



DECEMBER 2013

P A S T O R S R I P P L E S

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

Advent is here! A blessed time of the year when we prepare ourselves for Christmas as well as Christ's coming. Many people throughout the world see the days in December leading up to the 25th to be simply a time to prepare for Christmas through buying gifts, decorations and food. For us, Advent certainly is a time to prepare ourselves for Christmas and the celebration of Christ's birth, but it is also a time to prepare our hearts and minds for Christ's return. Throughout the four Sundays in Advent (beginning on December 1st) you will hear the scripture readings focus on both Christ coming as an infant as well as his return.

The celebration of Christmas has become a world-wide holiday. Christmas is a recognized and celebrated holiday in over 80% of the world's countries, but most people don't celebrate Christmas because of God being born into this world as an infant. Rather Christmas is celebrated for the purpose of gift giving, decorating, and gathering with family and friends. These are certainly all good reasons to celebrate as I enjoy Christmas for these reasons as well, but as you will read in Pastor Eric's article this month, how do we as Christians set ourselves apart from the secular? I've heard some of you describe your dream for Circle of Faith to be a beacon of hope in southern Minnesota. With that in mind I have the following question to ask, "How do we as members of St. Peter, Trinity, and Waverly Lutheran churches and partners of Circle of Faith Parish become this bright shining beacon in South Central Minnesota?" How do we set ourselves apart from the secularization of this world to be God's hands and feet in this world of need? How does Circle of Faith Parish shine its light in the middle of the dark, snow covered prairie? I believe the answer to these questions lie within our theme verse for this year, "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." We have been set apart to proclaim the good news about what God has done for us through our words as well as our actions in helping and serving our neighbors. How do we become a bright shining beacon in South Central Minnesota?...by helping and caring for those around us. We do this not out of obligation or fear of lack of money, but out of God's love because it was God who first showed us mercy and now we in turn are showing mercy to those around us.

Stephanie, Nicholas and I wish all of you a very blessed Advent and Christmas season. May it be filled with joy, laughter, and everlasting peace that comes from God. Merry Christmas!

In Christ,
Pastor Anthony

Dear fellow citizens,

We have been thinking about our identity as Christians and as the church in terms of the descriptions in I Peter chapter 2 verse 9. The last two months we looked at “a chosen race” and “a royal priesthood” This month we look at “a holy nation”.

A nation is made up of people called citizens who belong to a particular place and who have certain privileges and responsibilities one of which is loyalty. The term “holy” means to be “set apart”. It comes from the same Hebrew word as “split”...as in splitting wood. So we Christians are group of people who are citizens of some place that is “set apart”. Philippians 3:20 says that our citizenship is in heaven. Ephesians 2:19 says that we are fellow citizens with the saints. So we are citizens of someplace not in this world which makes sense since Jesus said his kingdom was not of this world. I imagine God with a big ax taking a whack at the earth and this new nation splits off.

Therefore, our loyalty is not to this world and our responsibilities have to do with maintaining and running and contributing to and supporting this other place. But where is this place? It is not a physical place, but a spiritual place. It is the place where there is peace and grace and mercy and justice... a place of reconciliation. It is in part a place in our hearts and the hearts of fellow Christians. It is also a place of mystery, the new heaven and the new earth in the book of Revelation. It is not just in the present, but is in the past and in the future.

But, it also includes this weary old world of ours. “For God so loved the world...” and “in Christ God is reconciling the world unto himself”. So, we also care for this world, but not just a part of it... all of it. 2 Corinthians 5:20 says that we are ambassadors for Christ. We represent our spiritual nation in the world by standing loyal to Christ and his mission of reconciliation.

So here we are...citizens in the world and in heaven. Set apart but set back in. Mainly I think being a holy nation means being loyal to Christ.

Pastor Eric

Address

1053 Martin Road, Welcome

From Ceylon/Waverly/Welcome

Get to County Road 26 (just South of Welcome)

Go west on County Road 26 to 110th Ave

Turn right (North) on 110th Ave

Go 1.5 miles to Martin Road

Turn left (West) on Martin Road

1053 will be on left in 0.1 mile

From Trimont

Take MN Hwy 4 South to 140th St

Turn left (East) on 140th St

Go 3 miles to 100th Ave

Turn right (South) on 100th Ave

100th Ave turns into Martin Road

Go 1 mile to 1053 (on right)

**Hosted by Jon Helvig
at his Lake garage.**



**Wednesday, December 4
7:00 PM**



The Lord has called us together in worship not for his sake only but also for ours-
that we may be renewed with forgiveness, encouraged by God's Word
and strengthened through Christian fellowship

December Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship Services

Date	St. Peter – 8:30 am	Trinity – 10:30 am	Waverly – 10:30 am
December 1 – Communion	Pr. Anthony	Pr. Eric	Pr. Anthony
December 8	Pr. Anthony	Pr. Anthony	Pr. Eric <i>Children's Program</i>
December 15	Pr. Eric	Pr. Eric <i>Children's Program</i>	Pr. Anthony <i>Choir Cantata</i>
December 22	Pr. Eric	Pr. Anthony	Pr. Eric
December 29 – Communion	Pr. Eric	Pr. Eric	TBA Pulpit Supply <i>Pr. Anthony on vacation</i>

Special Worship Services

Date	St. Peter – 7:00 pm	Trinity – 5:00 pm	Waverly – 5:00 pm
Tuesday, December 24 <i>Christmas Eve Service</i>	Children's Christmas Program	Candlelight Service w/Holy Communion Pr. Anthony preaching	Candlelight Service w/Holy Communion Pr. Eric preaching

Christ is Born!

Is Christmas your favorite time of year? Then celebrate! Glenn Henriksen, will perform the second of two concerts on piano and organ in concert at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Dunnell, sharing the music of Advent and Christmas.

Sunday – December 15, 2013 2:00 p.m.
Immanuel Lutheran Church - Dunnell
Reception to follow

Glenn Henriksen, of Spirit Lake and Armstrong, Iowa, is a master of improvisation. He can play anything on organ, piano, or keyboard. Admission is free, and a free-will offering will be taken.

Glenn's music appeals to all ages, so invite your friends and family, and come share an unforgettable afternoon of Christmas music.

This is the second of a two part concert series by Glenn, sponsored by Immanuel Lutheran Church in Dunnell, Minnesota and the congregations of Circle of Faith Parish - St. Peter Lutheran - Ceylon, Trinity Lutheran - Welcome, and Waverly Lutheran - rural Trimont.





Meeting was called to order at Trinity Lutheran in Welcome at 6:00 pm by President Steve Williamson. Other members present: Marilyn Cheever, Jody Franck, Jon Helvig, Joel Rabbe, Kirsten Rabbe, Jon Saxen, Liz Stahl. Clergy present: Pastor Anthony Christoffels, Pastor Eric Midthun. Guests present: the Congregational Councils of Trinity, St. Peter and Waverly Lutheran Churches.

Pr. Anthony led devotions, based on I Peter 2:2-10. We read the scripture, asking the question, "Who are we as Christians, and as the body of Christ?"

Kirsten presented the Secretary's Report for the October 8, 2013, Parish Council meeting. Motion by Jon S. seconded by Jody, to approve the Secretary's Report as presented. Motion passed.

Joe presented the Treasurer's Report for October, 2013. Motion by Jon S. seconded by Jon H., to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion passed.

Pastors' Report

Pr. Anthony Christoffels

Pastor introduced Emma Koehler, a member of St. Peter, and a girl scout. Emma presented her Girl Scout troops service project, "We Got Shoes." They will be collecting gently used shoes to be given to needy people in Africa through the "We Got Shoes" organization. The project also helps employ people in Africa who sort and sell the shoes. Emma's Troop has pen pals in Africa currently. Motion by Kirsten, seconded by Liz, to accept Emma's proposal, and allow her Girl Scout Troop to put boxes in all Circle of Faith congregations, beginning in January, to collect shoes for this worthy cause. Discussion on how to publicize this, including bulletin announcements and having Emma write something for Ripples of Faith. Motion passed.

Thankoffering services will be held on November 17, 2013, at all 3 congregations. This is a tradition in the Women of the ELCA. Women of each congregation will help with the service.

A MAP (Multi-point Area Parish) Summit will be held on Saturday, January 18, approx.. 9 am. at Synod Office in Redwood Falls, until mid afternoon, to discuss ideas and issues that face MAPs. Anyone is welcome.

Proposed Weather policy: See Old Business below.

Pr. Eric Midthun

Reminder on Men's Bible Study, beginning December 4th, at 7 pm, location to be determined. Check Ripples of Faith and bulletin for follow up information.

OLD BUSINESS

Personnel Manual Committee

The Personnel Manual Committee - 8 people are working on a personnel manual, job descriptions and duties, sick policies, etc. Have gathered examples from other congregations to have as guidelines. Will be deciding the format and more on Thursday evening. Will include sexual harassment policy. This will encompass all three congregations. Each congregation would need to formally adopt it. Will be presented at a future meeting.

Parish Weather Cancellation Policy

Proposed Weather policy was presented and explained (see attached). Traditional methods of phone trees (St. Peter & Waverly) and radio announcements will continue. We will also post closings on Circle of Faith's Website, and on our Facebook Page. Discussion held on a texting service, pros and cons of different services and costs involved. Texting option has further uses, such as for promoting events, reminding members of meetings and special services. The parish staff will look into the texting option further. In the meantime, the other options will go into effect immediately, to be used as necessary.

Glenn Henriksen Concert Series

Reminder of Glenn Henriksen Concert Series, beginning Nov. 17th, 2 pm at Waverly. Everyone is invited.

NEW BUSINESS

Compensation for Katherine Detert for Pr. Eric's Housing

Discussion was held as to compensation for Katherine Detert, for providing Pr. Eric's housing. Motion by Jon H., seconded by Liz, that we ask the Finance Committee to put this into our 2014 budget. Motion carried.

Budget Discussion Update

Joe Rabbe updated the Council on progress in the budget discussion for 2014. The Parish Council has committed to have the proposed budget to the Congregational Councils by November 28th. The decision was made to use 2012's attendance figures in calculating the assessments for each congregation for 2014. In future years, we will determine whether to follow this policy, or use a December 1 to November 30th calendar to determine assessments.

Annual Meetings – Parish and Congregational

Discussion on whether we need to hold a Parish annual meeting, in addition to our Congregational annual meetings. Discussion tabled.

Parish Worship Committee

Please see attached Parish Worship Committee proposal. The Parish Council asked for names of interested individuals to serve on this committee from each congregation by their December council meetings. No previous experience necessary, just an interest in how we present worship in our congregations. Pr. Anthony will convene first Worship Committee meeting in January, 2014.

Our next Parish Council meeting will be December 10, 2013, 6:00 pm, at Trinity in Welcome. The Congregational Councils will be our guests for the meeting. Individual Congregational Council meetings will begin at 7:30 pm that same evening.

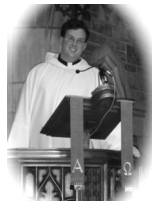
Motion by Jody, seconded by Liz, to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted, Kirsten Rabbe, Secretary

Informal discussion held between Congregational and Parish Council members following the meeting.

A Seminarian's Letters Home

December 2013



To the membership of Circle of Faith Parish:

Greetings to you all from Evanston, IL! Here in the Chicago area, something tragic began to unfold about a month ago. The tragedy was that a handful of radio stations began playing nothing but Christmas music, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, mere days after Halloween had passed. All right, perhaps tragic is a strong word, but it's still depressing to see how our culture jumps to celebrating Christmas so early. Because when we jump to celebrating Christmas immediately, we bypass the great treasure that is Advent.

One of my favorite pieces of literature to reflect on during this time of year is the famous play *Waiting for Godot*. In it, two characters (who are not the brightest bulbs on the tree) are waiting for somebody named Godot to arrive. They wait, and they wait, and they wait, getting up to all sorts of funny antics in the meantime. In the end, they're wrestling with their own doubts of whether this guy will ever appear. We, too, wrestle with that doubt all year long, as we plead, "Come, Lord!" But unlike the two characters in the play, we savor our Advent time, for we know that in spite of our doubts and our questions, the One for whom we wait will indeed come. After all, we do not wait for Godot. We wait for God.

Journeying into the joyful hope of Advent, let us pray for God's blessing, using these words:

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that would obstruct your mercy, that willingly we may bear your redeeming love to all the world, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. [ELW, Advent IV]

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.

S T. P E T E R R I P P L E S



November 12, 2013 The meetings was called to order. Members present were Jody Franck, Jamie Leiding, Roger Rezac, Jeannine Rasmussen, Keith Franck, Pastor Anthony, Pastor Eric, and Lois Duncan. Absent were Dale Leiding, Mary Muller and Jeremy Wink.

Secretary Report – none

Treasurer's Report—read and approved

Benevolence Report—Balance on hand \$1,354.48.

Pastor's Report—A committee for writing a by-law for the Constitution of 'not having same sex marriages' is Jody Franck, Jamie Leiding, Pastor Anthony and Lois Duncan. The by-law has to be presented 30 days before the Annual Mtg.

Old Business:

Roof has been looked at, but will have Noah Leiding look at it again and repair it.

Cement on outside of elevator along the South side looks like it has been fixed.

Summer fill has been done and booked for winter.

Men's bathroom—Keith will check on it.

New Business:

Renting the church for various reasons will be updated.

Budget—Jody will get together with Kathy and go over it. Circle of Faith Parish Financial committee does most of the budgeting. We just need a budget for our own expenses.

Head Ushers: Our head users are thinking about retiring so be thinking of what we should do.

Memberships— check with Lisa on how many have turned in their papers.

At the Annual meeting we will have a discussion of changing the Sunday school Christmas Eve program to a different date.

Other Business: - none

Meeting adjourned—Lois Duncan, Council Secretary

SUNDAY

USHERS

SUNDAY SCHOOL

1	Dale and Jeannie Leiding	Sunday School
8	Bob Nelson and Larry W Schmidt	Sunday School
15	Larry and Darcia Schmidt	Sunday School
22	Jeff Petshcke and John Schmidtke	Sunday School
29	LeRoy and Janice Franck	

January 5th Ushers are: John Schmidtke and Larry W Schmidt

There will not be a Women's meeting on Dec. 4th at 1:30. Instead, all church women are invited to the church basement at 6:00 PM for an evening of food and fellowship. It will be a time for everyone to get to know each other better. Each of the afternoon members are asked to furnish two dishes to pass. Group 2 is in charge of setting up and serving. Thank you Jeannine for planning the program.

Thank you to Sherry, Murriel, Jeannine, Bernice, Rosemary & Pastor Eric for your part in the Thankoffering Service on Nov. 17th. The offering taken in was \$352.00. Thank you to all who gave. This will be sent to the ELCA office and used to support the ongoing ministries of the ELCA.

Thank you to all who brought food and supplies for the Salvation Army Food Drive.

Sherry reported the Dec balance is \$2606.87.

Group 3 will be in charge of supplying and serving after the 7:00 PM Thanksgiving Service .

The 2014 Yearbooks are being worked on. If you have any changes please let an officer know right away.

Next group to work is group 1 Barb Schmidt has Altar Care.

Dec. birthdays: Elaine Krueger Dec. 1st Janice Franck Dec. 6th.

We look forward to the Sunday School program on Christmas Eve.

"And she gave birthday to her first-born son; and she wrapped Him in cloths and laid Him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn. Luke 2:7

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Janice

St. John's Lutheran Church of Sherburn has invited the ladies of St. Peter to a Guest Day on Wed. Dec. 11th. at 2:00 p.m. There will be a special program featuring Vicki and Kim from Detroit Lakes, weather permitting.

There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church, please sign by Dec. 6th.



Sunday School / Confirmation Kids

Sunday school / Christmas program practice will be held
December 1, 8, 15, 22 from 9:30—10:30.

Everyone needs to be there .

Sunday school will also be singing on the 15th.

The Sunday School Christmas pageant is on Christmas Eve at 7:00 pm

TRINITY RIPPLES



November 12, 2013 The meeting was called to order at 7:40 by Vice President Phil Burgess. Members present: Vice President Phil Burgess, Pastor Eric, Pastor Anthony, Jon Saxen, and Liz Stahl. Opening devotions were said by Pastor Eric.

Secretary's Report was reviewed and approved.

Copies of the Treasurer's and Financial Secretary's report were made available.

TWELCA Report – none

Youth Report – none

Board of Education - The old library has been painted and the books have been sorted. Many older books are available for those interested in the overflow part of the church until Nov 24th. After that time, they will be donated. The Sunday School will be singing in church November 24th. Christmas program practice will start Nov 17, and the program will be during church on Dec 15th with a snow date of Dec 22nd.

Deacon's Report – none

Trustee's Report – Curtain has been fixed. Bev's threshold has not been fixed. We are getting a quote on windows. Door lock on Pastor Eric's room has been installed. An anonymous donor has paid for removal of the house. There is sidewalk damage, however, that should be addressed yet. The lawn will need to be worked on yet and seeded in the spring. There is a light out in the old library that needs to be replaced.

Pastor's Report – It was moved and seconded to approve transfer to our church of Travis and Tracy Winter and their sons Alex and Bryce. Welcome!

Deb Philipp has requested use of the church for a 4-H lock-in. There will be adult supervision, and they will not be using the sanctuary. This was approved.

Pastor requested checking into a thermostat that is programmable – check with Wes.

Pastor also requested there to be some more heat in the entryway during office hours from 9 – 1. This would give a more warmer and welcoming atmosphere when people come to the church.

Pastor also asked about the possibility of a handicap accessible bathroom to help make the church more welcoming.

Old Business:

Need to get nominating committee going. There are many offices to fill at the 2014 Annual meeting.

New Business:

We need to get going on a budget. The council should approve this at the December meeting.

It would be helpful to post a sign out from of the church when it is closed due to the weather.

We should discuss updating the church constitution. The whole process will take about 2 years

Jon moved and Liz seconded for the meeting to be adjourned. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Liz Stahl



Our Sunday School Christmas program will be held on Sunday, December 15 during the worship service.

Storm date is Sunday, the 22.

The TWELCA Unit met on Nov. 6 at 9:30. The Elizabeth Circle served. 5 ladies were present and 3 guests.

Secretary and Treasures reports were read and approved as read.

New Business: Gifts of money are being sent to CREST, Lutheran Social Service, Ephphatha, Mayo Health Care Systems, Salvation Army and the Red Cross.

Each child going to Bible camp next summer will receive \$100.00

Norma will buy the shut-ins gifts—Connie will help deliver them.

Old Business: We have ordered the new table cloths for the basement dining room tables. There are 20 tables.

Our next meeting is Thursday, Jan. 2nd. It is a day late because the first Wed. falls on New Years Day. We will work on making new year books. We thank the Girl Scouts and their families for cleaning out the library and painting it. It looks so nice. We also thank those that helped with the Thankoffering Service .

The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer. Happy Holidays. - Connie



Don't Forget - our box for non-perishable items or the 'Little Red Kettle'. If you would rather give money, each \$1.00 you put in, will buy \$3.00 worth of food from Second Harvest Food Bank for the Salvation Army in Martin County.



If you wish to grace our altar with a poinsettia during the Advent Season, please contact Mary Ann DeBus at 728-8778 or the church office at 728-8259. The flower can be 'in memory of' or 'in honor of' a loved one. The poinsettias may be brought to the church during office hours or on a Sunday. A memorial list will be printed in the Christmas Eve Bulletin.

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>COMM. USHERS</u>	<u>ACOLYTES</u>
1	Norm Schley and Phil Burgess	S-John Frerichs H-Jon Saxen	No one assigned
8	Robert and Lonnie Moffitt		Jordan Stahl Morgan Wolter
15	Dallas and Tami Rasmussen		Austin Holm Mason Mosloski
22	James and Monica Chukuske		No one assigned
24	Stahl Family, Philipp Family	All Deacons	No one assigned
29	Delano Bergemann, Merle Burmeister, Loren Schultz	S-Bocky Borchardt H-Velma Schaal	No one assigned
January			
5	Bocky and Susan Borchardt	S-Brian Burmeister H-John Frerichs	Zane Borchardt Jordan Wolter

January 14 Ushers: Bocky and Susan Borchardt

W A V E R L Y R I P P L E S

WAVERLY LUTHERAN
November 12, 2013



The Waverly Church Council met November 12, 2013, in Welcome, following Circle of Faith Parish Council meeting. Members present: Pastor Anthony, Cliff Armbrust, Rosemary Atzenhoefer, Deanne Gaalswyk, Karen Koeder, Bob Olson, Scott Peterson, Tim Peterson, Jack Potter, Deb Schneider, and John Sherman. Deanne Gaalswyk, Council President, called the meeting to order.

Technology report given by Kirsten Rabbe. People are needed to record Sunday services, put the video on the computer, edit and upload. Training can be given. Kirsten is willing to be the backup person for this job. Deanne will ask for volunteers. Recording of Sunday services will be added to the Worship Committee schedule.

Pastor Anthony acknowledged a letter of membership for Steven Sheppard has been received.

The September secretary's report was accepted with correction, *there is only 1 service group for all church activities*. Motion by Rosie, second by Bob to accept the report. Motion carried.

Cliff gave the financial report. October receipts totaled \$4,280.49, disbursements totaled \$-2,560.44. Motion by Bob, second by Scott to accept the financial report. Motion carried.

Worship Committee: December 8, 2013 is the children's Christmas program. We will begin to use real bread instead of wafers for communion beginning with Advent.

Old Business:

~The new yard light is up and really lights up the Church!

New Business:

~Motion by Bob, second by Jack, that the annual poinsettia project continues with the council paying for poinsettia's given to elderly and shut-ins. Motion carried.

~Motion by Scott, second by Tim that the "Little Lutheran" magazine be sent to children in our parish age birth to kindergarten. Motion carried.

~Waverly council members and spouses/significant others will meet December 16 at 6:00 p.m, at Schneider's. Please bring an appetizer to share.

With no further business, motion by Bob, seconded by Rosie to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Deborah Schneider

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A new Circle of Faith Banner is hanging at Waverly Lutheran Church, given by Steve & MarLeone Williamson in memory of Wilbert Zastrow (father of MarLeone). The beautiful hand Quilting on the background of the banner was done by JoAnn Sherman.  
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ELCA's LivingLutheran.com to feature Harvest Homecoming

The ELCA's online magazine, Living Lutheran, will feature Waverly's Harvest Homecoming as one of their articles the week of December 2-6, 2013, in their "Stories" section. It will be the highlighted article on Wednesday, December 4th. Visit www.LivingLutheran.org to check it out.



From the President's Desk -

As we approach the Christmas Season, it is a time of reflection. What does Christmas mean to you?

It can mean many different things. For children it is a time of wonderment and excitement. They are learning their parts for the Christmas Program and making special Christmas decorations in school. All around are reminders that this is a special time of year. For adults, we think of planning family get togethers, attending/participating in Christmas concerts and programs, and special church services.

Sometimes with all of the time pressures and things to do, we get stressed out and emotionally drained. We need to step back and ask ourselves, "What is the real meaning of Christmas to me?". I have a small decoration with the word "Believe" spelled out in wooden blocks with a snowman looking up to a star on a wire above his head. I leave it out year round to remind me of what Christmas really is to me. It is the feeling of peace and hope. It is a feeling of belonging to an ever enlarging family of believers. It is the feeling of goodwill to *all* mankind. It is a reminder to be more patience and understanding with my fellowman. All of this comes from a baby born into the world to change the world for every. When I catch a glance of it, I am reminded to keep Christmas every day all year round. You see, to me Christmas is not something that happens in December, but needs to be celebrated every day. So when you feel the warmth, peace, and goodwill to all; try to keep the feelings going into January, February, etc.

Warmest wishes during this blessed season and every day.

Your fellow traveler, *Deanne Gaalswyk*

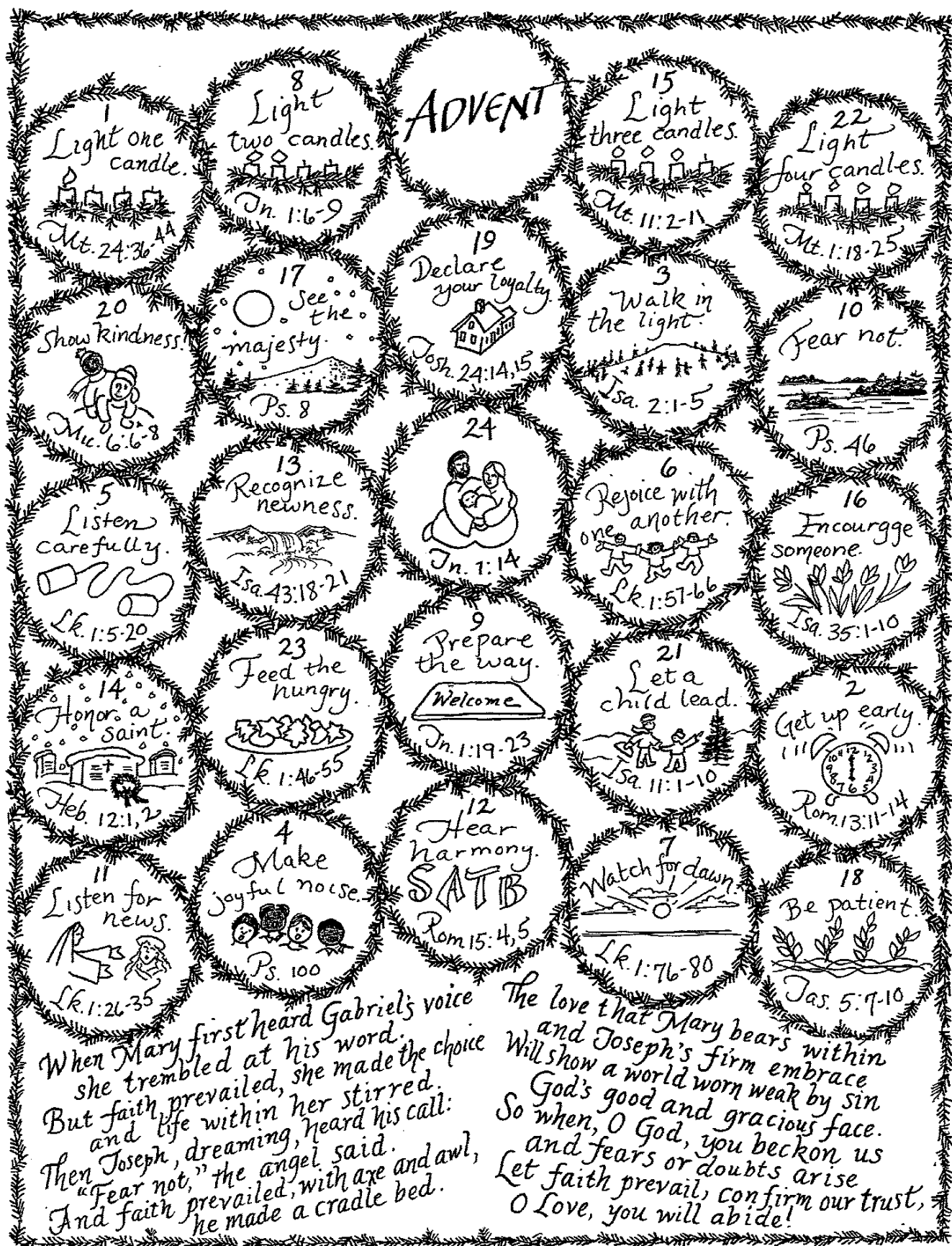
Sunday December 8th.



<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>READER</u>	<u>ACOLYTE(S)</u>
1	Belva Peterson	Susan / Todd Rathman
8	JoAnne Sherman	Jenny / Shane Kuehl
15	Karen Koeder	Lindsey Bettin
22	John Sherman	Lindsey Bettin
24	A Deacon	TBA
29	Bob Olson	Muriel / Al Armbrust

**December
Ushers**

Don Nordstrom
Dennis Krueger
Bob Olson
Jim Sherman
Jon Helvig
Daniel Helvig



When Mary first heard Gabriel's voice
she trembled at his word.
But faith prevailed, she made the choice
and life within her stirred.
Then Joseph, dreaming, heard his call:
"Fear not," the angel said.
And faith prevailed, with axe andawl,
he made a cradle bed.

The love that Mary bears within
and Joseph's firm embrace
Will show a world worn weak by sin
God's good and gracious face.
So when, O God, you beckon us
and fears or doubts arise
Let faith prevail, confirm our trust,
O Love, you will abide!



Birthdays / Anniversaries



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Elaine Krueger <i>Tony and Susan Hed—35</i>	2 <i>Greg and Jennifer Moore—35</i>	3 Nellie Oanes Alysha Gibson Wesley Strausser Shirley Burmeister	4 Nathan Chukuske Shirley O'Sell	5 Alexander Hansen Barb Sherman	6 Janice Franck Tanner Muller Steve Morrow <i>Lee and Mary Thompson</i>	7 Laura Justice
8 Carol Senne Tracy Winter Tonya Brooks	9 Janet Poppe	10 Jenna Minscer Madison Fletcher	11 Cory Lyons	12 Joel Rabbe Justin Hansen Dawn Greeley <i>Carol and James Chukuske</i>	13 Bryanna Petschke Dallas Rasmussen Paul Jensen Josh Peterson Daniel Armbrust	14 Gayle Askeland
15 Renee Hartwig Jesse Bettin <i>Tom and Rose Hovick</i> <i>Jack and Mim Potter</i>	16 Steve Wenzel Elizabeth Benge Robert Moffitt Jeff Miller	17 John Garbers <i>Gerald and JoAnn Wink</i>	18	19 Arnold Baumgart	20	21
22 Kelsey Craft Matthew Benge	23 Bob Nelson <i>Wes and Carolyn Strausser</i>	24	25 Jordan Peterson Phil Burgess	26 Johanna Petschke	27 <i>James and Monica Chukuske</i>	28 Tyler Lyons <i>Robert and Charleen Swanson</i>
29	30 Todd Morrow <i>Laurie and David Jensen</i>	31 Angie Schmidt <i>Darrell and Deb Miller—30</i>				

December 2013



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship / Holy Comm. SS— ALL ‘First Sundays’ -WLC	2 2:30 pm Dorcas Circle @ TSL 7 pm Mary Circle—WLC	3 6:00 pm-StP Women Gathering 6:30—8:00 pm Confirmation Men’s Garage 7 pm	4	5	6	7
8 Worship SS—All Sunday School Christmas Program WLC	9 Quilt Day-WLC Parish Council mtg—6 pm Congregational council mtgs 7:30 pm	10 Quilt Day-WLC 9 am Hannah/ Elizabeth Circle @ Elaine’s TLC 6:30—8:00 pm Confirmation	11	12	13	14
Worship TLC SS Christmas Program SS—TLC , StP Glenn Henriksen Concert 2 pm@ Dunnell	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Items due for January Newsletter						
22 Worship SS - StP Waverly Choir Cantata	23 5:00 pm-each WLC & TLC Candlelight Service 7.00 pm StP SS—Program	24	25	26	27	28 WLC Base- ment reserved
29 Worship / Holy Comm.	30 9:30 Assemble news- letter	31				



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*There's a song in the air
There's a star in the sky.....
And the star rains it fire
While the beautiful sing.
For the manger of Bethlehem
Cradles a King !*

