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JULY 2015

## PASTOR ANTHONY'S RIPPLES

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

With the typical decline in worship attendance during the summer months, I thought it might be helpful to share with you why going to church every week is important to me (and not just because it is my job). I grew up going to church every week without really knowing why we went. It was just what we did. Now today, many young people (and even older people) are so busy that they have to prioritize life, and things that don't appear important get cut.

Let me ask you, what really matters when it comes to worship? Is it the start time, the day of the week, where you sit, or the type of music that is played? Or is it about Jesus and coming to hear the Word of God? Christian worship is not about making us feel good or satisfying our desire to hear a good hymn... it is all about Jesus. We come each week to worship to be reminded (because it is easy to forget) about the hope that we have through Jesus. Through Jesus (and the waters of baptism), we are promised that this life is not all there is – that even though we die, we will live. We have hope! We have a future with God! We also receive full and complete forgiveness of all of our sins when we come to worship. Guilt is a terrible thing to carry with us and when someone actually says that they forgive us, the guilt that we carry is finally removed. You can only carry so much guilt in your life until it becomes too burdensome to carry on. So we gather for worship to receive God's forgiveness through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We do so by following his commandment to eat and drink. When we eat and drink we physically receive God's forgiveness and love; both of which are unconditional.

If someone sits in your pew, who cares. If the worship time gets changed at your church, who cares. If you worship on another day of the week, who cares. As long as you are hearing God's Word proclaimed about the hope we having in Christ Jesus, and you are receiving God's forgiveness through the sacrament of his body and blood, then it doesn't matter when you worship, as long as you are worshipping. In the coming weeks, we will be talking more about the importance of worshipping and receiving communion. Until then, blessings to you in the days and weeks ahead as we enjoy the summer weather that God has given us!

In Christ,

*Pastor Anthony*



**Tuesday Morning Coffees**

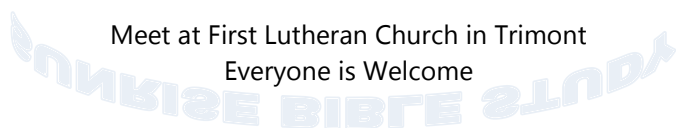
**Starting, July 7**  
**8:30—10:00 am**  
**@ St. Peter's, Ceylon**

**SUNRISE BIBLE STUDY**  
**"For everything there is a season, and a time for . . . Bible Study!"**

**MEN**—6:30 am on Tuesday  
*Led by Pastor Anthony Christoffels*

**WOMEN**—6:30 am on Thursdays  
*Led by Pastor Stephanie Christoffels*

Meet at First Lutheran Church in Trimont  
 Everyone is Welcome



**Tuesday, July 8th 5:30—7:30 pm**

**Bob Olson's pontoon at Fox Lake**

**WINE -WOMEN & THE WORD**

*Tuesday July 21—6-8 pm @ Kathryn Detert's*

411 West Grant

Going west into Ceylon, 2 blocks west of Fire Hall, turn left –  
 go 1 block, turn right and her home is on the left hand side of the street

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**July Worship Schedule**

*Sunday Worship Services*

Date	St. Peter – 8:30 am	Trinity – 10:30 am	Waverly – 8:30 am
<b>July 5 – Communion</b> <i>Altar Color: Green</i>	Pr. Barbara Jewell <i>Pr. Anthony is on vacation</i>	Pr. Eric	Pr. Eric
<b>July 12</b> <i>Altar Color: Green</i>	Pr. Anthony	Pr. Anthony	Karen Koeder <i>Pr. Eric is on vacation</i>
<b>July 19</b> <i>Altar Color: Green</i>	Pr. Eric	<b>10:00 am Community Worship @ St. Paul UCC</b> Meal following.	Pr. Anthony
<b>July 26 – Communion</b> <i>Altar Color: Green</i>	<b>10:00 AM Worship Ceylon City Park</b> <i>Pr. Anthony preaching</i>	<i>Joint Worship in Ceylon</i>	<i>Joint Worship in Ceylon</i>

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

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

**Circle of Faith Parish presents the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Summer Theology Series:**

# Mission on the Prairie

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

Come to any session that  
interests you

The meal is **FREE**

We'll be done by 7:30 PM

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

Child Care will be provided

### Wednesday, June 10

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

◇ 6:30 PM - Free Meal & Discussion  
**Mission in Worship**

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

**Led by Carl Rabbe, MDiv**



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

### Wednesday, July 1

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

◇ 6:30 PM - Free Meal & Discussion  
**Small Church Mission**

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

**Led by Rev. Larry Strenge**



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

### Wednesday, August 12

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

◇ 6:30 PM - Free Meal & Discussion  
**Backyard Mission**

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

**Led by Rev. Dr. Alvin Luedke**



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



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



**JOIN THE PARADE!**

Summer is quickly approaching when you hear birds singing and lawn mowers running. It is also time for local summer festivals. Last year COF participated in Welcome and Trimont festival parades. This year we will again.

We encourage members from all three congregations to consider walking, biking, or riding in a golf cart in both events. COF has a small trailer with our logo on that will be pulled by a pickup. Last year we walked beside and behind it handing out freeze pops and some pamphlets telling about COF. We will wear the yellow-shirts showing GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS.

If you do not have a Circle of Faith T-shirt, there will be members at each church helping you to purchase one on Sunday, June 25th and Sunday, July 5th. If you are not able to get one on these dates, call the church officer and you will be given a contact name and phone number to call. They are \$7.00 each. They are free to Sunday school students. You can walk in both parades or choose one or the other. And we wear our T-shirts for other events during the year too.

Trimont's parade is July 11, 2015. Welcome will celebrate their 125th anniversary with the parade on July 18th, 2015. The members that did last year's parades had a great time. Get together with your family and friends and enjoy an afternoon walk for GOD'S WORK.

Looking for ice cream pails to use for these 2 parades.

# REMEMBER FLAT JESUS!

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

Kathy Bremer (St. Peter) at family reunion in Sleepy Eye.



Flat Jesus at Waverly welcoming Bishop Buthelezi from South Africa.



Flat Jesus at Waverly welcoming Bishop Buthelezi from South Africa. The bishop is standing with Pr. Anthony, Pr. Eric, Pr. Rebecca Sullivan, and Pr. Sarah Taylor.



Flat Jesus at a graduation party in Spicer, MN for Travis, a great nephew of Janice Franck.



From Gene and Annette Yackle, on vacation in Branson, MO



# Church Picnic & Worship

Our annual Parish Summer Picnic and Joint Worship Service is  
schedule for: Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am  
At Ceylon City Park (Rain location at St. Peter Lutheran)  
Potluck Picnic to follow worship

- \*Bring your lawn chair as we worship in the park.
- \*Bring a dish to pass for the picnic (beverages, plates/cups, and utensils will be provided)

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## Circle of Faith

Parish Council Meeting Minutes  
June 10, 2015

Meeting was called to order at Trinity Lutheran at 7:55 pm by President Steve Williamson.. Other members present: Merle Burmeister, Jody Franck, Karen Helvig, Deb Philipp, Kirsten Rabbe, Jon Saxen. Staff present: Pastor Anthony Christoffels, Pr. Eric Midthun. Congregational Presidents present: Jody Franck from St. Peter.

Motion by Jon Saxen, seconded by Karen Helvig, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed.

Pr. Anthony led us in prayer.

The Secretary's report for the May 12, 2015 Parish Council meeting was presented. Motion by Merle Burmeister, seconded by Jody Franck, to approve the Secretary's report as changed. Motion passed.

Jon Saxen presented the May 2015 Operating Statement to the Parish Council. Motion by Kirsten Rabbe, seconded by Karen Helvig, to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion passed.

### REPORTS

Pastor Anthony Christoffels report

- . Synod Assembly this weekend, please hold all synod delegates in prayer, as we discern and elect a bishop for the next 6 years, whether it be our current bishop or a new one.
- . Mission on the Prairie – tonight's was a success. 54 people came to worship, ate together, and heard Carl Rabbe talk about Mission & Liturgy. Next: July 1<sup>st</sup>, Rev. Larry Strenge, ELCA Synod Minister for Mission (Trinity responsible for the meal), then August 14<sup>th</sup>, Rev. Dr. Alan Luedtke from Luther Seminary (St. Peter responsible for the meal).
- . Remember Flat Jesus, take pictures and get them to Pr. Anthony. St. Peter has submitted a picture from Spicer, MN.
- . On June 11<sup>th</sup>, the MCW Backpack program meeting, 3 pm at First Lutheran in Trimont, will have a better idea on the need and funding. More details next month as we discuss our upcoming "God's Work, Our Hand's" Sunday in September.
- . On June 11<sup>th</sup> at Waverly, we are hosting the Bishop of South African Diocese. Pot luck meal at 6:30 pm.
- . Pr. Anthony's last vacation – July 30 – August 7<sup>th</sup>. (August 2<sup>nd</sup>). St. Peter or Waverly. Steve requested all vacation days in one spot, sent to the council.

### Committee Updates

*Communications Team:* Parades: Trimont July 11<sup>th</sup>, Welcome July 18<sup>th</sup>. Vinyl, reusable signs are being ordered. Website design: a template has been chosen. Work will begin when we have an intern in place. Meal project. A friend of Karen Helvig's, who sits on the national insurance board, talked to the legal staff for Farmers Mutual Insurance, regarding liability and coverage for Circle of Faith if we proceed with the Meal Project. Their belief is that our liability would be exactly the same as if we had any other church function.

*Wedding/Funeral Committee:* Met for the first time on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Policies for weddings and funerals have been reviewed by the committee (all three congregations represented). Changes will be made. These will be presented to the congregational councils at their July meetings, then to the Parish Council at their August meeting.

*Administrative Committee:* Current Parish Agreement will be emailed to the Admin committee for review. We can then decide if we need to meet before fall to consider any revisions.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Parish Picnic**

. July 26<sup>th</sup>, at the park in Ceylon. (Park is reserved.) Rain location at St. Peter. Joint worship at 10 a.m., followed by pot luck picnic. St. Peter will supply beverages, plates and silver. Bring a lawn chair. Working with John Frerichs to lead us in music for the worship service.

**God’s Work, Our Hands Sunday – Backpack program**

. Will discuss at our July meeting. Pr. Anthony and Pr. Eric will attend planning meeting on June 11<sup>th</sup> at First Lutheran in Trimont.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**New Parish Council members**

Discussion was held on beginning the process of finding new Parish Council members for 2016. Steve reminded us that all four officers are scheduled to go off the Council in January, as their terms expire. Discussed putting together a detailed list of job descriptions. Discussed what to do if a congregation cannot find people to serve. While the Parish Agreement states that members cannot serve beyond their term limits, it also states that we cannot have a quorum (conduct business) unless each congregation is represented on the Parish Council. The Administrative Committee will consider this when looking at the Parish Agreement. Talked about other ways of educating and recruiting people. We will keep this on the agenda each month moving forward.

St. Peter will hold a pancake breakfast on Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 10 am – 12:30 pm as a fundraiser for the church that we are helping build in South Africa.

The next Circle of Faith Parish Council meeting will be July 14, 2015, 6:00 pm, at St. Peter in Ceylon, as VBS is being held at Trinity. Motion by Jon Saxen, seconded by Jody Franck, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kirsten Rabbe, Secretary

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**On vocation? Use GPS**

Many vacationer rely on a global positioning system to get them easily to a destination. But in every season of life, God sends us on *vocation*— following his call to both feed our passions and serve others. Our “calling” Frederick Buechner said, is “where [our] deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet”.



But is there a GPS for *vocation*? It’s not as detailed or predictive as we’d like. It doesn’t name our destination at the outset, and it offers general instructions rather than specific directions. And we may end up “recalculating” our life route more often than our life vehicle GPS recalculates our vacation route.

Even so, we travel in safety. This “GPS” might stand for *God’s Peace and Strength, or Gospel Promises Sustain, God Provides Salvation or Go! Proclaim! Serve!* The GPS providing our vocation speaks to us through Scripture, worship, trusted Christian friends, life events and the silence of our heart. Listening, we hear our Guide’s calm voice and continue on vocation.

-Heidi Mann



To the membership of Circle of Faith Parish:

Greetings to you all from Evanston, IL! First of all, thanks to everyone who came and participated in launching the Mission on the Prairie series! To get 54 people, from churches all over the area, to come for Holden Evening Prayer and a meal on a summer weeknight is no small task. Thanks to everybody who worked to get us off to such a great start! Keep coming – there is more and better stuff to come throughout the summer! Best of all, the food is excellent, and it's free!

Circle of Faith is trying something else very exciting this summer that involves free food. During late July and August, while the lectionary takes us through a long series of Jesus' discourses where he calls himself the bread of life, we'll be celebrating Holy Communion every Sunday. That's new to many of us, but there's a good reason for doing it.

A while ago, I was complaining to one of my friends that there was no good news in the lectionary readings for a certain Sunday. My training in hospital chaplaincy taught me to always make sure people left church having heard some good news in case it was the last they ever heard. She asked me if there was going to be Communion at that service. I said yes, there was. She said, "Then don't worry about it too much. They'll still hear the words 'given and shed *for you*.' If that's not good news, I don't know what is."

We'll celebrate Holy Communion every Sunday for those few weeks while we spend time with John's Gospel. Absolutely we'll hear good news when those discourses are read and our pastors preach on them. But then we'll get that good news placed right in our hands, and we'll get to go out and let that food and drink fuel what we learn about at Mission on the Prairie. And, best of all, this food, just like the food on those Wednesday nights, is free!

Heading on through a summer of learning, praying, singing and celebrating, we pray for God's blessing, using these words:

*O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

[ELW, Prayer After Communion]

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Your fellow member and pilgrim,  
Carl P. Rabbe, M.Div.



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DATE	USHERS
July 5	Darrel and Muriel Klenz
12	LeRoy and Janice Franck
19	Tom and Rose Hovick
26	Jon and Elizabeth Petschke
August	
2	Jeannine Rasmussen and Sherry Schmidt

## TRINITY RIPPLES



Trinity Lutheran Church Council

June 9, 2015

Members Present: Henry Borchardt, Becky Detert, Lonnie Moffitt, Jean Schock, MaryAnn Frerichs, Velma Schaal

### Pastor's report:

-Reminder that the first session of *Mission on the Prairie* is tomorrow night at Trinity. Worship begins at 6:00 p.m. The meal and discussion follow. Tomorrow night Carl Rabbe will be leading our discussion. On July 1<sup>st</sup>, Pastor Larry Strenge will lead the discussion and on Aug. 12<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Alvin Luedke will lead the discussion.

-On Thursday there will be a meeting for the MCW backpack program at First Lutheran Church in Trimont at 3:00 p.m.

-Also on Thursday, Waverly will be hosting the South African bishop who is visiting our synod. He will be at Waverly around 5:30 p.m. with the meal beginning at 6:00 p.m. The meal is being provided. Please come and welcome our partner in Christ.

-This week-end is the SWMN Synod Assembly. Trinity is not sending any delegates to the assembly this year. Please hold all synod delegates in prayer this week-end as we elect someone to serve as our bishop for the next 6 years.

Secretary's report – written

Treasurer's Report – written

Financial Secretary's Report – written

Jean made a motion and Lonnie seconded to approve reports as presented. Passed.

Faith Formation report – written

Property Committee – vacuum cleaner was donated

### Old Business

July 19 is the community worship at St. Paul's UCC

July 1 Trinity provides the meal for the Mission on the Prairie

### New Business

Between memorial money and the Ladies group the carpet will be cleaned

MaryAnn made a motion and Velma seconded to adjourn the meeting. Passed.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.



## ST. PETER RIPPLES



Due to having the pancake breakfast we did not have a council meeting on June 14th. The next meeting will be July 19th. I would like to thank Jeremy Wink for taking care of putting up the Circle of Faith sign !! Looks Great: Thank you!

I would like Thank everyone that helped out with the Pancake Breakfast, your help was very much appreciated!! We had a nice turn out and everything went well.

We are still working on finding someone to repair the roof.

We need to start looking for replacements for either Marilyn or myself on the parish council. Please contact one of us if you would be willing to do this. Thank you.

-Jody



We are hosting the Annual Parish Church worship & picnic on July 26th. 10:00 am  
It will be at the park, incase of rain it will be at the church.  
More details elsewhere is the newsletter



There will be no July meeting because of the Tuesday coffees. Serving will be July 7—volunteers; July 14—Group 1; July 21—Group 2; July 28—Group 3.

As of June 3rd, Muriel reports a balance of \$2,069.00. It was voted to donate \$100.00 each to the Relay for Life, the Malaria Campaign, and the food packages on June 12 at Gustavus College. Also \$50.00 towards LWR shipping.

Delivered by Jeannine and Janice to LWR at U of M, Morris on June 19th were 20 quilts, 13 personal care kits, 8 fabric kits, 5 baby care kits and a box of Christian literature. The theme of the convention was "Repair, Rebuild, Restore1" The goal is to equip and support women in their faith journey as they strive to repair, rebuild and restore. The main speaker was Dennis Herschbach, a retired teacher, author and poet speaking on "Human Trafficking". There were also various interesting workshops.

The Okoboji Bible Camp Quilt Auction is Friday July 31st with quilt viewing and a Scandinavian Feast from 5—7:30 pm. The quilt viewing continues on Saturday, August 1 from 9:30—11 am. Lunch will be served and the Auction begins at 1 pm. New this year is a silent auction on Hardanger pieces. Our WELCA unit donated 5 quilts.

Our next meeting will be August 5th @ 9 am with Shirley and Lorrene serving.

July Altar Care—Sherry

Next work duty—Group 1

All of us are planting something in our lives every single day, whether we realize it or not.

Love, Jeannine

DATE	USHERS	COMMUNION
JULY 5	Larry Puhrman and Todd Williams	Velma Schaal and John Frerichs
12	Laurie and Brian Burmeister	
19	Community Worship @ St. Paul's	10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall
26	Joint Parish Worship @ St. Peter's	10:00 am
AUGUST		
2	Sun and Henry Borchardt	Jon Saxen and Bocky Borchardt

## 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](http://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!



*Thanks so much to everyone who sent a card, greeted us, or phoned with an Anniversary wish. Getting the mail has been so much fun— so many beautiful cards.*

*Trinity women—thanks for the flowers—makes every day brighter with flowers on the table.*

*We're both still wondering where the 50 years went !!! We are so blessed.*

*Thanks again—Merle and Shirley Burmeister*

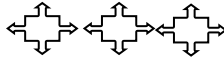


KIDS & Vacation Bible School — “SonSpark Labs”  
 Mark your calendars for July 12–16 for this years  
 Vacation Bible School.  
 6:30–8:00 pm.

Contact info to register:

[www.circleoffaithparish.org/vbs](http://www.circleoffaithparish.org/vbs) / Maryann's phone #236-7590.

VBS craft time is here! At this point I'm looking for yogurt containers, empty paper towel tubes and 28 oz. clear peanut butter jars for possible VBS crafts - MaryAnn



Sunday, July 19, Trinity and St. Paul's will join in a Community Worship Service in conjunction with the Welcome Summer Festival. The service will be in the Fellowship Hall at St. Paul's. Service starting at 10:00 am  
 A grilled hotdog/hamburger lunch will be served following (free-will)



**WAVERLY RIPPLES**

DATE	READER	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
JULY 5	Paul Gaalswyk	Susan/Todd Rathman	Lynette Shaw
12	John Sherman	Bettin Family	
19	Tim Peterson	Jodi/Jeff Lueth Family	
26	JoAnn Sherman	Shirley/Harry Gerdes	
AUGUST			
2	Scott Peterson	Shane Kuehl Family	Jack Potter

**JULY USHERS:** John Sherman, Tim Peterson, Cliff Armbrust, Brad Sherman, Jeff Armbrust

# JULY



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Doug Bettin Luke Bengé	2 Sherry Schmidt	3 Robert Swanson Jennifer Hughes  <i>Rhoda &amp; Gale Odegaard</i> <i>Ron &amp; Kathy Anderson</i>	4
5 Roger Geiger Samantha Meyer	6  <i>Marty &amp; Wayne Burmeister '30</i>	7 Ben Chukuske Dylan Petersen Larry W Schmidt Torrey Paplow	8  <i>Pinky &amp; Don Saxen '65</i>	9 Steve Williamson  <i>Jen &amp; Jon Saxen</i>	10 Jonathan Petschke	11
12	13	14 Muriel Klénz Harry Gerdes	15 Kim Dirks Jon Burmeister Joan Rezac Steve Hatland Walter Bettin Tyler Bettin	16	17 Taylor Nordstrom Nathan Hansen Jessica Gibson  <i>Lenore &amp; Bob Olson</i>	18 Colby Lyons Taylor Truesdell  <i>Joanne &amp; John Sherman</i>
19 Craig Hatland Kaden Olson	20 Lowell Wohlhuter	21 James Hatland	22 Larry Schuett Gary Miller Zach Hovick	23 Jim O'Sell Jody Franck Starr Speigeler	24 Jordan Stahl  <i>Deb &amp; Larry Philipp</i>	25 Brandi Mulvihill Kevin Philipp
26  <i>Stephanie &amp; Andy Truesdell</i>	27 Steve Sheppard	28  <i>Darcia &amp; Larry Schmidt</i>	29 Velma Schaal Bryan Poppe  <i>Janice &amp; LeRoy Franck</i> <i>Jody &amp; Keith Franck '10</i>	30 LuAnn Peterson Dakoda Schultz  <i>Shirley &amp; Dale Keck</i>	31	



# July 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<p>Tuesday Morning Coffees @ St. Peter's 8:30-10 am</p> <p>↓</p>	<p>1 10 am Comm @ TSL</p> <p>1:30 pm Dorcas Circle @ TSL</p> <p>6 pm Mission on the Prairie</p>	2	3 Parish Office Closed	<p>4<sup>TH</sup> -of- JULY</p>
5 Worship / Holy Communion	6	7 TMC  7 pm Mary Circle WLC @ Nancy Nordstrom	8 2 pm Comm @ Goldfinch   5:30 pm—Fox Lake Bob Olson pontoon	9	10	11  Trimont Parade  
12 Worship  WLC Council mtg  TLC—VBS	13   VBS 6:30—8	14 SRBS 6:30 am men  6 pm Parish Council mtg @ St. Peter's  7:30 pm TLC Council Mtg  VBS 6:30—8	15   VBS 6:30—8	16 SRBS 6:30 am women   VBS 6:30—8	17	18 JOIN THE PARADE!  Welcome Parade  Pie & Ice Cream Social 1-4 pm—TLC
19 Worship  TLC—Joint Worship with St. Paul-10 am Meal following  StP Council	20  Ripples Articles Due	21 SRBS 6:30 am men  TMC  <i>WINE WOMEN &amp; THE WORD</i> 6 pm @ Kathryn Detert's	22	23 SRBS 6:30 am women	24	25
26   Circle of Faith Parish Picnic 10 am @ St. Peter's	27	28 SRBS 6:30 am men  TMC	29  9 am Assemble Ripples	30 SRBS 6:30 am women	31	



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## HYMN OF THE MONTH

“Let Us Break Bread Together” was reportedly a password message used to call slaves to secret, forbidden meetings in Virginia. It was a way to call them to worship with each other and to God. Today it is a call to all Christians to worship at the communion table together. Whether we kneel, sit or stand to receive communion does not matter. What matters is our attitude as we come before God to take part in this dinner. We commune not only with God but with each other. The “rising sun” mentioned in each verse is probably a reference to an ancient practice of worshipping while facing east. In Malachi chapter 4 it refers to the “Sun of Righteousness will rise with healing in his wings.” That was considered a reference to the second coming of Christ. “As I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, oh, Lord, Have Mercy On Me”!