



Holy Week 2015 Schedule

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Sunday

Sunday, March 29

Worship with Holy Communion

- 8:30 AM St. Peter Lutheran
- 10:30 AM Trinity Lutheran
- 10:30 AM Waverly Lutheran

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Thursday

Thursday, April 2

Worship with Holy Communion

- 7:00 PM St. Peter Lutheran
Joint Worship Service

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Friday

Friday, April 3

Service of Darkness

- 7:00 PM Waverly Lutheran
Joint Worship Service

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Saturday

Saturday, April 4

Easter Vigil Service

- 6:30 PM Trinity Lutheran, Welcome
Joint Worship Service with
Partners in Ministry, Trimont

easter
Sunday

Sunday, April 5

Worship with Holy Communion

- 7:00 AM Trinity Lutheran
Youth Breakfast to follow
- 8:30 AM St. Peter Lutheran
- 10:30 AM Waverly Lutheran



BRING A BELL!



The Easter Vigil service is not a new worship service, but rather the conclusion of the *Triduum* (one worship service stretched over three days). The *Triduum* is Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday (the Easter Vigil). You may recall that the Maundy Thursday service begins as normal, but “ends” with everyone leaving in silence without the benediction. Then we enter in silence on Good Friday without an invocation and again leave in silence without the benediction. The Easter Vigil is the conclusion of this three day worship service. We will enter in silence for the Easter Vigil, but we will finally end like we normally do with the benediction.

However, the Easter Vigil is unlike any other worship service you have ever been to. This service is a cross between high church liturgy (which is what you are used to seeing during our Sunday morning worship services) and bible camp skits. We begin this service outside (weather permitting) with a fire and a candlelit procession into the church. When we enter the church, we notice that the altar is still stripped from Maundy Thursday and the sanctuary still has the look/feel of Good Friday. As we go through the service, foundational stories of our faith are read and told in creative ways. There also comes a point in the service where we transition from darkness to light, from Good Friday to Easter, from death to life. You will get to see, hear, and feel this transition.

After the service, there will be a reception to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord. And what better way to celebrate our God overcoming the grave and death itself, than to have festive foods and beverages that you would find at other celebrations like New Years, weddings, and graduations. Our reception is to celebrate the reality that Jesus Christ is not dead in a tomb, but alive. Therefore, we will be serving chocolate fondue, meat and cheese trays, champagne and sparkling cider.

This is certainly a service that you don’t want to miss. Mark this on your calendar and plan on attending. The service will take approximately 2 hours, but don’t worry, you won’t even notice that it is taking that long. There are so many different things happening that time will just fly by.

The Easter Vigil is such a big service to put together that we have teamed up with Partners in Ministry (First Lutheran and United Methodist in Trimont). We have 40-50 people from all 5 churches helping put this service on. If you get asked to help please consider helping. If you’d like to help please talk to Pastor Anthony. And even if you are not helping, please plan on coming, you’ll be glad that you did!

A BLESSED HOLY WEEK TO YOU!

Holy Week Schedule

| Date | St. Peter | Trinity | Waverly |
|--|--|---|---|
| Thursday, April 2 - Communion <i>Maundy Thursday</i> <i>Altar Color: Purple</i> | Worship @ 7:00 pm <i>Pr. Eric preaching</i> | <i>Joint Worship at St. Peter</i> | <i>Joint Worship at St. Peter</i> |
| Friday, April 3 <i>Good Friday</i> <i>Altar Color: N/A</i> | <i>Joint Worship at Waverly</i> | <i>Joint Worship at Waverly</i> | Worship @ 7:00 pm |
| Saturday, April 4 <i>Easter Vigil</i> <i>Altar Color: N/A</i> | <i>Joint Worship at Trinity</i> | Worship @ 6:30 pm | <i>Joint Worship at Trinity</i> |
| Sunday, April 5 - Communion <i>Easter Sunday</i> <i>Altar Color: White</i> | Worship @ 8:30 am <i>Pr. Anthony preaching</i> | Worship @ 7:00 am <i>Pr. Eric preaching</i> | Worship @ 10:30 am <i>Pr. Anthony preaching</i> |



APRIL 2015

PASTOR ANTHONY'S RIPPLES

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

In last month's article, I wrote about the 40 days of Lent as we had just begun this penitential season. Now we are coming to the end of these 40 days, which will indeed come to an end on Maundy Thursday. And before we begin the 50 days of Easter, which is what we look forward to in Lent, we first will go through a three day feast called the Triduum (meaning "The Three Days"). These three days are Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. This is one worship service that is stretched over three days. We begin the Triduum with Maundy Thursday, where we recount and remember the command (or mandate) that Jesus gave his disciples, "Do this for the remembrance of me." This service will be hosted by St. Peter beginning at 7:00 pm. Then on Good Friday we return to the church to continue the three day feast, and during this portion of the service we recount and remember our Lord's crucifixion and death. This service will be hosted by Waverly beginning at 7:00 pm. Then on Holy Saturday (the night before Easter) we return once again to the church to conclude the three day feast with the Easter Vigil. During this portion of the service, we retell the foundational stories of our faith in creative, dramatic ways. We also see, hear, and feel the transition from Good Friday to Easter Sunday, the transition from darkness to light, from death to life. We then finally conclude our three day feast with a festive reception to celebrate our Lord's resurrection from the dead. The Easter Vigil service will be hosted by Trinity beginning at 6:30 pm with a New Fire!

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Holy Week is certainly an important time for us Christians. It is the week where we slow down and remember the road that our Savior took to the cross for the forgiveness of all of our sins. I highly encourage you to make the Triduum a priority this year (and every year). In order to fully see and experience the beauty of the three day feast, it is important to attend each day of the Three Days. If you can't make all of the services, please come to the ones you can. Services like this only happen once a year. Plus, the Easter Vigil is unlike any other service that you have ever been to.

Blessings to you as we approach the holiest of weeks. The week where we come to worship, receiving the full promise of forgiveness and absolution of our sins, and praise God for the sacrifice that He made on the cross through Jesus's death and resurrection. Blessings to you and I look forward to seeing you at the Triduum, the three day feast of our Lord's crucifixion, death, and resurrection.

In Christ,

Pastor Anthony

PASTOR ERIC'S RIPPLES

We have been thinking about the things the early Christians did from Acts chapter 2. We thought about the sharing, the fellowship, the rejoicing and the praying. Now we think about worship: The first Christians spent much time at the temple, they broke bread and they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching.

Since we are in Lent and looking forward to Holy Week and Easter, I'll share some thoughts about our worship during this time. The earliest writing we have in the New Testament are the letters of the apostle Paul. It is interesting that he did not write about any of the teachings of Jesus or the healings and miracles. The only words of Jesus that he shares are the words Jesus said at the last supper, the words of institution. Other than that he mostly just refers to the death and resurrection of Jesus and what that means for our lives. In a sense, for Paul, everything important for the Christian life is found in what we learn and celebrate from Maundy Thursday through Easter Sunday.

So, this is a big deal. It reminds me that God has power over life and death. It reminds me that God uses death to bring life. It reminds me that God will bring me though death into life. This promise is made real every time I hear the story and every time I am given the body and blood of God's very own son, Jesus. No matter how the powers of the world or of other spiritual forces try to destroy God and God's love for me they will fail. The Holy Week worship journey brings me back home, year after year, to this foundation; my life in Christ. And yours too.

Eric Midthun
Associate Pastor, Circle of Faith Parish



Wednesday, April 8th
5:30 – 7:30 pm
Location: John Sherman

DIRECTIONS: East of highway 15, south of Trinity church at 210 south 7th ave. Truman MN.

WINE WOMEN & THE WORD

Tuesday, April 21st

6:00 – 8:00 pm

Location: Bernice Lehmann

201 W Sherman, Ceylon

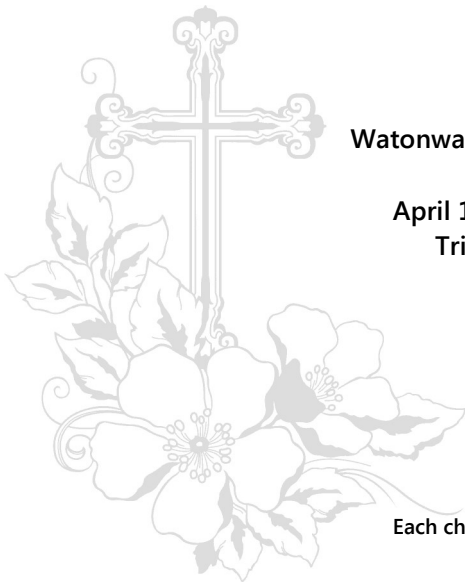
Two blocks south of the fire station.

Or right across the street (west) of St. Peter church

April Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship Services

| Date | St. Peter – 8:30 am | Trinity – 10:30 am | Waverly – 10:30 am |
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| April 5 – Communion <i>Altar Color: White</i> <i>Resurrection of Our Lord</i> | <i>See Holy Week Schedule on page 2</i> | | |
| April 12 <i>Altar Color: White</i> | Pr. Anthony | Pr. Eric | Pr. Anthony |
| April 19 <i>Altar Color: White</i> | Pr. Eric | Pr. Eric | Pr. Anthony |
| April 26 – Communion <i>Altar Color: White</i> | Pr. Anthony | Pr. Eric | Pr. Anthony |



Women of the ELCA

Watonwan River Conference **Spring Gathering**
"Whispers of Hope"

April 11, 2015

Trinity Lutheran Church, 406 W Main St Madelia

8:30 am: Registration and Coffee

9:15 am: Meeting

Cost: \$7.00 per attendee

Speaker: Connie Olson will speak about "Whispers of Hope farm, which helps young women in need of learning life skills.

Offering: 1/2 to the Synod. 1/2 to Whispers of Hope

Each church please bring a twin size quilt to donate to "Whispers of Hope" if you can.

Lunch: Served by the ladies of Trinity Church, Madelia

RSVP by April 6th to Jean Oldenberg at 507-380-9916



Tuesday Morning Coffees

Starting, April 7

8:30—10:00 am

Trinity Lutheran in
Trimont

SUNRISE BIBLE STUDY

**"For everything there is a season,
and a time for . . . Bible Study!"**

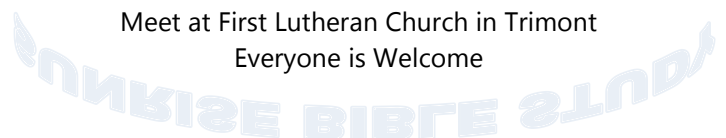
MEN—6:30 am on Tuesday

Led by Pastor Anthony Christoffels

WOMEN—6:30 am on Thursdays

Led by Pastor Stephanie Christoffels

Meet at First Lutheran Church in Trimont
Everyone is Welcome



We Are Church **TOGETHER**



In a year when a bishop election is held in the Southwestern Minnesota Synod, the constitution calls for each conference assembly to nominate five members of the ELCA clergy roster for the office of synod bishop (S9.04.01). After following the process outlines in the constitution, the ten conferences of the Southwestern Minnesota Synod, ELCA nominated six pastors for the office of Synod Bishop at their Sunday, February 22, assemblies. Nominations are now closed. The six pastors who have been nominated are:

Rev. Jon Anderson — Southwestern Minnesota Synod, Bishop

Rev. Paul Lutter — St Olaf Lutheran Church — Austin, MN

Rev. Steve Olson — Gethsemane Lutheran Church — Dassel, MN

Rev. Laurie Skow-Anderson — Director for Evangelical Mission/Assistant to Bishop—Synod of WI

Rev. Lyle Snyder — First English Lutheran Church — Tyler, MN

Rev. Timothy Wittwer — Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church — Foley, MN

The bishop election will take place at our Synod Assembly, June 12-14, 2015, at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter. Information about the nominees is posted on our SW MN Synod website (www.swmnelca.org) and will also be available in the Synod Assembly pre-assembly report. Members of the synod will have an opportunity to hear nominees speak at four Bishop Nominee Forums, listed below. The nominees forums are open to the public.

Sunday afternoon, April 26th, 2-4 pm Zion, Litchfield

Sunday evening, April 26th, 7-9 pm Trinity, Montevideo

Monday evening, April 27th, 7-9 pm Our Savior's, New Ulm

Tuesday evening, April 28th, 7-9 pm American, Windom

For voting members of the SW MN Synod Assembly, there will be a nominee forum on Friday, June 12th following Opening worship (3 pm) in Christ Chapel. The first ballot will be on Friday evening at approximately 7:30 pm. The term for bishop is six years and begins on September 1, 2015. Please pray for our synod and the election Process as we prepare to elect our bishop.



Circle of Faith

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2015

Meeting was called to order at Trinity Lutheran at 6:00 pm by Vice President Marilyn Cheever. Other members present: Merle Burmeister, Jody Franck, Deb Phillip, Kirsten Rabbe, Jon Saxen. Staff present: Pastor Anthony Christoffels, Pr. Eric Midthun. Congregational Presidents present: Henry Borchardt, Nancy Nordstrom

Motion by Jody Frank, seconded by Jon Saxen, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed.

Pr. Anthony presented devotions based on Acts 2:41-47. What does “the” mean in “the prayers”? Examples: prayers of the church, people, intercession. Teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread, prayers. What is a good prayer? As a parish, we have been inundated with prayer needs, and pastoral care needs recently. Saying their names can be enough. Naming is important. Jesus said before teaching his disciples the Lord’s prayer that prayers don’t need to be long. God knows what you need. Quick prayer is good. “Arrow prayers.” Shoot an arrow prayer up to God quick.

Kirsten Rabbe presented the Secretary’s report for the February 10, 2015 Parish Council meeting. Change Jay Burmeister not Jay Borchardt. Motion by Jody Franck, seconded by Jon Saxen, to approve the Secretary’s report as changed. Motion passed.

Jon Saxen presented the February 2015 Operating Statement to the Parish Council. Will add in ¼ of 2015 technology fund addition (annual total of \$1500) at the end of each quarter. Motion by Merle Burmeister, seconded by Jody Franck, to approve the Treasurer’s report as presented. Motion passed.

PASTORS’ REPORTS

Pastor Anthony’s report

. Pastor handed out the Leadership Organizational Chart for 2015 for Circle of Faith Parish. Please note: Jesus is at the head of this parish.

. Easter Vigil coming up – April 4th. Holy Week Schedule will be: Palm Sunday – all churches. Maundy Thursday – at St. Peter, Good Friday – at Waverly, Easter Vigil – at Trinity. Easter Vigil is a cross between higher liturgical stuff and bible camp. Explained the redressing of the altar, during the service. Transition from Good Friday to Easter during the service. Champagne and Chocolate Fondue reception to follow. Starts at 6:30 pm so that the service doesn’t end later than 8 – 8:30. Will publicize.

Pastor Eric’s report

. Thanks for the continuing education last month. Went to Colorado. *Leading in the midst of change*. One presenter: “We all know how to change. In churches – to change is to help people remember that they have changed, and what skills they have to change. Another speaker: the book of Daniel: “Second Temple Judaism”. That’s the Judaism that Christianity grew out of. Much of our theology comes out of this.

OLD BUSINESS

Mission Statement Summary

Pastor Anthony reminded us of all the work we did last month on the mission statement. Last month he asked the Parish Council 2 questions: what do we do well, what things do we neglect? Recap: We “do well”: sharing a hope for the future, welcome our neighbors within our own congregations, gathering in faith in worship, trusting God to lead us through. Need to concentrate on: growing our ministry, sharing the Good News outside our own ministry, so we can share our hope for the future. We set two kinds of goals: Ministry Goals: 1) Trying different or additional worship times to increase participation, 2) Reaching out to non-active members, 3) Joint Circle of Faith Mission Project. Administrative Goals: 4) Write Sexual Misconduct Policy – before January, 2015, 5) Revise Wedding Policy, 6) Create Funeral Policy, 7) Create New Congregations Policy for adding others to Circle of Faith.

Reaching out to members on our fringes and our community: This summer, we will continue what Carl did last summer. 3-4 evenings during the summer, theological education (bring in interesting speakers), with food and worship. Discussed the need to “clean” our membership rosters, separate into groups by type of ministry needed: active, have left the church but not the roster, local but inactive, or extended family members. This is the responsibility of individual congregations, was begun by the Communications Team survey last fall. Consider how to reach out to all these people: e.g. still receive the newsletter, etc.. There was an example of one Florida gentleman who still receives Waverly’s newsletter, still contributes to the church, even though he lives far away. Discuss, how do we keep everyone included in our ministry. Pastor will get Lisa and Eileen to get a roster of EVERYBODY to cong. presidents to work on.

Sexual Misconduct Policy – Discussed sources of policies we could adapt for our use, taking the Synod’s proposed policy to our insurance agent and ask if this will meet the need. Keep policy short, understandable. Suggested possible committee members – Pr. Anthony will contact. Limit the number of pages. Council members: bring back resources next month.

Wedding & Funeral Policies – Suggested possible committee members. Pr. Anthony will contact. Current policy is in the book. Suggested that the same committee complete both policy manuals.

New Congregations Policy: Suggested possible committee members. Parish Council will contact them.

These three committees will be Task oriented (short term jobs) – when the task is done, your job is done. Pr. Anthony will work with each of the committees.

NEW BUSINESS

Mission Outreach – South Africa

Joint Mission Project: Pastor Anthony shared. There is a church being built in South Africa. The materials are ordered, Nsongeni, South Africa. The town moved to be closer to a highway. The church stayed in the old location, but it makes sense for the church to follow the people rather than the other way around. Pr. Duma, Dean of this congregation's South African circuit came to COF last fall. Watonwan River Conference, to which Circle of Faith belongs, has committed to raise \$22,000 by WRC, between all the congregations and people in our conference. Butternut church has led the way by committing \$1000, and are challenging every congregation in our conference to match that. (We have 25 congregations including Trinity-Welcome, Waverly-Trimont, and St. Peter-Ceylon.) Motion by Kirsten Rabbe, seconded by Jon Saxen, that COF recommend to our congregations that they consider supporting the building of the Nsongeni, South Africa church. Motion passed. The congregation will send us picture updates, as work progresses. Nancy suggested that we should reply with photos of our fundraising events to support them. Pastor will get copies of the letter to Congregational Presidents, who will take it from there.

Parish Worship Times

Discussion on a suggested summer worship time change. One congregation considering an alternative. Council made recommendations, considering Pastors' schedules, and all three congregations. Will send this recommendation back to the Congregation for consideration.

The next Circle of Faith Parish Council meeting will be April 14, 2015, 6:00 pm, at Trinity in Welcome. Motion by Jon Saxen, seconded by Jody Franck, to adjourn the meeting at x pm. Motion passed. JS/JF.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirsten Rabbe, Secretary

APRIL 2015

Seminarian's Letter Home

To the membership of Circle of Faith Parish:

Greetings to you all from Evanston, IL! Finally, the snow is melting, temperatures are rising, and the days are getting longer. Spring is here! With spring comes Holy Week, and for the first time as Circle of Faith, our celebration of Holy Week will include the Easter Vigil. It's something that every Christian needs to experience, the night when heaven and earth, past and present, mingle and meld. It's different from some worship services that we know, especially in terms of how much Scripture we read.

In the "full Vigil," we're supposed to read twelve Old Testament stories, sing a Psalm in between each one, then read a piece from Romans, then the Gospel – twenty-six readings in all! I once attended a Vigil where the pastor asked why we needed a sermon, since we had just listened to pretty much the entire Bible! We won't be doing all those for our Vigil, I assure you, but we'll be doing several. The reason is that we begin where all things began – at creation. We go through Scripture – Noah's ark, the rescue from Egypt and walk through the Red Sea, the fiery furnace, the valley of dry bones – all the way to the resurrection. Then the story actually goes one step further, when we either baptize new Christians or reaffirm our own baptisms. The story of how God acted throughout history, the story of how it all began and how it all will end – in the hands of God – stretches out to us on that night. We're part of the story of what God does everyday. Seems like that's something worth spending time with, isn't it? We do that every Sunday in small pieces, but on the Vigil night, we really get a fun view of it.

Preparing to celebrate Easter's feast of new life and new light, we pray for God's blessing, using these words:

Almighty God, you give us the joy of celebrating our Lord's resurrection. Give us also the joys of life in your service, and bring us at last to the full joy of life eternal, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. [ELW, The Resurrection of our Lord]

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Your fellow member and pilgrim,
Carl P. Rabbe, M.Div.



Create a simple yet powerful Easter display.

What you need:

- 3 wood blocks (small, medium, large)
- Acrylic paint (three pastel colors and white)
- Paintbrush
- Water
- Paper towels
- Letter stencils and tape (optional)

What you do:

1. Paint each block of wood a different pastel color. (You can paint the whole block or just one side.)
2. When paint is dry, use white paint to write (or stencil) "He" on the smallest block, "is" on the medium block and "risen!" on the large block.
3. When blocks are dry, stack them from largest to smallest to proclaim "He is risen!"



OUR HOPE

Romans 8:34 tells about our risen Lord, who gives us hope.

Directions: Write the phrases on the correct numbered lines below. Then, on the final row of blanks, write the bold capital letters in order from top to bottom, left to right, to spell the word that sums up this verse.

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| 5 who was Raised | 8 Right hand | 6 To life |
| 3 diEd | 4 moRe than that | 7 Is at the |
| 2 JeSus who | 11 intErceding | 9 Of God |
| 12 for Us | 1 Christ | 10 aNd is also |

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9 _____ 10 _____

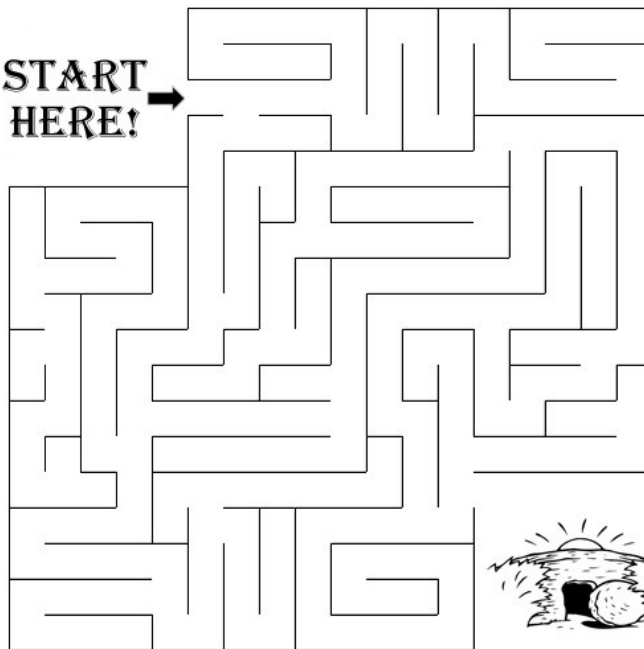
11 _____ 12 _____

_____ Romans 8:34, NIV

RESURRECTION

Answers: ... Christ Jesus who died — more than that, who was raised to life — is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Romans 8:34, NIV

START HERE! →



He is Not Here

He Has Risen

Can you find your way to the empty tomb?

ST. PETER RIPPLES



St. Peter Lutheran Church Council Minutes
March 15th, 2015

Meeting was called to order by Jody Franck. Members present were Jeremy Wink and Keith Franck. Copies of Pastors report were handed out and reviewed.

There was no Secretary's or Treasurer's report.

Old Business:

- *Roof repair. Jeremy is going to contact Dale Leiding with a name and number for a bid on repairing the leaks in the roof.
- *Jeremy is also going to get us a bid on getting gutters helmets.
- *Jody will stop at city hall and ask about the septic system.

New business:

- *Having a Pancake fund raiser to help pay for the building of a church in South Africa. Needs to be done before June.
- *Need volunteers to help revise the Wedding and Funeral policies, to write a Sexual misconduct policy. Keith is going to help with the policy for bringing in new churches to the parish.
- *Looking for a couple volunteers to go over the membership list.
- *Having it put in Ripples to see if we can get help with communion, doesn't have to be council members.
- *Council meeting dates, do we want to keep meeting on Sunday's after service or should we go back to having an evening meeting??? Would the First Sunday of the month or third Sunday work better??? Going to talk about at next meeting.

Next meeting: April 19th following service.

Meeting adjourned

Looking for volunteers to help serve communion, person does not have to be a council member, please contact Jody Franck if willing to do so, email is kjfranck@yourstarnet.net or phone 632-4201. THANK YOU

| DATE | USHERS |
|---------|----------------------------------|
| April 5 | Roger and Joan Rezac |
| 12 | Lorrene Knuth and Kathryn Detert |
| 19 | Don and Marge Schley |
| 26 | Gene and Annette Yackle |
| MAY | |
| 3 | Dale and Jeanne Leiding |

Bridal Shower

There will be an open house Bridal shower for Katelyn Cheever bride to be of Ethan Jensen on Saturday, April 18th at 10:30 am at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Armstrong, Iowa. The couple is registered at Kohl's, Heartland Americana in Estherville, and the Home Improvement Center in Ringsted. Katelyn is the daughter of Neil and Marilyn Cheever.



April Meeting: April 1st at 1:30 p.m.

Hostesses: Janice & Elaine

Bible Study: Session 8 "Inspired by the Risen Lord". Jesus' death could have caused a prolonged time of great doubt for His followers. But Jesus' resurrection cemented their commitment, energized by the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Our Spring Gathering will be at Trinity Lutheran in Madelia on Saturday April 11th. Coffee time begin at 8:30 with the meeting starting at 9 a.m. Let's have at least a carload going! Did you know that there are 247 ELCA churches in SW MN and nearly all are doing a "project" of some kind to help someone? This is "Mission Action"!

Our Mission Action project is quilting and kits. We ended up with 152 quilts – the best ever! Going to various places: 92 to Lutheran World Relief, 10 to Forest Ridge, 10 to Upper Des Moines, 5 to Salvation Army, 10 to House of Hope, 4 for the confirmands, 2 to Pastors, and 5 for the Okoboji Quilt Auction and there are a few left for local emergencies. "Thank You" to everyone who furnished material and/or worked. Special thanks to those who made so many tops and small quilts at home.

Muriel reports our treasury balance is \$1,122. "Thank you" again to those who have contributed to our special collection in place of the rummage sale. It all goes toward our mission giving during the year.

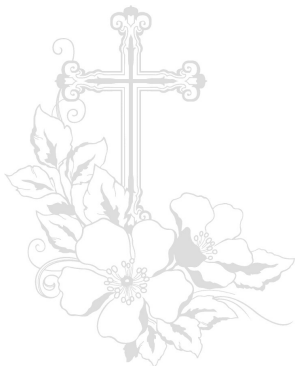
WELCA prayers for Marge & Lorrene at this time. Of course, our shut-ins are always included.

April birthdays: Delores Daleske April 5th, Rosemary Saggau April 15th, and Kathryn Detert April 30th.

April Altar Care: Bernice Next work duty: Group 1

I'll close with Ingham Okoboji Bible Camp's theme for 2015 based on Romans 12:2. "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – His good, pleasing and perfect will."

Love, Jeannine



Women of the ELCA

Spring
Gathering

April 11th, 2015



TRINITY RIPPLES

Council Meeting Minutes — March 10, 2015

Present: Pastor Anthony, Pastor Eric, Henry Borchardt, Velma Schaal, Jean Schock, Brian Burmeister, Lonnie Moffitt. Henry called the meeting to order. Pastor Anthony lead us in devotions from Matthew 5.

New business added to the agenda : South African – New Church and change of church time. Jean moved to approve agenda with additional items, Velma seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor Anthony's report: There will be a new worship service in April on April 4th. It will be an Easter Vigil moving from the darkness into the light. The services for Holy Week are: regular times on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday 7:00 at St. Peter, Good Friday 7:00 at Waverly, Saturday, April 4 will be Easter Vigil 6:30 at Trinity, Trinity's Easter Sunday service is at 7:00 a.m.

Pastor Eric's report: Had Continuing Ed last month in CO. There were 2 speakers at the seminar. One spoke about leading in the midst of change and that all need to change. Remember the skills you have and use them. The other speaker spoke on the book of Daniel.

Secretary's report – minutes were gone over. Jean made a motion to accept, Velma seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report – The Thrivent monies were straightened out. Lonnie made a motion to approve the report, Brian seconded. Motion carried.

Financial Secretary Report – Lonnie made a motion to approve the report, Velma seconded. Motion carried.

Faith Formation Report – None

Caring Ministries Report – We are working on the usher and communion list for the coming year. Anyone willing to help with either, please contact Lonnie Moffitt or Velma Schaal. We will do up a list of duties for both the ushers and people helping with communion.

Lisa and Eileen will get a list of members belonging to Trinity together and the church president and 2 or 3 other people will go through the list and put into 3 groups. One group will be people that have knowingly moved to another church, inactive members and active members.

Discussed ways to welcome people into the church.

Property Committee Report – Discussed curtains in Pastor Anthony and Pastor Eric's offices. Had one quote and were getting another. Price was between \$750 to \$1,200. Should have second quote on Friday and council will have a special meeting after church on Sunday to decide on what to do.

The elevator problem has been solved. The solenoid was replaced and the elevator needs to be parked a certain way when not in use so solenoid is not burnt out again.

Basement bathroom – handicap accessible was tabled until the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Circle of Faith Mission Project was discussed again. Velma made a motion to continue to seek out avenues of doing homemade freezer meals/paper products for people in need. Jean seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

2015 Goals

*South Africa New Church – wanting to build a new church. They do not currently have a building of their own. The church in South Africa would pay for 20% of the cost. Our Savior's church in Butternut challenged the other 24 churches in the synod to each donate \$1,000. Parish council supports the project but it is up to each church to decide what to give. Jean made a motion to donate ½ of the Turkey Dinner proceeds to go to the South African church project. Velma seconded. Motion carried.

*Changing the worship time was discussed – different times, possible evenings, Saturday or Sunday, could do a one month trial in July. Both Pastor Anthony and Eric will be gone the 2nd Sunday of June for the Synod Conference. The possibility of changing times with one of the other churches for June, July and August was mentioned. It was decided to leave the times as is for this year and revisit the idea for next year.

Next meeting will be April 14th at 7:30. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Lonnie Moffitt



If you wish to grace our altar with an Easter Lily or a plant, 'in memory of' or 'in honor of' a loved one, contact Mary Ann DeBus 728-8778 or the church office 728-8259 by Wed. April 1. Please bring your flower/plant to the church by Saturday, April 4. Thank you

Put on your calendar: **TLC Turkey Dinner** Sunday, April 26th.

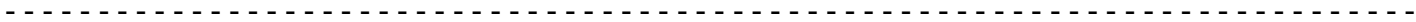


From her daughter: Due to some health issues, Eddie Ekstrand has moved to: Parkview Care Center; 55 10th St SE; Wells MN 56097. If you know Eddie, she would love to hear from you.

| DATE | USHERS | COMMUNION |
|---------|---------------------------|---|
| April 4 | Larry and Deb Philipp | Velma Schaal and John Frerichs |
| 5 | Rita and John Garbers | Jon Saxen and Bocky Borchardt |
| 12 | Tami and Dallas Rasmussen | |
| 19 | Beth and Jay Mulso | |
| 26 | Zane and John Borchardt | Joel Detert and John Garbers |
| May 3 | Carolyn and Wes Strausser | Velma Schaal, Brian Burmeister Monica Chukuske |

ATTENTION: Trinity Lutheran Women

We are sending a survey about our church circles. We would like all of our women to participate in filling Out the survey on the bottom of this page and return it to the church office by December 15th.



Check the following:

1. _____ I would like to be active in a circle

_____ the best day of the week for circle meeting

_____ 9:00 am _____ 2:00 pm - the best time for circle meeting

2. _____ I would be willing to work for different church functions (funerals, coffees, etc.)

3. _____ I am willing to donate food or money for funerals, May coffees, etc.

_____ signature

TLC Circle Committee

Thank you for filling out the form, signing, and returning it.

WAVERLY RIPPLES



Waverly Council Meeting March 12, 2015

Council members present: Nancy Nordstrom, Don Nordstrom, Bob Olson, Karen Koeder, Sue Krueger, Brad Sherman, Cliff Armbrust and Belva Peterson

The meeting was called to order by the president Nancy Nordstrom. A motion by Bob Olson and seconded by Sue Krueger to approved the agenda. Nancy opened the meeting with devotions read from Acts chapter 10 and a folk tale about elephants opening our eyes to accept change. Churches can change and do change.

The secretary's report from February 17, 2015 was read and a motion by Brad Sherman and seconded by Karen Koeder to accept with typing corrections.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance of negative \$10,384.26. A motion by Bob Olson and second by Don Nordstrom to accept the report.

The Pastor's Report: We are reminded of the upcoming services for the Easter season. The Easter Vigil service will include High church and bible skits. The service will begin outside. There are about 30 to 40 people helping with the service, if you would like to help please call Pastor Anthony. There will be a reception after the service. We are reminded to bring a bell to the Easter service .

Old Business:

-Property Committee: Brad Sherman suggested we wait to check with WFS about the summer fill price for LP before locking in the price. Bob Olson fixed the basement ceiling tile. A light switch needs to be fixed in the downstairs Sunday school room, Bob Olson and Cliff Armbrust agreed to fix it. Brad Sherman will check with the lawn mowing crew about cleaning up the lawn area.

-Caring Ministries: Don is taking Steve Sheppard for his medical treatments. April they will be visiting church members in the nursing homes.

-Worship Committee: Karen gave the roster of names on the usher list to Don to have him update. Karen will announce Sunday if anyone would like to be Sunday readers, also if people would like to be communion assistants. The assistants are assigned month by month.

-Faith Formation: No report, Nancy will be working with them.

-Sue Krueger attended Equipping Congregations she attended sessions on adolescents, what they are looking for in the church, a session on Mental Health and depression issues. Nancy attended a session titled NONES this is the generation of people that do not come to church.

-Watwan River conference for 2015 Tim Peterson is Chairman, Karen Koeder is Church wide assembly voting member. Pastor Anthony is the clergy Church wide assembly voting member.

-Nancy reported from Circle of Faith parish council. There is no update on the Meals ministry and they also discussed worship times. Trinity may try Sunday night worship.

-We set the April council meeting for April 16th and tabled to discuss later the dates for July, October and summer. —We

decided the Faith statement (Mission Statement) from Circle of Faith and Waverly are about the same and we will keep our faith statement along with the Circle of Faith statement. The Waverly annual report will have the Waverly Mission statement included.

New Business:

-South African mission project: The church box will be passed each Sunday for collecting money. Our goal is to raise \$1,000 to send to Watwan River Conference for the mission. May 3rd we will have a pot luck meal and pie auction as a fund raiser for the Mission. The African mission needs a total of \$22,000 for building the new church.

-Parish Secretary's will be giving each church a list of their members. Our goal is to reach out to our inactive members.

-Nancy read a thank you from the Southwestern Minnesota Synod for the \$3,000 Waverly sent for missions.

-Bob Olson made a motion and was seconded by Karen to switch to Verizon for our phone service so we can save some money. Cliff will call the companies to make the change.

-We will check to see about adding the Waverly phone number to be listed on the church Web page.

Motion to adjourn by Brad and seconded by Bob. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted: Belva Peterson Secretary



Work day report:

Tuesday we had 7 workers and got 11 quilts done, Wednesday we had 6 workers and 7 quilts done. We quit early as we ran out of backs. We need backs so we can start again in September.

10 quilts and 5 baby quilts went to Omaha, Nebraska for a refugee mission there.

Thank you to everyone that helped in anyway. Rosemary A.

Bridal Shower

For Liz Rabbe, on Saturday, April 4. 9:30—11:30 am with a short program at 10:00 @ Waverly.
Liz's fiancé is Randy Knutson

For Melissa Luckhardt on Saturday, April 11 @ Waverly. Melissa's fiancé is Brady Lueth.
More information at a later date.

Save the Date

Bridal Shower for Kristie Gaalswyk, bride to be of Grant Pomerence, will be held at Waverly at 1:30 pm on Saturday, May 9, 2015. Mark your calendars, and we'll see you there!

| DATE | READER | ACOLYTE | CHILDREN'S TIME |
|---------|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| April 5 | Mary Lou Sherman | Jody / Jeff Lueth | Karen Koeder |
| 12 | Lindsey Bettin | Scott Peterson | Kirsten Rabbe |
| 19 | Lynette Shaw | Susan / Todd Rathman | Pastor Eric |
| 26 | Deanne Gaalswyk | Laurie / Brad Sherman | Pastor Anthony |
| MAY | | | |
| 3 | Sonja Haugen | Tim / Belva Peterson | Laurie Sherman |

APRIL USHERS

Don Nordstrom
Bob Olson
Jon Helvig

Dennis Krueger
Jim Sherman
Daniel Helvig








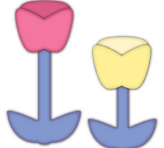



APRIL

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

2015

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|--|--|---|--|--|--|
| | | | 1 Maisie Bentz | 2 | 3 Aaron Burmeister Dennis Hoppe | 4 Jennifer Peterson |
| 5 Jordan Hovick Delores Daleske Jim & Shirley O'Sell | 6 Brian & Heidi Clow Carol & Keith Thiesse James & Donna Hand | 7 Gloria Cook | 8 Bill Steele | 9 | 10 | 11 Merle Burmeister |
| 12 Don Schley Howie & Starr Spiegel '40' | 13 | 14 Norman Schley Beth Mulso | 15 Haley Jensen Rosemary Saggau Kevin & Lynette Shaw | 16 | 17 Brandie Gibson Fletcher Logan Hughes | 18 Brian Sandberg Don Schlager Quinn Gaalswyk |
| 19 Tom Hovick Justin Shaw Michael Roth | 20 Aline Wilking Lee Thompson Eldor Rose | 21 Henry & Sun Borchardt '40' | 22 Shirley Gerdes Wyatt Bengé | 23 Deanne Gaalswyk Alan Johnson | 24 Catherine Sherman | 25 Hunter Schmidtke |
| 26 Kendra Helvig | 27 James Chukuske, Sr Zach Peterson | 28 Brady Rosen | 29 | 30 Kathryn Detert Rosemary Atzenhoefer Troy Schmidtke Braedy Lueth | | |

APRIL 2015

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|---|---|--|---|---|---|
|  | | | 1 1:30 pm Dorcas Circle @ TSL 1:30 pm W-ELCA St. P | 2  MAUNDY THURSDAY 7 pm @ StP | 3  Good Friday 7 pm @ WLC | 4 WLC 9:30-11:30 Bridal Shower for Liz Rabbe  <i>Easter Vigil</i> 6:30 pm @ TLC |
| 5 <i>Easter</i>  7:00 am TLC Breakfast follows 8:30 am StP 10:30 WLC | 6 Parish Office Closed | 7 Men's Sunrise Bible Study 6:30 am  Trinity in Trimont 7 pm Mary Circle @ Mary Lou Sherman | 8 2 pm Goldfinch Comm. Men's Garage @ John Sherman 5:30—7:30 pm 6:30 pm WOW-TLC 6:30 pm Confirmation | 9 6:30 am Women's Sunrise Bible Study 7 pm WLC Council mtg | 10 | 11 WLC Bridal Shower for Melissa Luckhardt (Bride-to-be of Brady Lueth) |
| 12 Worship SS-WLC | 13 | 14 Men's Sunrise Bible Study 6:30 am  Trinity in Trimont 6 pm Parish Council mtg 7:30 pm TLC Council mtg | 15 6:30 pm WOW-TLC 6:30 pm Confirmation | 16 6:30 am Women's Sunrise Bible Study | 17 | 18  |
| 19 Worship SS—StP StP Council meeting | 20 | 21 Men's Sunrise Bible Study 6:30 am  Trinity in Trimont Wine, Women & the Word @ Bernice Lehmann's 6—8 pm | 22 6:30 pm WOW-TLC 6:30 pm Confirmation | 23 6:30 am Women's Sunrise Bible Study | 24 | 25 |
| 26 Worship / Holy Communion Turkey Dinner @ TLC | 27 | 28 Men's Sunrise Bible Study 6:30 am  Trinity in Trimont | 29 6:30 pm WOW-TLC 6:30 pm Confirmation | 30 6:30 am Women's Sunrise Bible Study |  | |



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HYMN OF THE MONTH

John Ernest Bode (1816–1874) was highly educated and became a deacon, priest and vicar in the Church of England. He was a poet and wrote a book full of hymns, also giving lectures on poetry at Oxford. However, he is really only famous for one hymn, “O Jesus, I Have Promised”. It was written especially for his daughter and two sons’ confirmation in 1866, and has become known as “Hymn for the Newly Confirmed”. It was chosen by Rev. P. B Stensland in the mid 1940’s to be sung when my class was confirmed (the class also included Jack Potter, Arlen Johnson, Marlene Rattike, Marlys Pickett). And it seems to be the hymn of choice even today. It pledges total commitment to God, “to serve You to the end.” It closes with, “O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.” Perhaps we should remind ourselves of this commitment we make to God – how often we catch ourselves NOT doing what we should – but God is always there to take us back – He NEVER breaks his promise to us.