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OCTOBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

	October 2 nd	October 9 th	October 16 th	October 23 rd	October 30 th Reformation Sunday
St. Peter 8:30 AM	Worship w/Communion Altar: Green	Worship Altar: Green	Worship Altar: Green	Worship Altar: Green	Worship w/Communion Altar: Red
Trinity 8:30 AM	Worship w/Communion Altar: Green	Worship Altar: Green	Worship Altar: Green	Worship Altar: Green	Worship w/Communion Altar: Red
Waverly 10:30 AM	Worship w/Communion Altar: Green	Worship w/Communion Altar: Green	Worship w/Communion Altar: Green	Worship w/Communion Altar: Green	Worship w/Communion Altar: Red

Watonwan River Conference
Women of the ELCA

FALL GATHERING

“A Time to Dance”

October 15, 2016 8:30 am Cost \$7.00
Trinity Lutheran Church, Sleepy Eye

Speaker: Marge Lundeen

Lunch served by the Trinity ladies, Sleepy Eye



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

WORSHIP TIMES

St. Peter—Ceylon 8:30 am
 Trinity—Welcome 8:30 am
 Waverly—Trimont 10:30 am



NEXT



Is October 18th

@ Janice Franck
 5:30—7:30 pm



No get-together in
 October

In 1936, a group of pastors launched World-Wide Communion Day. Amid the Great Depression, they were looking for a way to meet people's spiritual needs and unite Christians in their dedication to Christ.



The observance, now known as World Communion Sunday, is held on the first Sunday of October. For eight decades it has served as a reminder that Christians around the globe share the same meal in remembrance of Jesus.

You'rx nxxdxd!!!

Xvxn though my typxwritxr is an old modxl, it works quitx wxll—xcxpt for onx kxy. I havx many timxs wishxd it workxd pxrfectly. It's trux that thx othxr kxys work grxat, but just onx kxy not working makxs a hugx diffxrxncx.

Somxtimxs our church sxxms likx my typxwritxr—not all thx kxy pxoplx work. You may say to yoursxlx, "Wxll, I'm just onx pxrson. I don't makx or brxak thx church." But it does makx a big diffxrxncx bxcausx a church, to bx xffctivx, nxxds thx activx participation of vxxy pxrson.

So, thx nxxt timx you think your xfforts arxn't nxxcssary, rxmxmbxr my typxwritxr and say to yoursxlx, "I'm a kxy pxrson in thx congrxgation, and I'm nxxdxd vxry much."

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 Youth Group



High School Youth Group will be meeting on Wednesday, October 12th and 26th from 7:00-8:00 pm at Trinity. Come and join us as we make plans for this coming year (including our mission trip in early June)!

It is October, which means football, anything apple (cider, pie, crisp), and of course TERROR! Not doing anything for MEA this year? We are making plans to scare you by visiting some haunted corn mazes and other fun fall activities. Make sure to come to youth group on Wednesday, October 12th at 7:00 pm to get all of the details. That is of course unless you are too scared to check it out!



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.



Calling all trunks—to Dugan Street

On Halloween we are going to do Trunk or Treat again.

This year we are going to join St. Paul's and park our trunks on Dugan St. (in front of UCC).

5:30—7 pm (hand out candy)

Let the office know if you are going to do a trunk.



COUNCIL MINUTES

Parish committee members present include: Jeff Lueth, Deanne Gaalswyk, Marilyn Cheever, Scott Morrow, Jody Franck and Jon Saxen and Deb Philipp. Congregational Presidents: Sue Krueger from Waverly, Henry Borchardt from Trinity .

Addition to agenda: November Parish Council meeting is Election day. There will be a possible change of meeting date to be added under New Business.

Jon Saxen made a motion to accept the amended agenda and it was seconded by Jody Franck.

Devotions by Pastor Anthony: He presented Bishop Eaton's report on you tube video of her speech. She spoke of how we are church first. We are not a business. Our lives are formed by word and sacrament. Then we are sent out to do other things.

Marilyn Cheever made a motion to accept Secretary Report as written. Jeff Lueth seconded it.

Jody Franck made a motion to accept Treasurer's report as written. Marilyn Cheever seconded it.

Pastors Report:

Church wide assembly was held in New Orleans. Pastor Anthony attended. Bishop Eaton challenged everyone to read the small catechism for the reformation time of the year. Lessons will be presented in Sermons in the next few months. An app is also available on the internet to download a small catechism on your phone. Augsburg Fortress has the app. Pastor Anthony is going to have the confirmation kids use this app on their phones as a quick way to work on the small catechism. Declaration on the Way was voted on, accepted and approved in New Orleans. This is a Document with 32 statements that Lutherans and Catholics agree on. This just involves the ECL A, which was made up of a panel of half Lutherans and half Catholics. It is a Goal for commonality. Pastor Anthony very much enjoyed his time at the conference.

Old Business:

Greeting card update: Cards are here. Writers will be Marilyn Cheever from St Peter, Charleen Swanson from Trinity and Belva Peterson from Waverly. Stamps are provided and a spreadsheet with names and significant life event dates will be provided by Pastor Anthony to the writers.

Church directory update: We are waiting to receive the directories from Life Touch. Office staff is working on address changes and then will send back to Life Touch.

Summer worship survey: What did we learn from Trinity survey? After two attempts at a survey, one at a Wednesday night service and one online, both surveys came up with a split decision on both times of

starts of service. For Sept and Oct Trinity will begin at 8:30 and from November thru April we will start at 10:30 Another survey will then be conducted after April to see how we proceed with start times for Trinity. There was a discussion to present this survey at the annual meeting in each of the churches for members' feelings on 6:30 evening services and start times for summer or beyond. There was a discussion on how often Communion should be given at the Wednesday night services and if people should be ushered or invited to come up. It was decided that this should be included as an annual meeting agenda item as well. There were comments that people didn't know where the Offering plates were. Pastor Anthony said he easily could put offering back into the evening services, rather than at the end of the service.

New Business: Christmas Eve will be held at all three churches. Christmas Day and New Years Day fall on Sundays this year. It was discussed their will be no Christmas Day services offered and we will have a joint service for New Years Day at Waverly at 10:00 am

Renewal of Pastor's Eric Contract: Pastor Eric's wife has retired. Eric was receiving health care coverage under Sue's plan. Eric researched health insurance options and he felt the best would be Portico insurance for him. Pastor Anthony explained that when Pastors are on an Active clergy roster the premiums are lower. When a Pastor is on the retired roster churches would pay a higher rate for the same insurance. Pastor Eric is on the retired roster and therefore the insurance rates would be higher. There was a discussion on a couple of different ways we could handle Pastor Eric's insurance. We decided to extend an interim contract to him, it will go thru synod council and he would be considered on the active call and be able to receive the Portico health care coverage benefits at a cheaper rate. Nothing has changed from Pastor Eric's contract. Jon Saxen made a motion to approve interim contract and Jody Franck seconded it.

Parish budget has to be set for 2017 by our November meeting. It's also a good time to be thinking about members that would be going off the parish council in the beginning of the year and possible members to fill those vacant spots. Next Meeting will be on Tuesday, November 1st at 6 pm at Trinity. Jon Saxen made a motion to adjourn. Jody Franck seconded it.

Sincerely submitted,
Deb Philipp
Parish Council Secretary

Waverly Council

September 15, 2016

Council members present: Sue Krueger, Karen Koeder, Tim Peterson, Tom Peterson, Cliff Anderson, Don Nordstrom, Deanne Gaalswyk, Pastor Anthony, Belva Peterson.

The meeting was called to order by President Sue Krueger, Karen Koeder led us with devotion from the book *Discovering Hope*. The topic was on leadership. We should first go to Jesus. In Leadership we need to partner with others.

Karen Koeder opened with prayer.

A motion by Karen and seconded by Tim to approve the agenda with correction. Motion carried.

A motion by Karen and seconded by Tom to approve the secretary's report with corrections. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was presented by Cliff. A motion by Karen and seconded by Deanne to accept the report as printed. Motion carried.

Pastor's report: Said the church wide assembly held in New Orleans was wonderful. They elected a new vice president. 32 statements were presented that Catholics and the ELCA Synod agreed on. Oct 30th in Sweden the Lutheran World Federation will meet. The Pope will also attend. Pastor Anthony will be purchasing an Alb for Nathan Simmonds to use when he helps with services. A motion by Karen and seconded by Don, Waverly would pay the cost for the 5 confirmands and any chaperones from Waverly that want to attend the Synod Youth Gathering in Willmar Nov 18 and 19 and report back to the congregation. Motion carried.

Worship Committee: The third Sunday each month we will be using the book *"With one Voice"*. Everyone seemed to enjoy the Wednesday night services. We should think if we would like Wednesday service every 3rd month. Also think about having ushers ushering members to the front of the church for communion or have members just walk up to the alter and have an usher at the front. Karen will see if any members are interested in attending Sunday morning bible study.

Caring ministries: Making their monthly visits to members in health care facilities.

Faith Formation: The theme for the Sunday School Year is "He's got the whole world in his hands." They have fifteen children attending Sunday School. They renewed the "Sparks" lesson material. Still always looking for Sunday school teacher.

Property: No report. One light in the kitchen the ballast is broken. Cliff, Tim and Tom will look into it.

Old Business: 16 children and their families are coming from Gloria Dei for Harvest Homecoming. Parish picnic this year was well attended. Information about the endowment fund will be inserted in the bulletin and in the Ripples. Greeting card ministry, the cards are in. Belva will contact Pastor Anthony for more information. Tim is still in touch with Harry and Tootie Gerdes about making the sign "In this family we do". The Honeywell communication system has been renewed. Still working on the Parish Directory.

New Business: The organ and piano have been tuned. The elevator needs to be repaired to stay in compliance, audible and lighted alarm stop switches need to be installed. Cliff will look in to what needs to be done. There will be no service on Christmas Day. There will be a joint service on New Year's Day at Waverly at 10:00 am. We are all invited to an open house September 25, 2016 at Hosanna Free Church in St. James from 2:00 to 5:00 to help Doris Krenz celebrate her 90th birthday.

Next meeting October 13 at 8:00 pm.

A motion by Don and seconded by Tim to adjourn. Motion carried.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Belva Peterson, secretary.

Trinity Council —No meeting in September. Next meeting is November 8 @ 7:30 pm

St. Peter Council —No meeting in September. Next meeting is November 14.



Ushers & Worship Assistants

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DATE	LECTOR	USHERS
OCTOBER		
2	Jordan Petschke	Dale and Jeanne Leiding
9	Muriel Klenz	Todd and Tina Peta
16	Jeannine Rasmussen	Jeremy and Chelsie Wink
23	Bernice Lehmann	Ronnie and Jane Leiding
30	Jeff Petschke	Kathy Bremer and Jeannine Rasmussen
November 6	Jordan Petschke	Kevin and Angie Schmidt

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DATE	LECTOR	USHER	COMMUNION
October 2		Larry Puhrman Todd Williams	Bob and Lonnie Moffitt
9		Jon and Jen Saxen	
16		Carolyn and Wes Strausser	
23		John and Rita Garbers	
30		Zane and John Borchardt	Brian Burmeister Tony Truesdell
November 6		Lonnie and Bob Moffitt	Jon Saxen David Jensen

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DATE	LECTOR	CHILDREN'S TIME	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION ASSISTANCE
October 2	Tim Peterson	Kirsten Rabbe	Youth	Susan Rathman
9	Laurie Sherman	Susan Rathman	Youth	Susan Rathman
16	Karen Koeder	Pastor	Youth	Susan Rathman
23	Lindsey Bettin	Pastor	Youth	Susan Rathman
30	Scott Peterson		Youth	Susan Rathman
November 6	Mary Lou Sherman	Kendra Helvig	Youth	Tom Peterson

October Ushers: Bob Olson, Jim Sherman, Brian Clow, Dennis Krueger, Don Nordstrom

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

St. Peter Ripples

Sunday school
Sunday—October 9

9:30 — 11:30 am.



Next Meeting: October 5th @ 1:30 pm

Hostesses: Muriel and Marge

Bible Study: "When God forgives the guilty."

How do we, like Jesus followers, come to terms with a God who gives to those who haven't earned it?

The Ingham Bible Camp Hog Roast was great—beautiful weather and a big crowd. Sitting outside listening to the music of Peder Eide and Swen & Dean and later the pie auction was wonderful. I have not received the full amount made but Bernice's pie sold for \$200. and Janice's pie for \$180. It's amazing how much the pies sell for and there were about 25 of them.

Muriel reports our treasury balance is \$2,328. It was decided to donate \$200. to the Backpack Food Program coordinated by Heaven's Table Food Shelf.

Some school kits have been assembled and donations are still welcome to make more. Notebooks, crayons, pencils, pens, rulers, scissors, erasers, sharpeners.

Registration opened Sept. 6th for the Tenth Triennial Gathering, July 13-16, 2017. Women will gather in Minneapolis under the theme "All Anew."

Our Fall Gathering will be October 1st at Trinity in Truman. Let's try to have a care full going. It starts at 8:30 am and ends after a luncheon at noon.

Janice Franck will host the Wine, Women & the Word gathering on Tuesday, Oct. 18th from 5:30—7:30 pm.

October Birthday: Charlotte Schmidtke — October 25

Next work duty: Group 2

October Altar care: Barb Schmidt

It is one of the most beautiful compensations in life.

We can never help another without helping ourselves. Ralph Waldo Emerson

—Love Jeannine

Trinity Ripples



WHAT: Bible Study for all (men and women)

WHEN: The 2nd Monday of each month @ Trinity

TIME: 9 am— coffee, 9:30 am—study





At Trinity, we are preparing for our third year of W.O.W. but we need your help in order to continue teaching and sharing our faith with the young, energetic members of our congregation. When these kids were baptized, we ALL made a promise to them that we would support and pray for them in their new life in Christ. These young, children of God need YOUR help in learning about the love of God that you have come to know and feel.

W.O.W. is on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 pm. In order to continue the program at its current level, we need at least two volunteers to help. Your commitment to the children in our congregation would consist of **2 Wednesday nights per month** (one night you would teach with a volunteer assisting you, the other night you would assist the volunteer who is teaching). Prep time for the one lesson a month that you would be asked to teach would take about an hour of time.

We are also looking for volunteers to help supply and/or prepare/serve meals before W.O.W. A light meal is offered to students and parents once a month on Wednesday evening before W.O.W. and confirmation. If you would like to donate money or prepare a meal, please talk to Pastor Anthony.



Can you believe it is that time year again? We will be participating in this again this year. Thank you to those who took part last year, millions of children experienced the joy of Christmas as they received gift filled shoe boxes and literature presenting the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Collection week is November 14-21.

When packing your shoeboxes, think Bright Colors, textures and Noisy items!!

Remember, many children that receive these boxes live in a hard, bleak and colorless world resulting from war, famine and hard times. How fun would it be for them to cuddle up with a bright and cozy blanket or soft stuffed animal? How wonderful for them to be able to put on a clean t-shirt, ball cap or brightly colored jewelry?

Don't you think they would enjoy making noise with maracas or a kazoo? How creative could they be with treasured paper and color crayons? While you are on the hunt for all of these fun items, please don't forget about the necessities too:

Hygiene items like toothbrushes, toothpaste, mild bar soap (put in plastic bag) comb, washcloth. Hard candy or lollipops are a special treat. It still only cost \$7.00 to send each box.

REMEMBER: NO war related items like toy guns, knives and military figures. No damaged items.

I have come up with a great idea for next year and will give you a reminder in the months to come. To make this a whole church project, everyone could bring in a monthly gift.

- Such as: January: \$1.00 so we can buy plastic shoe boxes
- February: maybe toothbrushes and toothpaste
- March: wash cloths and soap
- April: hairbrush, comb or hair accessories
- And on and on and on.

I will keep you posted !!!

Marilyn Oelke

Waverly Ripples



Quilting days —

Tuesday and
Wednesday

October 11 & 12

Trimont Firemen will
be holding a Pancake
Breakfast on Sunday,
Oct. 30 from 10 am—
1 pm.

Proceeds to purchase
fire equipment.
Free will donation.



October anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Keith Meyer
2 Selma Peterson	3 Norma Schley Charleen Swanson MaryAnn Frerichs	4 Ron Schock Kathleen Klug <i>Michael & Tina Schultz '30'</i>	5 Nathan Simmonds	6	7 <i>Tom & Sandy McKean</i>	8 Liz Stahl Landon Gerhardt Gayle Odegaard Elizabeth Knutson Kenzie Schmidtke <i>Victor & Diana Abelson '45'</i>
9 Jodi Lueth	10 	11 Laurie Sherman Charles Armbrust	12 Vicki Smith	13	14 Joel Minscer	15
16 	17 Emilee Kuehl	18 Donald Saxen Jon Saxen <i>Ralph & Maureen Stanton</i>	19 Brian Rahm Ellie Kuehl	20	21 	22
23	24 Kathy Johnson	25 Charlotte Schmidtke <i>Todd & Susan Rathman</i>	26 Calvin Schultze	27 Amy Feely	28	29
30 Millie Wohlhuter Kelley Bettin Kiley Bettin Lola Lueth	31  Joyce Sathoff Dana Dettmer Jackie Frerichs Charles Rahm	 <i>Happy Halloween</i>				



OCTOBER



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8:30 am Worship StP & TLC 9:15 SS—WLC 10:30 am Worship Communion	3	4 9 am THCC Worship 7 pm Mary Circle @ LuAnn Peterson	5 1:30 pm WELCA-StP 1:30 pm Dorcas Circle 6:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm WOW-TLC 7 pm Choir-WLC	6	7 	8
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30 Reformation Sunday 8:30 am Worship StP & TLC Communion 9:15 SS—WLC 10:30 am Worship Communion	31 Trunk or Treat on Dugan 	Tues. Nov. 1 6 pm Parish Council mtg.	Wed. Nov. 2 Pre Christmas Dinner For all Circle of Faith members, hosted by TLC @ TLC 12 noon			



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Prolific hymn writer Isaac Watts was the oldest of nine children and he was always annoying his father by rhyming everything even in ordinary conversation. One day his father was scolding him and he replied, "Oh, Father, do some pity take, and I will no more verses make."

It was 1714 and England's Queen Anne was dying. She had no heir to succeed her so the whole country was worried about what would happen. Isaac was concerned about his father. He had been imprisoned many years earlier and Queen Anne had freed him. Isaac was afraid the next regime would put him back in prison. He wrote "Oh, God, Our Help in Ages Past" with Psalm 90 as the inspiration. It is all about time. God stands above time: "our help in ages past"; "a shelter from storms"; "before the hills in order stood"; "a thousand ages are like an evening gone"; "our guide while life shall last"; "our eternal home". It covers all the bases!

This was just one of hundreds of hymns written by Watts – he wrote a hymn a week for several years but this is certainly one of his best. It was played on BBC when WWII was declared – it was played at Winston Churchill's funeral. People turn to this hymn when current events bring worry and concern. They know that the God of all ages will be a safe haven. Master composers such as Handel and Bach have used this melody as part of their works. Listen carefully and you will hear it. Watts died in 1748 at the age of 74. His monument is placed in Westminster Abbey, the highest honor possible in Great Britain.