

MARCH 2015

PASTOR ANTHONY'S RIPPLES

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

Well, the 40 days of Lent have begun. But what does the season of Lent even mean? When you hear that we are now in the season of Lent, do you think, “Oh, now I have church twice a week”? Or, “There’s food at church every Wednesday night in Lent.” Or I bet most of you are thinking the same thing I am, “After Lent comes Easter, which means that spring will soon be here!” All of these are true statements, but the main focus in Lent is on our glory of God, and our need of all of our sins.

“Prayer is an important part of our life in Christ.”

sins, how we have fallen short of the for repentance and God’s forgiveness

The number 40 is an important number throughout the Bible. The rains fell on the ark for 40 days. The Israelites wandered in the wilderness for 40 years. Moses was with God on Mount Sinai for 40 days. God gave Nineveh 40 days to repent. Jesus was tempted by Satan in the wilderness for 40 days. And after the resurrection, Jesus spent 40 days on the earth before his ascension into heaven. You see, 40 is an important number. So for the 40 days of Lent we focus on our sins just as Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness being tempted by the devil. Lent is a good time for all of us to evaluate our spiritual lives and work on strengthening and deepening our relationship with God. During Lent many people give up something, or fast. If that practice helps you grow your spiritual life, then please give something up for Lent, but if fasting is more of a pride thing (“Hey have pity on me, I’m not eating chocolate during Lent.”), then you probably shouldn’t give something up for Lent.

What if, instead you would focus these 40 days of Lent on strengthening our prayer life? Prayer is an important part of our life in Christ. To learn more about prayer, you can read my Ash Wednesday sermon at www.therestfortheweary.wordpress.com. Prayer is our way to communicate with God. If we aren’t praying, we aren’t communicating with God. Going all the way back to the Early Church, the very first Christians “devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.” (Acts 2:42) “The prayers” most likely means a form of memorized prayers, like how today most of us have the Lord’s Prayer memorized.

Prayer is an important practice and discipline for all of us to focus on. So whether you are giving something up for Lent or not, how about spending a little more time each day in prayer. You can always pray the Lord’s Prayer if you don’t know what to pray for. Otherwise an easy way to remember how to pray is by using your hand. Each finger represents people to pray for.

Thumb: Pray for those who are closest to you, your family and friends.

Index Finger: Pray for those who teach you, instruct you, and heal you.

Middle/Tallest Finger: Pray for our leaders, those who govern, and those who have authority.

Ring Finger: Pray for the weak, sick, and those plagued with problems.

Smallest Finger: Pray for yourself and the needs that you have.

In Christ, *Pastor Anthony*

PASTOR ERIC'S RIPPLES

When Jesus began to teach the disciples how to pray he told them not to heap up empty phrases and use lots of words because God their father knows what they need. Then he taught them what we now call the 'Lord's Prayer'.

The phrases are short and simple. They are utilitarian. This prayer is not a fancy sports car or a large RV, it is a pickup. It gets you where you need to go with the stuff you need to take with you.

The first half is about God...God is our Dad, God is not just in this world, God is holy (different) and we ask that God's world and will may be done in and around us. The second half is about us, our daily need for bread, our need for forgiveness, our need to forgive, our need to be helped in times of temptation and when evil is near.

It is interesting that the first in the list of our needs is, "Give us today our daily bread". It is about the mundane everyday needs of our bodies. Martin Luther explains that daily bread means everything we need for this life such as food, clothing, home, property, work, income, a devoted family, orderly community, good government, favorable weather, peace, health, a good name, and true friends and neighbors. This is almost like the hinge between the two subjects of the prayer, the hinge between God and us.

I think it is at the center because when we pray for these things, we think about those who don't have them. I think it is at the center because we learn that they are gifts from God. I think it is in the center because we learn to trust God as we receive these things. I think it is at the center because through these gifts we learn to be thankful to God and our neighbors. And that is the hinge between us and God...trust, thanksgiving and care for others.

Pastor Eric

Eric Midthun

Associate pastor, Circle of Faith Parish



Tuesday, March 3rd

5:30 – 7:30 pm

@ Korte's Bar and Grill in Welcome

319 Dugan St S. (on the south side of Welcome, by the ball fields)

WINE, WOMEN & the WORD

Tuesday, March 17th

6:00 – 8:00 pm

At Karen Koeder's home in Trimont. 530 Ash St. E

March Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship Services

Date	St. Peter – 8:30 am	Trinity – 10:30 am	Waverly – 10:30 am
March 1 – Communion <i>Altar Color: Purple</i>	Pr. Anthony	Pr. Anthony	Pr. Eric
March 8 <i>Altar Color: Purple</i>	Pr. Anthony	Pr. Eric	Pr. Anthony
March 15 <i>Altar Color: Purple</i>	Pr. Eric	Pr. Eric	Pr. Anthony
March 22 <i>Altar Color: Purple</i>	Pr. Eric	Pr. Anthony	Pr. Eric
March 29 – Communion <i>Altar Color: Purple</i> <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Pr. Anthony	Pr. Eric	Pr. Anthony

Special Worship Services

Date	St. Peter	Trinity	Waverly
Wednesday, March 4 <i>Lenten-Eve</i> <i>Altar Color: Purple</i>	<i>Joint Worship</i> <i>at Trinity</i>	Worship @ 7:00 pm <i>Pr. Eric preaching</i>	<i>Joint Worship</i> <i>at Trinity</i>
Wednesday, March 11 <i>Lenten-Eve</i> <i>Altar Color: Purple</i>	<i>Joint Worship</i> <i>at Waverly</i>	<i>Joint Worship</i> <i>at Waverly</i>	Worship @ 7:00 pm <i>Pr. Anthony preaching</i>
Wednesday, March 18 <i>Lenten-Eve</i> <i>Altar Color: Purple</i>	Worship @ 7:00 pm <i>Pr. Eric preaching</i>	<i>Joint Worship</i> <i>at St. Peter</i>	<i>Joint Worship</i> <i>at St. Peter</i>
Wednesday, March 25 <i>Lenten-Eve</i> <i>Altar Color: Purple</i>	<i>Joint Worship</i> <i>at Trinity</i>	Worship @ 7:00 pm <i>Pr. Anthony preaching</i>	<i>Joint Worship</i> <i>at Trinity</i>



FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

For anyone who has not received communion before, but would like to. We will be holding instructional classes in April. Typically at St. Peter and Waverly, anyone 5th grade or older takes the First Communion class. For Trinity, anyone 2nd grade or older. This does not mean that someone younger than this age cannot take the class. Anyone wanting to take this class should, along with their parents, talk to Pastor Anthony or Pastor Eric.

First Communion Class information:

When: Sunday, March 15th

Where: Trinity Lutheran, Welcome

Time: 1:30 pm

Parents, please plan to attend the class as well. You are expected to attend with your child.

Mid-week Lenten Eve Worship Series

The Lord's Prayer is one of the most widely known prayers in the world, and yet do you know what you are praying for when you open your mouth to say: "Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name..." For many of us we no longer think about the words in this prayer – we just say them out of habit. During the 40 days of Lent this year we will be studying and learning about each line of the Lord's Prayer. You are invited to join us for our mid-week worship services where we will focus on a particular line of the Lord's Prayer each week.



Wednesday, March 4th – *Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*

Wednesday, March 11th – *Give us this day our daily bread.*

Wednesday, March 18th – *And forgive us our trespasses...who trespass against us.*

Wednesday, March 25th – *And lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil.*

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd – *For thine is the kingdom...forever and ever. Amen.*

Lenten Eve Schedule (excluding Ash Wednesday & Maundy Thursday)

5:30 pm – 6:45 pm Supper

6:30 pm – 6:55 pm WOW (Pre-K thru 6th Grade Bible Time)

7:00 pm – 7:45 pm Holden Evening Prayer Worship

Evening Meals during Lent

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

Wednesday, March 4th – Trinity

Wednesday, March 11th – Waverly

Wednesday, March 18th – St. Peter

Wednesday, March 25th – Trinity

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd – St. Peter (no evening meal)

Good Friday, April 3rd – Waverly (no evening meal)

Easter Vigil, April 4th – Trinity (no evening meal)

Easter Vigil

The Easter Vigil is an ancient Easter Eve service that begins around a fire and then transitions from darkness to light, illustrating Christ's passage from death to resurrection. During the course of the service, the stories of the history of salvation are read and told in creative ways. There's color and movement, music and drama, laughter, singing by candlelight and a triumphant transition into Easter that starts in darkness and ends up in brilliant light. This service is being planned and led by various members of all three Circle of Faith congregations as well as the two Partners in Ministry congregations in Trimont (First Lutheran and United Methodist). The event will be followed by a festive champagne reception.

Easter Vigil Service

Saturday, April 4th

6:30 pm

Trinity Lutheran, Welcome

Champagne and chocolate fondue reception to follow

Circle of Faith
Parish Council Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2015

Meeting was called to order at Trinity Lutheran at 6:05 pm by President Steve Williamson. Other members present: Merle Burmeister, Marilyn Cheever, Karen Helvig, Deb Phillip, Kirsten Rabbe, Jon Saxen. Staff present: Pastor Anthony Christoffels. Congregational Presidents present: Henri Borchardt, Susan Krueger (VP of Waverly).

Agenda: Pr. Anthony added one agenda item – Lenten offering. Motion by Jon Saxen, seconded by Marilyn Cheever, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed.

Pr. Anthony presented devotions based on Romans 12. One body – many parts, one body in Christ, many gifts. We don't conform to what this world tells us to do. We are to discern God's will for our church, but sometimes it means we need to go against the world. We are all one body, but we each can have one function.

Pastor led Orientation for Parish Council and Congregational President members, ultimately leading to setting goals for the Parish Council for 2015. Ministry Goals: reach out to non-active members, designate and begin a joint Circle of Faith mission project, and experiment with different additional worship times. Administrative Goals: write our Sexual Misconduct policy, write our Funeral Policy, revise the Wedding Policy, create policy in case any other congregation wishes to join Circle of Faith, finish laying the foundation and guiding principals for whom Circle of Faith will become, with an ear to the Holy Spirit's guidance throughout.

We reviewed the Duties of Parish Officers as found in our Parish Agreement, Article IX.4.

Election of Officers

- . President – Jon Saxen nominated Steve Williamson. With no further nominations offered, Jon Saxen moved to close nominations and cast unanimous ballot. Karen Helvig seconded. Motion passed.
- . Vice President – Kirsten Rabbe nominated Marilyn Cheever. With no further nominations offered, Jon Saxen moved to close nominations and cast unanimous ballot. Merle Burmeister seconded. Motion passed.
- . Treasurer – Deb Phillip nominated Jon Saxen. With no further nominations offered, Karen Helvig moved to close nominations and cast unanimous ballot. Merle Burmeister seconded. Motion passed.
- . Secretary – Marilyn Cheever nominated Kirsten Rabbe. Jon Saxen moved to close nominations and cast unanimous ballot. Deb Phillip seconded. Motion passed.

President Steve Williamson explained the responsibilities of the two Standing Committees, as listed in our Parish Agreement Bylaws, Section 3.D. Appointed to the Finance Committee: Jon Saxen, Jody Franck, Karen Helvig, Merle Burmeister. Appointed to the Administrative Committee: Marilyn Cheever, Deb Phillip, Steve Williamson, Kirsten Rabbe. Congregational Presidents are not required to serve on a committee.

Kirsten Rabbe presented the Secretary's report for the January 13, 2015 Parish Council meeting. Motion by Jon Saxen, seconded by Merle Burmeister, to approve the Secretary's report as presented. Motion passed.

Jon Saxen presented the January 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.

PASTORS' REPORTS

Pastor Anthony's report

- . February 28th – Equipping Congregations Day in Willmar. Let Pr. Anthony know if you can go.
- . February 23-24 – Pr. Anthony will be at Continuing Ed – will not be in the office.
- Pr. Eric is currently at Continuing Ed in Colorado.
- Pr. Anthony will close the church office on Easter Monday. This will be his policy going forward, as Holy Week is the busiest week of the year on the church calendar for pastoral and office staff.

OLD BUSINESS

Weather Policy

Kirsten Rabbe moved that we strike "If one of the Circle of Faith Parish congregation cancels, all worship services in the parish are cancelled", add "weekday only" after KSUM, and move KSUM to the end of the radio list. This will allow weather related cancellations to be made by the congregational presidents, after consultation with the Lead Pastor. Seconded by Jon Saxen. Communications team will check on the viability of radio stations, if they are available to make current announcements on Sunday mornings, and look into alternate methods to contact members in case of cancellations (phone trees, etc.)

Insurance Update

Steve Williamson reported that the premium for liability insurance approved at the January meeting will be less than expected. Jay Borchardt came up with a "middle of the road policy", which will cost less initially, and can be reevaluated as we look at all three congregations' policies. Pastor Anthony has received the boilerplate policy from the synod for a parish Sexual Misconduct policy. This will need to be completed as soon as possible, but no later than our renewal date for the policy. This will also have to be referenced in our Employee Handbook.

Proposed technology equipment replacement fund

Steve Williamson presented 2 possible Scenarios for equipment replacement for Circle of Faith computers, copier, and printer. Motion by Jon Saxen, seconded by Karen Helvig to establish a technology equipment fund, setting aside \$2000 from budget surplus from 2014, \$1500 from anticipated 2015 budget surplus, and budget for \$1500 each year in the future, with a cap at \$7500, replenishing at \$1500 per year level as needed when money is disbursed from that fund. . Motion carried.

Proposed Meal Ministry

The Parish Communications Team shared an idea for a joint mission project, offering the gift of frozen, homemade (or purchased) meals in times of need to parish and community members. The Council shared their thoughts on the idea. Each Congregational Council will also be asked for their input at their February meetings, after which the Comm. Team will evaluate moving forward with the project.

NEW BUSINESS**Lenten Offering Designation**

St. Peter and Trinity Sunday schools have been actively collecting money for the ELCA Good Gifts Global Barnyard. Pr. Anthony's suggestion for the joint offerings taken during mid-week Lenten Services would be to put them toward that project. Jon Saxen moved that we donate our undesignated joint mid-week Lenten offerings to the ELCA's Good Gifts Global Barnyard, with the money collected at each congregation going towards the respective mission project selected by the Sunday School children at that congregation. Motion passed. Ask Steve who seconded.

The next Circle of Faith Parish Council meeting will be March 10, 2014, 6:00 pm, at Trinity in Welcome. Motion by Jon Saxen, seconded by Deb Phillip, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirsten Rabbe
Secretary

MARCH 2015

Seminarian's Letter Home

To the membership of Circle of Faith Parish:

Greetings to you all from Evanston, IL! As I write this, it's bitterly cold outside. But spring is on the way. The days are getting longer now, and eventually they will start to warm up. In the meantime, we get to begin planning our gardens, working on machinery to get it ready for planting, and praying for a safe, healthy growing season ahead, hoping that it will come. During Lent, we as a parish are doing a lot of talking about prayer, specifically the Lord's Prayer.

On internship, I remember a vivid moment involving the Lord's Prayer. It was Good Friday, and the congregation's unique custom was to completely darken the entire church late at night, except for one single candle on the altar, as the story of the crucifixion was read from John's Gospel. At the moment of Christ's death in the story, the acolytes slipped up behind the altar to an enormous piece of sheet metal hanging from the ceiling. They then pounded on it with giant hammers to symbolize the earth shaking and heaven rumbling with thunder at that moment. It made a noise like a severe thunderstorm right inside the pitch-black sanctuary – scary stuff! Then the Bible was slammed shut to recall the tomb being sealed with the stone.

At that point, at the end of the liturgy, we were in total darkness and silence. It reminded us that here, at the foot of the cross, we could not celebrate or praise or bless. We could do nothing but pray, and not even in our own words, but in the words that Jesus taught us. As we prayed the Lord's Prayer, the candle was carried to the door to guide people out in silence. Then it was replaced, and left burning on the altar until the Easter Vigil.

It was comforting to know that, even at that darkest and scariest of moments, we could still pray that prayer that Jesus taught us. What's more, it was comforting to know that Christ had promised that this prayer would be heard, and honored, always. Even if we are too small, or too dumbfounded, or too nerve-wracked to understand what we pray, or even if we have prayed it so many times we can do it without thinking, we can still pray this prayer. Even now, in the desert of Lent and before the uncertainty of the future, we can still pray in this manner. And God, whose promise we seek after during this purple time, will answer.

Following Christ through the wilderness of Lent, let us pray for God's blessing, using these words:
Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. [ELW, Lent IV]

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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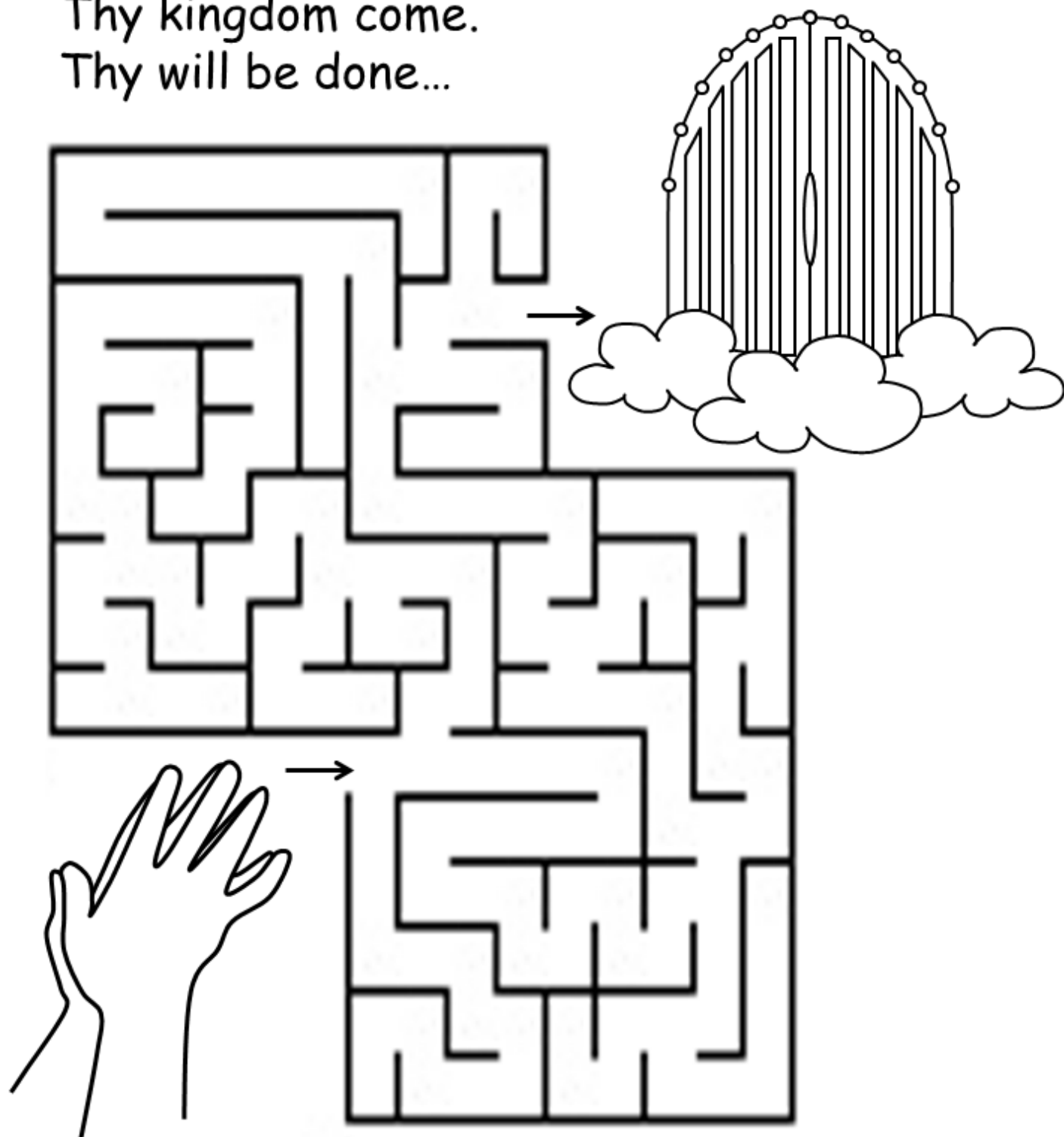
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Lord's Prayer Maze

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done...



ST. PETER RIPPLES



March Meeting: March 4th at 1:30 pm
Hostesses: Lorrene and Jeannine

Bible Study: We do not seek suffering, but it is inevitable in human life. How we deal with suffering can lead us to new trust and understanding and new ways to being ourselves.

The beginning of this Session 7 deals with the Old Testament's foremost example of suffering—JOB.

At the February meeting, 22 containers of cookies were packed for our shut-ins. They are all so thankful to be remembered and they all would appreciate visits.

Quilting has gone well with 32 for LWR so far, 5 have gone to the Salvation Army, 10 for Forest Ridge and 4 for the confirmands. As of this writing we will work a couple more days.

March is Salvation Army collecting for St. Peter. A box is in the narthex for non-perishable items. It sounds like the need is greater than ever.

Group 1 served a light supper February 25th before Lenten service. Group 2 will serve a light supper March 18th before services 5:30—6:45 pm.

Muriel reports our treasury balance is \$1,110.00. \$100.00 was received from Thrivent Financial towards quilting material.

Looking ahead: As you all know, we decided last year to permanently discontinue our rummage sales on Community Day. However, in order for us to continue our Mission giving, we will depend on individual special offerings in place of the sale. "Thank You" in advance for any amount you care to give.

March Altar Care: Sherry Next work detail: Group 2

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"
And I said, "Here I am Lord; send me!" Isaiah 6:8

Love, Jeannine

DATE	USHERS
March 1	Bob Nelson and Larry W Schmidt
8	Jon and Elizabeth Petschke
15	Jeannine Rasmussen and Shirley Schmidt
22	Neil and Marilyn Cheever
29	Sherry Schmidt and Bernice Lehmann
April 5	Roger and Joan Rezac

TRINITY RIPPLES

Annual Meeting January 18th 2015

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 am by President Henry Borchardt.

There is a correction to the nominating committee report. Dallas Rasmussen is no longer on the board, and Wes Strausser needs to be added.

Devotions were given by Pastor Anthony.

Jean Schlock moved to approve the secretaries report. Jon Saxon seconded, motion carried.

Eileen Morrow made a motion to approve the 2014 Treasurer's report. Bob Moffitt seconded, motion carried.

Bob Moffitt made a motion to approve the 2014 budget. Merle seconded, motion carried.

Jean Schock moved to approve the 2015 budget. Bob Moffitt seconded, motion carried.

Pastor's report: This year we again will be rotating the services through the 3 churches but we will also add Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday to the rotation. We will also hold an Easter Vigil with Pastor Stephanie's churches to be Trinity. WOW will also be held at the church where the services are being held.

Old Business:

Jean made a motion to accept the new constitution. Bob Moffitt seconded, motion carried.

Steve Morrow made a motion to accept the slate of officers. Bob Moffitt seconded, motion carried.

New Business:

Bob Moffitt made a motion to approve the Parish Agreement. Jon Saxon seconded, motion carried.

A new Bishop will be elected this year. The nomination will be held on February 8th. We have 6 delegates, anyone interested in being a delegate, please let the church office know. Election will be June 12-14 during Synod conference. We have 2 delegates, again let the office know if you are interested.

Discussion was held on looking at a new sound system. Becky made a motion to approve \$2000 towards upgrading the current system. Jean Schlock seconded, motion carried.

Joel Detert brought up the possibility of having Saturday night church services during the summer. Pastor suggested we present the idea to the Parish Council.

Jon Saxon moved to adjourn, Bob Moffitt seconded. Motion carried. We closed with the Lord's Prayer. Meeting adjourned at 12:15

Eileen Morrow



Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting
February 16, 2015

Members present: Henry Borchardt, Joel Detert, Becky Detert, Bob Moffitt, Lonnie Moffitt, Velma Schaal, and MaryAnn Frerichs and Pastor Anthony Christoffels

Meeting was called to order by Henry Borchardt.

Pastor Anthony led a devotion from Romans

Bob Moffitt volunteered to be and was elected as Vice-President

MaryAnn Frerichs will act as secretary, Becky Detert and Lonnie Moffitt will cover if she has to leave early.

Pastor Anthony did an orientation of the council.

Pastor's report – Lent begins Wednesday with a joint service at Waverly. Adding an Easter Vigil service the Saturday before Easter. It is a cross between high church and Bible camp. Partners in Ministry will be working with Circle of Faith on this. It will be held at Trinity.

Secretary's report – none

Treasurer's report – presented, Bob Moffitt made motion, seconded by Velma Schaal to approve. Passed.

Faith formation report – W.O.W. continues, will go on the road to the churches hosting each weeks Lenten service except for Ash Wednesday and Holy Week.

Caring Ministries report – none

Properties Committee – Joel put in a call on the elevator not working.

New Business

It was decided that the best time for the regular council meetings is the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 (after Parish Council meeting)

Turkey dinner date was set for April 19, 2015.

Circle of Faith Mission Project – Concerns were expressed about implementation. It was also asked if there were liability issues to considered. Some wondered if non-food care packages would be better (paper plates and such)

Discussion

Pancake breakfast went well. About 25-30 people attended.

Bob Moffitt made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joel Detert. Passed. Closed with Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting is March 10, 2015, 7:30 pm.



If you wish to grace our altar with an Easter Lily or a plant, 'in memory of' or 'in honor of' a loved one, contact Mary Ann DeBus 728-8778 or the church office 728-8259 by Wed. April 1. Please bring your flower/plant to the church by Saturday, April 4. Thank you

DATE	USHERS	COMMUNION
March 1	Joel and Becky Detert	
8	Todd Williams and Larry Puhrman	
15	Henry and Sun Borchardt	
22		
29		
April 5		

WAVERLY RIPPLES



Waverly Council Meeting February 17, 2015

Council members present: Nancy Nordstrom, Sue Krueger, Don Nordstrom, Karen Koeder, Cliff Armburst, Brad Sherman, Tom Peterson, MarLeone Williamson, Pastor Anthony and Belva Peterson. The meeting was called to order by the President Nancy Nordstrom. Nancy opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer.

The secretary's report from January 13, 2015 was read and approved. A letter of thank you was read from Luther Memorial Home for the \$100 donation from Waverly.

We received a letter from the radio station KJLY asking for a monetary gift from Waverly. The letter was giving to the Caring Ministries Committee to make a recommendation.

Cliff presented the treasurer's report, balance is negative \$11,989.10. He said a lot of bills are paid the first of the year so the next few months hopefully we will be in the positive numbers. Motion to accept the report by Karen and seconded by Sue.

We discussed the price of LP. A motion was made by Karen and seconded by Tom to have Brad Sherman check with WFS to see if we could lock in price or prepay to get a better price for next year.

The Pastor's Report: Pastor Anthony reminded us of the many upcoming events for Lent. Waverly will be hosting Ash Wed. The focus of the Lenten services will be on the Lord's Prayer. There will be another service this year on the Saturday evening before Easter. We will be in partnership with Circle of Faith churches and 1st Lutheran and Methodist Church in Trimont. Trinity in Welcome will host this service.

-Pastor gave each member a leadership personality assessment paper. After completing the papers we divided into groups and discussed strengths we each could bring to the council and Waverly.

-We also discussed our parish mission statement. After reviewing the statement we looked at what we do well at Waverly and what we could improve.

-Before the next council meeting Pastor would like us to think of some goals we can set for next year.

-Karen thought we should look at our Waverly mission statement to see how it compares to the Circle of Faith Mission statement.

Old Business: Marleone informed us a family has volunteered to pay for 24 pews to be repaired. A motion by Brad and seconded by Tom to hire Doug Nibbe to repair the pews sometime between the end of June and 1st part of Sept.

-Nancy said because of the constitution changes only one member of a committee needs to come to the council meeting. The committee should meet together before the council meeting and decide who would like to represent the committee at the council meeting.

-Change to the Phone tree for cancelation of church is replace Don and Nancy's name for Tim and Belva, and put Tim and Belva's name for Don and Nancy.

-The Communications committee at parish council is looking at new technology to inform congregations of church cancellations.

New Business: We set the dates for the council meeting to be the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 P.M. at Waverly.

-Caring Ministries Committee is contacting members in the congregation that would be willing to provide Steve Sheppard meals and transportation for medical appoints during his illness.

-Brad received some information from the Krahmer law firm about the Norma Brandt estate. He will be contacting Krahmer's to we what information they need.

-We will be asking the secretary's to email Thrivent for information where the choice dollars are to go since Waverly's church office is in Welcome.

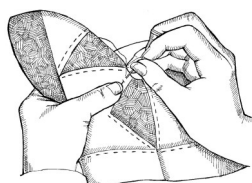
- Cliff will check with Verizon phones to see if we can get a better rate on our phone service and bring to information to the next council meeting.
- Marleone reminded everyone that when any meals are to be served at Waverly they need to contact Mary Lou Sherman, she is the co- division chairman.
- Nancy presented information about the proposed Meal Mission project from Circle of Faith. Council decided to give the information to the Caring Ministries Committee. They can work with the Parish council communication committee.

Motion to adjourn be Don and seconded by Brad. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.
Submitted: Belva Peterson Secretary



**For Liz Rabbe, on Saturday, April 4. 9:30—11:30 am with a short program at 10:00 @ Waverly.
Liz's fiancé is Randy Knutson**

**For Melissa Luckhardt on Saturday, April 11 @ Waverly. Melissa's fiancé is Brady Lueth.
More information at a later date.**



On work days in Feb. we had 5 workers and got 16 quilts done plus 29 baby ones.

We are still in need of sheets for the backing so if anyone has friends or family that are getting new sheets we will gladly take the old ones off their hands.

QUILTING GROUP Next work days are March 10 & 11

Thanks Rosemary A.

DATE	READER	ACOLYTE	CHILDREN'S TIME
March 1	Muriel Armbrust	Heidi / Brian Clow Family	Tom Peterson
8	Kendra Helvig	Lindsey Bettin	Karen Helvig
15	Emily Bettin	Kendra / Daniel Helvig	Pastor Eric
22	Scott Peterson	Sonja Haugen / Susan Krueger	Pastor Anthony
29	Rosemary Atzenhoefer	Emily Bettin	
April 5	Mary Lou Sherman	Jodi / Jeff Lueth	Karen Koeder

MARCH USHERS

John Sherman
Troy Schmidtke

Tom Peterson
Walt Bettin

Brad Williams
Shane Kuehl

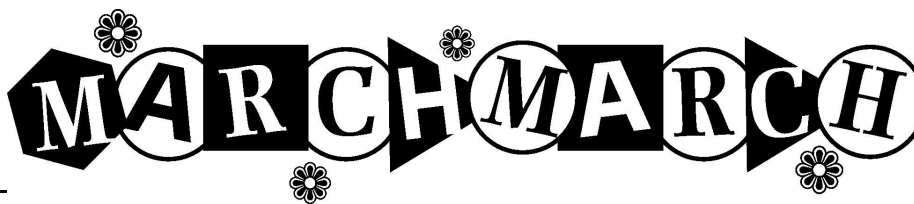
Jon Bentz

MARCH

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Gary & Janet Miller	2 John Speckman	3 Bernice Lehmann Fynn Brosnahan	4 Brianna Rezac Tosha Rathman Taryn Rathman Diane Abelson	5	6	7 Daniel Smith Connie Jensen Travis & Tracy Winter Larry & Gayle Schuett-45
8	9 Krista Garbers Keith Meyer	10 Joanna Sandberg	11 Easton Kuehl	12	13 Stephany Feely Caelyn Feely Eivey Kuehl	14 Jeff Petschke Barb & Russ Plumhoff
15 June Schultz Lorena Mau John Planting Hunter Schmidt Elizabeth Petschke Pat Crissinger	16	17 Lily Truesdell Carolyn Strausser	18	19 Don & Marge Schley	20 Effie Bentz Ralph Stanton Jon & Liz Petschke	21
22 Harlie Gibson-Fletcher Adam Anderson	23 Keith Franck Suzy Benge Bonnie Rahm Dianne Bettin Karen Keck	24 Connor Simmonds	25 Kevin Schmidt	26	27 Scott Morrow	28
29 Mary Peterson Duane Anderson Josh Koehler Adilene Petschke Richard Traetow	30 Gerald Wink Chad Lyon	31 Kelsey Jensen Darrell Klenz Mavis Johnson				

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1 Worship / Holy Communion SS—WLC	2	3 7 pm Mary Circle @ Myrna Rahm 5:30—7:30 pm Men's Garage @ Korte's—Wlcm	4 1:30 pm Dorcas Circle @ TSL 1:30 pm WELCA StP Mid-week Lenten Service @ Trinity 5:30—6:45 meal 6:30—6:55 WOW 7 pm Holden Evening Prayer Service	5	6	7
8 Worship SS-WLC SS-StP	9	10 Quilt Day-WLC 6 pm Parish Council mtg. 7:30 TLC, WLC Council mtgs	11 Quilt Day—WLC 2 pm Goldfinch Comm. Mid-week Lenten Service @ Waverly 5:30—6:45 meal 6:30—6:55 WOW 7 pm Holden Evening Prayer Service	12	13	14
15 Worship St. Peter Council mtg. following worship	16	17 6:00—8:00 pm Wine Women and the Word @ Karen Koeder	18 Mid-week Lenten Service @ St. Peter 5:30—6:45 meal 6:30—6:55 WOW 7 pm Holden Evening Prayer Service	19	20 Ripples Articles due by 10 am TLC—4-H Lock-in @ 7 pm	21
22 Worship SS—StP	23	24	25 9:30 am Assemble Ripples Mid-week Lenten Service @ Trinity 5:30—6:45 meal 6:30—6:55 WOW 7 pm Holden Evening Prayer Service	26	27	28
29 Worship / Holy Communion	30	31				



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HYMN OF THE MONTH

"What Wondrous Love is This" is a beautiful Lenten hymn. It is written in a soft minor key with a beautiful melody. Its beginnings are truly unknown but it has been traced back to the Appalachian area as a spiritual. It was handed down from generation to generation and does have many variations. The hymn first appeared in the early 1800's in a camp meeting song book. It wasn't included in any formal hymnals until the United Methodist Book of Hymns included it in 1966. It now appears in many major hymnals. It simply asks the question, "Why did He do this, for me? Why did He come down to bear the dreadful curse for my soul? Why did He lay aside His crown, for my soul?" The answer is, because of God's Wondrous Love for us! The final two verses declare that we will sing on, while millions join the theme - when from death we are all free - we'll sing on of God's Wondrous Love all through eternity.