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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:

- 1/5 Mary Circle
- 1/6 Communion @ Truman Senior Living
St. P WELCA
- 1/13 Communion @ Goldfinch
Sr. Hi youth group
WOW with a meal—TLC
- 1/12 Parish Council meeting
TLC Council meeting
- 1/12-13 Quilting WLC
- 1/13-14 Quilting St. P
- 1/14 WLC Council meeting
- 1/17 Annual meetings
- 1/20 Ripples articles due
- 1/22 7/8th Grade Lock In
- 1/24 Sr. Hi Youth to WOW Zone
- 1/26 Men's Garage –Tom Peterson's
- 1/27 Assemble Ripples
- 1/27-28 Quilting St. P
- 1/31 Circle of Faith Anniversary Celebration
Worship 10 am @ TLC
Potluck dinner to follow

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Pastor Anthony's Ripples

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

Merry Christmas! I know the day of Christmas is behind us already and most of the world has gone back to their “normal” lives. The joyous songs are over, the decorations are put away, and everyone is looking to the next holiday already (Valentine’s Day?). Except for us, Christmas has only just begun. When the world is sick of celebrating Christmas, the church is just getting started. Remember that there are 12 days of Christmas, which begin on December 25 and goes through January 6 (Epiphany).

So in this season of Christmas, I wonder what is of value in your life. What do you value most? Is it your house, your job, your car (or truck), your boat, your bed, your couch and your TV? My guess is that these things are of some value to you, but what is of more value in your life is your spouse, your children, your grandchildren, your great-grandchildren, your friends, and all of the moments that you get to spend with these important people; especially around Christmas time. What we value most in life is the people and relationships that are in our lives.

So then what is of most value in the life of your church? What are we most concerned about as a church? Is it our building, our budgets, our interior décor, our attendance numbers (butts in the pew)?

These things are of some value to us, but what is of more value in the life of your church? If relationships are of greater value to you in your own life, then shouldn’t relationships be of greater value to us in the life of the church as well? Relationships with each other, fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, as well as our relationship with God.

As you hang up a new calendar in your home, many make a “New Year’s Resolution.” This year, make a resolution in your life to eat better, exercise more, or whatever it is that you want to change in your own life. And then make a resolution to strengthen your relationship with God. There are many different ways of helping you keep your resolution, including smart phone apps that remind you to read your devotion for the day. I recommend the YouVersion Bible App.

Remember, what matters most is not what is under the Christmas tree or on the dining room table, but who was crucified on a tree for the forgiveness of your sins. Rejoice for our God came down from His throne to be with us. Jesus is fully God and fully human! Praise the Lord!

Merry Christmas and may you have a blessed New Year!

In Christ,
Pastor Anthony

January Sunday Worship Schedule

Date	St. Peter – 8:30 am	Trinity – 10:30 am	Waverly – 10:30 am
January 3 – Communion <i>Altar Color: White</i>	Pr. Anthony	Pr. Anthony	Pr. Eric
January 10 <i>Altar Color: White</i>	Pr. Eric	Pr. Eric	Pr. Anthony
January 17 <i>Altar Color: White</i>	Pr. Anthony <i>Annual Meeting Following Worship</i>	Pr. Anthony <i>Annual Meeting Following Worship</i>	Pr. Eric <i>Annual Meeting At 7:00 PM</i>
January 24 <i>Altar Color: White</i>	Pr. Anthony <i>Installation of new leadership</i>	TBD <i>Installation of new leadership</i>	Pr. Anthony <i>Installation of new leadership</i>
January 31 – Communion <i>Altar Color: White</i>	<i>Joint Worship at Trinity</i>	10:00 AM Worship <i>Pr. Eric preaching</i>	<i>Joint Worship at Trinity</i>

Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday at Waverly.

Pastor Eric's Ripples

Dear friends,


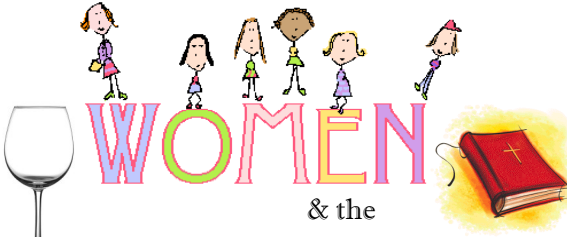
My thoughts continue to wander around the theme of witnessing. One thing that seems certain to me is that we in the church need to be centered around the theme of discipleship. The church is the gathering of those who follow Jesus. As the first disciples gathered around Jesus, learning, worshipping, healing, praying, forgiving and being joyfully thankful for what they had, so do we. This must be our center, our focus.

We live in a heavy cultural stream. It is like the water a fish swims in except it is more like jello it is so thick. Our world lives as though only material stuff is real. Things that we can see and touch and hear. The Spirit, the Soul, and God are theories and opinions. So our lives must be made up of material that makes us feel good or makes us comfortable and/or happy. Things like houses and cars and stuff we can surround ourselves with. Life is lived in the pursuit of these things. It works to a certain degree. A decent house, a decent car, a decent job, a decent family, a decent community, some fun activities, some extra money and insurance for security. It works for a while but we are designed for more. To invest only in this can lead eventually to a bankrupted self. Eventually it wears out, like a nice flannel shirt and a person may begin to look for an alternative. A life that means more, a life that has more of an impact on others and on the future. When that happens, where is a person to look? If they look in a church and they see a group of people complaining about the world and their church and criticizing each other and afraid and angry and longing for the past they will probably look somewhere else. On the other hand if they find a group of people on a mission, joyfully carrying one another's burdens and experiencing grace and freedom, like a bunch of Jesus' disciples trying to follow the best they can, they may want to join along in the fun adventure even if it has a material cost. They may find it a good investment.

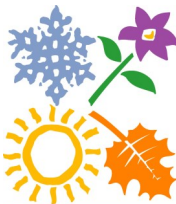
I think this is witnessing. To keep our mission of discipleship front and center. Just as God called us out of the jello and into a life of hope and grace and inner peace, God is calling others as well.

Pastor Eric

**NEXT GET-TOGETHER
WILL BE
JANUARY 26TH AT
TOM PETERSON'S**

*Not getting together in
January
February*



St. Peter, Ceylon – after worship on Sunday, January 17, 2016

Trinity, Welcome – after worship on Sunday, January 17, 2016

ANNUAL MEETING Waverly, Trimont – at 7:00 pm on Sunday, January 17, 2016

All Annual meeting reports are due in the office by Thursday, January 7.

Honeywell

Instant Alert®

With today's on-the-go lifestyles, it has become more difficult for our churches to reach our members quickly and effectively. This is why our parish has decided to implement a new system called Honeywell Instant Alert.

Instant Alert is an essential tool for notification and communication. Within minutes of using Instant Alert, we can send a single, clear message to all of our members by telephone, cell phone, text message, or email in any combination. Our main purpose in getting this system is to make notifying you of a church cancellation due to inclement weather more effective. However, we will also be able to use the system to keep you informed of weekly activities in your congregation and throughout the parish.

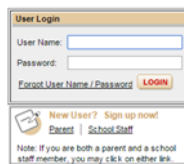
Instant Alert is internet based, allowing each family to maintain a secure, password protected online profile. You can log into your profile at any time to update your contact information. Maintaining the accuracy of your profile will increase our ability to keep you informed.

With your online profile you will be able to:

- Input your personal contact information
- Add as many devices (land line numbers, cell phone numbers, email addresses) as you wish
- Select which type of information you would like to receive on each of your contact devices
- Set the days and time of days you would like your phone devices to receive alerts
- View the alerts that have been sent to you in the past

Steps to setting up your online profile:

1. Go to: <https://instantalert.honeywell.com>
2. On the right-side, click on "School Staff"
3. For state, select "Minnesota"
4. For district, select "Circle of Faith Parish"
5. Type in your first and last name
6. Click "Submit"
7. Create a username and password (you may also include your email address)
8. You may now add as many devices as you'd like



This is the same system that the area schools use for their alerts. Even if you are already have an online profile with your school, you will need a new online profile for the parish. If you do not have internet access and would like to add other devices, or if you need assistance with your profile, please contact the parish office at 728-8259.



2017 marks the 500th 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.



Thank you to all who gave us Christmas wishes, food and goodies during the Christmas Season. Everything was very much appreciated. We are hoping that God blessed you and yours with a very Merry Christmas.

Pastors Anthony and Eric, Eileen and Lisa

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Friday, January 22 – Saturday, January 23
8:00 pm – 8:00 am
Waverly Lutheran Church

TO WOW ZONE

High school (9th – 12th grade) youth group will meet Wednesday, January 13th from 7:00-8:00 pm at Trinity. We will be talking about what you did over Christmas break. Then on Sunday, January 24th we will spend the afternoon at the WOW Zone in Mankato. If you'd like more information please talk to Pastor Anthony or John Borchardt.

All youth in grades 7-8 from Circle of Faith Parish and Partners in Ministry (Trimont) are invited to attend an overnight lock-in at Waverly. You are allowed to invite one friend to come with you if you wish. More details to come as we get closer.
Mark this on your calendar now!

We will need adult chaperones to help throughout the night. We schedule it in 2 hour shifts. Talk to Pastor Anthony if you're interested in helping.

Seminarian's Letters Home January 2016

To the membership of Circle of Faith Parish:

Greetings to you all from Evanston, IL! Before saying anything else, I want to thank everyone from Circle of Faith who worked to make my ordination happen on December 17th. It was a cold, windy night, but it was warmed for everyone by the gracious hospitality, the delicious food, and the wonderful celebration. I heard lots of wonderful comments about the food, the singing, and the friendly reception that our out-of-town guests received. For all that work, for the labor of making the stoles and chasubles for me, and for the support in making the service happen that night, thank you one and all.

I'll be starting at United by Faith on the Sunday we celebrate the Epiphany (which technically falls on January 6, but most churches move it to whichever Sunday falls closest to that). We'll read, as we always do, the story of the magi following the star, and we'll enter that season when we praise Christ as our Light, following the gradually lengthening days. It will be on that Sunday, after so long an interim, that United by Faith begins a new chapter, wondering where God is leading as the star burns bright. Where that will lead, I don't know. But I do know that God will lead us into it. It's comforting, also, to know that Circle of Faith will still be praying for us as the journey unfolds. Where the star leads...stay tuned!

Following the star into the unknown, we pray for God's blessing, using these words:

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us, and your love supporting us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. [ELW, Daily Prayer]

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
December 8, 2015

Meeting was called to order at St. Peter at 7:20 pm by President Steve Williamson. Other members present: Merle Burmeister, Marilyn Cheever, Jody Franck, Karen Helvig, Kirsten Rabbe, Staff present: Pastor Anthony Christoffels, Pr. Eric Midthun. Congregational Presidents present: Nancy Nordstrom from Waverly, Jody Franck from St. Peter,

Motion by Jody Franck seconded by Merle Burmeister, to approve the agenda as amended. Addition: Insurance update. Motion passed.

Pr. Anthony led us in devotions.

The Secretary's report for the November 10, 2015 Parish Council meeting was presented. Motion by Jodi Franck, seconded by Karen Helvig, to approve the Secretary's report as amended. Motion passed.

Steve presented the November 2015 Operating Statement for Jon Saxon to the Parish Council. Motion by Kirsten, seconded by Merle Burmeister, to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion passed.

REPORTS

Pastor Anthony Christoffels report
. Pastor Anthony will be on vacation December 25, 2015 – January 1, 2016. Thank you to Circle of Faith for continuing education from which he recently returned. Carl Rabbe's ordination will be on December 17, 2015, 5:30 pm, at Waverly.

OLD BUSINESS

Honeywell Alert System Update

The system is up and running and staff has been trained. Test alert will go out soon.

Parish Council Candidates

Reminder to all Council members to be in discussion with their respective Congregational Councils to find members for nomination to serve on the Parish Council for 2016.

Parish Budget

Discussion held on sustainability of budget into the future.

NEW BUSINESS

2016 Pastoral Designated Housing Allowance

Proposed 2016 Pastoral Designated Housing Allowance was distributed and explained. (See attached.) Motion by Karen Helvig, seconded by Jodi Franck, to approve as presented. Motion passed.

2016 Pastoral Medical Expense Reimbursement Plan

Proposed 2016 Pastoral Designated Housing Allowance was distributed and explained. (See attached.) Motion by Jodi Franck, seconded by Karen Helvig, to approve as presented. Motion passed.

Insurance Update

Jon Helvig gave an update on Circle of Faith insurance. Will continue working on options.

Next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday January 12th, 6:00 pm, at Trinity. On January 31, 2015, Circle of Faith Parish will hold a joint worship service and anniversary celebration, with potluck, and annual meeting to follow. Worship at 10:00 a.m., annual meeting at 11, lunch follows.

Motion by Marilyn Cheever, seconded by Karen Helvig, to adjourn at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirsten Rabbe
Secretary



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On January 22, 2016, Circle of Faith Parish will celebrate our third year of partnered ministry! To celebrate, we will have a joint worship service and potluck meal on Sunday, January 31st at 10:00 am. In the ongoing rotation of joint services throughout the parish, this joint worship service will be hosted by Trinity. There will be an opportunity to give an update on where the parish currently is and where we are looking at going in the future. Please join us as we celebrate our parish's anniversary by worshiping and dining with our partners in faith.



St. Peter Ripples

St. Peter Lutheran Church Council Minutes

Meeting called to order by Jody Franck. Those present were Pastor Anthony, Jody Franck, Keith Franck, Dale Leiding, Jeremy Wink, and Angie Schmidt.

Devotions were given by Pastor Anthony.

Secretary's report was given, Motion by Dale to approve and 2nd by Angie.
Treasurer's report was given. Memorial fund has a total of \$1662.02, Benevolence \$1777.08, Youth fund has a total of \$2504.21. Motion to approve by Angie 2nd by Keith.

Pastor's Report

-Pastor Anthony will be on vacation from December 25th – January 1st. Pastor Eric can be reached by calling the office for any emergencies.

-Carl Rabbe's ordination will take place at Waverly Church on Thursday the 17th at 5:30.
With a meal to follow.

-Pastor noted that the Honeywell Alert System is up and ready. Follow instructions that are in the December newsletter to get logged in and set up a password. Any questions call the church office.

-Discussion took place about Insurance. Currently each church has their own insurance policies; discussion is taking place about joining insurance coverage with one insurance agent. This will be finalized in the New Year.

New Business

-Jody presented the 2016 budget. It was decided to give Joann Wink a raise from \$11.00 an hour to \$12.00 an hour. Motion by Keith to approve the budget 2nd by Angie

-Dale Leiding bought up putting motion sensor lights switches in the bathrooms. Annual meeting will be January 17th following church.

-Christmas Eve Sunday School program will be December 24th at 7:00 pm.

NEED VOLUNTEERS for Church council and Parish council.

-Church Council needs 2 Deacons, 1 Trustee, 1 Secretary, President.

-Parish council needs 2 church members, this is a 2 year term.

-Discussion took place to have this meeting bi monthly.

Motion to adjourn by Keith 2nd by Angie Pastor closed meeting with the Lords Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Angie Schmidt



January meeting: Jan. 6th @ 1:30 pm

Hostesses: Jeannine and Sherry

Bible study: The new format of shorter Bible studies from a variety of authors continues with our winter 2016 Bible Study. "Christian Citizenship 101", exploring the book of Philippians. Session I is "Confidence in God's Beginnings and Endings."

Our Christmas party went well with 55 attending. After postponing a week we got perfect weather. I hope everyone was inspired by Judy McQuown's message as I was. Thanks to all for the food and effort to have this.

Muriel reports that we had total expenditures of \$3,293.00 for 2015. Almost all for donations to many charities. **This is Mission in Action!** In our WELCA purpose statement we are asked to "engage in ministry and action" and promote healing and wellness.

It's January and that means quilting! Sewing days are Jan. 13 & 14, 27 & 28. As usual, come when you can, stay as long as you can and bring a sack lunch.

"All Anew" is the theme for Women of the ELCA's 10th Triennial Gathering in Minneapolis, July 13-16, 2017. It falls during the observance of the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation so the logo of a butterfly resonates with reformation and transformation images.

Birthday: Jeannine Rasmussen—6th; Marge Schley—13th; Nancy Steele—15th.

Altar care for January: Annette Yackle. Next work duty: Group I.

I'll close with the theme verse for the Triennial: Psalm 104:30. "Lord, send forth your spirit and renew the face of the earth."

Happy New Year



Will meet on Sunday, January 10 @ 9:30 am

DATE	LECTOR	USHERS
Jan. 3	Janice Franck	Bernice Lehmann Lorrene Knuth
10	Muriel Klenz	Roger and Joan Rezac
17	Jeannine Rasmussen	Sherry Schmidt JoAnn Wink
24	Bernice Lehmann	Gene and Annette Yackle
31	Anniversary Celebration Worship @ TLC 10 am	Potluck dinner following
Feb. 7	Muriel Klenz	Todd and Tina Peta

Trinity Ripples



No Council Minutes

NEW AT TRINITY!

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



Thank you to all who sent a contribution to Trinity Lutheran Women's annual "Thankoffering" appeal. The funds are used for church kitchen maintenance and for paying partial enrollment fees to summer bible camps for our youth that are interested in attending.

DATE	USHERS	ACOLYTE	LECTOR	COMMUNION
Jan. 3	MaryAnn and John Frerichs	Sami Meyer Derek Hughes	Becky Detert	Henry Borchardt John Borchardt
10	Monica and Jamie Chukuske	Caelyn Harder Carter Mosloski	Laurie Jensen	
17	Zane and John Borchardt	Todd Morrow MacKenzie Petersen	Tracy Winter	
24	Laurie and Tony Truesdell	Gavin Hand Sami Meyer	MaryAnn Frerichs	
31	Susie and Bocky Borchardt	Sami Meyer Caelyn Harder	Liz Stahl	Lonnie and Bob Moffitt
Feb. 7	Becky and Joel Detert	Derek Hughes Carter Mosloski		Jon Saxen John Garbers



Waverly Ripples

Waverly Council Meeting – December 10, 2015

Council members present: Nancy Nordstrom, Bob Olson, Cliff Armbrust, Sue Krueger, Tom Peterson, Karen Koeder, Jack Potter, Don Nordstrom, Deanne Gaalswyk, Pastor Anthony, Belva Peterson
Nancy called the meeting to order.

A motion by Jack and seconded by Bob to approve the agenda, motion carried.

A motion by Karen and seconded by Bob to approve the secretary report as printed, motion carried.

The Treasure's report was presented by Cliff. The balance is \$6,681.65 behind budgeted amount. A motion by Karen and seconded by Bob to accept the report, motion carried.

Cliff suggested that someone from the property committee contact the internet company on how the church should pay the domain fees for the internet. Kirsten Rabbe has been charging them on her personal credit card. Bob agreed to contact the company.

Pastor's report: Monday and Tuesday of this week Pastor was at a retreat. He said the information presented was very helpful. He will be on vacation Dec 25th to Jan 1st and Pastor Eric will cover. Jan 31st there will be a joint worship service. No decision yet what church will host the service. This will be the 3rd anniversary of the Circle of Parish. A pot luck and short meeting will follow the service. A Circle of Faith report will be presented on how we are doing.

Worship Committee: They are getting ready for Carl Rabbe's ordination. They are planning special services for 2016 such as First fruits, Thank Offering and Rally Sunday. Worship assistance schedule for the year will be given to the office. They are contacting 6th graders to be acolytes for the year. They are also getting ready for the Christmas Eve service.

Caring Ministries: Members in the Nursing homes were visited and were given communion. In 2016 they will be in charge of making a list of members who should receive poinsettia plants at Christmas time.

Faith Formation: Sunday Dec 13th will be the children's Christmas program, Cookies and birthday cake will follow the service. They need Sunday school teachers starting in January. The children and teachers like the Sunday school material they are using this year.

Property: The nativity scene is up in front of the church. People keep changing the thermostat in the church so Jeff Armbrust will be looking at putting a locked cover over the thermostat. The \$100 Bob was to be paid for fixing the bathroom repairs he would like it to go directly to the cemetery fund. A motion by Don and seconded by Tom to have the \$100 go into the cemetery fund, motion carried. Several people have complained about the sewer odor in the basement. Bob will be consulting some members in the church to help find a solution to the problem.

Old Business: Jon Helvig informed Pastor Anthony that he has found one company that will insure all three churches. Each church will be able to select the coverage they want for their church. The agent will be meeting with each church council in 2016. The Honeywell alert system is in place. You can go to the web site to add another phone contact number or call the office and they will help. The office will be doing a test alert in the next few weeks. This will be announced in church before the test alert or after to see how well the system worked.

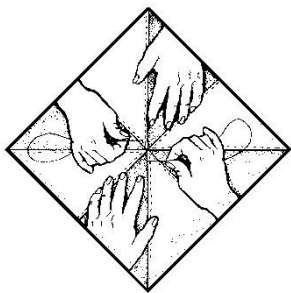
The council agreed the church would pay for the food for Carl Rabbe's ordination. A motion by Don and seconded by Karen that the church purchase a gift for Carl up to \$200, the motion carried. Nancy will be contacting Carl to see if there is anything special he would like.

New Business: Cliff presented the proposed 2016 budget. A motion by Bob and seconded by Karen to accept the 2016 budget, the motion carried. Cliff presented a paper on the last 3 years income and expense statement for the church. The report showed that each year the giving to the church has decreased. Cliff suggested that we present this at the yearly meeting. After some discussion and input from Pastor Anthony that we have to trust in the Lord it was agreed we will present the report but type at the end of the report "Waverly has always ended the year in a positive amount" Nancy will be contacting members for nomination to the Parish council for next year. We need one member but can have 2 members on the council. Tim Peterson is contacting the nominating members for names to be presented at the church meeting for the different committees. Pastor said the Parish council was discussing meeting every other month, no decision had been reached. The deadline to submit reports for the Annual Meeting is Dec 31st. The financial report can be later for Cliff to balance out the end of year.

Motion by Karen and seconded by Bob, motion carried.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted Belva Peterson, Secretary



Quilting days are Jan. 12 & 13.
Everyone is welcome to attend.

Thank you very much for the beautiful poinsettia that the church gave to me.

Elaine Johnson



The family of LeVone Toedt would like to thank Pastor Anthony and Pastor Eric for their pastoral visits and for the thoughtful funeral service given for our mom. Thank you to Nancy Nordstrom for providing the beautiful music. Also, we want to express our appreciation to those who helped serve lunch and provided cake.

DATE	READER	ACOLYTE	CHILDREN'S TIME	COMMUNION ASSISTANCE
Jan. 3	Belva Peterson	Youth	Tim Peterson	Lynette Shaw
10	Mary Lou Sherman	Youth	Karen Helvig	Lynette Shaw
17	LuAnn Peterson	Youth	Kirsten Rabbe	Lynette Shaw
24	Susan Rathman	Youth	Pastor	Lynette Shaw
31	Anniversary	Celebration @ TLC	10 am	Potluck dinner following
Feb. 7	Deanne Gaalswyk	Youth	Kendra Helvig	Jack Potter



January Ushers: Jon Helvig, Dan Helvig, Erwin Atzenhoefer, Tom Peterson, Jeff Lueth

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




2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Ronald Rahm	2 Karen Koeder Belva Peterson Tom Peterson January Elliott Ameila Brosna-
3 Jon & Karen Helvig '35'	4 Jeannine Rasmussen Debra Armbrust	5	6	7 Aimee Hand Mason Mosloski	8	9 Amanda Brosnahan
10 John Frerichs Maruice Rahm Lacey Lueth	11 Patience Poyzer	12 Selma Peterson Brock Burmeister Olin Bakke	13 Marge Schley Scott Bengé	14 Marilyn Schlager Paul & Lorrie Jensen	15 Nancy Steele Audrey Swanson Buck Jagodzinske	16 Ione Nelson Wayne Burmeister
17 Denyse Borchardt	18 Julie Schulz James Korte	19 Larry Puhrman Bryce Winter Larry R Schmidt	20 Victor Abelson	21 Victoria Lake	22 Deborah Schneider	23 Jeanne Leiding
24 Susan Krueger Cody Williams	25 Margo Paplow	26 Synjin Haugen	27 Rhonda Oeschle	28	29	30 
31 MarLeone Williamson						



2016 *Calendar*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8:30 StP 9:30 SS 10:30 TLC 9:15 SS 10:30 WLC Communion each Sunday				 JOIN OUR STUDY	1 Parish Office Closed	2
3 Worship / Holy Communion	4	5 6:30 am Men's SRBS 7 pm Mary Cir- cle	6 10 am TSL Comm. 1:30 pm WELCA—StP 6 pm WOW meal 6:30 om WOW 6:30 pm Family Confirmation 7 pm Choir WLC	7 7 am Women's SRBS Reports due for all Annual meetings	8 Parish Office Closed	9
10 Worship StP Sunday school 9:30 am	11	12 6:30 am Men's SRBS Quilting—WLC 6pm Parish Council mtg. 7:30 pm TLC Council mtg.	13 Quilting—StP Quilting—WLC 2 pm Goldfinch Comm. 6:30 om WOW 6:30 pm Confirmation 7 pm Choir WLC 7 pm Sr Hi Youth	14 7 am Women's SRBS Quilting—StP 7 pm WLC Council mtg.	15 Parish Office Closed	16
17 Worship Annual Meetings StP after worship TLC after worship WLC @ 7pm	18	19 6:30 am Men's SRBS	20 6:30 om WOW 6:30 pm Confirmation 7 pm Choir WLC	21 7 am Women's SRBS	22 Parish Office Closed Jr. High Lock-In	23 @ WLC
24 Worship Sr. High Youth @ WOW Zone 1-7 pm	25	26 6:30 am Men's SRBS 5:30 pm Men's Garage at Tom Peterson's	27 Quilting—StP 9 am Assemble Ripples 6:30 om WOW 6:30 pm Confirmation 7 pm Choir WLC	28 7 am Women's SRBS Quilting—StP	29 Parish Office Closed	30
31 Circle of Faith Anniversary Celebration 10 am Worship @ TLC Potluck following						



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HYMN OF THE MONTH – JANUARY

“Go Tell It on the Mountain” is definitely a very popular Christmas carol, but we should tell the story all year long! The song originated in the Appalachian Mountains where John Work was a professor of Latin and Greek at Fisk University. He and his brother Frederick were the first known blacks to collect all the folk songs they could find and in 1907 they published them in “Work’s Folk Songs of the Negro as Sung on the Plantations”. This spiritual spread from plantation to plantation and generation to generation, telling them to spread the news. It gave them hope for a better life than the one they were in and told them to keep ‘spreading the news’. It originally only consisted of the chorus but John Work wrote three verses to go with it – verses telling about the shepherds in the field who saw the great light and heard the news that God had sent salvation to us that Christmas morn. Along with the hymn from last month (“The First Noel”) we are again told to “Keep Spreading The News!!”



Ladies —

For all early risers who are excited about spending time in God’s word...The Thursday morning bible study with Partners in Ministry is entering Paul’s Letter to the Galatians and we are all invited to join the journey. Time has changed to 7am at First Lutheran in Trimont...we are there every Thursday and look forward to having you too!