



Ripples of Faith 2025

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CIRCLE OF FAITH PARISH

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Trinity, Welcome, MN
Waverly, rural Trimont, MN

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Technology is connecting us more with family and friends. Transportation is making us more mobile to explore God's creation and visit people we love. Online shopping and credit cards make giving and purchases more convenient. We use less cash and checks, and more credit/debit cards and automatic transfers. If cash or check is your preferred way of supporting your church family, great! If you'd prefer to offer your gifts using a credit/debit card, now you can do that too!



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How Do I Get Started?

Check to see if your church has signed up for on-line giving.



MAY	WORSHIP SCHEDULE	FIRST	ST. PETER	TRINITY	WAVERLY
3 Easter	Sun. May 4 <i>Altar: white</i>	9:00 am Communion		10:30 am Communion	
4 Easter	Sun. May 11 <i>Altar: white</i>	9:00 am Communion		10:30 am Communion	
5 Easter	Sun. May 18 <i>Altar: white</i>	9:00 am Communion		10:30 am Communion	
6 Easter	Sun. May 25 <i>Altar: white</i>	9:00 am Communion		10:30 am Communion	



Starting June 1—church times for Circle of Faith are changing.

Trinity/St. Peter will be at 9 am
First/Waverly will be at 10:30 am

2025 Southwestern Minnesota Synod Assembly



When: June 6–7, 2025

Time: 6 pm on Friday
to 5 pm on Saturday
(start and end times
may change)

Where: Gustavus
Adolphus College, St.
Peter, Mn and Zoom
Webinar

Assembly registration closes on May 22, 2025



Circle of Faith has 4 - 2025
High School graduates

Jacob Wilmes—First
Cameron Meyer—Trinity
Cami Clow—Waverly
Teya Schmidtke—Waverly



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. **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
Donny Faber, Marilyn Pierson
Birdella Allen

WAVERLY - Rosemary Atzenhoefer, Lois Schmidtke
Marty Scholl, Deb Armbrust
Albert Armbrust, Sonja Haugen

TRINITY - Janet Saxen, Millie Wohlhuter

ST PETER— Jeannine Rasmussen, Sherry Schmidt



Goldfinch, Fairmont

Elaine Krueger - StP
Millie Wohlhuter - TL
Janet Saxen - TL

Temperance Lake Ridge-Sherburn

Janice Frank—StP
Ken Cutler—FL
Marilyn Pierson—FL

Home

Sandy Newville—TL

Woodland Manor

Albert Armbrust WL

Dear Lord, Thank you for your risen Son!
**Help us to see this wonder mystery of his death
and resurrection. Help to believe in true baptism
for all that goodness and mercy will be with us all
our days.**

Thank you Lord—for the light that shines to our
congregations. This light of salvation.

We give you thanks for the recent rains. They
will help to grow the seeds that have been planted
and also to nourish our rivers and stream.

We pray—be with our missionaries, watch over
them as they spread your word to all who are
willing to hear and give them the spiritual needs
they need to spread your word.

We pray— for all those who are in need of your
peace. Also be with those who have difficulty in
their lives, those who are hungry, those who are
sick, and those who just need to know that you are
there for them.

Praying for— all who have died in service to our
nation. Inspire us to see the light of your salvation
and help us to live for freedom and justice for all.

We pray— send all these prayers to you asking
for your help.

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

Keep Pastor Kelly in your prayers - that the
Holy Spirit may help and lead him in his ministry
to our parish congregations

Seasons Health Care-Trimont

Lois Schmidtke- WL
Joyce Potts—FL

Homestead Assisted Living, Estherville

Jeannine Rasmussen - StP

Prayer for the Day

**Bountiful God, you have gathered
your people together. Help to nour-
ish us with your word and through
the Holy Spirit, that we may love one
another and all people of this world.
We pray all this in the name of your son, Jesus. Amen**



**Keep these members of our “Circle of Faith” con-
gregations 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
Lonnie Moffitt	TLC
Liz Stahl	TLC



To the family of Joan Ellis, of Waverly.
Her funeral was on April 24th.



FIRST LUTHERAN NEWS



Worship—9:00—here at First

Monthly helpers:

Usher— Donny

Comm. Assistant— Cindy

Altar committee—Cindy & Kelly

Coffee hour after worship in May
If you are willing to furnish/host on a
certain Sunday get in touch with Lila



Graduation

Jacob Wilmes will be
graduating from MCW.
Best of luck in this new adventure
in your life.

Baccalaureate Service — will be here at
First on **May 28th—6:00 pm.** This is for all
area youth who will be graduating.

We will need a couple pans of bars for fel-
lowship following — please get in touch with
Lila if you can make a pan.

Memorial Day — May 26th—

Please remember all who have
gone before us.

Whether they are loved ones or
those who have given up their
lives for our freedom.



Women's Get together Meeting
May 14th—10 am.

CREST Lunch & Learn her at First

May 21st—11-1 — All are invited to come and
enjoy fellowship—program and lunch.

THANK YOU !!

And Appreciation to;

Cindy Sinn, Linda Fett
from First And Don &
Nancy Nordstrom, Tom
Peterson, Susan Rathman,
Lynette Shaw, from Waverly for spreading God's
word to our young people in Sunday School.
Your time and talents are
greatly appreciated.



Sunday School will resume in September.
We hope to see all our kids then.

Adults — you have the summer to think about
how you may help with Sunday School beginning
in the fall.

The Council has opted to take out a loan for some of
the expenses that were incurred on the
Roofing Projects.
If you would like to help with this loan
for the ROOF project it would be
greatly appreciated. Please be sure to
put **ROOF** on your donation so that it
get into the correct account



LIFT HIGH THE CROSS -

The tall steeple of First Lutheran church is an im-
portant part of the architectural style of the church. It
sends a message of welcome to any
passerby. A night light within the tall
steeple sends the same message.

Someone noticed something concerning
recently. The white wooden cross at the
very top of the steeple needed replace-
ment. A decision was made to replace the
worn wooden cross with one made of
stainless steel. It would be a cross of
more lasting quality.

I happened to be driving past the
church the day the cross found its permanent place-
ment. A tall crane held a basket that contained two
workers. It was near the very top of the steeple. I
could hear the drill that fashioned the new cross to the
top of the steeple. I could only think of the following
hymn:

Lift High the cross, the Love of Christ
proclaim, till all the world, adore his sacred name.

Written by Darwin Anthony—April 16, 2025

THANK YOU! For this very nice tribute to the
steeple.

So look up — and see the cross on its pedestal.
Thank you to the brave 2 men for putting the cross
back in its proper place.



St. Peter News



May 7 1:30 pm
Hostess: Barb Schmidt
At St. Peter's

Trinity News



Members of Trinity.

We are once again going to host the Tuesday Morning coffees. If you are interested by furnishing goodies and/or helping, and there is a certain

Tuesday that is better for you, please contact Carolyn Strausser at 507-848-5761

DATE	LECTOR
May 4	Deb Philipp
May 11	Becky Detert
May 18	Liz Stahl
May 25	Deb Philipp

Waverly News



Coming July 13—Bridal shower
for Kristine Hansen

Daughter of Cara Halvorson and Neil Hansen.

Waverly Council

Waverly Council met on Sunday, April 13, 2025 after the church service. President Laurie Sherman opened with devotions and then called the meeting to order.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Motion made, seconded and carried to accept the minutes of our last meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Deanne was absent for this meeting but a financial report had been prepared by her and was handed out to those present. The Roof Fund increased last month due to a \$500.00 donation. That brings the total to \$39,645.84 plus the \$50,000

that has already been paid. Motion by Cara, seconded by Lacey to accept this report. Motion carried.

CARING MINISTRIES: Tom updated us on the teams visitation schedule. They are visiting members both in Waverly and Circle of Faith. Rosemary Atzenhoefer is now in Trimont Nursing Home for a short while.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE: Toby gave an update on the church shingles. Plans are to start April 21st. The cost will be app. \$118,000.00. The broken water pipe has been fixed, thanks to our hardworking men. Toby has also obtained estimates for new doors for the north and west entry. Motion by Cara and seconded by Lacey to order high quality doors. Price would be around \$7-8,000, which would include doors, labor and clean-up. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Nancy informed us that VBS will be held in Trimont at the Covenant Church July 20 thru July 24. They provide supper and activities. Mary Circle will contribute \$500 to their church toward expenses. More details coming on helpers needed, snacks, etc. Easter Service will be held at First Lutheran at 9 am and starting in June, Waverly and First will have church services at 10:30.

NEW BUSINESS: The Gifts and Memorials fund has received a monetary gift from Stephanie Sherman to be used for improvements in the church. She suggested replacing the north entry carpet, down the steps and up the stairs to the balcony. Gwen has spoken with Carpet Plus and received estimates depending on the carpet chosen of app \$3,336.—\$3,860. which includes tearing out, disposal of the old and installing the new. Laurie, Belva and MaryLou will be looking at carpets. MM, seconded and carried to proceed with this project. A motion was made, seconded and carried to have Laurie get a \$150.00 gift card for Jeff Armbrust to thank him for heading up and helping install the door locks. Tim and Belva have sent a thank you to the Waldon Baranuk family for money donated to the church from their land sale. We have a large framed group picture taken at our 125th Anniversary by Katie Langford and donated by Brad and Laurie which will be hung in our church basement. Deanne has requested we add another members name to our Signature Card and Welcome Bank. Motion by MaryLou, seconded by Gwen and carried that we add Laurie Sherman (president) name to this card.

No further business, motion made by Cara and seconded by Lacey that we adjourn.


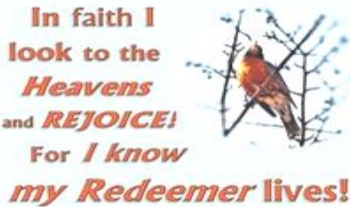







Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Max Nordstrom Signe Hanson	2 MaryAnn DeBus Tim Peterson Rodney Anderson Gary & Joyce Sathoff	3 Lindsey Bettin
4 Donna Hand Morgan Olson	5 Karna Bloomquist Kesley Schultz Landon Fett	6 Brian Burmeister Megan Gerhardt Jerome Glidden <i>Adam & Melissa Poppe 10</i>	7 Kennedy Poppe	8 	9	10 Bobbi Sandberg Taylor Saxen
11 Nicole Leiding Ty Leiding Jeffrey Lueth	12 Marissa Bettin Jon Traetow Anita Nelson	13 Alex Saxen Bo Schultz <i>John & Denyse Borchardt 25</i>	14 Emily Bettin Adam Rasmussen Jamesen Chukuske Barry Olson Jake Sinn	15 Marlene Burmeister Marilyn Cheever Ilsa Pomeranke Tammy Williams	16 Kari Anderson Dale Hansen MiKenna Harder	17 Sarah Justice Sabrina Wooters
18 Susan Borchardt Ryan Feely Dale Leiding Jean Schock <i>Doug & Sibyl Anderson</i>	19 Owen Hanson Hayley Soweija James Johnson	20 Sonja Haugen Dustin Lyons Kim Mosloski 	21 Willian Thayer Hannah Olson <i>Merle & Shirley Burmeister 60</i>	22 Brian Clow Katelyn Jensen Lea Silverthorn Jeff Sinn	23 JoAnn Wink Julie Krumwiede Hallie Olson	24 Carlene Hand Cam Peterson
25 Sandy Newville Darcia Schmidt	26 Jeff Armbrust Linda Bakke James Hatch	27 Levi Hansen Sue Jorgensen Jane Leiding Don Nordstrom Rosalie Rademaker	28 Adrian Rasmussen Cory Sinn <i>Larry & Holli Wiggins</i> <i>Ron & Jean Schock 65</i>	29 	30 Tristan Wilmes	31 Brianna Morrow Lois Nelson





God our Savior
the hope of all the ends of the earth
Psalm 65:5

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday school is on vacation until September		Tuesday Morning Coffees 8:30–10 am @ Trinity Coffee, treats and conversation		1 	2	3
4 9:00 am First 10:30 am Trinity	5	6 TMC 8:30–10 2 pm Mary Circle @ WL	7 1:30 pm St. P WELCA 4:30 pm @ TL Confirmation	8 	9	10
11 9:00 am First 10:30 am Trinity 	12	13 TMC 8:30–10 6 pm Parish Council mtg @ TLC	14 10 am FL Women's meeting	15	16	17 
18 9:00 am First 10:30 am Trinity	19	20 TMC 8:30–10 Articles due for June Ripples	21 11 am–1 pm CREST lunch & learn @ FL	22 	23	24
25 9:00 am First 10:30 am Trinity	26 	27 TMC 8:30–10	28 9 am Assemble June Ripples MCW High School Baccalaureate 6 pm @ First	29	30 	31



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**Sunday morning scripture
Readings May**



To: First, St. Peter and Waverly:

Trinity is hosting the Tuesday Morning Coffees in May, it runs from 8:30 – 10 am each Tuesday morning.

If anyone from the other Circle of Faith churches would like to join the Trinity ladies, you are very welcome to do so in helping serve the tables and/or furnish goodies.

If you would be interested, you can let Carolyn Strausser know: 507-848-5761. Thank you !!

DATE	1st READING	RESPONSIVE READING	2nd READING	GOSPEL
May 4	Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]	Psalm 30	Revelation 5:11-14	John 21:1-19
May 11	Acts 9:36-43	Psalm 23	Revelation 7:9-17	John 10:22-30
May 18	Acts 11:1-18	Psalm 148	Revelation 21:1-6	John 13:31-35
May 25	Acts 16:9-15	Psalm 67	Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5	John 14:23-29
Ascension Day	Acts 1:1-11	Psalm 47 or 93	Ephesians 1:15-23	Luke 24:44-53