



# Ripples of Faith 2025

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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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Confirmation Meeting is scheduled for students and a parent.

Wednesday, Sept. 24  
6 pm @ Trinity in Welcome

## God's work. Our hands.



September 7, 2025

This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the ELCA — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.



Joint service at Trinity in Welcome at 9 AM.

After the service we — as a congregation — will go to Heaven's Table in Fairmont to help clean/stock shelves/ etc as needed for two hours.



AUGUST	WORSHIP SCHEDULE	FIRST	ST. PETER	TRINITY	WAVERLY
<b>Pentecost 8</b>	Sunday, August 3 <i>Altar: green</i>		9:00 am Communion		10:30 am Communion
<b>Pentecost 9</b>	Sunday, August 10 <i>Altar: green</i>		9:00 am		10:30 am Communion
<b>Pentecost 10</b>	Sunday, August 17 <i>Altar: green</i>		9:00 am		10:30 am Communion
<b>Pentecost 11</b>	Sunday, August 24 <i>Altar: green</i>		9:00 am		10:30 am Communion
<b>Pentecost 12</b>	Sunday, August 31 <i>Altar: green</i>		9:00 am Communion		10:30 am Communion

Members present: Jody F, Becky D, Wendy R, Gwen M, Cong Pres Jon S. Meeting called to order by Pres Jody F  
 Motion to approve the agenda: Becky D. motion, Wendy R second Passed  
 Devotions: Pastor Kelly

- Secretary's Report: Motion to approve by Gwen M, second by Wendy R Passed
- Treasurer's report: Motion to approve by Becky D, Second by Gwen M Passed
- Pastor's Reports on file in parish office.
- One Baptism, Three Funerals, Worship Team meeting July 18th
- Congregational reports: None
- Call Committee Report: None

## Old Business:

None

## New Business:

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A new Circle of Faith Parish Directory was discussed.

Motion to adjourn by Gwen M, second by Wendy C. Next meeting September 2nd – 6:00 PM - Trinity  
 Submitted, Becky Detert, Secretary



**If your child is ready to take First Communion - please contact the Parish office in Welcome 507-728-8259**



**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: Jesus' Teachings**

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
Teaching and Healing 254	The Lord's Prayer 278	The Bridesmaids 314	Mary and Martha 366
Tempted 248	House on the Rock 282	Parables of the Talents 316	Parable of the Fig Tree 372
The Beatitudes 264	The Sower 292	Parable of the Mustard Seed 320	The Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin 374
Salt and Light 268	The Vineyard Workers 298	Share God's Love 326	The Prodigal Son 378
Jesus Teaches about Anger 272	Parable of the Vineyard 302	The Window's Offering 342	Two Masters 384
Love Your Enemies 274	Paying Taxes 306	Be Ready 346	The Parable of the Rich Man 386
Do Not Worry 276	The Greatest Commandment 308	The Good Samaritan 360	The Road to Emmaus 488



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

**FIRST** - Melva Ammann, Patty Holtz  
Birdella Allen, David Olson

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

**TRINITY** - Janet Saxen,

**ST PETER**— Jeannine Rasmussen, Sherry Schmidt,  
Janice Frank

**Lord, you have given us this earth for us to care  
for. Help us by giving us growth for the fields,  
strength for those who care for the soil, and  
wisdom to respect this creation you have given us.**

**We pray**— for all missionaries who spread your  
word among those who believe and those who are  
need of your word. Guard and protect them.

**Lord,** We have received many disasters, floods  
that have brought much rain, tornados, excess  
heat, all these have touched many lives. Help us to  
trust in you through all these struggles.

**Bless all nations.** Help all mankind to seek jus-  
tice and peace. Guide our hearts and all our deeds  
to love all mankind.

**Bless and comfort all who are in need.** Whether  
it be providing shelter to those who need homes,  
those who are in need of food, for those who are  
lonely given them companions, and to those who  
are sick, grant them your power of healing.

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

**Keep Pastor Kelly in your prayers** - guide him  
as he ministers to our congregations.

**All these things and more we ask in your name.**



To the family of  
Mary Ann Debus of Trinity, whose  
funeral was on July 11.

To the family of Millie Wohlhuter,  
of Trinity, who passed away on July 11. Her funeral  
was on July 17th.

To family of Marilyn Pierson, of First who passed away  
July 20th. Her funeral was on July 28th.

**Goldfinch, Fairmont**

Elaine Krueger - StP

Janet Saxen - TL

**Temperance Lake Ridge-Sherburn**

Janice Frank—StP

Ken Cutler—FL

**Home**

Sandy Newville—TL

**Woodland Manor**

Albert Armbrust WL

**Seasons Health Care-Trimont**

Joyce Potts—FL

Rosemary Atzenhoefer WL

**Homestead Assisted Living, Estherville**

Jeannine Rasmussen - StP

**Prayer for the Day**

**Lord of all hopefulness, you are our  
guide to all good and marvelous  
gifts and promises. We thank you  
for all those gifts and help us to  
treasure what is precious in your  
sight.**

**In your name we pray. 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



# FIRST LUTHERAN NEWS



**Worship**  
10:30 at Waverly  
or 9:00 at St. Peter



**LOOKING AHEAD**  
Sunday, September 7th  
Congregational meeting  
Following the  
service.

For the purpose of deciding  
if and what we want to do to fix the steeple  
windows.

The cost for them is about \$ 9,000.  
Each window costing about \$ 1,100 per  
window.

At the present time we have funds for 3  
windows.



## Baptism

On Sunday, July 20th—we  
welcomed Lexie Paige Olson,  
daughter of Spencer and  
Samantha Olson. Her spon-  
sors were John & Taylor Elvenson.



**FIRST COMMUNION—**  
If you have a child/children in-  
terested in receiving the Lord's  
Supper get in touch with Pastor  
Kelly at the Welcome office.

Sunday School will begin on Sept. 14th.  
Please consider helping—  
by being a teacher, or sub.  
It is only for every other month as we share  
with Waverly.



## Sundaes in the Park— 6 pm

August 3rd— Glen Henriksen  
August 17th—Ryan Faber

An evening of wonderful music and delicious ice  
cream. If weather is bad—it will be at Sinn  
Family Celebration of Life Center.

**Trees—**maybe you have  
noticed that the trees in front of  
the church have numbers on.  
The city is in the process of  
having them removed  
because of disease.



There will be no cost to the  
church for this.

There are many trees in  
Trimont that will be taken down.

**BUT —** The Council is also looking at  
having the big tree by the driveway taken  
down at the same time. There will be a cost  
for us to do this. More information about  
all this will be given at the meeting on  
September 7th.

## COMMUNITY BIBLE SCHOOL —

VBS was a great success, with about 70 kids at-  
tending.

**THANK YOU—**to all who helped in any way  
with it. Your time and talents were greatly appre-  
ciated.

**CREST Lunch & Learn**  
here at First — August 20th  
11-1:00

The program for this time will be on  
Fraud.

All are welcome to come. A light lunch is provided  
at noon. Free will donation for the lunch.

## MARTIN COUNTY FAIR

If you attend be sure to  
check out the different dis-  
plays, the animals, and all  
the other things that our  
young 4H people have put so much work into.



**Women's Get together Meeting**  
August 13th — 10 am.  
All ladies are invited to come



# St. Peter News



WELCA: August 6  
1:30 pm  
Hostess: Shirley Schmidt

Bible study for July—We continue our study on relationships. We study the story of Naomi and Ruth and how they held fast to their relationship.

Our Treasury has a balance of \$870.45 We will donate \$50. to the Martin County Relay for Life.

The Ingham Ice Cream Social was very successful with pies selling high as usual. Next event is the Quilt Auction at Okoboji on August 2nd. On June 30 there was a Family “Get Away” event. The Ingham Hog Roast is planned for August 24. At our last meeting in July we talked of Friendships. I think we talked of our own lives and had a catch-up in the lives of the 5 of us present. More than we spent time on the lesson. IT was like a breath of fresh air to see Ann, Julaine, Rosemary and Sherry. Friends for years and always. For all of you, if you get over this way, stop in and the coffee pot is on and always a cookie or two.

Looking through my window: I can’t stay feeling blue for long if I look out the window facing west. There are two new homes being built so two new families with new beginnings. I have lots of flowers and a bird feeder and I have a mama robin as a frequent visitor. She had a nest close by and now there are three fledglings trying to fly and mama stays close by, what a joy to watch them.

So many new beginnings in the spring. The corn growing rapidly in the fields looking east. They can park out west and I see many help and visitors come and go. I have a lot of family come so I am blessed. I have also been well, some dental work being done now is all.

Thank you to Pastor Kelly and Belva for their visits. Always Welcome! I found this poem on friendship. “There are people in life who shine in was intentional. It’s just natural for them to love, encourage, and inspire. They are all truly beautiful people!” Jeannine

## St. Peter Council

Sunday, June 22, 2025

Attending: President Marilyn Cheever, Keith & Jody Franck, Dale Leiding and Jim Plumhoff.

Marilyn let us know that the property insurance is going up, Summer fill for LP is done and paid. We discussed the CD at the bank is coming to the end of the 6 months, Jim made a motion to renew it, Keith seconded it. Motion passed.

Landscaping was discussed, Marilyn made a motion to have Sherburn nursery do the landscaping. Motion was seconded by Dale, and motion was passed. Jody will take care of contacting Sherburn nursery.

Dale brought up the kitchen flooring, we will be moving forward with replacing the floor.

The entryway ceiling was discussed, and we will be looking into finding someone to give us a bid on repairing it.

Meeting was adjourned - Jody Franck

# Trinity News

## Trinity Council

Sunday, July 13, 2025

Members Present: Jon Saxen, Joel Detert, Becky Detert, Todd Williams, Jeff Miller, and Lonnie Moffitt Jon Saxen called the meeting to order at 10:00.

Agenda. Motion by Joel D. to approve agenda, Jeff M. seconded. Motion carried.

Todd W. made motion to approve minutes from last meeting. Jeff M. Seconded. Motion carried.

Becky D went over income and expenses. Lonnie M. made motion to approve the treasurer’s report. Joel D. Seconded. Motion carried.

There was no Pastor’s report, Faith Formation or Caring Ministries reports.

### Property Report

There has been additional vandalism done at the cemetery. One of the stones was damaged again.

The window repair has been done. Glass covering over the stained glass on the west Side was broken and was repaired with plexiglass.

There was discussion on putting a ramp on the curb in the front of the Church. Someone will check the city and with the people doing the streets in Welcome to see about feasibility.

The circuit breakers on the air conditioning have been acting up. Lonnie will see if we can get one online like we did last time and put it in.

Old Business – None

### New Business - Property Insurance

Cost has gone up about \$2,000 from last year, from about \$7,200 to \$9,000. Values have been gone over and revised and there were different endorsements that were gone through. Becky D made motion to revise the coverage so the premium was lowered to about \$7,400. Todd W seconded. Motion was approved.

Joel D made motion to adjourn, seconded by Todd W. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted, Lonnie Moffitt




# Waverly News

Mary Circle meets  
Tuesday, August 5  
2 pm at the church.

Waverly Council mtg  
on Sunday, Aug. 10  
@ 9 am.





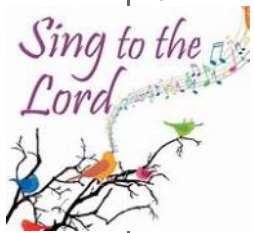


# CELEBRATE!

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	Happy Anniversary			1	2 Gloria Martin Amy Morrow Todd Rathman	
3 Shari Chukuske Cody Leiding Karter Janssen	4 Alice Olson  Brian & Joanna Sandberg	5 Chad Harder Rachelle Kruse Brent Oechsle	6 Kinley Poppe Lois Schultz Courtney Schultz  David & Amanda Brosnahan 20	7 Tobias Haugen Dax Hanson  Troy & Abby Loveland	8 Becca Johnson 	9 Kelly Umbriet  Tom & LuAnn Peterson 50
10 Mark Sand- berg 	11 Josh Petschke	12 Diane Korte Clayton Traetow	13 Joe Newville Jeff Matz Clifford Anderson	14 Mary Thompson	15 Mary Muller	16 Vincent Peterson  James & Diane Korte 40
17 Joel Detert 	18 Doug Gerhardt Gerald McGee	19 Rhoda Odegaard Erin Schmidt	20 Laurie Burmeister Amy Bloomquist	21 	22 Michael Casias	23 Paul & Deanne Gaalswyk 50  Doug & Tami Gerhardt
24 Wyatt Burmeister Heidi Clow  Keith & Sandy Winter	25 Danielle Wilmes  Jeff & Gwen Matz 35 Robert & Lonnie Moffitt	26 Brannon Paplow	27 	28 Matthew Hansen Roger Rezac	29 Becky Detert Christine Hansen Leah Kruse Susan Rathman  Braedy & Melissa Lueth 10	30 Jeannie Rahm
31 Neil Hansen						



Whoever believes in me, streams of living water will flow from within him.  
John 7:38

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Morning coffee's St. John's Sherburn 8:30-10			1	2 FL church reserved
3 9:00 am St. Peter Communion 10:30 am Waverly Communion 6 pm Sundaes in Park, Glen Henrickson, TRI	4	5  2 pm Mary Circle @ Waverly	6  1:30 pm St. Peter WELCA @ St. Peter	7  	8	9
10 9:00 am St. Peter 10:30 am Waverly Communion 9 am Waverly Council meeting	11	12	13 10 am FL Women's meeting	14  	15	16
17 9:00 am St. Peter 10:30 am Waverly Communion Ryan Faber at Sundaes in Park, TRI	18	19	20  11 am—1 pm CREST lunch & learn @ First	21	22  	23
24 9:00 am St. Peter  10:30 am Waverly Communion	25  	26	27	28	29	30
31 9:00 am St. Peter Communion  10:30 am Waverly Communion						Sunday— Sept. 7 God's Work Our Hands <b>Joint Worship</b> service @ Trinity @ 9 am



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### Waverly church library

Peter DeHaan spent a year visiting a different Christian church every Sunday: Protestant mainline, evangelical, and charismatic, Roman too.

52 Churches calls you to embrace all the branches of Jesus' church and expand your practice of worshiping God and celebrating community.

Peter invites you to join him on this personal, spiritual so-journ of discovery. Read 52 Churches for education, read it for entertainment or read it for the insight gained from visiting a boatload of churches.

You can find it in Waverly's church library to read and then return for others to read.

### Sunday morning scripture readings for August

DATE	1st READING	RESPONSIVE READING	2nd READING	GOSPEL
August 3	Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23	Psalm 49:1-12	Colossians 3:1-11	Luke 12:13-21
August 10	Genesis 15:1-6	Psalm 33:12-22	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	Luke 12:32-40
August 17	Jeremiah 23:23-29	Psalm 82	Hebrews 11:29—12:2	Luke 12:49-56
August 24	Isaiah 58:9b-14	Psalm 103:1-8	Hebrews 12:18-29	Luke 13:10-17
August 31	Proverbs 25:6-7	Psalm 112	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	Luke 14:1, 7-14