

# Ripples of Faith



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St. Peter, Ceylon, MN  
 Trinity, Welcome, MN  
 Waverly, Trimont, MN

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Tuesdays: 6:30 am Men's Sunrise Bible Study  
 @ First Lutheran in Trimont  
 Wed: 6:30 pm Confirmation & WOW @ TLC  
 7 pm Choir practice @ WLC  
 Thursdays: 7 am Women's Sunrise Bible Study  
 @ First Lutheran in Trimont

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 2/2 Mary Circle
- 2/3 Communion @ Truman Senior Living  
St. P WELCA  
WOW with a meal @ TLC  
Family Confirmation  
Youth Group
- 2/9 Quilting @ WLC  
Parish Council meeting
- 2/10 Quilting @ WLC & StP  
Communion @ Goldfinch  
Ash Wednesday Service 7 pm @ StP
- 2/11 Quilting @ StP  
WLC Council meeting
- 2/15 TLC Council meeting
- 2/17 Meal / Lenten Service @ WLC
- 2/20 Ripples articles due
- 2/23 Men's Garage
- 2/24 Assemble Ripples  
Meal / Lenten Service @ TLC

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## February Worship Schedule

### *Sunday Worship Services*

Date	St. Peter – 8:30 am	Trinity – 10:30 am	Waverly – 10:30 am
<b>February 7 – Communion</b> <i>Altar Color: White</i> <i>Transfiguration Sunday</i>	Pr. Anthony	Pr. Anthony	Pr. Eric
<b>February 14</b> <i>Altar Color: Purple</i>	Pr. Eric	Pr. Eric	Pr. Anthony
<b>February 21</b> <i>Altar Color: Purple</i>	Pr. Anthony	Pr. Anthony	TBA <i>Pr. Eric at continuing education course</i>
<b>February 28 - Communion</b> <i>Altar Color: Purple</i>	Pr. Eric	Pr. Eric	Pr. Anthony

*Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday at Waverly.*

### *Special Worship Services*

Date	St. Peter	Trinity	Waverly
<b>Wednesday, February 10</b> <i>Ash Wednesday</i> <i>w/Holy Communion</i> <i>Altar Color: Purple</i>	<b>Worship @ 7:00 pm</b> <i>Pr. Eric preaching</i>	<i>Joint Worship at St. Peter</i>	<i>Joint Worship at St. Peter</i>
<b>Wednesday, February 17</b> <i>Lenten-Eve</i> <i>Altar Color: Purple</i>	<i>Joint Worship at Waverly</i>	<i>Joint Worship at Waverly</i>	<b>Worship @ 7:00 pm</b> <i>Pr. Anthony preaching</i>
<b>Wednesday, February 24</b> <i>Lenten-Eve</i> <i>Altar Color: Purple</i>	<i>Joint Worship at Trinity</i>	<b>Worship @ 7:00 pm</b> <i>Pr. Anthony preaching</i>	<i>Joint Worship at Trinity</i>

## **MID-WEEK LENTEN EVE WORSHIP SERIES**

*Have you slowed down to look at your hands and recount everything that your hands do? Or what about everything that your ears hear? Or your eyes see? During our mid-week Lenten Eve worship services this year we will recount all of the things our eyes, hands, ears and hearts see, do, hear, and feel throughout our life. And how does all of this connect with our daily faith walk with God? Come join us for our mid-week worship services where we will work to answer that question.*

**Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>** – *Open My Eyes, Lord*

**Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>** – *Open My Ears, Lord*

**Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>** – *Open My Life, Lord*

**Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>** – *Open My Hands, Lord*

**Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>** – *Open My Heart, Lord*

## **EVENING MEALS DURING LENT**

We will again have a meal before the Mid-week Lenten Eve Worship services. All Lent Worship services (excluding Sunday services) will be joint services, rotating throughout the parish. Below is the schedule and assigned host congregations.

Ash Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> – St. Peter (no evening meal)

Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> – Waverly

Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> – St. Peter

Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> – Trinity

Good Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> – Waverly (no evening meal)

Easter Vigil, March 26<sup>th</sup> – Trinity (no evening meal)

Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> – Trinity

Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> – Waverly

Maundy Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> – St. Peter (no evening meal)

**NEXT GET-TOGETHER  
WILL BE  
FEBRUARY 23  
@ ?**

**MEN'S  
GARAGE**



**WOMEN**  
& the

*Not getting together in  
January  
February*




**WOMEN'S THURSDAY MORNING SPECIAL**


Join the journey into 1,2,3 John on Thursday mornings at 7 am at First Lutheran Church in Trimont. With Pastor Stephanie leading the way the 3 short books of John become alive in our lives too. What a great experience to walk with Partners in Ministry and Circle of Faith women in discovering the light of Christ in our lives.

For God so loVed the world  
thAt He gave His  
onLy  
begottEn  
SoN,  
thaT whoever  
belIeves  
iN Him should not perish  
but havE everlasting life.

(John 3:16, NKJV)



On Valentine's Day, we remember that God is the source of all love in the world. His perfect love for us has made all human love possible.



2017 marks the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Martin Luther nailing the 95 Theses to the doors of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. Please join Pastor Anthony and Pastor Stephanie as we walk in the footsteps of Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation beginning in Rome and ending in Germany in the summer of 2018. Brochures are available in all three churches. For more information talk to Pastor Anthony.

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## FAMILY CONFIRMATION

Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>  
5:15 pm Supper at Pizza Ranch, Fairmont  
6:30 pm Bingo with Goldfinch Residents

For our February Family Confirmation Night, we will be traveling to Fairmont to play BINGO with the residents at Goldfinch. We will begin at 6:30 pm in the main dining room at Goldfinch. We will conclude no later than 8:00 pm. For those who are interested we will meet at Pizza Ranch to eat beforehand. Please let Pastor Anthony or Pastor Eric know if you need a ride. At least one parent is still expected to attend with your student.

### Seminarian's Letter Home—February 2016

To the membership of Circle of Faith Paris

Greetings to you all from Evanston, IL! You'll be pleased to know that the stoles and chasubles Circle of Faith made for me are being put to good use. Of course, it's been white and green so far. Soon, though – far sooner than many years – I'll get to start using the purple ones. Welcome to an early Lent!

There was a time in Christianity when Lent lasted for three years, but was undergone only once in a lifetime – it was the time of *catechesis* (where we get the word catechism), stretching from the time when one first started coming to Christian worship until they were baptized on the night before Easter. Today, it's forty days of a chance for all of us to come back to our own baptism, to remember the mark that God put on us at the font. That's why we put the ashes on our foreheads on the most solemn day of the year. It's the only day when we get to see what God can always see. To the membership of Circle of Faith Parish:

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Blessings to you on the Lenten journey. It's a scary thing to name that we are dust, and to dust we shall return. But we also get to praise God for the One who has gone ahead of us into the dust, the One into whom we are baptized, the One by whose mercy we shall rise again one day.

Stepping out into the wilderness of Lent, let us pray for God's blessing, using these words:

Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all, that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen. [ELW, Ash Wednesday]

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, The Rev. Carl P. Rabbe

# Circle of Faith Parish Council Minutes

## Circle of Faith

Parish Council Meeting Minutes  
January 12, 2016

Meeting was called to order at Trinity at 6:05 pm by President Steve Williamson. Other members present: Merle Burmeister, Jody Franck, Karen Helvig, Deb Phillips, Kirsten Rabbe, Jon Saxen, Staff present: Pastor Anthony Christoffels, Pr. Eric Midthun. Congregational Presidents present: Jody Franck from St. Peter, Henry Borchardt from Trinity, Nancy Nordstrom from Waverly.

Motion by Jon Saxen, seconded by Jody Franck, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed.

We began the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Pr. Anthony led us in devotions. What is God calling this parish to be and do in the future? What changes are in order to help us respond to that call faithfully? Pastor read Matthew 28:16-20 – The Great Commission. Council discussed the questions Pastor posed.

The Secretary's report for the December 8, 2015 Parish Council meeting was presented. Motion by Jon Saxen, seconded by Karen Helvig, to approve the Secretary's report as amended (one year change). Motion passed.

Jon Saxen presented the December 2016 Operating Statement. Jon also explained the 12 months ended 12/31/2015, and budgeted vs. actual for 2015. Motion by Merle Burmeister, seconded by Jody Franck, to approve the operating statements for December 2015 and Calendar year 2015 as presented. Motion passed.

## REPORTS

### Pastor Anthony Christoffels report

. Sr. High Youth group will be going to Wow Zone in a couple of weeks. Have decided to delay their mission trip to the summer of 2017, to allow time for planning and fundraising.

. Sent out test alert on the Honeywell system. Some received it and some did not. Discussion on found out that someone who hadn't received it had discontinued their home phone, and hadn't let the church office know. Office will continue to work on implementation.

. Jr. High lock-in at Waverly January 22-23. Need adult chaperones to volunteer.

. Equipping congregations day – Saturday Feb. 20, 8:30-3:30 pm. \$150/parish or \$25/person. Dwight Shyley – prof at Luther – will be keynote speaker. It's a great day! Let Pastor know if you want to go.

### Pr. Eric Midthun's report

. Will be gone January 20-27<sup>th</sup>. Karen Koeder will provide pulpit supply at Trinity on January 24<sup>th</sup>.

- Pr. Eric will be at Continuing Ed on Feb 21<sup>st</sup>. Kirsten will work on finding Pulpit Supply.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Insurance update

Jon Saxen explained that with our renewal, Cyber liability and data breach liability were added for the first time this

year. Circle of Faith chose to waive that coverage, as we store no data personal data online. This offers us an approximate \$175 savings. Trinity also waived it in their policy. Henry suggested that St. Peter and Waverly also look into this savings as well.

## Board Member updates

. All three congregations have a plan in place for nominations to the Parish Council for 2016.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Annual Meeting Discussion

Discussion was held on what will be included in Circle of Faith Parish's January 31, 2016 annual meeting. Joint worship service at 10:00 am at Trinity will be followed by our meeting and then a pot luck meal. We discussed agenda items, keeping it brief and information filled, offer an opportunity for the sharing of ideas. We will use the Honeywell system to remind everyone of the joint service and schedule for that date.

### Mid-week Lenten Service Schedule

Ash Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm at St. Peter  
Lenten Eve Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm at Waverly  
Lenten Eve Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm at Trinity  
Lenten Eve Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> 7:00 pm at St. Peter  
Lenten Eve Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm at Waverly  
Lenten Eve Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm at Trinity  
Maundy Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm at St. Peter  
Good Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm at Waverly  
Easter Vigil, March 26<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm at Trinity

The Parish Council decided that Lenten Suppers will be held at all but the Ash Wednesday and Holy Week evening services. Host congregation will offer the supper from 5:30 – 6:45 pm, with worship following at 7:00 pm. The schedule rotates from year to year, so that the congregation who hosts the Ash Wednesday service will have one less dinner to serve that year.

Easter services: Trinity 7:00 a.m. sunrise service, St. Peter 8:30 a.m., and Waverly 10:30 a.m

### February Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on February 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at Trinity. This meeting will include orientation and planning for the year ahead, so it will be a longer meeting than normal. Pizza and water will be served.

Outgoing Parish Council members are reminded to clean up their Council manuals and return them to the Parish Office to be recycled for the incoming PC members.

Go through, clean up our books, bring them back. Lisa will update.

Motion by Jon Saxen, seconded by Karen Helvig, to adjourn at 7:19 pm. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kirsten Rabbe—Secretary--

# St. Peter Ripples



February Meeting: Feb. 3 @ 1:30 pm  
 Hostesses: Rosemary and Marge  
 Bible Study: Philippians 1:27-2:18

These verses give the heart of Paul’s message—living as a united community following Christ.

We will again pack Valentine cookie plates for shut-ins, so plan to come a little early.

24 quilts were made our first 2 days of quilting. We’ll meet Feb. 10 & 11, 24 & 25. Come when you can and stay as long as your can. We are in need of backs—colored sheets are perfect for backs.

Muriel reports our treasury balance is \$1, 015. including a generous member donation. We voted to donate \$100. to the “Kids Against Hunger” program.

We received a Christmas “thank you” card from the missionaries we help support in Taiwan. We help make it possible to bring the gospel to the least in that country. They are Ethan and Sandy Christofferson. They have one daughter Hannah.

SW MN Women of the ELCA are focusing on the collection of fleece blankets and school kits. Fleece blankets are a new LWR project and are fun and easy for different groups of people like the Sunday school or confirmation classes. Of course these do not take the place of our other quilts. Also Christian literature is still collected and all of this will be delivered to Willmar on June 17.

We are still collecting small pill bottles to be sent to Malawi in Africa or homeless shelters here.

Ruth Ann Anderson, VP of our SW MN Synod has an interesting concept of everyone praying every Tuesday at 2 pm. Her suggestions for February are Feb. 2-pray for all in agriculture; Feb. 9-pray for those with cancer and their caregivers; Feb. 16-pray for those in authority and Feb. 23-pray for those involved in research.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Bill Steele who passed away January 10th.

Altar Care for February: Sherry Schmidt      Work Duty: Group 2  
 Birthday: Barb Schmidt on Feb. 3rd.

“I can do all things through Him who strengthens me” Philippians 4:13.  
 Love, Jeannine

DATE	LECTOR	USHERS
Feb. 7	Muriel Klenz	Todd and Tina Peta
14	Jeannine Rasmussen	Jeremy and Chelsea Wink
21	Bernice Lehmann	Ronnie and Jane Leiding
28	Janice Franck	Kevin and Angie Schmidt
Mar. 6		Larry W. Schmidt - Bob Nelson



Will meet on  
 Sunday, Feb. 7  
 @ 9:30 am



# Trinity Ripples

Trinity Lutheran Church Council

January 12, 2016

Present: Henry Borchardt, Becky Detert, Jean Schock, Velma Schaal,, MaryAnn Frerichs, Lonnie and Bob Moffitt, Larry Philipp, Pastor Anthony, Pastor Eric

Pastor Anthony opened the meeting with devotions and prayer

Pastor's report – youth group going well, all are from Trinity at this time although it is open to the whole parish. They are going to Wow Zone later in January. They are looking at a mission trip for the summer of 2017 after learning they got to late of a start for summer of 2016. A test of the Honeywell system was done before Christmas, there are 2 more coming. There is a Junior High retreat January 22-23 at Waverly, volunteers needed to help. Equipping congregations day coming February 20, cost is \$25 per person with a max of \$150 for the parish. Pastor Anthony checked for additional ways we could be a support to Zach Gerhardt and his family. Meals on Monday and Thursday would be a way to bless them. We do need a little more information before we start (food allergies, how many people eating, etc.)

Pastor Eric is taking some vacation in January and doing some continuing education in February.

Secretary's Report – written

Treasurer's Report – written

Financial Secretary's Report – written, with note that Starr will cover for Jean while she is gone.

Faith Formation – no report

Caring Ministries – have people for ballot to cover vacancies.

Properties – Wes finished water line project, people are being contacted about sidewalk repair.

Bob made motion and Velma seconded to approve all reports. Passed

Old Business

Budget – proposed written. Lonnie made a motion and Jean seconded to present as written to the congregation at the annual meeting. Passed

Nominating committee – Henry agreed to be on ballot for president. Talking to a couple possibilities for one year opening on properties. Still need 2 for faith formation.

The frequency of the council meetings was discussed and it was decided that we would have council meetings in January, February, April, June, August, November and December. We can call an extra meeting if needed.

Bob made a motion to adjourn, Velma seconded. Motion carried.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next council meeting will be Monday, February 15, 2016 at 6:30.

## Trinity Lutheran Church Annual Meeting - January 17, 2016

President Henry Borchardt called the meeting to order.

Pastor Anthony opened by leading the litany inside the front cover of the meeting report.

Secretary's Report – printed

Treasurer's Report – printed

Motion made by Joel Detert to accept the secretary's and treasurer's reports as printed, seconded by Jean Schock. Passed

Budget – printed. It was asked why it didn't go up as much as it would seem it should have based on our portion of the parish budget. It was explained this was due to the fact we save on insurance right now due the military insurance they have. This will be changing and parish wants the congregations to have the full information before them since when this is no longer an option Pastor Anthony's insurance will go up significantly.

A motion was made by Scott Morrow to accept the church and parish budgets, seconded by Jean Schock. Carried.

Pastor's report was written in the annual report. He highlighted some of the upcoming events. Also talked a bit about the Honeywell system we will be using for cancellations and some reminder announcements.

### Old Business

Waterline project is complete.

Nominating-

President – Henry Borchardt

Financial Secretary – Jean Schock

Caring Ministries – Velma Schaal and Tony Truesdell

Property – Wes Strausser and John Borchardt

Faith Formation – need two, no nominations

Parish Council – Jon Saxen

Motion made by Becky Detert to elect those nominated, seconded by Robert Swanson. Carried.

### New Business

Parish insurance- It is still being investigated if all can save by having the same policy for all the congregations. It will only be done if it will result in a savings. Right now we have 4 liability policies, hoping to combine some there. It is hoped there can be a meeting sometime in 2016 with an agent to answer questions. They are looking to eliminate overlap.

Parish directory- looking to do a parish directory sometime in the spring or summer.

Handicap restroom – looking at changing men's room to one that those in a wheel chair can use. A larger door will be needed, still looking at other requirements.

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It was asked if there was any possibility of rotating worship times each year. During the school year it would be easy to switch to 8:30, but not during summer. Anything beyond this really needs to be discussed with all three congregations.

Scott Morrow expressed an interest in serving on parish council.

A motion was made to amend the ballot to include Scott Morrow on the parish council by Jean Schock and seconded by Robert Swanson. Carried.

A motion to adjourn the meeting by Robert Swanson and seconded by Becky Detert. Carried.

Submitted by, MaryAnn Frerichs

# Thank You

*From the fullness of His Grace we have all received one blessing after another* JOHN 1:16

Dear Friends, I'm writing to "Thank You" for your recent donation to the ministry of CREST, Your generous gift of \$250.00 will help us to continue reaching out to those in need in our community. Again, Thanks & God Bless You!

Sincerely, Rob Stauter, Executive Director of CREST

## Dear members of Trinity Lutheran Church

What a blessing it was to receive your gift in the mail! Thank you so much for your check in the amount of \$250.00 received on 12/31/2105 for Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota.

Your gift will provide new life and hope to the 1 and 65 Minnesotans who utilize the services of LSS of MN each year.

DATE	USHERS	ACOLYTE	LECTOR	COMMUNION
Feb. 7	Becky and Joel Detert	Derek Hughes Carter Mosloski	MaryAnn Frerichs	Jon Saxen John Garbers
14	Travis and Tracy Winter	Todd Morrow Gavin Hand	Tracy Winter	
21	Liz and Tim Stahl	MacKenzie Petersen Sami Meyer	Liz Stahl	
24 Lent		Caelyn Harder Derek Hughes		
28	Lonnie and Bob Moffitt	Cater Mosloski Todd Morrow	MaryAnn Frerichs	Brian Burmeister Velma Schaal
Mar. 6	Jen and Jon Saxen	Gavin Hand MacKenzie Petersen	Tracy Winter	John Frerichs Henry Borchardt



# Waverly Ripples

Waverly Council Meeting January 14, 2016

Council members present: Don Nordstrom, Jack Potter, Sue Krueger, Cliff Armbrust, Karen Koeder, Bob Olson, Nancy Nordstrom, Marleone Williamson, Tom Peterson, Belva Peterson, Pastor Anthony

The meeting was called to order by the president Nancy Nordstrom. Devotions were from Matthew 28 We should look back at last year and think of the many mission projects we did last year and look forward to new projects we could do next year.

A motion by Sue and seconded by Bob to approve the agenda with the addition of finalizing the agenda for the annual meeting, and Equipping Congregations meeting in Willmar. Motion carried.

A motion by Karen and second by Jack to approve the Secretary's Report as printed, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Cliff reported we received \$5,903.15 over budget! Cliff suggested we pay the church insurance yearly rather than monthly to save some money. A motion by Karen and seconded by Tom to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: The High School youth group decided to plan a trip for the summer of 2017 instead of this year so they could raise more money. The Honeywell Alert System has already been tested. There will be another test this Friday evening. You can sign up on line if you are not receiving the messages on your phone. Instructions on how to sign up were printed in the Ripples and are also on the church web page. The youth will be having a Lock-In at Waverly church January 22 to 23<sup>rd</sup>. If members would like to help with that you can call Past Anthony. Equipping Congregations will be held Sat February 20<sup>th</sup> in Willmar. There will be 30 different workshops. Members attending will be able to choose three workshops they would want to attend during the day. There were over 900 church members that attended last year.

February 10<sup>th</sup> is Ash Wednesday. This service will be at St. Peter's at 7:00 pm. Churches will be rotating the Lenten services with a meal before. Lenten Eve services at Waverly are February 17, and March 8<sup>th</sup>.

Worship Committee: Church assistant schedule is complete and sent to members. One acolyte has completed the training. A few more students are in the process of training.

Caring Ministry: The committee has given communion to our members in the Health Care Facilities. The committee will be delivering Meals on Wheels in Trimont for two weeks starting Jan 18<sup>th</sup>. If any member would like to help you can call Tom Peterson.

Faith Formation: No Report We would like to thank Will and Sara Hecht, Todd and Susan Rathman for all the work they did for the wonderful Christmas program. Sunday school teachers are still needed for March, April, and May.

Property Committee: Nativity Scene had been taken down. A new vacuum cleaner has been purchased. The Louvers for the bell tower have not been replaced yet. Ice melt is by the West door if needed in this cold weather. Marleone will check into paying the domain fees for the internet by check instead of someone charging this on their credit card.

Old Business: Jeff Lueth and Deanne Gaalswyk have agreed to be nominated as our church representatives on the Circle of Faith Council. This is a two year term. The nominating committee has nominated members for all vacant positions except for Vice president. This will be presented at the church meeting to see if there are any volunteers for that position.

New Business: Cliff and some members from our church attended a meeting last week with Amy Bigot from The ELCA church Endowment Fund. This information will be presented at our annual meeting. After receiving more information our church can decide if we would like to invest in this program.

Belva met with Karen Helvig and Kirsten Rabbe about Harvest Homecoming. They are gathering information to put together in a binder, what is needed for the day and people to contact to help make the day successful, such as food, tents, animals etc. We will be communicating with our members and Gloria Dei early in the summer. We are also trying to encourage more members to get involved with the Homecoming.

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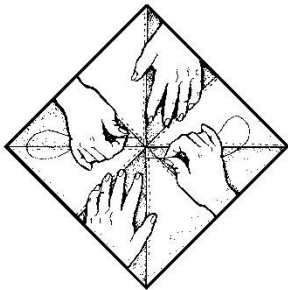
Belva presented some information on Thrivent Action Team and Choice dollars that may be available for our church to use. Belva will contact Scott Fuhrman and he will contact Pastor Anthony when to schedule an informational meeting for Waverly members.

We discussed at great length the hymns that are selected each Sunday. The three organists and Pastor choose the hymns, they meet four times a year at Trinity and anyone is welcome to attend the meeting. Before the Christmas bulletin is printed next year some typing errors should be corrected. Some members feel uncomfortable shaking hands during this flu season. The Pastor will announce in church other ways to share the peace. The New Membership Sunday will now be taken care of by the Caring Ministry committee. We also discussed offering communion three Sundays a month instead of currently every week. A motion was made by Cliff and seconded by Marleone to offer communion only three Sundays per month. Motion failed, 3 for and 6 against. A thank you was read by Belva from Interfaith Action for all the supplies we sent for the Homeless. It was suggested Belva read this thank you at the annual church meeting.

The council would like to thank Bob, Jack and Nancy for their faithful service to the church by serving on the council. Nancy thanked everyone for the support during the year.

A motion by Don and seconded by Bob to adjourn the meeting, motion carried.  
Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted. Belva Peterson Secretary



Quilting days are Feb. 9 & 10  
Everyone is welcome to attend.

DATE	READER	ACOLYTE	CHILDREN'S TIME	COMMUNION ASSISTANCE
Feb. 7	Belva Peterson	Youth	Pastor	Jack Potter
14	Sonja Haugen	Youth	Tim Peterson	Jack Potter
21	Deanne Gaalswyk	Youth	Pastor	Jack Potter
28	Karen Helvig	Youth	Pastor	Jack Potter
Mar. 6	Paul Gaalswyk	Youth	Tom Peterson	Tom Peterson

**February Ushers:** Bob Olson, Jim Sherman, Brian Clow, Dennis Krueger, Don Nordstrom

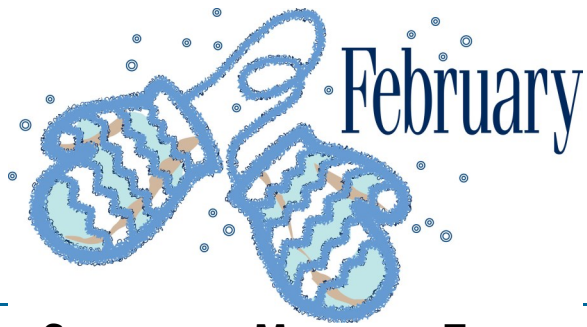
**March Ushers:** John Sherman, Tim Peterson, Cliff Armbrust, Brad Sherman, Jeff Armbrust

# Birthdays

# February

# Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Cara Hansen Terry Muller	2 LeRoy Franck Kevin Shaw	3 Barb Schmidt  <i>Sarah and Will Hecht</i>	4 Josie Clow Henry Borchardt	5 Celeste Bengé Stephen Helvig	6 Phyllis Arndt
7	8 Neil Cheever Emma Koehler	9 Alyx Stahl	10 Joel Hatch	11 John Sherman	12 Mary Lou Sherman Scott Peterson	13 
14 Carol Chukuske  <i>Jim &amp; Mary Lou Sherman                      Vernon &amp; Sylvia Handevidt</i>	15 	16 Cadence Leiding Loren Schultz	17  <i>Jeff &amp; Jodi Lueth</i>	18 Christopher Meyer Jay Mulso	19 Bowdin Bentz	20 Elaine Bergemann Sarah Hecht Brandon Poppe
21 Dale Keck	22 Conner Malo Nichole Smith Deb Miller  <i>Albert &amp; Muriel Armbrust                      Susie &amp; Bocky Borchardt</i>	23	24 Sandy Winter	25	26	27 Stephanie Truesdell
28 Janet Saxen Jen Saxen	29					



# 2016 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Worship Services</b></p> <p>8:30 am StP</p> <p>10:30 am TLC</p> <p>9:15 am SS WLC</p> <p>10:30 am WLC</p> <p>[Communion every Sunday @ WLC]</p>	1	<p>2 6:30 am Men's SRBS</p> <p>9:30 am THCC Worship</p> <p>7 pm Mary Circle</p>  <p>GROUNDHOG DAY</p>	3	<p>4 7 am Women's SRBS</p>	5	6
7	8	<p>9 6:30 am Men's SRBS</p> <p>Quilting WLC</p> <p>6 pm Parish Council mtg</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Quilting—WLC</p> <p>Quilting—StP</p> <p>2 pm Goldfinch Comm</p> <p>Ash Wednesday Service 7 pm @ StP</p> 	<p>11 7 am Women's SRBS</p> <p>Quilting—StP</p> <p>7 pm WLC Council mtg</p>	12	13
<p>14</p> <p>Worship</p> 	15	<p>16 6:30 am Men's SRBS</p>	17	18	19	20
21	22	<p>23 6:30 am Men's SRBS</p> <p>5:30 pm Men's Garage</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9 am Assemble Ripples</p> <p>Quilting—StP</p> <p>Meal @ 5:30 pm Lenten Service 7 pm @ TLC</p>	25	26	27
28	29					
<p>Worship/Comm</p>						



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## HYMN OF THE MONTH – February

**“O, Master, Let Me Walk With Thee”**. Washington Glidden was the creator of this hymn. He was a newspaper man who became a clergyman. His great-grandfather had been a body guard for George Washington during the Revolutionary War. Glidden had always been interested in social and political situations and fought hard, both through newspapers and from the pulpit. He fought against New York politics. He objected to John Rockefeller’s gifts to his denominations mission board because of his policies at Standard Oil. He tried to encourage his congregations and make them aware of social and labor problems in the country. He would be thought of today as a social activist – he did not approve the efforts of evangelists like Billy Sunday. He believed in evolution – saying the Bible was not correct scientifically or historically.

Glidden wrote this hymn in 1879, saying it was an honest cry of human need and the need for divine companionship. “If our friendship with Jesus does not lead us to concern for others in every way possible, including spiritually, then we should check to see how closely we are walking with the Master.” In spite of some of his radical views, Christians of all kinds have embraced this hymn as their own while working for the Master. “In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future’s broad’ning way, In peace that only Thou canst give, with Thee, O Master, let me live.