

Ripples of Faith

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AUGUST 2015

PASTOR ANTHONY'S RIPPLES

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

A couple months ago, I asked the Parish Council to think back to their earliest memory of Holy Communion. What is your earliest memory of Holy Communion? Mine is going early to church with my dad to watch him fill the communion cups with a little squirt bottle. I did not receive Holy Communion until my confirmation day. And I never knew at that age why this was so important, but I did know that it was something special.

So then I asked the Parish Council another question and I ask you this question, "What does Holy Communion mean to you? Why is it important to you?" Many of the answers that I heard were, "It is a Holy Meal." "I am receiving the forgiveness of my sins." "It spiritually nourishes me." If you are thinking along the same lines, then I wonder what is so special about the first and the last Sundays of the month. What makes these particular Sundays more special than the rest of them? Going all the way back to the Early Church, it is a common understanding that every Sunday we celebrate Easter, the Resurrection of Our Lord. And as Carl writes in his article this month, we do *celebrate* not only the Resurrection of Our Lord every Sunday, but we also *celebrate* Holy Communion. This is a celebration, a Holy Meal, a time where heaven and earth come together, and an opportunity for us all to physically receive and inwardly digest the forgiveness of our sins.



For the whole month of August, we will be **celebrating** Holy Communion at all of our worship services, each week. Week after week in August, in the Gospel readings from John, Jesus continually refers to himself as the Bread of Life. The Bread of Life that nourishes us, feeds us, forgives us, and saves us. So it is most fitting for us during these coming weeks to **celebrate** with all of the saints who have gone before us and **celebrate** with all of our fellow members of the Body of Christ.

Come, join us in August as we celebrate the grace that God has given us through simple, everyday items like bread and wine. The picture of the chalice, wheat and grapes is a stained glass window in Trinity's sanctuary. Come to the banquet, that foretaste of the feast to come.

In Christ,
Pastor Anthony



Tuesday Morning Coffees

**Starting, August 4
8:30—10:00 am
@ St. John's
Sherburn**

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



Tuesday, August 5, 5:30—7:30 pm @ Merle Burmeister's
1931 160th Ave, Truman—North from Welcome on 130th Ave. Turn right [east] on 170th ST and go 3 miles. Turn left, [north] and go 2 1/2 miles.

WINE -WOMEN & THE WORD

Is taking a vacation for the month of August
Meet back up in September. If you would like to host the group in September, please contact Pastor Anthony or Pastor Eric.

August Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship Services

Date	St. Peter – 8:30 am	Trinity – 10:30 am	Waverly – 8:30 am
August 2 – Communion <i>Altar Color: Green</i>	Pr. Arne Jessen <i>Pr. Anthony is on vacation</i>	Pr. Eric	Pr. Eric
August 9 - Communion <i>Altar Color: Green</i>	Pr. Eric	Pr. Anthony	Pr. Anthony
August 16 - Communion <i>Altar Color: Green</i>	Pr. Anthony	Pr. Anthony	Pr. Eric
August 23 - Communion <i>Altar Color: Green</i>	Pr. Eric	Pr. Eric	Pr. Anthony
August 30 – Communion <i>Altar Color: Green</i>	Pr. Tammy Dahlvang <i>Pr. Eric is on vacation</i>	Pr. Anthony	Pr. Anthony

*Does your church have more pews than people?
Do you wonder what God can do with a small church in rural America?*

Come and Share Three Weeknights With:
the Concerned and Hopeful Christians living out on the prairie!

Circle of Faith Parish presents the 2nd Annual Summer Theology Series:

Mission on the Prairie

Every session will meet at:
Trinity Lutheran Church
204 2nd Street, Welcome

Come to any session that
interests you

The meal is FREE

We'll be done by 7:30 PM

You're welcome to come
for worship,
for the meal/discussion,
or BOTH!

Child Care will be provided



www.circleoffaithparish.org/summerseries

Wednesday, June 10

◊ 6:00 PM - Holden Evening Prayer with Holy Communion

◊ 6:30 PM - Free Meal & Discussion

Mission in Worship

- Go in peace, serve the Lord. What does that even mean? What does it mean to serve the Lord outside of the church?

Led by Carl Rabbe, MDiv



Carl is a member of Circle of Faith Parish, and is a PhD student at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, IL.

Wednesday, July 1

◊ 6:00 PM - Holden Evening Prayer with Holy Communion

◊ 6:30 PM - Free Meal & Discussion

Small Church Mission

- How can my small, dying church possibly make any sort of impact on the mission field that is God's creation?

Led by Rev. Larry Strenge



Larry is the Director for Evangelical Mission in SW MN Synod. He has served as a pastor in Sauk Rapids, MN beginning a new congregation.

Wednesday, August 12

◊ 6:00 PM - Holden Evening Prayer with Holy Communion

◊ 6:30 PM - Free Meal & Discussion

Backyard Mission

- Wait, I BBQ and play with my kids (grandkids) in the backyard. That's not a mission field...is it?

Led by Rev. Dr. Alvin Luedke

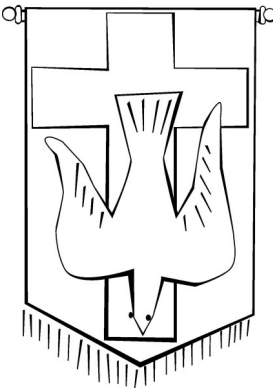


Alvin is a professor of Rural Ministry at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. He has served as a pastor in rural congregations in Texas and Minnesota.

Food, fun conversation, and learning – what's not to love?

CONFIRMATION BEGINS SEPTEMBER 9th

Confirmation Class



Confirmation classes for 7th and 8th graders will be starting in September. Our focus this year is on the Bible. We will be meeting on Wednesday evenings again from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Pastor Anthony and Pastor Eric will be leading/teaching these classes. If you are a 7th or 8th grader this fall, we would like to have you join us. Remember that 2 years of confirmation class is required in order to be confirmed. So if last year was your first year of confirmation, we invite you back for your second year.

Online registration for confirmation is available and open. The calendar and other resources will be finalized in August and made available online as well. You can find everything that you need at www.circleoffaithparish.org/confirmation. If you prefer, there will be hard copies of everything available through the parish office.

We are looking forward to another exciting year of confirmation. If you have any questions please talk to Pastor Anthony.



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REMEMBER FLAT JESUS!

Have you remembered Flat Jesus? Some of you have!
Here are some pictures of where Jesus has been going with us:



Circle of Faith walking in the Trimont parade.
We handed out 500 freeze pops!



John Frerichs training Girl Scout leaders in outdoor cooking.



Payton and Ty Leiding on a vacation to North Carolina.



The Saxen family at Target Field.

Circle of Faith

Parish Council Meeting Minutes - July 14, 2015

Meeting was called to order at St. Peter Lutheran at 6:20 pm by President Steve Williamson.. Other members present: Merle Burmeister, Marilyn Cheever, Jody Franck, Karen Helvig, Deb Philipp, Kirsten Rabbe, Jon Saxen. Staff present: Pastor Anthony Christoffels. Congregational Presidents present: Nancy Nordstrom from Waverly, Jody Franck from St. Peter.

Motion by Jon Saxen, seconded by Karen Helvig, to approve the agenda as amended. (August meeting, Pulpit Supply) Motion passed.

Pr. Anthony led us in devotions. If your church building were destroyed in a tornado, would we still have a congregation? If it were destroyed by a tornado, would your community notice anything different? A thought provoking discussion was held over how we make a difference, what the community needs, how we minister to those around us, how the bad in life brings out the best in us as a church, but that we need to make a difference in good times and in bad. Pr. Anthony closed with the last 2 verses of Matthew's Gospel: the Great Commission.

The Secretary's report for the June 10, 2015 Parish Council meeting was presented. Motion by Jon Saxen, seconded by Deb Philipp, to approve the Secretary's report as amended. Motion passed.

Jon Saxen presented the June 2015 Operating Statement to the Parish Council. Year-to-date budget discussion followed. Motion by Merle Burmeister, seconded by Jody Franck, to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion passed.

REPORTS

Pastor Anthony Christoffels report

- . Mission on the Prairie – good turn out! Over 50 at each session. One more excellent speaker coming up August 12th. St. Peter will be providing the food.
- . Flat Jesus pictures keep coming in.
- . Summer Parish worship and picnic – July 26th in Ceylon at the City Park (2 blocks east of St. Peter). Dessert (a cake) is provided, also beverages, utensils, plates, cups. Rain location: St. Peter.
- . August 25-26th – Pr. Anthony at Continuing Ed in the Cities.

Wedding/Funeral Committee

Policies have been reviewed. Changes have been made. Committee members from each congregation are proofreading, and will report back to Pr. Anthony. The church councils will have them in August, then the Parish Council will address in September. Pr. Anthony will send copies to the Congregational and Parish Councils for review before their meetings. All Councils will have chance to make modifications. Pastor Anthony and the committee wanted congregations to have first look, as weddings and funerals happen in their individual churches, so they need the greatest level of input.

Parades: Good turn out of members in Trimont, handed out 500 freeze pops, could have used more. Ordering extras for July 18th parade in Welcome. Photos are up on COF's website. Thanks to all who came to walk!

OLD BUSINESS

Insurance

Given a significant recent price increase on insurance for one of our congregations, Circle of Faith will begin work on getting bids for insurance for all three congregations together. Approval would have to be obtained by all Congregational Councils and the Parish Council. Jon Saxen and Jon Helvig will work with congregational presidents and treasurers on this project

NEW BUSINESS

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday – Backpack Program

Beginning on God's Work, Our Hands Sunday, Circle of Faith will be supporting the Backpack program for Martin County West, Truman, and Fairmont school children who don't get enough to eat at home on weekends. This program, supported by churches throughout the area and administered by Greta Lintelman of Heaven's Table, sends home a bag of food (2 breakfasts, 2 hot meals, 4 snacks) in a brown bag, tucked in the student's backpack, every weekend. The students who will receive these are those in grades K-6 who qualify for free lunches through the school district. Heaven's Table can purchase the necessary food at a greatly reduced cost over what individuals can purchase it for, so it makes sense for them to purchase and package the food.

The schools themselves will get the bags discretely into the students' backpacks before they leave on Friday. The responsibility of the participating churches would be to raise money to support the program. Cost likely of \$3.00/student/weekend (bag) of food. Final number of children participating will be determined in late August, after schools know how many qualify. Currently all three Circle of Faith congregations, Partners in Ministry in Trimont (First Lutheran and United Methodist), and St. John's in Sherburn will be participating, along with churches in Fairmont and Truman. Greta Lintelman asked our input on whether to run separate accounts for each of the three districts participating, or just one account for all of Martin County. Circle of Faith's Parish Council felt that one account was adequate – we have kids in all three districts. "Just feed the kids" was the common theme of our discussion.

Each congregation will come up with their own fundraising effort, and we will give our gifts to Heaven's Table for this program.

Pulpit Supply list discussion – how to evaluate and update the list as we move forward.

The next Parish Council meeting will not be a business meeting, but a brainstorming session as we move into the new year. It will be held Tuesday, August 11, 2015, 6:00 pm, at Helvig's cabin.

Motion by Kirsten Rabbe, seconded by Deb Phillip, to adjourn at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kirsten Rabbe, Secretary

A Seminarian's Letters Home

August 2015

To the membership of Circle of Faith Parish:

Greetings to you all from Evanston, IL! By the time you read this, we'll be well into the weeks when the lectionary treats us to a bunch of long discourses from John's Gospel. For basically the next month, we'll hear Jesus talking about bread week after week. During that time, Circle of Faith will also be celebrating Holy Communion every Sunday. I am so excited that this is happening! If I wanted to be funny, I'd say that we are doing this because we'll all be so hungry, having heard all this stuff about bread. But that's not the only reason why.

One of the promises Jesus made to his followers in John's Gospel was "where I am, there you will be also." Throughout our history, Christians have expressed that promise in our art and our music, right up to today. At Waverly, there was a time when the altar rail was in the shape of a half-circle, disappearing into the wall. At Trinity, angel statues flank the altar for the same reason. At St. Peter, also, that's why so many saints' symbols appear in the stained-glass windows in the sanctuary. Moreover, this is why we always sing the angels' hymn – "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might..." every time we have Communion. All of these things are meant to show our belief that everyone who has gone before us, all the angels and saints, are there with us, with Christ in the center, every time we celebrate Holy Communion. They are there - we just can't see them. Heaven and earth come together at the table we call the Eucharist. That's why we call what we do *celebrating* Holy Communion. Sounds like a pretty good thing to celebrate, too! So, let's enjoy these weeks of feasting with the Bread of Life, and with those who dine at heaven's banquet beyond our sight.

Enjoying these weeks of the feast Christ gave us, let us pray for God's blessing, using these words:

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen. [ELW, Prayer after Communion]

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.



ST. PETER R I PPLES

St. Peter Council Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Jody Franck, attending were Jeremy Wink, Dean Koehler.

Treasurer’s report was reviewed.

Old business: Still looking into finding someone to come to look at the roof for repairs. Jeremy had contacted the gutter helmet company going to contact them again this week to see when they will be coming to clean the gutters and place the helmets on.

Pancake breakfast made \$400 which went to the South Africa Church fund.

Going to talk to Angie about Rally Sunday, maybe do donuts and juice and decorate with balloons???

Table the discussion on how much the council wants to donate to Alex and Christie till we have more council members to vote on it.

Discussed setting up for Church service/Church picnic in the park, going to try to set up Saturday sometime. Angie will order a cake with the Circle of Faith logo on it for dessert.

God’s Work, Our Hands – this year we will be helping with the local Back Pack program for the kids in Community. We will be passing a Back Pack once a month for donations for this.

Discussed the church insurance policy had an increase in cost of \$1288 for a year. The Parish council is looking at combining all the churches together, should save each church some money and have the coverage we need.

Jeremy reminded me to look into LED light through Federated.

Dean is going to help look into the sewer and hooking up to city line. Looking at our city bill we are getting charged for sewer.

St. Peter will be serving the meal for the August 12th Mission on the Prairie service at Trinity.

Next meeting: August 16th
Meeting Adjourned.

DATE	USHERS
August 2	Jeannine Rasmussen and Sherry Schmidt
9	Neil and Marilyn Cheever
16	Bernice Lehmann and Shirley Schmidt
23	Roger and Joan Rezac
30	Lorrene Knuth and Kathryn Detert
September 6	Don and Marge Schley



August meeting: August 5th @ 9:00 am
 Hostesses: Shirley Schmidt and Lorrene Knuth

Bible Study: Session 3 of the summer series—"God Loves a Cheerful Giver"! The focus verse is 2 Corinthians 9:7

As I write this we have had 2 of our July breakfasts with about 80 attending each time. It is great that so many come to have a good coffee and fellowship and the donations help the churches with their mission projects.

Janice and I attended the 28th Annual Convention of the SW MN Synodical organization of the WELCA. There were 168 in attendance. Interesting speakers, Bible studies, workshops and music made for a great 2 days. A total of 3,296 quilts; 1,156 personal care kits; 50 fabric kits and 544 baby care kits were collected. We delivered 20 quilts, 13 personal care, 8 fabric and 5 baby care and a large box of Christian literature.

We will furnish the meal for the August 12th "Mission on the Prairie" presentation. These are great theology series and I urge more to attend.

The annual Okoboji Bible camp quilt auction will be held Saturday, August 1st. Viewing from 9:30—11 am., lunch and the auction starts at 1 pm. There are always about 150 beautiful quilts and new this year will be a silent auction on Hardanger pieces. The Ingham camp will have the annual Hog Roast on August 23rd.

Muriel reports a treasury balance of \$1,878. including the 2 breakfasts. \$100. was given each to the Malaria Fund, Relay for Life, Alex Schmidt family who are going to Germany for 2 years to the Black Forest Academy, a school for the Children of our missionaries, to the food packet drive held at Gustavus Adolphus where 110,000 food packets were prepared for SW MN.

August birthday is Ardis McKean on the 20th.
 August Altar care is Barb Schmidt
 Next work duty is Group 1

The WELCA convention ended with "snacks to go" based on I Peter 4:10 — "Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received."

Love, Jeannine

TRINITY RIPPLES

DATE	USHERS	COMMUNION
Aug. 2	Sun and Henry Borchardt	Jon Saxen and Bocky Borchardt
9	Jean Schock and Starr Spiegelers	Lonnie and Bob Moffitt
16	Joel and Becky Detert	Henry Borchardt and John Borchardt
23	Jennifer and Greg Moore	John Frerichs and Jon Saxen
30	Susie and Bocky Borchardt	Joel Detert and John Garbers
Sept. 6	Liz and Tim Stahl	Velma Schaal and Brian Burmeister



NO Council meeting was held in July



NEW AT TRINITY!

Do you have many of your monthly bills set up as automatic payments? Have you ever forgotten your checkbook on a Sunday morning or forgot to give to your church one week because you were on vacation? Well Trinity Lutheran is now set up to automatically receive your offering through an automatic monthly or bi-monthly withdrawal from your checking account. We understand that you are busier and more mobile than ever before. And we want you to have that flexibility while still regularly giving to your church. To get started, simply fill out the one page form with your information and return it to the parish office. Forms can be found at church or on the parish website: www.circleoffaithparish.org. Your regular giving will ensure that your church will be able to continue meeting their financial obligations even though you go on vacation for a couple weeks this summer or you go and visit your grandchildren for a weekend.

Sign up for Automatic Giving at Trinity today!



ATTENTION ALL AREA YOUTH ages K – 6th grade!



is coming !!

WOW (Worship on Wednesdays) will be starting September 16th. Information registration details will be posted at: <http://www.circleoffaithparish.org/wow> Plan to attend and bring a friend!!



*Thank you to all my church friends for the prayers, hugs, visits, cards and food. Made my 8 weeks go much faster.
Blessings to all—Gloria Martin*

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Thank you to all who helped in any way with the Pie and Ice Cream Social.

-Dick and Marlys Traetow





WAVERLY RIPPLES

July 12, 2015

In attendance: Nancy Nordstrom, Don Nordstrom, Tom Peterson, Sarah Hecht, Cliff Armbrust, Karen Koeder, Jack Potter, Bob Olson.

Nancy called the meeting to order.

The Agenda was approved by consensus.

Nancy appointed Karen as Secretary in the absence of Belva. The minutes were not available. They will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Cliff presented the Finance Report which shows a -\$11,374.67 YTD balance. After discussion about the deficit it was decided to put a positive sounding article about our financial need in the bulletin and in the August Ripples. Nancy will write the article and send it to Karen. Bob moved acceptance of the financial report, 2nd by Don, passed.

There was no pastor's report.

Worship Committee Report: Karen reported the Worship Committee will meet in mid-August to plan the Harvest Homecoming Worship and make plans for the fall.

Caring Ministries Committee: Tom and Jack reported visiting with Nellie and Lorena. Tom reported Waverly delivered Trimont Community Meals for their first week out of 3 this year. Tom reported on the area Backpack Food Program for early elementary students at Martin County West. He attended the first planning meeting and the project is underway.

Faith Formation Committee: No report this month.

Property Committee: Bob reported on plans to fix the steeple damaged by the wind storm. He is working with Schmidt Siding on the project. There has been no report back from the insurance company related to our damage claim. Bob also reported the lawn mowing crew has been busy.

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday: It was suggested fundraising for the Backpack Program would be a good project. After discussion related to the financing of the program, it was decided Waverly will hold coffee's after church the remainder of the summer with donations going to the Backpack Program. Nancy will host the first one July 19th and ask for volunteers for the remainder of the summer. It was also suggested the Backpack Program could also be the focus of Sunday School fundraising this year. Referred to the Faith Formation Committee.

Discussion continued related to helping individuals for that Sunday. Suggestions were referred to the Caring Ministries Committee.

Harvest Homecoming Report: Nancy reported the Committee was meeting that evening to begin plans for the event on September 20th.

Parades: It was reported there was a good turn out from all 3 congregations for the Trimont Parade on July 11th. The next parade is the 18th in Welcome.

There being no further business, Bob moved for adjournment, 2nd by Tom, passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Koeder, Secretary Pro-Tem

Waverly Council Meeting, June 7, 2015

Council members present: Nancy Nordstrom, Sarah Hecht, Cliff Armbrust, Jack Potter, Don Nordstrom, Susan Krueger and Pastor Eric Midthun.

The meeting was called to order by the president Nancy Nordstrom. Nancy opened with devotions from Mark 3:20-35.

A motion by Jack/seconded by Don to approve the minutes as printed. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report: Don moved/Cliff seconded to approve the secretary's report from the May meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Cliff presented the Treasurer's Report. Balance is \$10,800 behind budget projections. Jack moved/Sarah seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Eric did not receive anything from Pastor Anthony to report.

Worship Committee: The Worship Committee has not met recently. They will meet this summer to plan the fall activities.

Caring Ministries Committee: Members of the committee have visited Waverly members in the Truman and Trimont Health Care Centers. Jack reported that Karen Koeder has prepared a schedule for Meals on Wheels.

Faith Formation: Sarah and Jody are finalizing plans for VBS. They are making plans for a group of counselors from Green Lake to come to Waverly. The preliminary plans are VBS on a Saturday with a camp-out overnight. Invitations will be extended to all children of Circle of Faith member churches. Each student will be encouraged to bring a friend. Cost will be approximately \$500 for 35 youth. The cost will be adjusted if more than 35 students attend.

Property Committee: The property committee reported that the LP price for the summer fill will be 90¢ per gallon. The braces for the pews are nearly finished and will be installed soon. The braces have already been paid for. The piano will be tuned on Wednesday this week. The organ tuning will be scheduled later this year. Lawn mowing is going well.

Old Business:

God's Work, Our Hands project ideas:

- Backpack project to provide food for children will be meeting later this week.
- Helping members with work around their houses.
- Offering rides to church.

Harvest Homecoming committee will be meeting June 20.

Baccalaureate service went well. Eighty people attended.

Bishop Buthelezi from South Africa will be coming this week.

New Business:

The council discussed offerings for the Synod Assembly. The consensus of the group was to donate \$100 for the SWMN Shared Ministry Partners, to not provide funds in addition to our already budgeted funds for ELCA World Hunger as determined at our Annual Meeting, and to consider our Intent Offering to be the funds we have already budgeted to provide for World Hunger (\$1000), Missionary (\$2000) and our monthly Synod contribution (\$3000). Don moved/Jack seconded to donate \$100 for the Synod Shared Ministry fund. Motion carried.

Parades in our Circle of Faith communities are scheduled for July. Jack will report to the congregation the number and sizes of shirts we have available. We will need both riders and walkers. Trimont's parade is scheduled for July 11 and Welcome's parade is scheduled for July 18. Freeze pops will be donated.

Upcoming Events:

Next Waverly Council meeting is scheduled for July 12 after the worship service.

The Circle of Faith picnic will be July 26th in the park in Ceylon. If it rains the picnic will move to St. Peter Lutheran Church.

Don moved/Sarah seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Krueger



Harvest Homecoming Planning Meeting

All are welcome to a planning meeting for Harvest Homecoming to be held at Jon and Karen Helvigs lake cabin (1053 Martin Rd), on Sunday, August 16th, at 6 pm. Meat provided, bring a dish to pass. Harvest Homecoming will be Sunday, September 20th.



There will be an open house bridal shower for Katie Barnes, bride-to-be of Taylor Nordstrom, on Saturday, August 15, 9:30 - 11:30 at Waverly Lutheran Church. Please bring a favorite recipe to share with them. Katie and Taylor are registered at Target, Bed Bath and Beyond, Macy's and Sterling Drug. All friends and relatives are invited.

DATE	READER	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
August 2	Scott Peterson	Shane Kuehl family	Jack Potter
9	Laurie Sherman	Brian Clow family	
16	Shirley Gerdes	Tim/Belva Peterson	
23	Erwin Atzenhoefer	Sonja / Susan	
30	Rosemary Atzenhoefer	Scott Peterson	
Sept. 6	Joel Rabbe	Kirsten Rabbe	Don Nordstrom

AUGUST USHERS - Steve Williamson, Harry Gerdes, Todd Rathman, Will Hecht, Troy Schmidtke



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <i>Darrel & Muriel Klenz</i>
2 Gloria Martin Amy Morrow Todd Rathman Tom McKean	3 Daylin Hartung	4 <i>Brian & Joanna Sandberg</i>	5 Duane Daleske Jean Hatch Chad Harder Rachelle Kruse	6 Joanne Sherman <i>David & Amanda Brosnahan '10</i>	7 <i>Troy & Abbey Loveland '5</i>	8 Russ Plumbhoff
9 <i>Tom & LuAnn Peterson '40</i>	10 Brayden Moeckel	11 Josh Petschke	12 Diane Korte	13 Joe Newville Craig Senne	14 Mary Thompson <i>Neil & Cara Hansen '5</i>	15 Mary Muller Darrell Miller
16 <i>James & Diane Korte '30</i>	17 Joel Detert	18 Alex Winter Doug Gerhardt <i>Duane & Kari Anderson</i>	19 Daniel Schwanz Rhoda Odegaard Erin Schmidt	20 Laurie Burmeister Howard Jorgensen Ardis McKean	21	22 Michael Casias
23 Cynthia Roberts <i>Doug & Tami Gerhardt Paul & Deanne Gaalswyk '40</i>	24 Heidi Clow <i>Keith & Sandy Winter</i>	25 Muriel Armbrust <i>Don & Marilyn Stelter Bob & Lonnie Moffitt</i>	26 <i>Deb & Randy Schneider '20 Loren & June Schultz</i>	27 <i>Norma & Norma Schley '65</i>	28 Matthew Hansen Roger Rezac	29 Becky Detert Susan Rathman Leah Kruse Christine Hansen
30 Jeannie Rahm	31 Neil Hansen					

PUZZLE

Summer's gifts

Summer brings longer days, warmer nights and — for many people — time spent near water. Complete this puzzle to find out who's behind all those summertime joys.



Directions: Read Jeremiah 31:35 (NIV) below. Draw a around words describing God's actions. Draw an around words that describe day. Underline words that describe evening. Draw ~~~~ under words that describe the ocean.

He who appoints the sun to shine by day,
 who decrees the moon and stars to shine by night,
 who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar ...



Directions: Circle the capital letters. Then write them from left to right on the lines below to reveal God's name in this Bible verse.

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 e D q r s t c e a t o n a h f z z v u A w y L
 a v n M q z l s k y z G u w H h m o T k j k Y





The Wagners struck upon a sure-fire way to get the neighbors together for an hour of Bible study.

GLOW- IN-THE- DARK BOWLING



Make this fun summer game to play at the beach, a park or in your yard.

What you need:

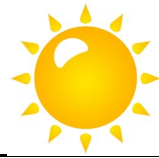
- 10 empty plastic bottles (same size)
- 10 or more glow sticks
- Water (optional)
- Star stickers (optional)
- Hamster ball (or regular ball)
- Tape


What you do:

1. Place one or two activated glow sticks in each bottle. Fill bottles with water and decorate with star stickers, if desired. Screw on lids.
2. Put some glow sticks inside the hamster ball. Screw the halves together, and secure sides and lid with tape.
3. Challenge someone to a game of bowling. For the best glowing effect, play after dark.



AUGUST - 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
St. Peter—8:30 am Waverly—8:30 am Trinity—10:30 am					July 31 Ingham Okoboji Quilt Viewing 5-7 pm Scan. Feast 5:30-7:30 pm	1 Ingham Okoboji Quilt Viewing 9:30 1m—1 pm Lunch—11—1 Auction—1 pm Pie & Ice Cream
2 Worship with Holy Communion	3	4 7 pm Mary Circle @ Rosemary Atzenhoefer's	5 9:00 am WELCA St. P 10 am Comm @ TSL 1:30 pm Dorcas Cir- cle @ TSL Men's Garage @ Merle Burmeister's		7	8
9 Worship with Holy Communion WLC Council mtg	10	11 SRBS 6:30 am Men 6 pm Parish Council get- together @ Helvig's cabin 7:30—TLC Council	12 2 pm Goldfinch Communion 6 pm Mission on the Prairie	13 SRBS 6:30 am Women	14	15 WLC—Bridal shower for Katie Barnes [bride-to- be of Taylor Nordstrom] 9:30—11:30 am
16 Worship with Holy Communion StP Council mtg WLC HH Planning mtg 6 pm @ Helvig's cabin	17 <i>150th</i>	18 SRBS 6:30 am Men  <i>Martin</i>	19  <i>County</i>	20 SRBS 6:30 am Women Articles due for Sept. Ripples  <i>Fair</i>	21 	22 
23 Worship with Holy Communion Ingham Okoboji Hog Roast	24	25 SRBS 6:30 am Men	26 9 am Assemble Ripples	27 SRBS 6:30 am Women	28	29
30 Worship with Holy Communion	31					



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HYMN OF THE MONTH

Since school will be starting up in a month, I decided to research once again a hymn written by a teenager! William Ralph Featherston was 16 years old when he wrote "My Jesus I Love Thee, I Know Thou Art Mine." In researching this hymn again I discovered some more information to pass along to you. Do you know that since the very beginning of civilization young people have been criticized and worried about? Martin Luther thought they were dissolute and disorderly; Plato thought they were rebellious and irresponsible; Socrates thought they were disrespectful, had bad manners and contempt for authority. Inscribed on a 6000 year old Egyptian tomb: "Young people no longer respect their parents, are rude, impatient and inhabit taverns." But we must remember that God always has a rich handful of teenage heroes ready to change the world. There was Joseph the Dreamer, Daniel in Babylon, young David, the Virgin Mary. Isaac Watts was writing hymns at age 19. John Milton wrote poetry at 15 years old. Cassie Bernall (age 17) took a bullet for her faith during the Columbine tragedy. We read and hear of young heroes every day.

A Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Michigan related this story at a huge gathering in St. Louis: "A young and very talented actress was walking along the street of a large city and saw a sick, pale girl lying on a couch within the open door of a beautiful dwelling. She walked through the door hoping that she might be able to cheer up the young invalid. The sick girl was a devout Christian and her words, patience and spirit so inspired the young actress that she became a devout Christian and began to doubt whether she could serve God and still remain in the theater. When she told her father, who was also the manager of the theater group, he was dismayed and tried his best to convince her to stay on with their stage commitment scheduled to open soon. She was the star and favorite of the group. He told her they would probably lose their livelihood if she left. She finally agreed to stay on, and on opening night the curtain rose, she stepped forward in the spotlight and in the silence she sang, "My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine, for Thee all the follies of sin I resign; My gracious Redeemer, my Saviour art Thou; If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now". She had conquered, leaving the audience in tears, and never appeared again. Her father was converted and they led many to God with their evangelistic labors." A young actress, singing words written by a teenager witnessed to thousands - God has plans for us all!!