

MAY 2015

PASTOR ANTHONY'S RIPPLES

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

This time last year, I believe there was still snow on the ground. But this year, the farmers are busy planting, the final papers and exams are getting completed, and the lawn mowers are humming again. It is certainly a joyous time of year for us who live in the "frozen tundra" that is Minnesota. After long winters we look forward to spring coming.

With spring now upon us, we are coming to the end of our focus on Acts 2 and what those first disciples did as "the church." We certainly worship and rejoice in what God has done through the birth, death and resurrection of Jesus. We pray for one another. We spend time together in fellowship. And we share with others. Jesus promises us that He goes with us wherever we go and is with us in our everyday lives inside and outside of the church. How many places do you think Jesus goes with us? And where? Why not find out for ourselves!



In a couple of weeks, everyone will be encouraged to take home a "Flat Jesus" (a piece of paper with a cartoon drawing of Jesus on it) and take "Jesus" with you wherever you go this summer. You can color "Flat Jesus", laminate him, put him on a stick, or whatever else that will make taking a picture while holding "Flat Jesus" easier. I challenge you to take at least 3 pictures this summer with "Flat Jesus" in the different places that you go. So if you go to the lake for a weekend, take a picture of you and "Flat Jesus" by the lake (or in the lake).

With at least 1 of these pictures, ask someone that you don't know to take your picture. If they ask why you have a picture of Jesus with you, then you can tell them that your church is finding out how many places Jesus goes with us. That is one person to whom you have just witnessed the love of Jesus. Afterwards, send your pictures to me via email, text, or postal mail and I will post them throughout the summer on our website, Facebook page, and newsletter. When you send them please caption them with where you are at/what you are doing.

I look forward to seeing the pictures and hearing the stories about all of your exciting adventures with Jesus and your families this summer!

In Christ,

Pastor Anthony

PASTOR ERIC'S RIPPLES

This is our final time to reflect on these things that the first disciples did together after Jesus had ascended to heaven and left them with the Holy Spirit. (Their fellowship, breaking bread, praying, learning, sharing and praising.)

I try to imagine how they felt, and what they were thinking about. This was a whole new adventure for them. They did not have Jesus telling them where to go and what to do. A disciple is someone who follows and their leader was no longer with them. Now they were the leaders. It must have been quite a transition. I'm sure they felt a little lost. I'm sure they were unsure of themselves. They were building something that had no blue print (The Christian Church).

In some ways for us it is the complete opposite. In our first step of discipleship we inherit a whole institution with a structure and rules and buildings and people and traditions. We probably don't feel as lost or unsure of ourselves as the first disciples did, but we have other challenges. We have this huge ship and a very small rudder and sometimes it seems like the wind is pretty strong and the waves are more like white caps. What should we do?

The same things that the disciples did: Having fellowship, breaking bread, praying, learning, sharing and praising. Because these keep us close to Jesus and to one another and to the goal of being God's faithful people (The Christian Church). As we do these things, through us, God gets things done.

Pastor Eric



Will be held at Korte's in Welcome

Wednesday, May 6 @ 5:30—7:00 pm

WINE WOMEN & THE WORD

@ Janice Frank's - Tuesday May 19th 6:00—8:00 pm.

310 Adams Ave, Fairmont, #305 (behind ShopKo)

May Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship Services

Date	St. Peter – 8:30 am	Trinity – 10:30 am	Waverly – 10:30 am
May 3 – Communion <i>Altar Color: White</i>	Pr. Anthony	Pr. Anthony & Pr. Eric <i>Confirmation Sunday</i> <i>Altar Color: Red</i>	Karen Koeder <i>(No communion)</i>
May 10 <i>Altar Color: White</i>	Pr. Anthony	Pr. Eric	Pr. Anthony <i>(Communion Sunday)</i>
May 17 <i>Altar Color: White</i>	Pr. Anthony	Pr. Anthony <i>Graduation Sunday</i>	Pr. Eric
May 24 – Communion <i>Altar Color: Red</i> <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	Pr. Eric	Pr. Eric	Pr. Anthony
May 31 – Communion <i>Altar Color: White</i> <i>Holy Trinity Sunday</i>	Pr. Eric	Pr. Anthony	Pr. Eric

Summer Theology Series Coming Back to Circle of Faith Parish

Does your church have more pews than people?

What can God possibly do with a small church in rural America?

If this sounds like your church, we invite you to come and share three weeknights with the concerned and hopeful Christians who are living out on the prairie!

Circle of Faith Parish presents the 2nd Annual Summer Theology Series: Mission on the Prairie.

June 10th – Carl Rabbe

July 1st – Rev. Larry Streng

August 12th – Rev. Dr Alvin Luedke

More information will be published about our presenters and the topics they will discuss in bulletins, newsletters and on www.circleoffaithparish.org/summerseries.



**Tuesday Morning
Coffees**

**Starting, May 5
8:30—10:00 am**

**Trinity Lutheran
in Welcome**

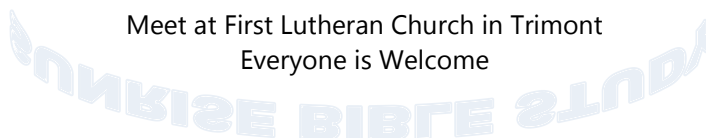
SUNRISE BIBLE STUDY

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

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

WOMEN—6:00 am on Thursdays
Led by Pastor Stephanie Christoffels

Meet at First Lutheran Church in Trimont
Everyone is Welcome





Circle of Faith
Parish Council Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2015

Meeting was called to order at Trinity Lutheran at 6:04 pm by President Steve Williamson.. Other members present: Merle Burmeister, Marilyn Cheever, Jody Franck, Karen Helvig, Deb Philipp, Kirsten Rabbe, Jon Saxen. Staff present: Pastor Anthony Christoffels, Pr. Eric Midthun. Congregational President present: Nancy Nordstrom. Trinity Representative: Bob Moffit, Vice President.

Motion by Karen Helvig, seconded by Jody Franck, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed.

Pr. Anthony presented devotions based on Acts 2:41-47, reading Bishop Eaton's article from the most recent issue of the Lutheran. (See: http://www.thelutheran.org/article/article.cfm?article_id=12522)

Kirsten Rabbe presented the Secretary's report for the March 10, 2015 Parish Council meeting. Motion by Merle Burmeister, seconded by Marilyn Cheever, to approve the Secretary's report as changed. Motion passed.

Jon Saxen presented the March 2015 Operating Statement to the Parish Council. Motion by Jody Franck, seconded by Deb Philipp, to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion passed.

REPORTS

Pastor Anthony's report

Pulpit Supply needs to date: Synod assembly weekend – June 12-14 (2 pastors needed, no communion), Pr. Anthony on vacation July 2-10th (1 pastor needed 7/5/15 at an 8:30 am service, Communion Sunday) and August 31 – September 7th (1 pastor needed 9/6/15, at a 10:30 service – Communion Sunday), Sunday, December 27th (1 pastor needed, 10:30 service, communion Sunday).

Committee Updates

Funeral/Wedding Policy Committee: St. Peter – TBD, Trinity – MaryAnn Debus, Waverly – MaryLou Sherman. Sexual Misconduct Committee: St. Peter – TBD, Trinity – TBD, Waverly – Jeff Lueth. Future Congregations Committee: St. Peter – Keith Franck, Trinity – Jon Saxen, Waverly – Joel Rabbe, COF President Steve Williamson. Pr. Anthony will serve on all committees. Marilyn brought copies of wedding & funeral handbooks from other churches as samples.

OLD BUSINESS

Holy Week and Easter Vigil review

. Pr. Anthony asked for Council members evaluation of Holy Week services, especially the new joint Maundy Thursday service, and the Easter Vigil. Highlights were applauded, several suggestions were made for next year's services. Future ideas and comments can be passed on to Pr. Anthony. Thanks to all five congregations from Circle of Faith and Partners in Ministry, and the 95 people who had a role in the Easter Vigil service. Special thanks to our pastors and organists who bear the brunt of the preparation for Holy Week and Easter. Your work is so very appreciated.

Meal Project

Karen Helvig reported that the Communications Team is working on the proposed Meal Ministry program. Still working to answer questions about food safety and liability. Lots of steps to be worked out. Will keep council posted. Goal is to have this be a very familiar, comfortable way to share God's love, but in a more planned way. Hope to have it ready by next school year.

NEW BUSINESS

Summer Wednesdays

Pr. Anthony reported that with the good response to Carl's How'd We Get Here series last summer, with food, worship, and something to learn, our COF pastors are working on a new series for summer 2015. Theme: *Mission on the Prairie*. 3-4 sessions, with a different presenter each evening. Topics: Mission & Worship (Carl), Mission and the Backyard, Mission from Small Churches, and Mission in God's World. Each week will feature Holden Evening prayer at 6:00 pm, and supper and our speaker from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. Congregations would take turns hosting the meal. Will be held at Trinity. Because of cost for speakers and mileage, expenses would run about \$1000, which has not been budgeted. Motion by Karen Helvig, seconded by Jon Saxen, that we move forward with Summer Wednesdays. Potential dates: June 10, June 24, July 15, August 5th. Motion passed

Communications Projects for Summer 2015/Possible College Intern

Motion by Kirsten Rabbe, seconded by Karen Helvig to authorize that Pr. Anthony to apply for a summer intern through MVAC for COF for Communications projects. Internship would be at no cost to COF, but it is not guaranteed that they

will find an intern for us. Would cover an intern for 240 hours (8 weeks at 30 hours per week). The internship would be paid for by the Minnesota Valley Action Council, not our Parish. Discussion on parameters and ramifications of this potential internship. Motion approved.

2015 Parades

Deb reported that we are going to walk and ride in the Welcome Festival & Trimont Parade again in 2015, using Darrell Klensz's sculpture riding in a pickup, with walkers handing out freeze pops and wearing our COF t-shirts. Would like to offer t-shirts for sale 2 Sundays before the first parade. Cost \$7.00 for T-shirts. \$9 for sizes 2X-5X, kids t-shirts are free. A member of Circle of Faith offered to donate the freeze pops. Trimont's Parade will be July 11, Welcome's will be July 18. Discussion followed on how to have a COF presence in Ceylon next year for Ceylon days. Will refer ideas generated to the Communications team.

2015 Summer Picnic

Pr. Anthony reported that St. Peter will host the summer picnic this year. Motion by Jody Franck, seconded by Marilyn Cheever, to hold our picnic annually on the last Sunday of July; this year's picnic to be July 26th, at the Park in Ceylon (rain location: St. Peter's), with a joint worship service at 10:00 am, followed by a picnic. Bring a lawn chair. Motion passed. Jody will check on availability of the park.

Marilyn shared an announcement on a Discovering Hope Conference on to be held both in person and virtually on Saturday, June 27, 2015, 10-3 pm, \$75 for a congregations. Live presentation at Concordia-Moorhead, virtual sites throughout the state, including St. James (nearest to us) and Redwood Falls. Let Pastor Anthony know if you want to go. Cost would be \$100, paid by the parish, inclusive of all three congregations, regardless of how many people attend. Cost includes lunch for all attendees.

The next Circle of Faith Parish Council meeting will be May 12, 2015, 6:00 pm, at Trinity in Welcome. Motion by Jon Saxen, seconded by Merle Burmeister, to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 pm. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted, Kirsten Rabbe, Secretary

A Seminarian's Letters Home

May 2015

To the membership of Circle of Faith Parish:

Greetings to you all from Evanston, IL! The snow has melted, rain is falling, trees are budding out, and spring is definitely here! I'm still reveling in the fantastic Easter Vigil service we celebrated together – to get 95 people involved in different parts of worship, and to have well over 200 people show up on a Saturday night during Holy Week for a service they'd never had the chance to enjoy before – that takes a lot of work! Hats off to everyone who helped make such a wonderful liturgy happen.

One thing most of you experienced for the first time on the Vigil night is called *asperges*; that's the part where Pr. Eric walked around and sprinkled everybody with water from an evergreen branch. Traditionally, that is done at the Vigil and all throughout the fifty days of Easter. In some places, it's done throughout the year right after confession at the beginning of the service. A little-known fact: once the water hits you, you respond by making the sign of the cross. This is done to remind us that the stories we told on the Vigil night, which we call salvation history, extended up to us on our baptismal day, and that through all of us who are baptized, God continues to show love and mercy in this world. Martin Luther actually took the *asperges* one step further. He said that whenever we use water for anything, even just washing our face in the morning, we need to make the sign of the cross and remember that it's through the simplest things – plain old water, small bits of bread, drops of wine – that God makes the most amazing things happen.

Continuing through Eastertide toward Ascension and Pentecost, we pray for God's blessing, using these words:

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. [ELW, Easter VII]

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.

ST. PETER RIPPLES

ST. PETER WELCA NEWS



May Meeting: May 6th at 1:30 p.m.

Hostesses: Annette & Ardis

Bible Study: Session 9 “The Church Transforming & Reforming”. The Jewish and Gentile Christians in Acts 15 became the church when they learned to join together as one body transforming themselves for the sake of the gospel. Their example can inspire today’s church.

Our Southwestern MN Synodical WELCA 2 day convention will be held June 19 & 20 at the University of MN at Morris, MN. Please consider attending this very interesting and enjoyable meeting. Let Janice or myself know if you would like to go with us. Registration deadline is June 5th. We need to be working on kits to take along. Personal care, baby care and fabric kits are all needed. Not school kits this time. Ask Janice for the directions on the kits needed. JoAnn delivered sheets, afghans and blankets to the House of Hope in Mankato. This is a community resource for alcohol/drug treatment and education for both men and women. This is all “Mission Action” !! in our church.

Muriel reports our treasury balance is \$1,550. “Thanks” to the additional donations in place of the rummage sale.

Janice will be hosting the “Wine, Women and the Word” Bible Study on May 19th, 6-8 p.m. Bernice was the hostess for our April study.

Our women are invited to a May Salad Luncheon at the Fairmont United Methodist Church on Thursday, May 7th at noon.

The Ingham Lake Ice Cream Social will be Sunday, May 31st. There will be more information on this in the May bulletins.

Our sympathies to the Jim O’Sell family and to Darrell & Muriel Klens on the loss of Darrell’s brother Russell.

May birthdays: Lola Hagen May 10th and JoAnn Wink May 23rd.

May Alter Care: Annette Next work duty: Group 2

“Be the change you want to see in the world”. *Gandhi*
Love, Jeannine

Looking for volunteers to help serve communion, person does not have to be a council member, please contact Jody Franck if willing to do so, email is kjfranck@yourstarnet.net or phone 632-4201. THANK YOU

DATE	USHERS
MAY 3	Dale and Jeanne Leiding
10	Todd and Tina Peta
17	Jeremy and Chelsie Wink
24	Ronnie and Jane Leiding
31	JoAnn Wink and Kathy Bremer
JUNE 7	Kevin and Angie Schmidt



TRINITY RIPPLES

Trinity Lutheran Church Council
April 14, 2015

Members present: Joel Detert, Becky Detert, Lonnie Moffit, Wes Strausser, Velma Schaal, MaryAnn Frerichs, Bob Moffit, Jean Schock, Brian Burmeister, John Borchardt, Pastor Anthony and Pastor Eric.

Bob called the meeting to order.

Pastor Anthony opened the meeting with a devotion.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Anthony will be taking vacation in July and August. Synod Assembly is June 12-14.

Secretary's Report – As printed

Treasurer's Report – As printed. We are running behind in giving. John Saxen willing to set up automatic withdrawal at no charge. We will include how far behind we are in the bulletin and newsletter.

Financial Secretary – As printed.

Faith Formation – Planning to meet soon to talk over how WOW went, what worked, what we need to change. We are starting discussions with St. Paul's regarding VBS. We are looking at dates.

Caring Ministries – Nearing completion of usher list for year. Looking for additional readers

Properties – Going to move a few pews before confirmation. Wes wants to get his water line project finished.

Lonnie made a motion to approve all the reports, Velma seconded. Approved.

Handicap bathroom: Summer project

Turkey dinner: Should be in good shape so long as everyone helps.

Elevator is working

Blinds are in, valance is coming for Pastor Eric's office. Getting estimate for secretary's office.

A couple projects for the future are the kitchen windows which are in bad shape and the sanctuary carpet.

John Borchardt said to talk to him when ready for windows, he works with them in his job.

New microphones and battery packs were purchased.

There are 4 students, Jordan Wolter, Zane Borchardt, Sarah Justice and Carlene Hand that Pastor Anthony recommends be confirmed May 3, 2015. Becky made a motion and Jean seconded for the council to recommend them for confirmation as well. Approved.

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by

MaryAnn Frerichs

Note to Trinity Members: **BUDGET CONCERNS:** We are short \$7,206 for first quarter church expenses. Please keep our church in your prayers and thank you for your generosity in helping us meet this commitment. We need \$7060 per month to meet our expenses. We averaged \$4655 each month for the first quarter so we were short \$2400 each month to meet our budget.

**A Special Thank you to those who graced our sanctuary on Easter morning with an Easter Lily
given in 'Memory' or in 'Honor' of a loved one.**

Ken, Nondus and Vern Schaal

John, Don, Verna and Albert Engstrom

Sarah Ann Hand

Rachel Ann Swanson Farmer

Chester and Leona Montgomery

Grant and Anna Swanson

Marcus Jon Saxen

Bruce Helvig

Colleen Traetow and Ron Saxen

John Stine

Lowell DeBus

Beverly Trebesch

Harry and Tillie Minor

Harry and Rose Schultz

Clarence Poppe,

Donald and Pat Morrow

Todd Morrow

Delbert Hardecopf

Irene and Henry Johnson

Art and Ethel Jensen

Cliff and Verdie Nelson, Merle (Bud) Nelson

Steve Nelson, James Nelson and Amy Langford

Stanley Nelson

Ronald Martin

Alvin Schultze

Emil & Mae Klug, Jerry Hughes, Leathel Mapson,

Laverne Marge Mapson

Ardella and Ray Wohlhuter

Velma Schaal & family

Jim, Donna, Aimee, Carlene and Gavin Hand

Audrey Swanson

Robert and Charleen Swanson

Jon, Jen, Taylor and Alex Saxen

Dick and Marlys Traetow

Betty Stine

MaryAnn DeBus, Jason & family

Anonymous

Loren and June Schultz

Steve and Eileen Morrow & Family

Steve and Eileen Morrow & Family

Scott and Amy Morrow & Family

Connie and Norman Jensen

Lois Nelson & family

Lois Nelson & family

Gloria Martin & family

Mary Schultze & family

Brad and Jennifer Hughes and Family

Kay Wohlhuter, Lynn Wohlhuter, Ross Wohlhuter and family



Would you like to join our prayer chain? Do you have a concern about someone or yourself that the Prayer Chain can pray about? We can join our prayers together for comfort and healing. If you do, please call Charleen Swanson at 728-8620, and she will add your name to the list of callers.

KIDS & Vacation Bible School — "SonSpark Labs"

Mark your calendars for July 12—16 for this years Vacation Bible School.

6:30—8:00 pm. More details to come in June.

DATE	USHERS	COMMUNION
MAY 3	Susie and Bocky Borchardt	Velma Schaal, Brian Burmeister Monica Chukuske
10	Laurie and Tony Truesdell	
17	Diane and Vic Abelson	
24	Jen and Jon Saxen	Henry Borchardt and John Borchardt
31	Wes and Carolyn Strausser	Lois Nelson and Gayle Schuett
JUNE 7	Dick and Marlys Traetow	Brian Burmeister and Larry Puhrman

WAVERLY RIPPLES



Waverly Council Meeting April 16, 2015

Council members present: Nancy Nordstrom, Bob Olson, Karen Koeder, Sue Krueger, Jack Potter, Tom Peterson, Deb Armbrust, MarLeone Williamson and Belva Peterson.

The meeting was called to order by the president Nancy Nordstrom. Nancy opened the meeting with devotions reading from Luke 24 and from the Gather devotion pamphlet covering the subject about doubt.

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

Karen moved to approve the secretary's report and Bob seconded, motion carried

The treasurer's balance is negative \$9,339.07 from the church budgeted amount. Karen moved to approve the treasurer's report and Tom seconded, motion carried.

The Pastor's report: Circle of Faith voted to continue the same schedule for the Lenten services for next year. Pastor Anthony will be on vacation some days in June, July and Aug. Summer Bible studies will held at Trinity there will be 4 sessions, the title is Mission on the Prairie. Carl Rabbe will be leading one of the sessions. Circle of Faith will be walking in the Trimont and Welcome parades. Circle of Faith will be contacting Minnesota Valley Action to see if an intern could be assigned to the church during the summer to help update the Web site and Ripples, etc. St Peter's will host the summer picnic this year. Martin County West may be holding their baccalaureate service at Waverly in May. There is no change to the summer worship times, Waverly's will be at 8:30. Many upcoming events, check your church calendar for dates.

Faith Formation Committee: They are checking to see if Green Lake would have counselors available for a summer day camp. They are also looking at the Sunday school fall schedule. They discussed moving the library to the church basement and purchasing some children's books. The list of preschool children receiving The Little Lutheran booklet is being updated.

Property Committee: The light switch has been fixed. A few more ceiling tile are loose. The carpenter that is repairing the church pews started looking at the pews and they will be fixed later in the summer.

Caring Ministries Committee: Don is still helping Steve Sheppard with cares and transportation for his medication appointment. They will be visiting the new members coming to church. They will also visit the elderly and offering communion.

Worship Committee: The worship assistance list was updated. Letters were send out to remind assistants when they will be helping with the service. Communion assistants do not have to wear a robe. There will not be a children message during the summer months. Karen will be providing an acolyte training. May 3rd church service will be about celebrating the end of the school year, quilting and other activates for the summer. There will be the blessing of the seeds. We will also celebrate the little church being built for the African mission. May 24th is Pentecost everyone is reminded to wear red.

Old Business: The Waverly phone number will be on the web site. No updated information from WFS on the LP summer fill rate. Cliff still in contact with both phone carriers to see which company will give us the best monthly rate. Nancy will be contacting people for the pie auction on May 3rd.

New Business: Harvest Homecoming will be Sept 20th. We set the date to always be the Third Sunday in Sept. The Waverly council meetings will always be held the Thursday after the Circle of Faith Parish Council meeting. Sept 13th is God's Work our Hands Sunday. We should be thinking of project needs for people in our church and community and bring the ideas to the next meeting. Each committee should be making their own budget so they have it ready to present to the treasurer for next year.

Motion to adjourn by Bob, second by Tom. Motion carried.
Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted, Belva Peterson

A special 'Thank you' to the families who provided flowers for our Easter Worship.

Brian and Heidi Clow
Shirley and Harry Gerdes
Jeff and Jodi Lueth
Al and Muriel Armbrust
Bob and Lenore Olson
Dennis and Susan Krueger
Sonja Haugen
Daniel and Kendra Helvig
Don and Nancy Nordstrom

Todd and Susan Rathman
Jim and Mary Lou Sherman
Steve and MarLeone Williamson
Steve Sheppard
Brad and Laurie Sherman
Jack and Mim Potter
Kevin and Lynette Shaw
Tim and Belva Peterson
Cliff and Debbie Armbrust



Bridal Shower for Kristie Gaalswyk, bride to be of Grant Pomerence,
will be held at Waverly at 1:30 pm on Saturday, May 9, 2015.

WAVERLY HELP WANTED!

Waverly invites you to consider joining our Worship Assistant Team as a Communion Assistant. All ages are welcome, including young people able to handle the wine tray. No experience needed. No degree or certification required. Full theological understanding of holy communion not required or possible! Must be able to follow simple directions with joy. Contact Karen Koeder for more information or to say yes.


DATE	READER	ACOLYTE	CHILDREN'S TIME
MAY 3	Sonja Haugen	Tim / Belva Peterson	Laurie Sherman
10	Erwin Atzenhoefer	Mary Lou / Jim Sherman	Sonja Haugen
17	Susan Rathman	Heidi / Brian Clow family	Pastor
24	Laurie Sherman	Lindsey Bettin	Pastor
31	Don Nordstrom	Kendra / Dan Helvig	
JUNE 7	Mim Potter	Sonja Haugen / Susan Krueger	

MAY USHERS:

Tim Peterson
Randy Schneider

Steve Williamson
Brian Clow

Jeff Lueth



PUZZLE



Spring has sprung!

God created all the seasons, and each brings unique visuals that remind us of him.

Directions: Unscramble each phrase to complete Song of Solomon 2:12, NIV. Use the pictures as hints.


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the _____

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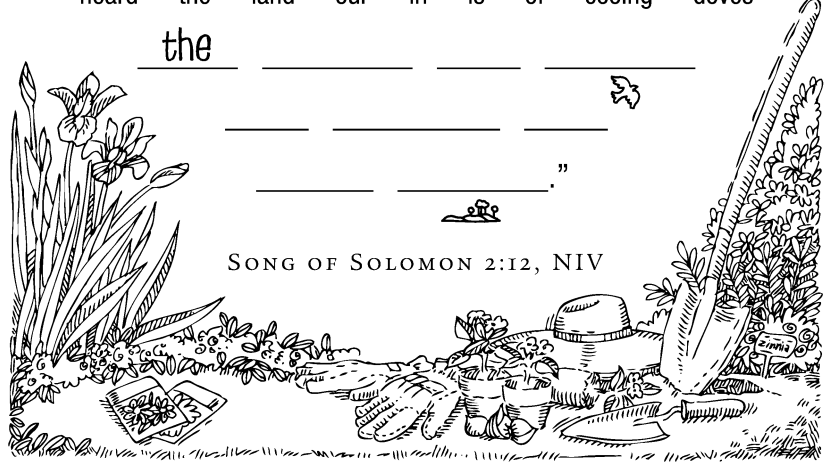
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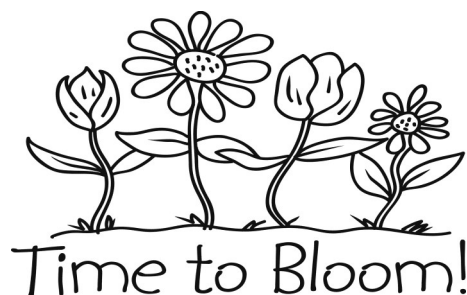


SONG OF SOLOMON 2:12, NIV



Answers: “Flowers appear on the earth;
the season of singing has come,
the cooing of doves is heard in our land.”








Any person can be a flower in God’s garden.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Tim Peterson MaryAnn DeBus <i>Gary & Joyce Sathoff</i>
3 Lindsey Bettin <i>Roger & Deb Geiger</i>	4 David Hartung Donna Hand	5	6 Brian Burmeister	7 Cody Wolter	8	9
10 Morgan Wolter Bobbi Sandberg Taylor Saxen Lola Hagen <i>Lon & Marilyn Oelke</i>	11 Jeff Lueth Ben Miller	12 Marissa Bettin	13 Alex Saxen <i>John & Denyse Borchardt</i> <i>Brad & Jennifer Hughes—15</i>	14 Randall Olson Emily Bettin Adam Rasmussen	15 Marilyn Cheever Tammy Williams Marty Burmeister	16 MiKenna Harder Kari Anderson Dale Hansen
17 Melvin Knuth Sarah Justice	18 Dale Leiding Jean Shock Susie Borchardt <i>Sibyl & Doug Anderson</i>	19 Dennis Krueger <i>Dan & Jill Schwanz</i>	20 Sonja Haugen Dustin Lyons	21 <i>Merle & Shirley Burmeister—50</i> <i>Scott & Vicki Smith</i>	22 Brian Clow Lea Lyons Katelyn Cheever <i>John & MaryAnn Frerichs</i>	23 JoAnn Wink <i>Charlotte & John Schmidtke</i>
24 Logan Wolter Carlene Hand Dean Koehler	25 Darcia Schmidt Sandy Newville	26 James Hatch Jeff Armbrust Linda Bakke	27 Don Nordstrom Levi Hansen	28 <i>Larry & Holly Wiggins</i> <i>Ron & Jean Schock—55</i>	29 Kim Mosloski Dale Duncan	30
31 Lois Nelson Brianna Morrow KayLea Haggerty <i>Carol & Craig Senne—30</i>						

MAY 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Tuesday Morning Coffees @ Trinity in Welcome 8:30—10:00 			1	2
3  at Trinity St P-Sunday school WLC Sunday school	4	5 6:30 am Men's Sunrise Bible Study WLC Mary Circle 7 pm— @ Karen Koeder's	6 1:30 pm WLC Dorcas Circle @ TSL 1:30 pm WELCA StP 6:30 pm WOW—TLC 5:30 pm Men's Garage @ Korte's	7 6:00 am Women's Sunrise Bible Study COF Communications Team Mtg. 6:30 @ TLC	8	9 Bridal Shower for Kristie Gaalswyk 1:30 @ WLC
10  at Waverly Mother's Day  WLC Sunday school	11	12 6:30 am Men's Sunrise Bible Study 6:00 am Parish Council Mtg 7:30 pm TLC Council Mtg	13 2 pm Communion @ Goldfinch	14 6:00 am Women's Sunrise Bible Study 7:00 pm WLC Council Mtg.	15	16
17 Worship Sr. Graduate Recognition @ TLC	18	19 6:30 am Men's Sunrise Bible Study 6:00 pm Wine, Women and the Word @ Janice Franck's	20 Ripples articles deadline	21 6:00 am Women's Sunrise Bible Study	22	23
24  Pentecost Worship / Holy Communion	25  Parish office closed	26 6:30 am Men's Sunrise Bible Study	27 9:30 am Assemble Ripples	28 6:00 am Women's Sunrise Bible Study	29	30
31 Worship / Holy Communion						



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HYMN OF THE MONTH

George Beverly Shea was headed for a career on NBC singing secular music. They had offered him the job and he was tempted to accept it. His mother was concerned about the direction he might take. One day she left this poem on the piano in their home – and the rest, as they say, is history. He sat down at the piano, began to sing a melody to go with the poem. His mother was listening in the next room and asked him to sing it in church the following Sunday. “I’d rather have Jesus than silver or gold . . . I’d rather have Jesus than anything this world affords today.” Later Bev Shea joined up with evangelist Billy Graham and toured the world singing this song (along with dozens of others, of course)! It indeed changed his life forever, and changed countless other lives with his witness and music.