.

**2024 ELCA Youth Gathering**



*Sunday morning scripture readings for May*

DATE	1st READING	PSALM	2nd READING	GOSPEL
May 5	Acts 10:44-48	Psalm 98	1 John 5:1-6	John 15:9-17
May 12	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	Psalm 1	1 John 5:9-13	John 17:6-19
May 19	Acts 2:1-21	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Romans 8:22-27	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
May 26	Isaiah 6:1-8	Psalm 29	Romans 8:12-17	John 3:1-17

**Ascension Day**

Thursday, May 9 11:00 am Cedar Hanson County Park, Trimont



An ascension day picnic for those who wish to celebrate. There will be a brief order of service on Ascension.

People are encouraged to bring their lunch.

Forty days after each Easter, many Christians around the world celebrate the Ascension. It's the day when the resurrected Jesus was raised up from the earth into heaven. The Ascension is the prelude to Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came upon a gathering of people, including the apostles, in Jerusalem.

The Ascension is more important than many Christians realize. In his human body, Christ could be in only one place at a time. The risen Christ, however, can be spiritually present in any place at any time.