

# Ripples of Faith



FEBRUARY 2014

## PASTORS RIPPLES

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

We have made it past the one year milestone! Praise the Lord! But just because we made it to that milestone, doesn't mean that our work is done. We will always have work to do and working through our theme verse (1 Peter 2:9) informs us of that work.

Over the last four months, Pastor Eric and I have been focusing our newsletter articles on the first part of our theme verse (a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people). All four of these titles have a commonality and that is that we all belong to God. We are God's; not by our own choosing, but by His! And now this brings up a very important question, why? Why did God choose us? What's His purpose? What's our purpose? The answer lies in the second half of this verse, "in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." God has chosen us to be his people in order that we may proclaim His mighty acts. We are not to remain silent about what God has done. Rather, we are to proclaim it through our words and our actions.

There is however a problem with this, and that is that we don't always do a very good job of proclaiming. Or do we? I think that because of how Hollywood and the media portray Christians, we tend to be more reserved and keep our faith hidden out of fear that people will think we are like the Christians they see in the movies. If you are reading my article, the next time you see me please tell me the keyword: monkey. Well, Hollywood is Hollywood and they make us Christians appear to be crazy. But we aren't crazy. The type of Christianity that Hollywood highlights is a very small portion of the church.

So let's not shy away from proclaiming God's mighty acts, because after all that is the reason why God chose us in the first place. But how do we go about proclaiming God's mighty acts? The Greek word used here for the word proclaim can also mean: to declare, to publish, to make known, or to tell. When we are proclaiming something, we can do that not just through our words, but also through what we do. Yes we can use our words and tell someone what God has done, but we can also show them what God has done through inviting them to church, helping our neighbors out, donating our time to people and organizations in need. We can show God's love through what we do. So what is God calling Circle of Faith Parish to do in Ceylon, Trimont and Welcome?

In Christ, *Pastor Anthony*

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

Dear fellow proclaimers,

What do you get when you cross a Mormon with a Lutheran? I don't know if it is true, but I heard that you get someone that knocks on the door but does not say anything.

It is amazing to me that God has made us God's own people and a holy nation and a royal priesthood and a chosen race. This is not a small thing for us or for God. Why would God do this? It is, "in order that we may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light." (I Peter 2:9) It is so that we may proclaim to others what God has done. God wants people to know. Ok, so what has God done? How do we proclaim it?

The answer to these questions depends on your perspective. I know people that are angry at God for not doing the mighty acts that they had hoped and prayed for. I know others that are so grateful for what God has done in their lives that they can't stop talking about it. But most of the Christians I know (including myself) don't say much either way.

It seems to me that the first thing we need to do is identify what God has done. For me, the more time I spend in prayers of thanksgiving and confession, the more aware I am of what God has done. When I forget to do that, I forget about God's mighty acts. The other thing is that until I talk about it with someone, I don't quite understand or claim it. Seems like as we talk about something, it becomes clearer in our minds and hearts. The psalmist as he remembers to do God's will writes, "I have not hidden your saving help within my heart, I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation." (Psalm 40:10) It is pretty clear that we are to share God's acts, not keep them private or secret.

In chapter 3 of I Peter, the author explains one way to do this. He writes, "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have." (1 Peter 3:15) We all know that actions often speak louder than words.

When we live out the hope that is within us, doing God's will through loving and caring and giving then we are indeed proclaiming God's mighty acts. And, when someone sees our hope or our joy or our love they may ask us about it. When they do, it is important that we have a good clear answer. That will be proclaiming God's mighty acts. And that is why God makes us a holy nation and a royal priesthood and a chosen race.

Blessings in your proclaiming, Pastor Eric



Wednesday, February 5  
5:30—7:30

Location: Don Nordstrom's  
Address: 1809 115<sup>th</sup> Ave, Welcome, MN  
Directions:  
5 miles North of Welcome on Cty Rd 27  
Turn West on 180<sup>th</sup> St  
Go 1 ½ miles (House will be on left)

## February Worship Schedule

Date	St. Peter – 8:30 am	Trinity – 10:30 am	Waverly – 10:30 am
February 2 – Communion <i>Installation of New Leadership</i>	Pr. Anthony	Pr. Eric Bodenstab <i>Supply Preacher</i>	Pr. Anthony
February 9	Pr. Anthony	Pr. Anthony	Pr. Eric
February 16	Pr. Eric	Pr. Eric	Pr. Anthony
**February 23 – Communion	<i>Joint Service @ Waverly</i>	<i>Joint Service @ Waverly</i>	Pr. Anthony <i>Joint Service</i>

*\*\*On Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, a film crew from the ELCA church wide office in Chicago will be at Circle of Faith to interview and film the partnership that we have been building between our three congregations. The ELCA is so interested in our partnership that they are going to highlight our partnership in a video that will be shown at all 65 synod assemblies this year.*

### Schedule for Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>

**9:15 am** – Joint Sunday School at Waverly

**10:30 am** – Joint Worship Service w/Holy Communion at Waverly

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### Circle of Faith

Annual Meeting & Parish Council Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2014

The Annual Meeting and Parish Council Meeting of Circle of Faith Parish was called to order at Trinity Lutheran in Welcome at 6:00 pm by President Steve Williamson. Other members present: Jody Franck, Joel Rabbe, Kirsten Rabbe, Jon Saxen, Liz Stahl. Clergy present: Pastor Anthony Christoffels, Pastor Eric Midthun. Guests present: Members of Circle of Faith Parish.

Motion by Jon Saxen, second by Jody Franck to approve agenda as presented. Motion approved.

Pr. Anthony led devotions, based on I Peter 2:2-10.

Kirsten Rabbe presented the Secretary's report for the December 10, 2013, Parish Council meeting. Motion by Jon Saxen. seconded by Joe, to approve the Secretary's report as presented. Motion passed.

Joe Rabbe presented the Operating Statement for December 2013. Motion by Liz Stahl. seconded by Jody Franck, to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion passed.

Joe presented the Operating Statement for fiscal year 2013. (See attached copy), and called for questions from the floor. Several questions were asked and answered. Motion by Jon Saxen, seconded by Jody Franck, to approve the 2013 Parish Operating Statement.

Joe explained the Budget for 2014 that was passed by the Parish Council and all three Congregational Councils in December. He also explained the assessments for 2014 for each congregation. The total budget and rounded it up to the nearest even dollar to make it easy to divide into individual congregational assessments. in budget from 2013 to 2014 primarily covers Pr. Eric's financial package.

Last year's Circle of Faith budget was based on a wing and a prayer – we really didn't know what to budget for. We've learned some lessons, and believe we have budgeted wisely for 2014. Questions were asked from the floor, and answered by the Finance Committee and pastors. As the Parish Council approved the budget last month, and all three congregational councils have approved it since then, no further action was necessary.

#### **Pastors' Reports**

Multipoint Area Parish (MAP) gathering on January 18, 2013, 9-3 pm, St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Wabasso, to learn from each other, share stories, what has worked and what hasn't worked. Pr. Anthony will be attending, everyone is invited. RSVP by 1/15/14.

**Watowan River Conference Assembly** will be Sunday, February 16, 2014, 2:00 pm at First Lutheran Church in St. James, Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

**Equipping Congregations Day** will be held Saturday, February 22, 2014, 8:30 am – 3:30 pm, at Vinje Lutheran in Willmar. Circle of Faith members are some of the facilitators from our congregations. Pastor encouraged each of us to attend, and reminded us that the synod puts these things on all to benefit us, to help build us up, and make us stronger.

**Joint Junior High Lock-In** (Circle of Faith and Partners in Ministry) will be January 24-25 at Waverly. All Junior High students invited. Need adults to help supervise, will set up shifts. Please let Pastor Anthony know if you can help.

**Personnel Manual Committee** – Employee Handbook is in its final stages, will be presented to PC in February for approval.

Circle of Faith will be forming **Worship and Communications Committees** in the next few weeks. Pastor Anthony will be asking for at least one volunteer from each congregation for each of these at our Annual Meetings.

Next **Men's Garage** will be held February 5<sup>th</sup>. We need a (heated) place to meet, please contact Pr. Eric if you can host.

### **President's Report**

Steve has several things that we have been through as a Parish Council. Major focus: transparency – keep people informed every step of the way. Second, "Put your carrots on the table." We've never had problems talking about what we need to lay on the table. Purpose: to form a unified body as Circle of Faith. Third, Liz says "Meet people where we are." A good tie in to the verses we have been studying, and to who we try to be as Circle of Faith. Hats off to the Board and all our Parish members for all the hard work so far.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Circle of Faith Parish First Anniversary**

Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. Joint Worship at Trinity at 10:00 am. Communion Sunday, planning on doing coffee, cake and cider reception afterwards. Snow date: February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Contact Pr. Anthony or Pr. Eric if you have ideas regarding this worship service. Each congregation will be asked to bring 2 physical items to the worship service. Council Presidents will bring forward during the offering, to explain what that item means. The first item will represent your congregation – who you are. The second item will represent what your partners in the Parish mean to your congregation. Offering – checks made out to a specific congregation will go to that congregation, envelopes will be available with check boxes for each congregation for those who want them, loose change and bills will go to the host congregation. Cake, Coffee and Cider reception to follow. Kirsten will line up Cake, Jody will bring Cider, Phil Burgess will let Parish Council know what kind of help the Trinity members would like in the kitchen that day from the other two congregations.

#### **Circle of Faith Parish 2013 – A Year of Beginnings**

The Parish Council presented a PowerPoint entitled "Circle of Faith Parish – 2013 – A Year of Beginnings, highlighting what Circle of Faith has accomplished in this past year.

#### **New Business**

**Weather policy** – Circle of Faith's weather cancellation policy and communications methods will be refined based on what we learned from our first weather event. It was a good test, and we'll fix what needs to be fixed. Recommendation from Eileen Morrow that we change the message on COF's voicemail/answering machine for weather announcements. Pr. Anthony will follow up on this suggestion.

The next Circle of Faith Parish Council meeting will be February 11, 2014, 6:00 pm, at Trinity in Welcome. All Congregational Councils will be invited to the meeting. Individual Congregational Council meetings will begin at 7:30 pm that same evening.

Motion by Jon, seconded by Jody, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirsten Rabbe  
Secretary



To the membership of Circle of Faith Parish:

Greetings to you all from Evanston, IL! As I write this letter, we are getting bombarded with the famous lake effect snow that makes everything cold and wet. It's a good time of year to stay indoors, out of the biting wind and off the freezing mess on Chicago's crazy streets. Still, I have to admit that it's nice to see the days getting a bit longer.

In the weeks after Epiphany, all our Scripture readings and hymns focus on light. Like the Magi, we are following the light of Christ, and letting it lead us to the glorious blaze on the mountaintop we call Transfiguration Sunday. From there, shadows cross it as we wander through the desert of Lent, until it becomes the beautiful dawn of Easter, and the brushfire of Pentecost. In this season, we also give thanks for the freedom Christ gave us in baptism to be light for others, messengers of good news.

From what I hear, that light is shining brightly – last month, we welcomed seventeen new members into our parish. They all came because God drew them to the light that Christ has kindled here. Praise God for that light that has led so many to call Circle of Faith their new spiritual home, and for the light that these new members bring to strengthen our own, calling others to come to the feast. May that light, by the mercy of God, continue to shine brightly, leading people to come and give glory to our Redeemer with us.

Following the light of our Lord in this Epiphanytide, let us pray for God's blessing, using these words:

*Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.* [ELW, Epiphany 5]

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.

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2014 Equipping Congregations Day, SW MN Synod

Saturday, February 22, 2014 - 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Vinje Lutheran Church, Willmar, MN

## schedule:

8:30 - Registration	12:40 - Break
9:00 - Hymn Sing	12:50 - Workshop 2
9:15 - Welcome & Devotions	1:40 - Break
9:45 - <b>Real World Faith: Meeting God in the Everyday - Rev. Dr. David Lose</b>	1:50 - Workshop 3
10:35 - Break	2:20 - Break
10:45 - Workshop 1	2:50 - <b>Real World Faith: Meeting God in the Everyday - Rev Dr. David Lose</b>
11:35 - Lunch	3:20 - Blessing & Sending
12:10 - Heavenly Harvest Gospel Band	
12:20 - <b>Faith Story - Bishop Jon Anderson</b>	

Speakers: - The Rev. Dr. David Lose - Bishop Jon V. Anderson

Please contact the church office or Pastor Anthony if you are interested in attending this event.

# ST. PETER RIPPLES



## St. Peter Lutheran Council meeting minutes

1/14/2014

Council meeting was called to order. Attending were Jaime Leiding, Roger Rezac, Keith Franck and Jody Franck. Council approved 2014 budget.

Motion was made by Roger to use membership list for ushering, it was seconded by Jaime and vote was passed.

Pastor is looking for two people to go to the Watonwan River Conference Assembly in St. James on February 16<sup>th</sup>, and two to go to the Synod Conference in June.

Next meeting we are going to discuss having a brunch after church to welcome any new members or anyone interested in joining.

We discussed the joint worship service celebrating our 1<sup>st</sup> year Anniversary. Pastor Anthony & Pastor Eric would like each Council President to bring two things. First is: Who is St. Peter Lutheran? Second: What does the Circle of Faith Mean to St. Peter Lutheran? Everyone was very helpful with ideas.

Roger brought up maybe getting the carpet cleaned, we will look into this.

We would like to ask Pastor about singing more Christmas songs before Christmas.

Meeting adjourned.  
Respectfully Keith Franck

## St. Peter Lutheran Church Annual Meeting Minutes -- January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Meeting called to order. Pastor Anthony opened with devotions and prayer.

**Secretary Report** – read and motion made and seconded to accept minutes from Semi-Annual Mtg. on August 19, 2013.

**Treasurer's Report** – Read and motion was made and seconded to accept year 2013 end statement. Motion was made and seconded to accept 2014 Budget.

**Benevolence Treasurer's Report** -- read and motion made and seconded to accept report. Balance on hand \$434.98 as of December 31, 2013

**Pastor's Report** -- Pastor Anthony wants 2 committees, for Worship and Communications. Bernice Lehmann will do the Communication Committee and we need someone for the Worship Committee. He would also like a delegate or 2 for the Watonwan River Conference Assembly at First Lutheran Church in St. James on February 16<sup>th</sup>. He would also like a delegate or 2 for the Synod Assembly Conference at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter on June 13-15. Please contact him if you are interested. The Pastors have put together a 3 year plan which the first year is 'Who Are We?' The second is 'What are We Doing?' and the third year is 'Where are we Going?' It will be posted on the bulletin board in the entry way.

**Old Business** -- There was not a Nominating Committee for election of Council positions and officers. The following have accepted the position for 1 year terms: President – Jody Franck, Secretary – Lois Duncan, Benevolence Treasurer – Jeannine Rasmussen and for a 3 year term of Trustee – Dale Leiding. There is a deacon position to fill and since no one nominated anyone, a motion was made to let the Council appoint someone. The Council will be installed on Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The proposed addition of a By-Law to the Constitution is "The congregation only allows marriage between a man and a women to be performed at St. Peter Lutheran church at this time." A motion was made and seconded to accept the By-Law.

**New Business** -- The sound system at church is in need of upgrading. We can't get parts for the old system. A new system can be installed for \$2,198.00. A motion was made and seconded to put in a new system at that cost and the money to be taken from the Memorial Fund to have Bruce Abitz of Fairmont to install.

**Usher List** – Jody is going to have Lisa start at the beginning of the alphabet of church members and appoint ushers for each Sunday. The ushering will be collecting the contributions each Sunday and ushering out the congregation after the service.

**Updating the Constitution** will be done by the Council.

**Other Business** -- Jerry Wink is stepping down from counting money on Sundays. JoAnn Wink is taking his place.

If anyone is interested in going to the 'Banquet' in Sioux Falls on Valentine's Day, February 14<sup>th</sup>, (It's a meal for homeless people) contact Cheryl Krohn of Dunnell, her number is 507-695-2772.

No other business, a motion made and seconded to adjourn.

Council Secretary – Lois Duncan.



The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 5, 2014 at 1:30 pm. Servers: are Sherry Schmidt and Lorrene Knuth. Bible Study is lesson 6 in the Gather Magazine. "Women of Endor, A Seer and Communicator."

This month we will remember those that are home bound or in Care Facilities. Please bring cookies or bars wrapped individually that will be packed into containers and taken to our friends.

Muriel reported \$1,026.92 in the treasury.

As you read this we, (weather permitting) will have finished four days of mission quilting. We thank all those who came and also brought materials to be used. Twenty two quilts were made the first two days. Any one who can tie a square knot can help tie a quilt for the needy. We have an enjoyable time talking and laughing and of course we also have coffee.

Jeannine and Janice (weather permitting) attended the Pres./VP meeting at Augustana in St. James on Saturday the 25th. Looking ahead: March is food shelf month for Salvation Army.

April 12th Spring Gathering will be at

May 3rd Synod Convention at American Lutheran, Windom. This year units have the choice to bring any Mission kits they would like. They will be listed after this report. A semi will be there to take the Mission kits to LWR. A BOX WILL BE PUT IN OUR NARTHEX FOR ANYONE IN OUR CONGREGATION WHO WOULD LIKE TO DONATE TO THE KITS. NEW ITEMS ARE SUGGESTED. THE KITS WILL BE PUT TOGETHER IN APRIL. Cash donations are also appreciated towards purchasing items. Christian Literature will also be collected.

Group 1 has next work duty. Sherry Schmidt has Altar Care in February.

## What Kind of Bone are You?

It's been said that the "Body" of a church has four kinds of bones:

1. Wishbones — Those who wish someone else would do all the work.
2. Jaw bones — who do all the talking and very little else.
3. Knucklebones — who knock everything anyone else tries to do.
4. Backbones — who get under the load and get the work done.

Blessing—Janice

### MISSION KITS=====

#### Personal Care Kit

- 1 light or medium weight, bath-size towel  
(approx. 52x27) dark color recommended
- 2 bath-size bars of soap, 4-5 oz, orig. wrapping
- 1 adult size toothbrush, in its orig. packaging \*\*
- 1 sturdy comb remove packaging
- 1 metal nail clippers, remove packaging
- \*\*toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing  
an individual toothbrush in a business –size  
envelope; no plastic bags.

#### Baby Care Kits

- 2—lightweight cotton t-shirts
- 2—long or short sleeved gowns or sleepers  
(without feet)
- 2—receiving blankets, medium weight, cotton  
or flannel, crocheted or knitted with light-  
weight yarn, up to 52"square
- 4—cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- 1—jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood or  
include a baby cap.
- 2—pairs of socks
- 1—hand towel, dark color recommended
- 2—bath-size bars (4-5 oz) of gentle soap, in  
original wrapping
- 2—diaper pins or large safety pins

#### School Kits

- 4—70 sheet notebook wide or college  
ruled. 8x10 1/2; no loose leaf paper
- 1—30– centimeter ruler, or a ruler with  
centimeter/inches, each on one side
- 1—pencil sharpener
- 1—2 1/2" eraser
- 1—blunt scissors, safety scissors with  
embedded steel blades work well
- 5—unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers  
secure together with a rubber band
- 1—box of 16 or 24 crayons.

#### Fabric Kits

- 2—pieces of cotton or cotton-blend  
fabric (no knits or 100 % polyester)  
fabric should have no stains or holes  
and be cut into pieces measuring:  
2 1/4 yds of 60" wide fabric  
3 yds of 44" wide  
4 yds of 36" wide
- 2—spools of matching or neutral colored  
general purpose thread, 250-300 yds



<u>SUNDAY</u> February	<u>USHERS</u>
2	Roger and Joan Rezac
9	Dale and Jeanne Leiding
16	Keith and Jody Franck
23	Larry W Schmidt and John Schmidtke
March 2	Jamie and Noah Leiding



# TRINITY RIPPLES



## **Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting – January 14, 2014**

Meeting called to order at 7:35 by President Phil Burgess.

Members present: President Phil Burgess, Pastor Anthony and Pastor Eric, Lix Stahl, Jon Saxen, Starr Spiegel. Pastor Eric opened the meeting with a prayer.

### **Pastor's report.**

-Waverly is working on their constitution. Karen K. will help us if we so desire to update our constitution. We will bring to the annual meeting to see if there is an interest in updating it.

-The Circle of Parish has a Facebook page – please search for us and 'like' us.

-A Jr Hi "lock-in" is in the planning stages. It will be held on a Friday night until Saturday morning. The date has yet to be determined. It will be held at Waverly.

-January 26<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate the first anniversary of the Circle of Faith Parish with a joint service at Trinity Lutheran Church in Welcome followed by cider and cake.

**Secretary's Report.** Reviewed.

**Treasurer's Report** - Reviewed.

**Financial Secretary Report** – Reviewed.

**TWELCA** – none

**Youth & Board of Ed** – nothing new to report

**Deacon's Report** – none

**Trustee's report**- none

**Old Business:** no old business to discuss

**New Business:**

Discussion was held on the agenda items for the annual meeting.

Meeting adjourned. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Eileen Morrow, Secretary

Next meeting will be held on Feb 11<sup>th</sup> following the Circle of Faith Parish Board meeting at 6 pm

## **Trinity Lutheran 2014 Annual Meeting January 20, 2014**

President Phil Burgess called the meeting to order at 11:10.

Pastor Anthony opened with a dialogue and prayer.

The Circle of Faith report booklet was reviewed and reports were open for discussion.

Norm Schley moved to accept last year's annual reports. Bob Swanson seconded. Motion carried.

**Pastors Report:** The Circle of Faith Parish is establishing two new committees and is looking for volunteers to fill the positions. The new committees are Worship and Communications. Please contact the church office for a description of the position or if you are willing to volunteer.

*Upcoming events:* Looking for volunteers for the following events. Please contact the church office if you can attend.

Watowan River Conference Feb 16<sup>th</sup> in St James.

June 13-15 Synod Assembly at Gustavus in St Peter.

*Cottage Meetings:* The results of the cottage meetings include our 3 year plan. From now through spring we will be working on: Who are we? In year two we will be working on: What are we doing? In the summer of 2015 we will be in our third year and it will be: Where are we going?

**Old Business:**

Elections: We are still in need of 2 board members to fill the vacancies on the Board of Education. Please call the church office or contact a board member if you would be willing to serve on the board. Mary Ann Frerichs made a motion to accept the slate of officers as presented. Jon Saxen seconded. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

*Head Usher* –The current procedure is not working out with scheduling ushers. Discussion is being held on what can be changed or revised.

*Annual/Semi Annual meetings* – More input is needed to see if we should change the schedule of when we hold the annual and semi-annual meetings.

*Increasing Church Council's Spending Limit* – Currently we have a \$500 limit that can be spent without the congregation's approval on non-budgeted items and \$1,000 on budgeted items. Discussion is being held on if it should be raised to \$1,000 on non-budgeted items, and \$2,000 on budgeted items. This would take a constitutional change and would take time to do so. The council will work on it.

*Update on the new property.* Labor Day weekend the trees were taken down and the house was demolished shortly after. Now we are asking the congregation to help decide what to do with the bare lot in the spring. Any suggestions must be made and approved by the council prior to work being done. Ideas should be submitted to the council by late February for discussion and possible decision making in March.

The water line has been run on the outside of the church but will have to be completed inside. The sidewalk needs to be repaired on the west side of the lot. Discussion was held on why the funds to pay for these expenses were not allocated in the budget. The water line can be done at any time; it is not something that needs to be done within the next year. Jon Saxen made a motion and Bocky Borchardt seconded to have 2 competitive bids presented at the semi-annual meeting and a vote can be taken at that time. Motion carried.

*First Anniversary:* This is the first anniversary of the Circle of Faith Parish. There will be Parish Council openings. Anyone can be on the council; you do not have to be a current church board member. Please check with them if you are interested. We will be holding the Anniversary Joint Church Service at Trinity next Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> with fellowship to follow. Kitchen help will be necessary. Church Services will be held at 10:00 am instead of 10:30 am. Pastor would like us to # 1) Bring some idea or item to the church service that represents us in the Circle of Faith Parish as Trinity Lutheran Church and 2) What does Circle of Faith Parish mean to us in this partnership. Any ideas would be greatly appreciated.

Joel Detert made a motion to adjourn, Susie Borchardt seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 12 p.m. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Eileen Morrow, Secretary



TWELCA is on vacation from meetings until April

Hannah/Elizabeth Circle is not going to meet again until April.



Thank you to Pastor Eric and Pastor Anthony for the many visits and prayers. So enjoyed them. For the many cards, visits, food, prayers and caring thoughts—another “BIG” thank you—you don’t know how much it means. And for our most most ‘guardian angel’ above, we owe more than thanks—we are truly blessed.

Please keep us in your prayers—Merle and Shirley Burmeister

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## Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camps

Are you thinking about going to Bible Camp this summer?  
Early registration will save you \$50.00. Register by March 14th.

Brochures are at the church. Come and take a look.

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<u>SUNDAY</u> February	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>COMM. USHERS</u>	<u>ACOLYTES</u>
2	Phil Burgess Norm Schley	S-John Frerichs H-Velma Schaal	Jordan Stahl Moran Wolter
9	Todd Williams Larry Puhrman		Austin Holm Mason Mosloski
16	Loren Schultz Delano Bergemann		Zane Borchardt Jordan Wolter
23	Robert and Lonnie Moffitt		Carlene Hand Sarah Justice
March 2	Larry and Deb Philipp Family		Jackie Frerichs Mara Immens

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WITH A FRIEND

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



**The Waverly Church Council** met on January 14, 2013. Members present: Pastor Anthony, Pastor Eric, Cliff Armbrust, Rosemary Atzenhoefer, Deanne Gaalswyk, Bob Olson, Tim Peterson, and Jack Potter.

Deanne Gaalswyk, Council President, called the meeting to order.

The December Secretary's Report was approved as read. Motion made by Tim and seconded by Rosemary. Motion carried.

Cliff gave the financial report. Motion made by Bob and seconded by Jack. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Reminder of the upcoming Synod workshops.  
Discussed the agenda for the annual meeting.

Business: Recognized Tyler Koch as a new member.

Motion made by Tim and seconded by Bob to approve the Annual Meeting Agenda. Motion carried.

Motion made by Rosemary and seconded by Cliff to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deanne Gaalswyk - Secretary Pro Tem

## **Waverly Church Annual Meeting** Sunday, January 19, 2014

President Deanne Gaalswyk called the 2014 annual meeting to order, 32 members present. Pastor Anthony opened with dialogue, prayer and scripture reading, followed with an opening hymn.

The 2013 secretary's report was accepted as read with motion by Nancy Nordstrom, and second by Sue Krueger. Motion carried.

The financial report was given. Total receipts for year 2013 were \$100,828.55, total disbursements \$85,039.86. Motion by Bob Olson, second by Rosie Atzenhoefer to accept the report. Motion carried. Thank you to Steve and MarLeone Williamson for acting as the 2013 financial secretaries.

The 2014 proposed budget (\$82,319.00) was presented, and reviewed. It is known the cost of LP is going up, and increasing the budgeted amount (\$7,500.00) was discussed. Motion by Karen Helvig to add \$2,000.00 to the LP budget for 2014, second by Bob Olson. Motion carried. Motion by Karen Koeder, second by Liz Rabbe for adoption of the 2014 budget with amendment. Motion carried.

### Pastor's Report

~Youth Lock-In at Waverly is this coming weekend.

~Conference Assembly is scheduled for February 16 @ 2pm.

~Parish Worship and Communication committees are in the process of being formed. Kirsten Rabbe and Karen Helvig have volunteered to be Communication committee members.

President's Report

Outgoing President Deanne Gaalswyk offered her thanks and extended her appreciation to our Pastors for their leadership and guidance, members of the council and members of Waverly!

Nominating committee report was given by Karen Helvig with suggestion Synod Convention Delegates be assigned by the Church council. Motion by Liz Rabbe, second by Karen Koeder the council assign Synod Convention Delegates. Motion carried. Motion by Karen Helvig, second by Sue Krueger to close nominations. Motion carried. Motion by Rosie Atzenhoefer, second by Karen Koeder to accept the unanimous ballot. Motion carried. Installation of officers will be on February 2.

~MarLeone Williamson explained changes to the Waverly Handbook. Members are encouraged to read their handbooks and be aware of changes from previous years.

New Business

Karen Koeder, Sue Krueger, Don Nordstrom, Karen Helvig and Deanne Gaalswyk continue to meet and discuss efficient organization amendments to update our constitution.

Harvest Homecoming at Waverly with Gloria Dei is scheduled for September 14, 2014.

Current dinner and luncheon plates will be removed, and 100 Corelle plates will be purchased from the WELCA improvement fund.

Karen Koeder and Sue Krueger led members in an "Our Journey" exercise.

With no further business, motion to adjourn by Karen Koeder, second Paul Gaalswyk. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Deborah Schneider

A belated 'thank-you' for the poinsettia at Christmas—and  
Also for the visitors—Muriel and Al who delivered it. Blessings, Tud



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Waverly is replacing our plates. We are giving away 204 luncheon plates and 208 dinner plates. If any one is interested in these plates, please feel free to remove them from the cupboard in the kitchen. We extend this invitation to St Peter's and Trinity churches. If you would like to supplement your plate supply for your church, please contact Debbie Armbrust at 507-728-8729 or Deanne Gaalswyk at 507-639-3321. We would really like to see these plates be given a new life.

<u>SUNDAY</u> February	<u>READERS</u>	<u>ACOTYLE(S)</u>
2	Deb Schneider	Heidi/Brian Clow Family
9	Paul Gaalswyk	Emily Lindsey Bettin
16	Tim Peterson	Lindsey Bettin
23	Tom Peterson	Kendra/Daniel Helvig
March 2	Muriel Armbrust	Sonja / Susan

**February**  
**Ushers:**




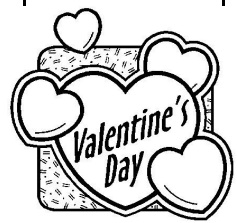
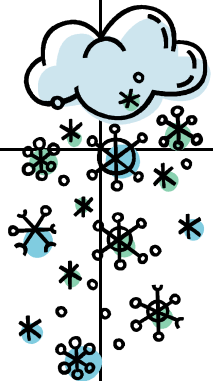
Erwin Atzenhoefer  
Brad Sherman  
Cliff Armbrust  
Phil Bettin  
Todd Rathman

# FEBRUARY



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Terry Muller Cara Hansen
2 Kevin Shaw LeRoy Franck 	3 Barb Schmidt  <i>Will &amp; Sarah                      Hecht</i>	4 Henry Borchardt Josie Clow	5 Celeste Bengé Stephen Helvig	6 Phyllis Arndt	7	8 Neil Cheever Emma Koehler
9	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                      Handevitd-'45'</i>	15
16 Loren Schultz Cadence Leiding	17  <i>Jeff &amp; Jodi                      Lueth</i>	18 Jay Mulso Chris Meyer	19 Bowdin Bentz	20 Sarah Hecht Elaine Bergemann Brandon Poppe	21 Dale Keck	22 Deb Miller Nichole Smith Conner Malo  <i>Muriel &amp; Albert                      Armbrust                      Bocky &amp; Susan                      Borchardt-'40'</i>
23 	24	25	26	27 Stephanie Truesdell	28 Pinky Saxon	

# FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Worship/Comm. Sunday School TLC & WLC  	3	4  7 pm WLC Mary's Circle	5 1:30 pm STP WELCA  5—7 pm Men's Garage @ Don Nordstrom's  Confirmation Fellowship Night	  Waverly Worship Comm. 7:00 pm	7	8
9 Worship Sunday School ALL	10	11 WLC Quilt Day  6 pm Parish Council Mtg  7:30 pm Cong. Council Mtgs.	12 WLC Quilt Day  Confirmation	13	14 	15
16 Worship Sunday School TLC	17	18	19  Confirmation	20  Ripples of Faith Article deadline	21	22 
23 9:15 am Joint Sunday school @ Waverly  10:30 am Joint Worship @ Waverly	24	25	26  9:30 am Assemble Ripples of Faith @ TLC  Confirmation Service Project #2	27	28	



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Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.

Romans 15:7 (NIV)

Senior high youth gathering

March 28-29, 2014

Mankato, MN

**Gathering registration opens February 14 and closes on February 28.**

Cost: \$85 per person (includes hotel room, programming, a Gathering t-shirt, Friday dinner and Saturday lunch)

Please bring your own breakfast. **The \$85 per person payment is due with your registration.**

If you have cancellations before March 8 you will receive a \$25 refund for those registrations

Check out the poster on your church bulletin board.