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Tuesdays: Men's Sunrise Bible Study @ First Lutheran, Trimont

Thursdays: Women's Sunrise Bible Study @ First Lutheran, Trimont

Wednesdays: Confirmation @ TLC

WOW @ TLC

Choir Practice @ WLC

UPCOMING EVENTS:

11/1	Parish Council meeting

Mary Circle Communion @ TSL 11/2

Pre-Christmas Dinner @ TLC

Dorcas Circle

StP Sunday school 11/6

THCC Worship 11/8

TLC Council meeting

11/9 Goldfinch Communion Youth Group

11/10 WLC Council meeting

11/13 Special Congregational mtg./Potluck WLC

11/14 Morning coffee/Bible study TLC St. P Council meeting

11/15 Wine, Women & the Word

11/16 Family Confirmation / Meal

WOW / Meal

11/18-19 Jr. High Youth Gathering

11/20 Ripples articles due

11/23 Thanksgiving Eve Service

11/27 St. P Sunday school

11/30 Assemble Ripples Youth Group

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NOVEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

	November 6 th All Saints Sunday	November 13 th Thank Offering Sunday	November 20 th Christ the King Sunday	November 23 rd Thanksgiving Eve	November 27 th 1 st Sunday in Advent
St. Peter 8:30 AM	Worship w/Communion Altar: White	Worship Altar: Green	Worship w/Communion Altar: White		Worship w/Communion <i>Altar: Blue</i>
Trinity 10:30 AM	Worship w/Communion Altar: White	Worship Altar: Green	Worship w/Communion Altar: White	Parish Worship at St. Peter 7:00 PM Altar: Green	Worship w/Communion <i>Altar: Blue</i>
Waverly 10:30 AM	Worship w/Communion Altar: White	Worship w/Communion Altar: Green	Worship w/Communion Altar: White		Worship w/Communion <i>Altar: Blue</i>

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

All-Saints Sunday is November 6th this year. Traditionally on All-Saints Sunday, we remember all of those faithful saints who have died, specifically those who have died since All-Saints Sunday last year. This year we will remember:

LeVone Toedt
Bill Steele
Alice Christensen
Connie Jensen
Kenneth "Duke" Wolford



LaJune Poppe Laurie Nelson Hazel Armbrust Gerald Wlnk Lorena Mau

Please join us on Sunday, November 6th as we remember and give thanks for these saints and all of the saints who now rest from their labors in the arms of their Savior. Worship with Holy Communion begins at 8:30 AM at St. Peter and 10:30 AM at Trinity and Waverly. Remember that Daylight Savings ends on November 6th.



THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

Please join us for a special worship service the night before Thanksgiving where we will hear scripture texts about how faithful and abundance our God is and sing our praise and thanks to God for all that he has blessed us with.

If you have family around, invite them to join us for worship.

This year's Parish Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service will be on Wednesday, November 23rd at St. Peter beginning at 7:00 pm.

WORSHIP TIMES

St. Peter—Ceylon 8:30 am

Trinity—Welcome 10:30 am **Time change

Waverly—Trimont 10:30 am







Trinity Lutheran Church will be hosting the Christmas Dinner this year. The Dinner will be 12 noon on Wednesday, Nov. 2nd. All Circle of Faith Members are invited, you may bring a friend. The meal will be provided by Trinity Lutheran.

Note: we have moved the date up one month to include our Snow bird families before they leave.

Please made reservations by Sunday, Oct. 30, by calling one of the following:

Janice Franck - 235-9709 Karen Koeder - 639-6275 Velma Schaal - 749-3371



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME IS ENDING

Reminder to turn your clocks back 1 hour on Saturday, November 5th.



2017 marks the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther nailing the 95 Theses to the doors of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. Please join Pastor Anthony and Pastor Stephanie as we walk in the footsteps of Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation beginning in Rome and ending in Germany in the summer of 2018. Brochures are available in all three churches. For more information talk to Pastor Anthony.



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High School - -



will be meeting on Wednesday, November 9th and 30th from 7:00-8:00 pm at Trinity. Come and join us as discuss faith, life, probably football, and more details about our mission trip in early June!



JR. HIGH YOUTH GATHERING



Eight confirmation students will be attending the SWMN Synod Youth Gathering in Willmar from Friday, November 18th - Saturday, November 19th. The theme this year is: You are the Light of the World - based on Matthew 5:14. Make sure to ask our confirmation students about their time at the Youth Gathering AND what they learned!



Looking for Confirmation Mentors

This year in confirmation, our students have been asked to find a mentor. A confirmation mentor is someone who is willing to befriend and guide a confirmation student in matters related to faith and life. A mentor is an adult, non-family member, who is actively involved in worship and congregational life at one of our Circle of Faith congregations. Mentors will pray daily for their mentee, engage in regular conversation (weekly is ideal), discuss matters of faith in an honest and helpful way, stand with their mentee on their Confirmation Day, and take an interest in their mentee's life.

Please prayerfully consider being a confirmation mentor to the young students in our parish who are striving to learn more about the faith that we have in Christ Jesus.

The Parish Council did not meet in October. Next meeting is Nov. 1 @ 6 pm

Waverly Council

Waverly Council meeting October, 13, 20016 Council members present: Sue Krueger, Karen Koeder, Tom Peterson, Tim Peterson, Pastor Anthony, Deb Armbrust, Belva Peterson Pastor opened with devotions and prayer. Devotions from Philippians chapter 4. We are not to worry, trust in the Lord.

A motion by Karen and second by Tim to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

A motion by Karen and second by Tom to approve the secretary's report as printed. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report presented by Deb Armbrust. A motion by Karen and second by Tim to accept report as presented. Motion carried. Deb read a letters from the family of Evelyn Lawrence. She bequeathed \$3,500 to Waverly Lutheran, five hundred to go to help support the outreach ministries

Pastor's report: Five confirmands from Waverly have registered to attend the Synod youth gathering in Willmar November 18. Pastor Anthony and also an adult chaperone will attend. Worship Committee: They are very busy planning all the worship services till the end of the year. Karen will be writing an article to put in the Ripples about worship assistants. The third Sunday of each month the youth will be helping with the worship service. Karen is also talking to younger members of the congregation that are interested in helping teach Sunday school. Sunday morning bible study will be starting in January from 9:15 to 10:15 discussing the small catechism and reformation.

Caring Ministries: They continue to make their monthly visits to members in the health care facilities.

Faith Formation: no report

Property: The light in the kitchen has been repaired and Tim will talk to Jeff Armbrust what he thinks about replacing the other fixtures

Old Business: We received good feedback about the Harvest Home Coming Day. Letters with be sent out and information will be in the Ripples about the Endowment vote which is November 13th. The second proof of the parish directory had be received for the individual congregations to look over. Waverly is considering have one Sunday a month as an informal worship service staring next year. Waverly will be holding a Christmas Day Service at 10:00.

New Business: There has been some theft of church property. A police report has been filed and also insurance company notified. Tim will be applying safety locks to some internal doors. Tim will check with the county if they would help with replacing the Waverly sign at the corner (Welcome Road).

Next meeting November 10th at 7:00 pm A motion by Karen and second by Tim to adjourn. Motion carried.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer Respectably submitted Belva Peterson, secretary

Trinity Council No meeting. Next meeting is Nov. 8 @ 7:30 pm

St. Peter Council No meeting.

Next meeting is Nov. 14 @ 7 pm



Ushers & Worship Assistants



DATE	LECTOR	USHERS	
NOVEMBER			
6	Jordan Petshcke	Kevin and Angie Schmidt	
13	Muriel Klenz	Bernice Lehmann and Sherry Schmidt	
20	Jeannine Rasmussen	Larry R Schmidt and Jeff Petshcke	
27	Bernice Lehmann	Larry W Schmidt and Bob Nelson	
DECEMBER			
4	Jeff Petshcke	Darrel and Muriel Klenz	



<u>DATE</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>USHER</u>	COMMUNION
NOVEMBER			
6	MaryAnn Frerichs	Lonnie and Bob Moffitt	Jon Saxen David Jensen
13	Tracy Winter	Travis and Tracy Winter	
20	Liz Stahl	Laura & Sarah Justice	
27	Mary Ann Frerichs	Larry and Deb Philipp	Bob & Lonnie Moffitt
DECEMBER 4	Tracy Winter	Sun & Henry Borchardt	John Borchardt Tony Truesdell



DATE	LECTOR	CHILDREN'S TIME	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION ASSISTANCE
NOVEMBER				
6	Mary Lou Sherman	Kendra Helvig	Youth	Tom Peterson
13	Lynette Shaw	Tim Peterson	Youth	Tom Peterson
20	Susan Rathman	Karen Helvig	Youth	Tom Peterson
27	Rosemary Atzen- hoefer	Pastor	Youth	Tom Peterson
December 4	Deanne Gaalswyk	Tom Peterson	Youth	Laurie Sherman Karen Koeder

November Ushers: John Sherman, Tim Peterson, Cliff Armbrust, Brad Sherman, Jeff Armbrust

December Ushers: Steve Williamson, Troy Schmidtke, Todd Rathman, Will Hecht

St. Peter Ripples

Sunday school

Sunday—

Nov 6 & Nov 27th

9:30 - 11:30 am.



Starting on Sunday, Nov. 27—Dec. 18, there will Christmas program practice, upstairs from 9:30—11:30 am



Next meeting: December 7th @ 1:30 pm

Hostesses: Janice and Annette

Bible Study: "When God Chooses the Unlikely" How can Paul's failings help us to come to terms with a God who chooses the unlike-including you and me?

We are invited to Trinity for an early Christmas dinner on November 2nd at noon. Hence, the reason our next meeting is changed to December 7th. Please let Janice know if you an attend the dinner and we thank the Trinity ladies for the invitation.

Bernice, Janice and myself attended the Fall Gathering at Sleepy Eye on October 15 and it was very enjoyable. Unfortunately, the attendance at these meetings is getting to be less and less and that is a problem looking for a solution.

Muri8el reports our treasury balance as \$2,321.00 We will be deciding on our Christmas Charitable giving this month. If you have a special one you'd like considered please let Muriel or I know.

November is food collection month and a box will be in the narthex. Let's all remember those less fortunate than we are.

Needed for school kits are: notebooks, rulers, and sharpeners. We have enough of other items.

Prayers for November. Tuesdays at 2 pm.

Nov. 1 Prayers for Bishop Jon and Pastor Linda in their leadership positions

Nov. 8 Pray that all Americans will vote

Nov. 15 Pray for families who have lost children

Nov. 22 Pray for thankful hearts in all things

Nov. 29 Pray for our companion synod in South Africa



November birthday: Ann Yackle-21st; Next work duty: Group 2; Nov. Altar care: Marge Schley

"We are here to be a light to the world, showing what it means to be a Christian, not necessarily with words, but with our actions."

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving! Jeannine

Trinity Ripples

WOW

WOW Schedule for November

Nov. 2 6:30 pm

Nov. 16 with a Meal Meal @ 6 pm WOW @ 6:30 pm Starting in November Our worship time will be 10:30 am.



There's still time

Monday, October 31

5:30—7 pm

On Dugan (in front of UCC)



Please join us on Saturday, November 5th, for a bridal shower for Leah Ehlert, bride-to-be of Zach Gerhardt. Come and go from 9-11 am at the Welcome Legion.



Collection week is Nov. 14-21. Last Sunday is November 20th. There are boxes at the church you can use for Operation Christmas Child if you would like. Inside already are: pencils, erasers, sharpeners, toothpaste and a toothbrush. You just fill it with a few more items. There is also information on how to pack a box, ideas on what to buy.

Bright colors, textures, noisy items !!! t-shirts, ball cap, stuffed animal, jewelry, maracas or kazoo, colored paper and color crayons. Hard candy or a lollipop is a special treat. Mild bar soap, comb, washcloth. Plus \$7.00 for each box.

Different age groups are: 2-4 yrs; 5-9 yrs; 10-14 yrs. Boy/Girl



WHAT: Bible Study for all (men and women)

WHEN: The 2nd Monday of each month @ Trinity

TIME: 9 am— coffee, 9:30 am—study





Waverly Ripples

GOD PROVIDES

It has been reported that Faith is a verb and that means action! But what action? Well... God has provided many opportunities for us at Waverly to live out our faith, even within our church. Some of us are already doing... like being a reader, usher, communion assistant, altar guild, baking bread



for communion, and serving on committees and church council. Every now and then we also need to check on our roles...do they still fit us? Is there something else I would rather be doing? That time is now! Please check your heart and commitment and let Karen Koeder know if you do not want to continue your service as a reader or communion assistant. Let Don Nordstrom know about ushering, Rosemary about the altar guild and Sonja about bread baking. Let's remember also the wondrous opportunity to be involved in Sunday School.

And then...these wonderful opportunities to live out your faith are open to everyone, so if you have not been involved, please think about doing so. It is so simple...just let Karen, Don, or Rosemary know what it is you would like to do.

If that is not enough...God has also provided opportunities to affect our worship, faith formation, property and caring ministries through committees and service on our Waverly Council. The nominating committee will begin soon offering incredible experiences in living out our faith. Let's all open our heads and our hearts to the possibility of saying YES!

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT WAVERLY



POTLUCK DINNER

Freed&RENEWED It has come to light that there is a gap in our Sunday Morning at Waverly... an adult something during Sunday School time. With the 500th Anniversary of Martin Luther nailing the 95 Theses to the door of the church in Wittenberg what a great time to have a look at Luther, The Reformation and His

Small Catechism from the other side of confirmation. How long has it been since you have really thought about the catechism in relationship with your life? Why did Luther take on the church and some of its precepts? What does it mean for us today that he did? If you are interested in exploring these thoughts let Karen Koeder know. The time will start on January 8th and be open to all ages including older youth.

SPECIAL MEETING AT WAVERLY—NOVEMBER 13, 2016 AFTER WORSHIP

Waverly Lutheran Church will be holding a special congregational meeting immediately following Worship on November 13, 2016, to vote on whether or not Waverly should establish an endowment fund with the ELCA Endowment Fund Pooled Trust Fund A. The purpose of an endowment fund is to provide a better return on our funds than we are able to receive from our local banks, to provide a means to support the missions of our congregation and to provide an improved mechanism to



ensure perpetual maintenance of our Cemetery. Information about the ELCA Endowment Fund Pooled Trust - Fund A is available on the Heritage Cabinet at Waverly.

A potluck will follow the congregational meeting. The wonderful aromas rising from the Fellowship Hall will certainly tease our senses as we vote.

Please plan to attend.





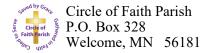


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ED	John Jehnnake		Don & Marilyn Schlager		
7	8	9	10	11 ** Happy	Birthday! ————————————————————————————————————
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14	15	16	17	18	19
Jocelyn Schmidtke Marlys Traetow Steve & Eileen	Kelsey Binner Kyle Binner Elaine Johnson	Carol Thiesse Travis Winter	Camryn Clow Nancy Nordstrom Northan Nordstrom	Lynette Shaw Gary Roberts Adrianna Leiding	Lon Oelke
Morrow			<u> </u>		
21	22	23	24	25	26
Annette Yackle Gene Yackle Sibyl Anderson	Gavin Hand	Cheryl Schwieger	Harold Juhl		
		Tim & Liz Stahl '25	Troy & Lacey Schmidtke	Anotherson	Aldor & DeElda Rose '69
28	29	30			
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	Jeff & Chelsey Armbrust	John & Rita Garbers	Ma	ppy Thanks	giving
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Worship Times 8:30 am St. Peter 10:30 am Trinity 10:30 am Waverly 9:15 am Waverly Sunday School	Trunk or Treat	I 6:30 am Men's SRBS 6 pm Parish Coun- cil meeting 7 pm Mary Circle	Pre-Christmas Dinner Trinity—12 noon 10 am Comm. @ TSL 1:30 pm Dorcas Circle 6:30 pm Confirmation TLC 6:30 pm WOW/TLC 7 pm Choir—WLC	9 am Women's SRBS	4	End Shower Leah Ehlert. Bride-to-be of Zach Gerhardt 9—11 am @ Welcome Legion
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What are you thankful for? Your list is undoubtedly very long, as is mine. Very high on my list is MU-SIC. It is impossible to imagine the world without it. Martin Luther declared it was God's greatest gift to mankind. When we were taking confirmation classes several years ago, one of the assignments was to learn all the verses of at least ten hymns. What a treasure that turned out to be.

Dr. Lowell Davey, the founder of Bible Broadcasting Network (BBN) (AND a 1951 graduate of Tri-Mont

High School, I might add!) wrote in a recent BBN newsletter about hearing his parents singing hymns as they worked around the farm. Soldiers in foxholes or in enemy prisons tell of how they were able to keep up their hope and sanity by singing hymns they learned as children. When hymns are played in nursing homes, rescue missions, prisons, etc., they will bring tears to residents as they mouth the words.

I remember visiting my dad in the Trimont nursing home when someone brought him a tape of the previous Sunday's worship service at Waverly. When the hymn "Amazing Grace" began, Dad mouthed the words of all the verses – and he knew them all.

The words of a Bill and Gloria Gaither song come to mind: "Loving God, loving each other, making music with my friends; loving God, loving each other and the story never ends. 1) They pushed back from the table to listen to His words, His secret plan before He had to go; It's not complicated, don't need a lot of rules, this is all you need to know. 2)We tend to make it harder, building steeples out of stones, Fill books with explanations of 'the way' but if we'd stop and listen, and break a little bread, we would hear the Master say: It's loving God, loving each other, making music with my friends; loving God, loving each other, and the story never ends."

When making your list of all the things you are thankful for this Thanksgiving, don't forget music!