

MARCH 2014

## PASTORS RIPPLES

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

I would like to say thank you to all of you who helped make the last weekend of February happen! The filming was successful all because of those who helped welcome the ELCA film crew, who coordinated their visit, who hosted, who cooked meals, who made desserts, who were willing to be on camera, and who simply showed up for the joint Sunday School and Worship Service. Thank you!! We not only let the film crew and Bishop Eaton know who we are, but they are now going to turn around and tell our story to the entire ELCA!



It was such a blessing and an honor to have our parish chosen as one of three stories that the ELCA will be highlighting and sharing with others this year. Who would have thought that our three small congregations would get this kind of recognition? But you know, the recognition is not why we are doing what we are doing. Our parish is where we are today because of Jesus. We keep Him at the center of our mission and remember that the only reason why we are here today is because of Jesus and the forgiveness that we have received through His sacrifice on the cross.

The season of Lent is upon us, and we will begin the season with Ash Wednesday when we will receive an ash cross on our foreheads as we hear those reminding words, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." We are nothing without Christ and likewise, our parish is nothing without Christ. I know that Bishop Eaton as well as the entire film crew left Southern Minnesota knowing that Christ is our main focus at Circle of Faith. We had this special weekend because of what we are doing for Christ's Church, so let's continue doing what we have already been working on – seeking to be a beacon for God's Kingdom in Southern Minnesota.

Thanks again to all of you who helped in any capacity to welcome our guests and leave them with a good reminder of who our three little churches are. God's blessings to all of you as we now transition to the season of Lent.

In Christ,  
*Pastor Anthony*

## P A S T O R S   R I P P L E S

Lent is that time of year that the Church has set aside for us to prepare for the celebration of Jesus' death and resurrection. What would be a helpful way to prepare for this pivotal event?

How do we prepare for anything (a trip or a game or a project or Spring or Winter or Summer)? One thing we have to do is think about it. Our theme this year is, "Beneath the Cross of Jesus", based on the hymn with that title. It will give us an opportunity to think about the cross as a shadow and a mighty rock and a home in the wilderness.

Being prepared for Good Friday and Easter would also have something to do with our hearts, not just our thoughts. Some Christians have done this by giving up something they like during Lent. We are going to help you do that. You will have to give up worshiping at your favorite home church building some Wednesday evenings during Lent since we are going to take turns and have joint services. This will help us realize what God has given up for us.

We are always more prepared for something when we are thankful, even joyful. What better way to be thankful and joyful for the gift of salvation than to have fellowship with one another and especially with one another from our partner congregations. Thankful for being a part of Circle of Faith, for the opportunity to do something new with new people for the sake of holding up the message of God's love and grace a little higher, of shaking out some salt and letting our light shine.

Pastor Eric



**Tuesday, March 4  
5:30—7:30**

Cliff Armbrust—host.    1115 185th St  
Directions: 4 miles N of Welcome on Cty. 27  
Turn left on 170th St. Go 1 1/2 miles and then  
turn right on 115th Ave. Go 1 1/2 miles and  
the Armbrust place is the first place after the curve.

# March Worship Schedule

## Sunday Worship Services

| Date                 | St. Peter – 8:30 am | Trinity – 10:30 am | Waverly – 10:30 am |
|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| March 2 – Communion  | Pr. Anthony         | Pr. Eric           | Pr. Anthony        |
| March 9              | Pr. Anthony         | Pr. Anthony        | Pr. Eric           |
| March 16             | Pr. Eric            | Pr. Eric           | Pr. Anthony        |
| March 23             | Pr. Eric            | Pr. Anthony        | Pr. Eric           |
| March 30 – Communion | Pr. Anthony         | Pr. Anthony        | Pr. Eric           |

## Special Worship Services

| Date  | St. Peter  | Trinity  | Waverly  |
|---|--|--|--|
| Wednesday, March 5<br><i>Ash Wednesday<br/>w/Holy Communion</i> | <b>Worship @ 6:30 pm</b><br><i>Pr. Eric preaching</i>    | <b>Worship @ 6:30 pm</b><br><i>Pr. Anthony preaching</i> | <b>Worship @ 8:00 pm</b><br><i>Pr. Anthony preaching</i> |
| Wednesday, March 12<br><i>Lenten-Eve</i>                        | <i>Joint Worship @ Trinity</i>                           | <b>Worship @ 7:00 pm</b><br><i>Pr. Anthony preaching</i> | <i>Joint Worship @ Trinity</i>                           |
| Wednesday, March 19<br><i>Lenten-Eve</i>                        | <i>Joint Worship @ Waverly</i>                           | <i>Joint Worship @ Waverly</i>                           | <b>Worship @ 7:00 pm</b><br><i>Pr. Eric preaching</i>    |
| Wednesday, March 26<br><i>Lenten-Eve</i>                        | <b>Worship @ 7:00 pm</b><br><i>Pr. Anthony preaching</i> | <i>Joint Worship @ St. Peter</i>                         | <i>Joint Worship @ St. Peter</i>                         |



### Mid-week Lenten Eve Worship Series

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus is a well-known Lent hymn (ELW #338). As we go through Lent this year and prepare ourselves for Holy Week, our mid-week worship services will be themed around certain lines from this hymn. Will you join us as we explore what it means for us to abide at the foot of the cross?*

**Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>** – *Beneath the cross of Jesus I long to take my stand*

**Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>** – *The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land*

**Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>** – *A home within a wilderness, a rest upon the way*

**Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>** – *From my contrite heart, with tears*

**Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>** – *I take, O cross, your shadow for my abiding place*

Offering Envelopes for Circle of Faith Parish

Each of our congregations have different customs regarding the use of offering envelopes. Still, there are times when we visit one of our Parish partners for worship, and would like our Sunday offering to go to our own congregation.

Ask an usher before the service for a Circle of Faith offering envelope, and check the box for your congregation on the front. Place your offering in the plate, and our office will see to it that your offering gets to the right church. At joint services, all loose cash in the offering goes to the hosting congregation, so make sure to use an envelope if you want your offering designated to your home congregation.

# Circle of Faith

## Parish Council Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2014

Meeting was called to order at Trinity Lutheran in Welcome at 6:00 pm by President Steve Williamson. Other members present: Merle Burmeister, Marilyn Cheever, Jody Franck, Jon Helvig, Joel Rabbe, Kirsten Rabbe, Jon Saxen, Liz Stahl. Clergy present: Pastor Anthony Christoffel.

Motion by Joe R, seconded by Jody F, to approve agenda as written. Motion passed.

Pr. Anthony led devotions, based on First Timothy.

### **EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS\***

#### **\*Parish Administrator Position**

Interested in developing a backup plan/support/additional talent for the Parish Administrator position. Lisa is interested in working less days per week. (PA/SW). After consultation between Pastor Anthony and Parish Administrator Lisa Wohlhuter, the Executive Board recommended to the Parish Council that we look to hire a second Parish Administrator, that the same 20 hours per week be shared between the two PAs. The parish would look for a person with specific technological skills to help with maintaining the website, and beginning work for the parish in Social Media and other technologies. This would allow for increased flexibility for people in the position, consistency in office and support coverage for the pastors and our members. A schedule of daily duties would be created, using each Administrator to primarily focus on their areas of strength, but with both begin trained in all areas of responsibility. There would have to be an understanding between the two that when one is gone, the other needs to cover the office on those days, with the Lead Pastor approving absences in advance, and assuring that the office can be covered by the other Administrator. There would need to be a training period, perhaps two weeks, when both PAs would need to be paid to be in the office at the same time, until all responsibilities are learned. Motion by Jody F, seconded by Merle B, to find a second part time Parish Administrative person. The details will be left to the discretion of Pr. Anthony, in consultation with the Finance Committee. Motion passed.

#### **\*Pastoral Coverage – Pr. Anthony – Paternity Leave and 1<sup>st</sup> Call Retreat**

Jon Saxen reported that with Pr. Anthony on paternity leave and 1<sup>st</sup> call retreat this summer, he will be gone for four weeks in total. Steve W and Jon S had previously discussed this, and talked to Carl Rabbe to see if he would be interested. Pr. Anthony has also discussed this with Carl. The Executive Board proposed having Carl fill in middle of June to middle of August. Duties would include Sunday coverage, help with visitations, presentation of adult forums (perhaps on a week night) based on an independent study he is working on for his doctorate degree, and other duties as designated by Pr. Anthony. Discussion was held on emergency pastoral care coverage, and how to share the responsibility between Pr. Eric and Carl. Pr. Anthony reported that Carl was well received when he worked here last year, with members of all three congregations asking about Carl and his progress in his studies. Carl had emphasized with Pastor Anthony that this was Pr. Anthony's call, and Carl didn't want to infringe on that. Carl also challenged Steve and Jon to think about what to do in the future if a long term absence of a pastor is necessary, and Carl is not available. Motion by Jon H., seconded by Liz S, that we welcome the opportunity to work with Carl Rabbe this summer. We do have some money in the budget to cover this, as the finance board new this issue would need arise this summer. Christoffel's new baby is due July 7, 2014. The Retreat for First Call families is the last full week of July. Motion passed.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **Meeting Schedule – Parish Council and Congregational Councils**

Pr. Anthony reported that all three congregational councils or presidents have expressed a desire to change the meeting schedule for congregational councils from our current format of having them meet on the same night and in the same place as the Parish Council. After discussion, the Parish Council agreed to have their own meeting night and time, keep meetings open for anyone who wants to observe.

Congregational Councils are free to set their meetings at the time and place of their choice. This will be reported at the regularly scheduled Parish Council next week, when congregational councils will be in attendance. An effort will be made to have the Parish Council meet a week prior to Congregational Council meetings, to facilitate communication.

Discussion was held on the use of Roberts Rules of Order, approving the agenda at the beginning of each meeting, and having any Circle of Faith member who wishes to address the council to ask to be put on the agenda in advance. These measures will facilitate more effective and focused meetings.

### **Parish Council – Term Limits and Transition**

With an eye to beginning the transition of Parish Council members, the Parish Agreement section concerning the Parish Council was reviewed. The Admin Committee was asked to look at this, and recommend changes, based on what we have learned about how our Parish and congregations work, to report back to the Parish Council at a later date.

Pr. Anthony encouraged us to attend the Multi-point Area Parish meeting that has been rescheduled for April 12<sup>th</sup>, from 9-3 at St. Matthews in Wabasso. Encouraged talking to other MAPs to see what has worked for them.

### **2014 Parish Officers**

Motion by Jon H., seconded by Merle B, to re-elect our current Parish Officers for another a year. Motion passed.

### **ELCA Visit – February 21-24, 2014**

Pr. Anthony reported that every year the ELCA produces a video that is shown in the main business meeting at each synod assembly each year (65 synods across the United States). Pick 2-3 stories to highlight. Back in December there was an article in Living Lutheran that highlighted Waverly's outreach project with Gloria Dei Lutheran in St. Paul. The ELCA's churchwide office saw that article, was intrigued, as it fits their theme for this year, "We Are Church Together". Contacted Kirsten Rabbe regarding coming out to do a film. During the ELCA's research into this partnership, they discovered that Waverly is also part of a new Multi-point Area Parish, Circle of Faith. They have asked to come visit us on February 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, with a film crew, the ELCA's Director of Communications, Forrest Meyer, and their Manager of Video Services. The Video Team will be here going around filming our churches, individuals doing church stuff, everyday lives, etc.

We found out on Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, that Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton will also be coming. She will be arriving Saturday evening, be with us until 2 pm Sunday afternoon.

We will host a Joint Worship Service on Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, at Waverly, preceded by a Joint Sunday School for ages 1-99. A Potluck will follow with Waverly providing scalloped potatoes and ham, bread, coffee and beverage. All Circle of Faith member families will be asked to bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share, just one per family.

The Video Crew also want film at each of our three congregations, seeing your church in action. Example: St. Peter's quilting group working, a committee meeting or coffee gathering at Trinity. Each congregation will be asked to think of and set up their own event, and let Pr. Anthony know, so it can be put into the schedule, It should be something you ordinarily do, even if it happens at a non-ordinary time for the convenience of the filming crew.

This visit is to be kept low on the radar screen. They want to see an authentic look at Circle of Faith, Waverly, and our Gloria Dei partners (some families may be joining us for the day), and publicity could turn the weekend into an "event", rather than a real look at who we are.

A letter will be sent to all COF members this week with information about the visit. Sunday, February 9, 2014, representatives from Waverly will go to St. Peter (Joe Rabbe), Trinity (Jon Helvig), and Waverly (Kirsten Rabbe) to tell them about the weekend, and what it means for our congregations. Members of each church will follow up with announcements and reminders on Sunday, February 16, 2014. This will also be discussed again next week at our regular Parish Council meeting when members of Congregational Councils will be in attendance.

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

Motion by Jon S seconded by Jon H, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirsten Rabbe,  
Secretary

**Circle of Faith**  
**Parish Council Meeting Minutes**  
**February 11, 2014**

Meeting was called to order at Trinity Lutheran in Welcome at 6:03 pm by President Steve Williamson. Other members present: Merle Burmeister, Marilyn Cheever, Jody Franck, Jon Helvig, Joel Rabbe, Kirsten Rabbe, Jon Saxen, Liz Stahl. Clergy present: Pastor Anthony Christoffels & Pastor Eric Midthun

Motion by Jon S, seconded by Jon H, to approve agenda as written. Motion passed.

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

Kirsten R. presented the Secretary's report for the January 14, 2014, and February 4, 2014 Parish Council meetings. Motion by Jody F, seconded by Merle B, to approve the Secretary's report as presented. Motion passed.

Joe R. presented the Treasurer's report for January 2014. Motion by Jon S. seconded by Jon H, to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion passed.

### **PASTORS REPORTS**

Pr. Anthony

1) Reminder: "Framing our Unique Ministry" for Multipoint Area Parish ministries – Sat. April 12, 9-3 pm, St. Matthews Lutheran in Wabasso. \$25 for entire parish. For Parish and Congregational councils invited to attend. Let Pr. Anthony know if you would like to go. 2) New Parish Committees are forming. Communications Committee is fully formed, and will begin to meet in early March, examining all forms of communication coming out of parish office. Still need 1 or 2 people from St. Peter for the Worship Committee.

3) Pr. Anthony mentioned that some congregational councils have asked to meet on a different day/time than Parish Council, there was some concern that meeting on the same night was affecting attendance at congregational councils. Each congregation is free to set their own meeting time, can continue to meet on Parish Council evenings, or choose a different day/time. Parish Council meetings will still be open to anyone who wants to attend. If church councils decide to move their date/time, let the Pastors or church office know.

4) Pastoral Relations Committee has not met yet. That will get that started one of these days. Members are: Bob Swanson, Jon Helvig, Keith Franck.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Personnel Committee Report – Employee Handbook for Circle of Faith Parish**

Employee handbook handed out, had been previously reviewed individually by members of the Parish Council. Committee worked well together. Jon Helvig brought up two additional items: 1) safety, and 2) how to settle a dispute between the Lead Pastor and the Parish Council, if it arises. The committee reported that there were no safety policies in any of the examples of Employee Handbooks they referenced. Will take this under advisement for when the policy manual is next updated. After discussion, it was decided that the conflict resolution piece would better fit in the Parish Agreement, and should be consistent with our congregational constitutions. Admin Committee will take this under advisement, as it works on other recommendations for the Parish Agreement, as well. Motion by Jon H., seconded by Kirsten R, to approve Employee Handbook, dated February 2014. as written; review and update in 2015, and consider whether we need a section on safety and other issues that may arise at that time. Motion passed. Steve thanked the committee for it's service, and asked that a thank you get sent to Bocky Borchardt and Jeff Lueth, committee members who were not in attendance tonight.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Pastoral Coverage – Pr. Anthony – Paternity Leave and 1<sup>st</sup> Call Retreat**

Pr. Anthony has 3 weeks of paternity leave, and their baby is due July 7, At the end of July, he has to attend a First Call Retreat (required of all First Call Pastors) for a week. After considering our options for pastoral coverage, the Parish Council would like to enter into an agreement with Carl Rabbe to serve once again as Ministerial Associate for part of the summer. A two month agreement would allow some flexibility in case of an early or late arrival of the baby. Finance Committee will work out an agreement with Carl for compensation. Motion by Jon H., seconded by Jody F, to enter into an agreement with Carl to serve as Ministerial Associate from June 15-August 15, 2014, with the Finance Committee authorized to work out the financial arrangements with him. Steve W. will represent Waverly on the Finance Committee for these negotiations. Motion carried. Carl has challenged Circle of Faith – to prepare for this event in the future, to prepare for a temporary void in staffing in the case of medical leave or other issues.

### **2014 Mid-Week Lenten Service Suppers**

Discussed Mid-week Lenten Service schedule, and asked if the congregations wanted to host suppers before each service. Steve W. suggested leaving this decision up to each individual congregation. Pr. Anthony asked that each congregation let the church office know before Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>, so the schedule can get in Ripples of Faith. Waverly has already agreed to host suppers at their two services. St. Peter and Trinity will decide and let Pr. Anthony or Lisa know.

### **Joint Worship Service Offerings**

Motion by Kirsten R, seconded by Jody F, to have joint service offerings be divided, with loose offerings going to the host church, and designated offerings to church of choice. Designated offerings will be sent to the church of choice by our inter-congregation "mail" system. Offering envelopes will be available for designated offerings. Motion passed.

### **ELCA Visit to Circle of Faith Parish**

Discussion was held on the upcoming visit of Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and the ELCA film crew to Circle of Faith on February 21-24<sup>th</sup>. Tentative schedule was discussed. Trinity and St. Peter need to let Pr. Anthony know what time would work best for their events, so we can inform the Chicago team.

The next Circle of Faith Parish Council meeting will be March 11, 2014, 6:00 pm, at Trinity in Welcome.

Motion by Jon S., seconded by Joe R, to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted, Kirsten Rabbe Secretary

## **Seminarian's Letter Home**

March 2014

To the membership of Circle of Faith Parish:

Greetings to you all from Evanston, IL! Welcome to the purple time of the church year – welcome to Lent. We begin our pilgrimage to the cross and empty tomb on March 5<sup>th</sup>. But before we can get there, we need to travel through one of the most somber days of the year, Ash Wednesday.

A few years ago, while I was working at a church in Iowa, I was teaching a Vacation Bible School lesson about the cross; seminarians always get those kind of topics. I told the kids that, once a year, there's a day when we use ashes to mark the cross on our foreheads. One four-year-old asked me, "Whose ashes are they, Carl?" I thought it was funny at the time, but the words hit me a new way on the next Ash Wednesday, when I put ashes on the forehead of a woman who was about to die of cancer, and of a man whose wife had just died. Ashes, and the words that accompany them, are scary things. Or are they?

Some time later, I heard a children's sermon where the pastor was telling the kids about his son's favorite day of the year – Ash Wednesday. He had told his son that, on the day he was baptized, God put a mark on his forehead, a mark that only God could see. His son loved Ash Wednesday because he figured out that, on that one day of the year, what was supposed to be the scariest day of all, he got to see what God could always see. It is that promise we celebrate as we place the ashes on our faces. Dust we all are and to dust we shall all return. Yet, in the dust and ashes we shall be remembered, and from them, by the mercy of God, we shall rise again one day.

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

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

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

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

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



2-11-14

Meeting called to order. Members present were Jody Franck, Jamie Leiding, Angie Schmidt, Jeannine Rasmussen, Roger Rezac, Jeremy Wink, Lois Duncan, Pastor Anthony and Pastor Eric.

**Pastor's report:** Would like something done on Community Day. June 13-15 Synod Conference at Gustavus – would like at least 2 people to go.

**Secretary's report:** read and approved

**Treasurer's report:** none

**Benevolence Treasurer's report:** read and approved. Balance on hand is \$756.98

**Old Business:**

- Ronnie Leiding agreed to become a head usher. Thank you Ronnie for accepting the job.
- Watonswan River Conference Assembly in St. James on Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>, needs someone to go. Jody is going to try and go.
- The brunch after church is going to be held on April 6<sup>th</sup>. The council is going to take care of it.
- Joint Worship on Sunday February 23<sup>rd</sup> will start with Sunday school @ 9:15 for all ages and worship at 10:30 followed by a potluck dinner. Please attend.
- Jody talked to Bruce from Gemini Music and he is ordering the new parts and should be able to come in 2 weeks to install the new sound system.
- Roger is going to have the fellow who did the floors to come and clean the carpet.
- Ask the pastor if we could sing more Christmas songs before Christmas.

**New Business:**

- Council meetings will be going back to second Sunday of the month after church. The next council meeting will be March 16<sup>th</sup>, the next one will be April 27<sup>th</sup> and second Sunday in June.
- Asked the Pastor if we could have a children's service on Sundays that there is Sunday School.

**Other Business:** none

Meeting was adjourned

Council Secretary – Lois Duncan

| SUNDAY<br>MARCH | USHERS<br>                        |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| 2               | Jamie and Noah Leiding            |
| 9               | Kevin and Angie Schmidt family    |
| 16              | Ronnie and Jane Leiding           |
| 23              | LeRoy and Janice Franck           |
| 30              | Tom and Rose Hovick               |
| April 6         | Jon and Elizabeth Petschke family |



Next meeting: March 5, 1:30 pm

Servers: Barb Schmidt and Janice Franck

Bible Study: Daughter, an Honest Virgin, Session 7 from the Gather Magazine

Thank you to all who furnished and delivered goodies to St. Peter members and community friends. Your visit surely brightened their day.

Muriel reported the treasury balance is \$1,115.92.

At the February meeting it was decided not to have a rummage, food, bake sale for Community Day. There hasn't been as much coming in for the rummage part and our umbrellas are getting smaller and older so for this year it was decided to ask all Women of the ELCA from St. Peter to give a donation that would help carry on the mission of our group. We appreciate any contribution to which you can make towards helping the Women of the ELCA's mission.

When you read this we will have done hopefully fifteen days of mission quilting. One day was cancelled due to the weather that may be made up in March. Also thinking of getting together to make bandages from the white sheets for Global Health. We have made eight quilts for the eight confirmands from Trinity and St. Peter, ten quilts that will be sent to Forest Ridge and fifty large and twenty-five youth quilts that will be sent to LWR or local needs. Thank you to all who have furnished materials, made tops and backs and helped tie the quilts. We hope and pray our efforts are helping many unfortunate people all over the world to stay warm.

March is Food Shelf month. A box will be in the narthex. The need is great.

Spring Gathering is April 5th at Augustana Lutheran in St. James. Look on the bulletin board when the poster arrives with more details.

Are you thinking and gathering items for the kits for the Synod Convention on May 4th in Windom? A box for items is in the Narthex.

Marge has Altar Guild for the month. Group 1 has next work detail.

April servers are Jeannine Rasmussen and Rosemary Saggau. Meeting time is 1:30 pm.

THINK SPRING ! Blessings, 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

# TRINITY RIPPLES



## **Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting – February 11, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by Vice President Henry Borchardt.

Members present: Pastor Anthony, Pastor Eric, Merle Burmeister, Jon Saxen, Starr Spiegler, and Liz Stahl.

**Secretary's Report** was reviewed, correction noted on Liz Stahl's name.

**Treasurer's Report** - Noted that heating costs have increased. Merle will also check into bill for basement lights which were installed some time ago.

**Financial Secretary's report** - reviewed

**TWELCA Report** – none

**Youth Report** – Easter Breakfast will be coming up (Easter April 20<sup>th</sup>)

**Board of Education** - Youth eligible to start First Communion were discussed. There are no 4<sup>th</sup> graders this year and it is believed all youth regularly attending Sunday School in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades have gone through. First Communion classes can go to 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Will discuss with Pastor. May 4<sup>th</sup> is planned date of Confirmation. Planning to have activity for youth yet this winter.

**Deacon's Report** – John Frerichs has graciously offered to continue keeping supplies going. Jon Saxen will check into wine.

**Trustee's Report** – An accordion door has been found for the north entry to the basement. It should come in in about 2 ½ weeks. Will look into using memorial funds to cover this cost. A number of pews have been repaired. Light has been installed in the old library. Heating and thermostat were discussed. It is unclear if everyone understands how to use the timers for the heat. Water meter was discussed – will discuss at next meeting.

**Pastor's Report** – Discussed upcoming visit from Bishop Eaton and the film crew. The film crew will be at Trinity Monday morning-they want to film at all three churches. Having a coffee the morning on the 24<sup>th</sup> when the film crew will be at Trinity was discussed. Pastor also discussed importance of having representation at upcoming meetings such as the Conference Assembly on Feb 16th in St. James. We really need to have people at the Synod Assembly in June (around June 14-15<sup>th</sup>) as our church and Parish will be highlighted there. It is also very important as many of us attend the joint worship at Waverly as possible. A photo of members of the Parish will be taken that day after church.

### **Old Business:**

The church lot was discussed. It will need to be seeded. Phil Burgess is looking for ideas & input from the congregation on what we should do with this area: send ideas to Phil.

### **New Business:**

-The church sign north of town was brought up – will need to be discussed next meeting as no one was familiar with the details

-Church sign on the church property was also discussed. We need to see if there is a key for the sign. Block may need sandblasting. Trustees will check into this.

-Need to check into window that cracked in Pastor Eric's office – see if it is still covered by warranty.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Liz Stahl

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



# Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp

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.

| SUNDAY             | USHERS                       | COMMUNION SERVERS                     | ACOLYTES                           |
|--------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 2                  | Larry and Deb Philipp family | S - Bocky Borchardt<br>H - Jon Saxen  | Jackie Frerichs<br>Mara Immens     |
| Ash Wednesday<br>5 |                              | S - Jon Saxen<br>H - Brian Burmeister |                                    |
| 9                  | Robert and Lonnie Moffitt    |                                       | Dylan Petersen<br>Aaron Burmeister |
| 16                 | Tim and Liz Stahl family     |                                       | Jordan Stahl<br>Morgan Wolter      |
| 23                 | James and Monica Chukuske    |                                       | Austin Holm<br>Mason Mosloski      |
| 30                 | Sun and Henry Borchardt      | S - Lonnie Moffitt<br>H - Bob Moffitt | Zane Borchardt<br>Jordan Wolter    |
| April<br>6         | Bocky and Susan Borchardt    | S - Bob Moffitt<br>H - Lonnie Moffitt | Carlene Hand<br>Sarah Justice      |



Our prayers and sympathy to the family of Albert Scheff. Albert passed away on Feb. 13 and his funeral service was held at Trinity on Tuesday, Feb. 18.

# W A V E R L Y   R I P P L E S



February 11, 2014

Call to order by Tim Peterson.

Council members present: Nancy and Don Nordstrom, Cliff Armbrust, Jack Potter, Bob Olson, Kirsten Rabbe, MarLeone Williamson.

**Secretary's report** approved, motion by Bob, second by Jack.

**Financial report** by Cliff approved, motion by Bob, second by Nancy.

**Worship Committee** report by Kirsten, discussion concerning the plans for the Parish Joint service on Feb. 23. The theme of the day will be how our faith is like a seed.

Lenten services will be using the song *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* as the theme for the messages. The *Holden Evening Vespers* will be used throughout the Parish. Waverly will be serving a lunch before the services on March 19 and April 9.

**Old Business:** Don reported on the progress updating of Waverly's Constitution. The Committee hopes to present the changes to the Constitution to the congregation and March 30.

**New Business:** Discussion was held concerning the need for updating the video and sound system at Waverly. Motion by Nancy second by Bob, instructing the Trustees to request two bids for updating the video and sound system. Motion was approved.

Motion for adjournment by Bob, seconded by Cliff.




Our prayers and sympathy to the family of Gene Sheppard, Gene passed away on February 19, and his funeral service was held at Waverly on Monday, Feb. 24.

| MARCH          | READER           | ACOLYTE:              |
|----------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| 2              | Muriel Armbrust  | Susan / Sonja         |
| 9              | Kendra Helvig    | Jodi/Jeff Lueth       |
| 16             | Emily Bettin     | Lindsey Bettin        |
| 23             | Scott Peterson   | Scott Peterson        |
| 30             | Karen Koeder     | Susan / Todd Rathman  |
| <b>APRIL 6</b> | Mary Lou Sherman | Laurie / Brad Sherman |

**MARCH USHERS**

John Sherman  
 Tom Peterson  
 Brad Williams  
 Troy Schmidtke  
 Walt Bettin  
 Shane Kuehl  
 Jon Bentz

# MARCH MARCH

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue  | Wed   | Thu  | Fri  | Sat |
|---|---|--|---|--|--|-----|
|   |   |  |    |  |  | 1   |
| 2<br>Worship / Comm.<br>Sunday School—<br>TLC & WLC       | 3   | 4<br>5:30 pm Men's<br>Garage—Cliff<br>Armbrust<br><br>7 pm Mary Cir-<br>cle—WLC              | 5<br>1:30 pm<br>Dorcas Circle WLC<br>WELCA—StP 1:30<br><u>Ash Wed. Services</u><br>St. P—6:30 pm<br>TLC—6:30 pm<br>WLC—8:00 pm                        |  | 7<br><br>World<br>Day of<br>Prayer<br>March 7, 2003 | 8   |
| 9<br>Worship<br>Sunday School—all                         | 10  | 11 WLC<br>Quilting Day<br>Parish Council<br>mtg. 6 pm<br>TLC, WLC<br>Council mtgs<br>7:30 pm | 12<br>Quilting Day—WLC<br><br>2 pm Communion<br>@ Goldfinch MC<br><br>Lenten Service<br>7 pm @ TLC  | 13   | 14   | 15  |
| 16<br>Worship<br>Sunday School—TLC<br><br>StP Council mtg | 17<br> | 18   | 19<br><br>5:30 Lenten supper<br>Joint Lenten Service<br>7 pm @ WLC  | 20<br><br>Ripples of Faith<br>Articles due | 21   | 22  |
| 23<br>Worship<br>Sunday School<br>TLC & StP               | 24  | 25   | 26<br><br>9:30 am Assemble<br>Ripples—office<br><br>Joint Lenten Service<br>7 pm @ StP  | 27   | 28   | 29  |
| 30<br>Worship / Comm<br>Sunday School—TLC                 | 31  |  | NO Confirmation<br>classes during the<br>Lenten season, instead<br>the Confirmation class<br>is required to attend<br>the Lenten worship<br>services. |  | <br>March   |     |



# Birthdays & Anniversaries



| Sun   | Mon   | Tue   | Wed  | Thu   | Fri  | Sat   |
|---|---|---|--|---|--|---|
|   |   |   |  |   |  | 1<br><br>Gary and Janet<br>Miller   |
| 2<br><br>Gloria Martin<br>John Speckman   | 3<br><br>Bernice Lehman<br>Fynn Brosnahan   | 4<br><br>Tosha Rathman<br>Taryn Rathman<br>Diane Abelson<br>Brianna Rezac | 5<br>Daniel Smith<br>Connie Jensen<br><i>Travis and Tracy</i><br><i>Winter</i><br><i>Larry and Gayle</i><br><i>Schuett -</i> | 6   | 7  | 8   |
| 9<br><br>Krista Garbers<br>Keith Meyer  | 10<br><br>Joanna Sandberg   | 11<br><br>LeVone Toedt  | 12   | 13<br><br>Stephany Feely<br>Caelyn Harder   | 14<br><br>Albert Scheff<br>Jeff Petschke<br><br><i>Barb and Russ</i><br><i>Plumhoff-50</i> | 15<br><br>John Planting<br>Lorena Mau<br>Liz Petschke<br>Hunter<br>Schmidtke                  |
| 16  | 17<br><br>Lily Truesdell<br>Carolyn<br>Strausser<br><br> | 18  | 19<br><br>Katie Petschke<br><br><i>Don and Marge</i><br><i>Schley</i>  | 20<br><br>Effie Bentz<br>Ralph Stanton<br><br><i>Jon and Liz</i><br><i>Petschke- 10</i> | 21   | 22<br><br>Harlie Fletcher<br>Adam Anderson  |
| 23<br><br>Suzy Benge<br>Bonnie Rahm<br>Dianne Bettin<br>Alvin Schultze Sr<br>Karen Keck<br>Keith Franck | 24  | 25<br><br>Kevin Schmidt   | 26   | 27<br><br>Scott Morrow  | 28   | 29<br><br>Josh Koehler<br>Adilene Petschke<br>Dick Traetow<br>Mary Peterson<br>Duane Anderson |
| 30<br><br>Chad Lyons<br>Gerald Wink   | 31<br><br>Darrel Klenz<br>Kelsey Jensen<br>Mavis Johnson  |   |  |   |  |   |



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### Quite a story

During Sunday dinner, a mother asked her son what he'd learned in Sunday school that day. "Well", he said, "our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he had his engineers build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then he used his walkie-talkie to radio headquarters for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge, and all the Israelites were saved."



"Now, is that really what your teacher said?" the boy's mother asked.

"Well, no," he admitted. But if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!"

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Moses was a prophet and lawgiver for God's chosen people, the Israelites.  
What does the name Moses mean in Hebrew?

- A. "Out of the water"   B. "Giver of the law"   C. "Prophet"   D. "God is good" (answer: see Exodus 2:10)