

## PASTOR ANTHONY'S RIPPLES

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

“Saved by Grace, Gathered in Faith, Called to Serve.” Where have you seen/heard that phrase before? Hopefully you said that is the mission statement for Circle of Faith. It is also the words that circle the cross in our Circle of Faith logo. Have you ever stopped to think about these three short phrases?

### Saved by Grace

This line is first in our mission statement because, we are first and foremost saved by grace through the waters of our baptisms. We were saved before we could do anything to earn it. Grace simply means a free gift from God. Our salvation, the eternal life that is promised to us is freely given not because of anything that we have or have not done, but all because of what God has done through Jesus Christ in his crucifixion, death and resurrection. On Sunday, October 4 the Gospel text from Mark 10:2-16 shows us exactly this grace. Jesus brings the little children to himself and says, “Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” It is through the faith of child that grace comes pouring in.

### Gathered in Faith

This life is not always easy, and many of you know this all too well. From cancer and heart attacks, to accidents and alcohol/drug abuse – this life is challenging, difficult and feels nearly impossible at times. Even though we know that we have been saved by grace and carry with us the promises of the resurrection, we still often forget about these promises and try to face this challenging life alone. This is why we *Gathering in Faith*. We gather with other believers, centered around God’s Word at the weekly worship services, around the altar for Holy Communion, during Bible studies, and around the coffee table for socializing, support for one another and to grow in our relationships with each other and with God. On Sunday, October 11 the Gospel text from Mark 10:17-31 reminds us that one our own, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God. For us, on our own, it is impossible to save ourselves and get into heaven, but for God, all things are possible. This is why we gather in faith, to support each other, pray for each other, and grow with each other.

### Called to Serve

First we are saved by grace, not by any doing of our own. We then gather together in faith to be given the strength that we need to continue each week in this life. Then and only then are we able to do as Jesus commanded us, which was to go and serve our neighbors. As disciples of Jesus, members of God family, the body of Christ, we are called to serve others in Christ’s name. On Sunday, October 18 the Gospel text from Mark 10:35-45 gives us an example of what service in Christ’s name really looks like. It is not arguing amongst ourselves on who is the greatest, but rather following Jesus’ example that to be considered great means to actually be a servant to all.

And there you have it. We are Saved by Grace, Gathered in Faith, Called to Serve! I challenge you to continually working on all three of these:

Saved by Grace: When you wake up in the morning, with your figure trace a cross on your forehead to remind yourself that you have been saved by God’ grace.

Gathered in Faith: Keep church as a priority in your life and in the life of your family. Gathering together in faith is key to our relationships with each other and with God.

Called to Serve: In your service to one another, do so with the intent of helping a fellow brother or sister in Christ, not to simply make yourself feel good or meet a requirement.

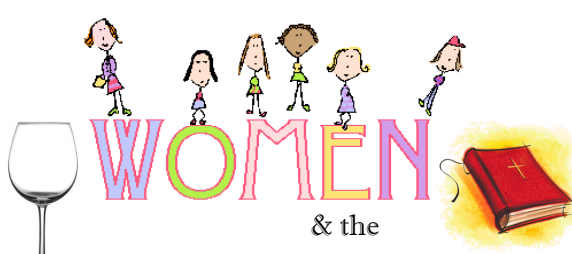
Circle of Faith, you have been SAVED BY GRACE so that you can be GATHERED IN FAITH in order that you listen to God in which you are CALLED TO SERVE.

**PASTOR ERIC'S RIPPLES**

No ripples from Pastor Eric this month—



  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27**  
**5:30—7:30 PM**  
 Looking for a host !

  
*Tuesday, Oct. 20*  
*6—8 pm*  
 Will you volunteer to host?

**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**—6:30 am on Thursdays  
*Led by Pastor Stephanie Christoffels*

Meet at First Lutheran Church in Tri-



**Tuesday Morning  
Coffees**

**Starting, Oct. 6**  
**8:30—10:00 am**  
**@ St. Luke's**  
**Sherburn**

**OCTOBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

<b>Date</b>	<b>St. Peter – 8:30 am</b>	<b>Trinity – 10:30 am</b>	<b>Waverly – 10:30 am</b>
<b>October 4 – Communion</b> <i>Altar Color: Green</i>	Pr. Anthony	Pr. Eric	Pr. Anthony
<b>October 11</b> <i>Altar Color: Green</i>	Pr. Eric	Pr. Anthony	Pr. Eric
<b>October 18</b> <i>Altar Color: Green</i>	Pr. Anthony	Pr. John Malm <i>Pr. Eric is on vacation</i>	Pr. Anthony
<b>October 25 - Communion</b> <i>Altar Color: Red</i> <i>Reformation Sunday</i>	Pr. Eric	Pr. Anthony	Pr. Eric

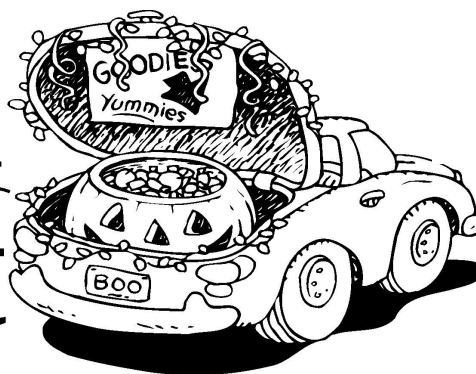
# YOUTH GROUP OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup>



High school (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade) youth group will meet Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:00 pm at Trinity. We will be talking about what fun activity we want to do this month, possibly Valleyfair. If you'd like more information please talk to Pastor Anthony or John Borchardt.



## Trunk *or* Treat



Treat or Treating tradition for all ages. Kids enjoy dressing up and asking for candy. Adults enjoy seeing the various costumes and handing out candy. Ex-

perience become a city thing. If you live in the country, not many people come out to trick or treat. This year, Trunk or Treat is going to change all of that. Beginning at 5:00 pm on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, for those of you living in the country and wishing to hand out candy to trick or treaters, you are invited to park your car in front of St. Peter in Ceylon or Trinity in Welcome. As kids are running from house to house they can also stop by each car parked by the church to trick or treat at. Feel free to dress up and/or decorate the trunk or tailgate of your car, truck, van or SUV. If you have any questions please talk to Pastor Anthony.

on Halloween is a fun ages. Kids enjoy dress-for candy. Adults enjoy costumes and handing cept, this has basically

*\*\*In Welcome, St. Paul's UCC church is also planning on doing trunk or treating.*



We would like to thank Circle of Faith Parish for the beautiful Mum plants we received, and to everyone for all their prayers, sympathy, cards and hugs following the death of our 'Moms' Colleen Bunge and Hilda Poppe. Everything was so greatly appreciated.

Lisa Wohlhuter and Eileen Morrow  
(Parish Administrators)



# Seminarian's Letters Home      October 2015

To the membership of Circle of Faith Parish:

Greetings to you all from Evanston, IL! Welcome to another season of changing leaves, harvesting crops, hunting season, cooler days and longer nights! We are now officially in the fall of the year, and are preparing, as we always do, to celebrate Reformation at the end of October. Meanwhile, of course, it's harvest time.

On October 17, the Church remembers a saint named John the Dwarf. He had a funny name, and a funny story. In the late fourth century, he went to the Egyptian desert to become a monk. His mentor felt that he needed to learn patience and persistence, so he stuck a stick in the ground, and instructed John to water it every day until it bore fruit. John thought it was ridiculous, but kept on watering it every single day for three years straight, until a seed concealed within the stick finally sprouted and grew into an apple tree.

Funny how that kind of thing happens in Christian life, isn't it? John the Dwarf couldn't have known what would happen as he kept on watering that stick. Luther could never have known when he nailed the 95 Theses to a door that his ideas would fuel one of the most powerful movements in Western Christianity. Our ancestors could not know, when they set up our three churches, that in time we would grow to become the area parish we have. All they had, and all we have, is faith, and the promise that God can and will do something with even our simple lives, and with such basic stuff as a book, a bowl of water, a piece of bread and a glass of wine. But that's the point of Reformation, after all – that God makes amazing things happen in the last place on earth we'd think to look.

Heading through harvest toward Reformation and the feasts of the saints, let us pray for God's blessing, using these words:

*Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, comfort and protect them in times of trial, defend them from all enemies of the Gospel, and bestow upon your church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. [ELW, Reformation Sunday]*

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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# ST. PETER R I P P L E S

October meeting: October 7 @ 1:30 pm

Hostesses: Elaine Krueger and Bernice Lehmann

Bible Study: Session 2 on "Keeping the Sabbath". Last month God called us to snow down., But what about slowing down too much? When is God telling us to hurry up and take action?

An estimated 290 people attended the Ingham Lake Bible Camp Hog Roast. The Bd of Directors broke ground for the new chapel and we need to keep this project in our prayers that it will all be able completed as planned. The proceeds are: Donations \$3,058. and the Pie Auction \$6,275. The highest pie sold for \$270. Amazing !!!!

On August 26th we completed 27 quilts for LWR. Also 16 School Kits were made. JoAnn will deliver 4 nice blankets to the Salvation Army in Mankato for the homeless. All this is "Mission in Action".

Our treasury balance is \$2,599. We received \$300. from Thrivent Financial from having the community break-fasts. It was voted to donate this to the "God's Work, Our Hand's" backpack program in addition to \$200. given.

Barb participates in the 'Options Walk for Life and \$50. was donated to her for that.

The WRC Women of the ELCA Fall Gathering is October 3 at Zion Lutheran in Odin. Registration and coffee is at 8:30 am. \$7.00 per attendee Let's get a car load going. It is done after lunch.

A big "thank you" to Ron Leiding for making the beautiful wood holder for the Hardanger banner. It's a beautiful addition to the church

We extend our sympathy to the Wohlhuter family on the death of Lisa's mother, Mrs. Colleen Bunge.

October:	Birthday:	Charlotte Schmidtke 25th
	Altar Care:	Jeannine Next work duty: Group 3

I like the Waverly "Harvest Homecoming" theme verse" "The Lord will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest." Psalm 85:12

Love, Jeannine





October Sunday School , will be on Sunday the 11th starting at 9:30 am.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>USHERS</b>
Oct. 4	Jeremy and Chelsie Wink
11	Ronnie and Jane Leiding
18	JoAnn Wink and Kathy Bremer
25	Kevin and Angier Schmidt
Nov. 1	Larry W Schmidt and Bob Nelson

## **TRINITY RIPPLES**

### LOOKING FOR WOW MEAL SERVERS



Last year during WOW (Worship On Wednesdays) we had generous individuals at Trinity who were willing to step up and provide a meal for our WOW kids and Confirmation students on Wednesday nights before their education time. This was certainly a highlight for the kids and the parents appreciated not having to worry about trying to get a quick meal in on those Wednesday nights before running on to church.

This year, we would like to do WOW with a meal again. We will again start with offering a meal once a month (if we have more individuals interested than what we need, then we can start offering meals twice a month). Some individuals have already signed up, but we still need more help. Be begin serving the lite meal at 6:00 pm, before confirmation and WOW begin at 6:30 pm. If you are interested in preparing and serving a meal for our young people on November 4, December 2, January 6 or April 6, please talk to Velma Schaal (phone # 749-3317 or cell # 230-4444), please leave a message if no answer.

### COME SING IN THE CHOIR AT TRINITY



If you like to sing or are interested in being part of Trinity's choir, then please come to our first practice. We are meeting before worship at 9:30 am to practice. Marilyn Oelke will be our choir director. She has lots of ideas of different songs that we can sing for Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas. For more information please talk to Marilyn or Pastor Anthony.

Prayer Chain: If you have a special need for help through prayer, for any reason, call Charleen Swanson. No names need to be mentioned, but may be included as the situation warrants. Your name can be added to the list of volunteer "Pray-ers by calling Charleen at 728-8260

<b>Group 1</b>		<b>Group 2</b>		<b>Group 3</b>	
Charleen Swanson	728-8620	Charleen Swanson	728-8620	Charleen Swanson	728-8620
Janet Saxen	728-8880	Carol Chukuske	728-8674	Connie Jensen	764-2053
Marlys Traetow	749-2020	Eileen Morrow	728-8774	Phyllis Arndt	728-8973
Shirley Burmeister	728-8408	Gracie Mulso	1-507-402-4028	Elaine Bergemann	728-8561
Mary Ann Frerichs	728-8492	Millie Wohlhuter	238-9225	Betty Stine	238-4443
Gayle Schuett	399-1403	Norma Schley	728-8596	or	230-0704
Julie Schulz	507-842-0929			Velma Schaal	749-3317
June Schultz	728-8384			Mary Ann DeBus	728-8878



### **NEW AT TRINITY!**

Do you have many of your monthly bills set up as automatic payments? Have you ever forgotten your checkbook on a Sunday morning or forgot to give to your church one week because you were on vacation? Well Trinity Lutheran is now set up to automatically receive your offering through an automatic monthly or bi-monthly withdrawal from your checking account. We understand that you are busier and more mobile than ever before. And we want you to have that flexibility while still regularly giving to your church. To get started, simply fill out the one page form with your information and return it to the parish office. Forms can be found at church or on the parish website: [www.circleoffaithparish.org](http://www.circleoffaithparish.org). Your regular giving will ensure that your church will be able to continue meeting their financial obligations even though you go on vacation for a couple weeks this summer or you go and visit your grandchildren for a weekend. Sign up for Automatic Giving at Trinity today!

DATE	USHERS	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION
Oct. 4	Larry and Deb Philipp	Mackenzie Petersen Sami Meyer	John Garbers and Joel Detert
11	Marty and Wayne Burmesiter	Caelyn Harder Derek Hughes	
18	Loren Schultz Delano Bergemann	Carter Mosloski Todd Morrow	
25	Becky and Joel Detert	Gavin Hand Mackenzie Petersen	Henry Borchardt John Borchardt
Nov. 1	Jon and Jen Saxen	Sami Meyer Derek Hughes	Lonnie and Bob Moffitt



## WAVERLY RIPPLES

Waverly Council Meeting September 10, 2015

Council members present: Nancy Nordstrom, Sue Krueger, Tom Peterson, Cliff Armbrust, Don Nordstrom, Jack Potter, Marleone Williamson, Pastor Anthony, Karen Koeder, Deanne Gaalswyk, Belva Peterson.

Nancy called to meeting to order Nancy opened the mtg with devotions and prayer reading from Isaiah 50:4-9.

A motion by Sue and seconded by Karen to approve the agenda with addition, motion carried.

Secretary's report read. Motion by Karen and seconded by Sue to accept the report, motion carried.

Treasure's report presented by Cliff. Balance is \$ 10,115.98 behind budget amount. Motion by Karen and seconded by Jack to approve the report, motion carried.

Pastor's report: Average attendance from Mission on the prairie was 54 people. Circle of Faith is reviewing if we want to continue this series for next year. Waverly currently has 2 students in the confirmation class.

Worship Committee: Rally Sunday is Oct 4<sup>th</sup>. The worship theme for Harvest Home coming will be growing seed. This is based on the parable of the seeds and how we can relate this to use in our daily living. Next meeting Oct 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30.

Caring Ministries: The lawn mowing crew surprised Karen Koeder by painting her garage and helping with landscaping around her home. They are also helping mow Denis Krueger's lawn while he is recovering. Both are very grateful for the help.

Faith Formation: They will be using "Spark Rotation" a web site with activities and stories. Sunday school will be every Sunday from 9:15 to 10:15. There are 17 students in Sunday school this year.

Property Committee: Working with a company about replacing the louvers for bell tower. Will try to get bids from other companies also. Marleone will be purchasing new copier for our church.

Old Business: God Work Our Hands is Sept 13<sup>th</sup> Nancy will present information in church about the Back Pack Program. The new wedding and funeral polices were reviewed. Changes were suggested, Pastor Anthony will make changes and present again to the council for approval. Marleone and Belva will make a list where banners, candles etc. are located in the church and people to contact if people have questions regarding weddings.

New Business: Trinity Lutheran in Truman is having a celebration of their church building. Motion by Tom and seconded by Karen to send flowers, motion carried. Marleone will purchase them. Pastor Rich would like to visit Waverly Oct 4<sup>th</sup>. Nancy will check when would be the best time. Coffee hour or noon pot luck. Circle of Faith would like to have a picture directory for the 3 churches. The last picture directory for Waverly was taken in 2008. Pictures would be taken in spring. A motion by Don and seconded by Tom to have a circle of faith picture directory. Motion carried. Honeywell alert system is a system where you can receive communication from the church about upcoming meetings, church cancelations, etc. You can receive this by phone, email, or text messages. Cost for the year is \$750 for all three churches. The first year is a trial year and someone has donated the money for the year. Backup plan if the pastor will not be at the church service is to call the President. The president in turn will contact the necessary people. Circle of Faith will be looking at starting times for at 3 churches. Keep the same or make some changes. Looking into suggestions how to prevent unauthorized people from moving the focus of video camera.

Next meeting Oct 15<sup>th</sup>

Don motioned to adjourn and seconded by Karen, motion passed.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Belva Peterson, Secretary



To all Waverly Members,

# BUDGET REPORT

As you may have noticed in past minutes from the council we are not meeting our budget at this point in time. We had decreased our budget last year in as many areas as we could. So at this point in time I am requesting that you consider what you are able to give to the church in the last quarter of the year. I am trusting that God will provide and our needs will be met. I thank all of you for prayerfully considering your continuing support of Waverly and our mission.  
Yours in Christ, Nancy Nordstrom Waverly Council President



Thank you to all those who served summer coffee hours at Waverly. We were able to raise over \$900 dollars for the backpack program. We will continue to pass the backpack in church on a monthly basis to raise funds for this worthy cause to help children in need in Martin County.

### Waverly Quilting notes:



The 7 helpers have made 24 quilts.

We have sent 12 adults quilts an 6 baby quilts to Omaha, NE for the Somalia Refugee Center. Our next quilting days are Oct. 13 & 14.

DATE	READER	ACOLYTE	CHILDREN'S TIME	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
Oct. 4	Mary Lou Sherman	Bettin Family	Kirsten Rabbe	Susan Rathman
11	Lynette Shaw	Brian Clow Family	Susan Rathman	
18	Lindsey Bettin	Jeff/Jodi Lueth Family	Pastor	
25	Rosemary Atzenhoefer	Shirley/Harry Gerdes	Pastor	Susan Rathman
Nov. 1	Deanne Gaalswyk	Laurie/Brad Sherman	Kendra Helvig	Bob Olson

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

**November Ushers:** Bob Sherman, Tim Peterson, Cliff Armbrust, Brad Sherman, Jeff Armbrust



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



# October

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
St. Peter 8:30 am	Trinity 10:30 am	Waverly 10:30 am		1 6:30 am SRBS Women	2	3  WRC WELCA Fall Gathering 8:30 am Zion Lutheran Odin, MN
4 Worship / Communion  9:30 am Choir Practice—TLC	5	6 6:30 am SRBS Men  7 pm Mary Circle WLC	7 1:30 pm WELCA StP 1:30 pm Dorcas Circle 1:30 pm Comm TSL 6:30 pm Confirmation @ TLC 6:30 pm WOW-TLC 7 pm Choir WLC	8 6:30 am SRBS Women	9	10
11 Worship  St. Peter Sunday school 9:30 am  9:30 am Choir Practice—TLC	12	13 6:30 am SRBS Men  Quilting—WLC  6 pm Parish Council mtg  7:30 pm TLC Council mtg	14 2 pm Goldfinch Communion  Quilting—WLC  6:30 pm Confirmation @ TLC 6:30 pm WOW-TLC 7 pm Choir WLC	15 6:30 am SRBS Women  5:30 pm WLC Council mtg	16	17
18 Worship  9:30 am Choir Practice—TLC	19	20 6:30 am SRBS Men  6 pm Wine Women & The Word  Ripples articles due	21  6:30 pm Confirmation @ TLC 6:30 pm WOW-TLC 7 pm Choir WLC	22 6:30 am SRBS Women	23	24  
25 Worship / Communion  9:30 am Choir Practice—TLC	26	27 6:30 am SRBS Men  5:30 pm Men's Garage	28 9 am Assemble Ripples  6:30 pm Confirmation @ TLC 6:30 pm WOW-TLC 7 pm Choir WLC	29 6:30 am SRBS Women	30	31 TRUNK or TREAT   5 pm



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## HYMN OF THE MONTH

This hymn was studied about and reported to you six years ago but I wanted to do it again for this thanksgiving season. In spite of the situations occurring around the world there is still much to be thankful for. Martin Rinkhart (1586–1649) was a Lutheran minister serving in the village of Eilenberg, Saxony during thirty years war and when the bubonic plague was ravaging all of Europe. Eilenberg was under siege and death was rampant. Since Martin was the only minister left in town, he performed as many as 40 to 50 funerals a day. By 1637 he had performed 4,480 funerals including that of his wife. At the end of the war Sweden and Austria asked him to be in on the final negotiations to end the war. Negotiations were very difficult, but the war finally ended, Martin felt that there would be no peace without some type of thanksgiving. He had been a prolific hymn writer all his life but “Now Thank We All Our God” was to be his best. It is sung all over the world. In Germany it is considered second only to Martin Luther’s “A Might Fortress”. The first verse is an expression of gratitude to God. The second is asking for God’s continual care and keeping. The final is a doxology of praise to the ‘one eternal god’. After all they had been through with war and pestilence they still could thank God. We must be aware of this as well – no matter what life brings we must still say, “NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD, WITH HEARTS AND HANDS AND VOICES.” And we will know that ‘God will be with us in this world and the next.’