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@ First Lutheran , Trimont		9/18	Rally Sunday—StP
Thursdays: Women's Sunrise Bible			Harvest Homecoming—WLC
Study @ First Lutheran, Trimont		9/20	Articles due for Ripples
Wednesdays: Confirmation @ TLC			Wine, Women & the Word
WOW @ TLC Starting 9/14		9/21	Youth Group get-together
		9/28	Assemble Ripples

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September Worship Schedule

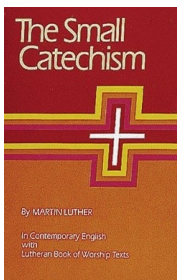
Weekly Worship Services

Date	St. Peter – 8:30 am	Trinity – 8:30 am	Waverly – 10:30 am
September 4 – Communion <i>Altar Color: Green</i>	Pr. Eric	Pr. Anthony	Pr. Eric
September 11 <i>Altar Color : Green</i>	Pr. Anthony	Pr. John Malm <i>Pr. Eric is on vacation</i>	Pr. Anthony
September 18 <i>Altar Color: Green</i>	Pr. Anthony	Pr. Eric	Pr. Eric <i>Harvest Homecoming</i>
September 25 – Communion <i>Altar Color: Green</i>	Pr. Eric	Pr. Anthony	Pr. Anthony

Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday at Waverly.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Confirmation classes for 7th and 8th graders will start on Wednesday, September 14th. Our focus this year is on Martin Luther's *Small Catechism*, and we will be meeting on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 – 8:00 pm at Trinity in Welcome. Pastor Anthony and Pastor Eric will be leading/teaching these classes. If you are a 7th or 8th grader this fall, we would like to have you join us. Remember that 2 years of confirmation class is required in order to be confirmed. So if last year was your first year of confirmation, we invite you back for your second year.



Online registration for confirmation is available and open. If you were in confirmation last year, you still need to register this year, so that we have the most up to date information. The calendar and other resources are also now available online. You can find everything that you need at www.circleoffaithparish.org/confirmation. If you prefer, there will be hard copies of everything available through the parish office.

We are looking forward to another exciting year of confirmation. If you have any questions please talk to Pastor Anthony.

YOUTH KNOCKERBALL ON SEPTEMBER 21st



If you are in high school (9th – 12th grade), we invite you to join us for some Knockerball and a bonfire on Wednesday, September 21st.

It all begins at 6:30 pm at John Borchardt's house (308 Dugan St. S, Welcome).

If you'd like more information please talk to Pastor Anthony or John Borchardt.

WORSHIP TIMES

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



**Fall
 Worship
 Times**

NEXT



1s Sept. 21

@ Mary Ann DeBus
 5:30—7:30 pm



No get-together in
 September

S P O N S O R E D By CFS	<p>Martin County Backpack Food Program Fundraiser</p> <p>Friday, September 9th Holiday Inn, Fairmont \$40. per person</p> <p>Includes: Buffet Meal of Roast Beef, Stuffed Chicken Breast, California blend vegetables, Parsley-buttered baby red potatoes, and a slice of delicious pie. Special showing of the movie: "Ivy League Farmer"</p> <p>Social Hour—6 pm Meal @ 6:30 pm For tickets: call Belva Peterson @ 236-8432</p>	Proceeds to benefit the Martin County Backpack Food Program. Coordinat- ed by Heaven's Table Food Shelf
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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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COUNCIL MINUTES

Parish Council Tuesday, August 9, 2016

Parish Council members present: Deanne Gaalswyk, Karen Helvig, Marilyn Cheever, Jon Saxen, Jody Franck and Deb Philipp. Congregational Presidents present were Susan Krueger from Waverly, and Henry Borchardt from Trinity. Jon made a motion to approve the agenda. Deanne seconded that motion.

Devotions by Pastor Eric: Hebrews 10 23-25 This lesson is how to hold fast to hope. To provoke one another to love, encourage and to not neglect to meet.

Secretary's report: Marilyn made a motion to approve the Secretary's report as presented. Jon seconded that motion.

Treasurer's report: Jon presented June and July reports. Jody made a motion to accept the reports as presented. Marilyn seconded that motion. Deb Philipp presented receipts for freeze pops for the Welcome parade to be reimbursed.

Pastor Reports: Summer projects from Eric and Anthony include a lectionary format of sermon preaching for the Pastors. This means a sermon that was given at a Wednesday night service will then be preached on the next Sunday at a different church. The Pastors are finding this gives them more time to focus on the lesson and get more in depth. There was a discussion within the council to see if this should continue. We agreed this is a good thing to continue. Pastor Eric reminded us The Ministry in Money event is on Saturday, Sept 10th in Willmar from 9 to 4. Congregational members are invited to attend. On Friday, the 9th Pastors and Spouses will be invited to an event there. Pastor Eric thanked us for his time to have vacations. Pastor Eric will be on vacation on Sept 11th. Pastor Eric suggested someone from a committee to search for sub Pastors. After some discussion council decided to have the Parish Secretary's to do the contacting for sub Pastors.

Old Business:

Committee Updates: None have met

Directory updates: Ceylon will be turning in copy of parish directory tonight. Then all will be sent in and reviewed.

Greeting card update: Council reviewed card sample with verse. Jon made a motion to order 1500 greeting cards. Jody seconded that motion.

Honeywell renewal: There was a discussion on how we want to use the alert system. Questions were asked on how to include alerts to go out to different groups like for Sunday school announcements, and prayer chains. There was a discussion on setting up an informational brochure that could be given out at church services on how to add or delete or phone numbers or different ways to receive alerts like by texts or email. Jody made a motion to accept renewal of alert system. Deanne seconded that motion.

Parade wrap up: There was a discussion on how parades went. Ideas were discussed and if changes need to be made to make the parade walking run smoothly.

New Business:

Summer worship survey: There was a discussion on should we conduct a survey on opinions on times and days. Possible questions were discussed of what should be included in the survey.

A possible joint mission project for this year could be to continue giving and fundraising towards the backpack program for the school districts. Jon made a motion to approve this project. Jody seconded that motion.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 13th at Trinity at 6 p.m.

Sincerely submitted,

Deb Philipp, Parish Council Secretary



St. Peter Council—August 16th 7:00

Church council meeting was called to order by Jody Franck. Members present were Jody Franck, Keith Franck, Jeremy Wink, and Angie Schmidt. Devotions were given by Jody Franck

Secretary's Report Need to have electrical inspected for new Insurance, Fire extinguishers also need inspected. This will get looked into after harvest. Motion to pass by Keith, 2nd by Angie

Treasurer Report was given by Jody motion to pass by Angie 2nd by Jeremy.

Old Business New Insurance policy started June 30th. Landscaping on the north side is done. Will look into to see what the cost would be for trimming and cleaning up of bushes in front of church. There is 1 window that may need to be recaulked. Motion to pass by Jeremy, 2nd by Keith.

New Business Parish council discussed renewing Honeywell alert system. It was decided to renew. If anyone does not want to continue this service please or would like help changing how they are receiving calls, please call the church office if you need help. Angie will discuss with Pastor Anthony about adding Sunday School announcements to this.

The possibility of not having ushers for communion or ushering out at the of service was discussed. This will get brought to the congregation for discussion. Please let your council members know your thoughts or concerns with this.

The new directory came in, there were a lot clerical errors they have been sent back and awaiting the 2nd draft. Parish council discussed doing a greeting card ministry. If someone has any life events, like a death, birth, confirmation, wedding, etc....., someone from the church would send out the card. The cards would be pre printed with our Circle of Faith logo and a bible verse. They would be left blank to write in any message pertaining to that circumstance. We are looking for volunteer to take this on.

The Circle of Faith Parish is also looking into getting new signs to hang in all 3 churches. They will be FAMILY signs with wording such as, In this Family we, eat, pray, love, worship etc....

Pastor Anthony, Muriel Klensz, and Marilyn Cheever will be working on our Constitution. They will be working on changing the number of council members needed as it is getting harder to find volunteers to fill these voids.

Sunday School Rally Sunday will be September 18th. 9:30-11:30

Next meeting will be November 14th. Motion to pass Keith, 2nd Jeremy

Motion to adjourn meeting by Angie, 2nd by Keith.

Angie Schmidt

Trinity Council—AUGUST 9, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Henry Borchardt. Members present were Pastor Eric, Henry Borchardt, Becky Detert, Velma Schaal, Bob and Lonnie Moffitt.

Items added to the Agenda under New Business were the Honeywell system and church service time starting in September.

Pastor Eric gave opening devotions, reading from Hebrews 10:23-25. It talked about not neglecting to meet together.

Pastor's Report – There is to be a Ministry and Money Event on September 9 & 10. If more information is needed contact the pastor. For the August services the lectionary followed the Pastor and Pastor Eric used a lesson and sermon for his services. Both Pastor Anthony and Pastor Eric had good vacations and thanked everyone for the time off.

Secretary's Report – Written

Treasurer's Report- Becky went over finances

Financial Secretary's Report – Written

Bob made a motion to approve the reports as presented. Velma seconded. Motion carried.

Faith Formation Report – None

Caring Ministries Report – Nothing to report – everything going okay

Property Committee Report – Cheryl has a list of items that needed attention

Bissell cleaner isn't working – Becky will check into a new one

Basement-Put trim board on lower edge of paneling

Wall Heaters in the basement-are they functional? Should be repainted

Eternal Flame – Candles are getting low and don't seem to burn very well, so will have Pastor check on where to order an electric one

Stained ceiling tile in the kitchen

Lights in ladies bathroom were pretty dim- Henry found some different ones and put them up.

Parish Council Report- Went over a couple of items

Old Business

It was discussed as to whether the church should do a spot on the sign out by the water treatment plant. Need more information before making a decision.

Pictures from Nancy Buckmeier – she is having them framed and will bring in later in August/early September.

Bathroom update – Joel is checking on prices.

Discussion on who should be the person to line up substitutes for when the pastors are gone. Will have secretary do it per council decision.

New Business

The Honeywell Security system is up for renewal. The money for it was donated last time. It is in the parish budget for the coming year. Check on getting a better price. We discussed if it was a benefit. Said it is nice in the winter in the event church is cancelled. It has also been used to notify people of the times of services at the different churches this summer.

The time of church services for Trinity was discussed. We can have our choice of either 8:30 or 10:30. We will take a survey of the congregation to see which time is preferred by the majority.

We have had communion on Wednesday nights. It has been walk through. Discussion was held on the ushers ushering people up or just letting them go up. It was decided to keep having the ushers usher them up.

There was discussion on the plants by the sign and the front door. Someone will make sure they get watered.

John Garbers said he would make another board for confirmation pictures. Randy Wink did the other ones. John was wondering about blueprints for making them. Someone will check on this.

Bob made a motion to adjourn. Velma seconded it. Motion carried.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting will be November 8' 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Lonnie Moffitt

Waverly Council Minutes _____ Did not meet in August. Next meeting is September 15th @ 7 pm.

Pastor Anthony at the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in New Orleans



Ushers & Worship Assistants

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DATE	LECTOR	USHERS
SEPTEMBER		
4	Muriel Klenz	Bernice Lehmann / JoAnn Wink
11	Jeannine Rasmussen	Sherry Schmidt / Lorrene Knuth
18	Bernice Lehmann	Roger and Joan Rezac
25	Jeff Petschke	Gene and Annette Yackle
OCTOBER		
2		Dale and Jeanne Leiding

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DATE	LECTOR	USHER	COMMUNION
September 4	Tracy Winter	Beth and Jay Mulso	John Garbers John Borchardt
11		Zane and John Borchardt	
18		Susie and Bocky Borchardt	
25		Laurie and Tony Truesdell	John Frerichs Velma Schaal
OCTOBER			
2		Todd Williams Larry Puhman	Bob and Lonnie Moffitt

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DATE	LECTOR	CHILDREN'S TIME	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION ASSISTANCE
September				
4	Daniel Helvig		Youth	Don Nordstrom
11	Karen Helvig	John Sherman	Youth	Don Nordstrom
18	Paul Gaalswyk	Pastor	Youth	Don Nordstrom
25	Tom Peterson	Pastor	Youth	Don Nordstrom
Oct. 2	Tim Peterson	Kirsten Rabbe	Youth	Susan Rathman

September Ushers: Jon Helvig, Dan Helvig, Erwin Atzenhoefer, Tom Peterson, Jeff Lueth

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

St. Peter Ripples



The children and grandchildren of Eileen Christensen invite all friends and relatives to an open house on Saturday, Sept. 3, from 2-4 pm to celebrate Eileen's 100th Birthday at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Ceylon. Friendship is a cherished gift, Eileen requests no other. Cards can be sent to 214 W. Main ST, PO Box 393, Ceylon, MN 56121

Sunday school will start on
Sunday, Sept. 18.

Classes will run from 9:30 — 11:30 am.



Next meeting: September 7th @ 9 am. Hostesses: Rosemary and Jeannine
Bible Study: Meghan Johnston Aelabouni, a pastor at Trinity Lutheran in Ft. Collins,
3 session study on "When God's not fair: coming to terms with a merciful

Session 1 tells the story of Jonah—when God forgives the guilty.

We have received the results of the June Ice Cream Social at Ingham Bible Camp. Donations-\$3,173. Pie auction-\$7,430. An estimated 380 people were in attendance. The Okoboji Quilt Auction received \$48,795. for quilts & \$4,199. for the Scandinavian Feast. Our 5 quilts sold for a total of \$740. One quilt sold for \$1,350. and there were several others in the \$1,000. range. The last fundraiser for 2016 will be the Ingham Hog roast on Sunday, August 28th from 4-6 pm and pie auction at 6. A concert will be given by Peder Eide and Swen & Dean. However, due to many weather delays, the chapel dedication is delayed until next summer.

Muriel reports our treasury balance is \$2,090. The July breakfasts total income was \$1,206.70. Thanks to everyone for the donations and work in having these breakfasts.

We are collecting material for school kits again this year. These include notebooks, scissors, rulers, pencils, pens, erasers, sharpeners, crayons. Some of the stores are having sales now if you want to contribute.

There will be an Open House '100' Birthday celebration at the church on Sept. 3rd from 2-4 pm for Eileen Christensen.

September birthday: Eileen Christensen 3rd
Shirley Schmidt 13th

Next work duty: Group 2
September Altar care Sherry Schmidt
Fall Gathering: October 1st @ Trinity in Truman

When God saw what the people did, how they turned from their evil ways, He changed His mind about the calamity He had said He would bring upon them; and He did not do it. Jonah 3:10

Love, Jeannine

Trinity Ripples

W.O.W. NEEDS YOUR HELP



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 scheduled to begin on Wednesday, September 14th from 6:30-7:30 pm. We have enough teachers/helpers to get through the month of September. 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.



WOW (Worship on Wednesdays) – Trinity's Sunday School on Wednesday evenings, will begin with a Kick-Off event on **Wednesday, September 14th from 6:30-7:30 pm at Trinity**. There will be games and food to partake in. Parents, you can register your child (ren) the night of the kick-off or online. If you have participated in WOW last year, you still need to register this year, so that we have the most up to date information. The calendar and other resources will be available online in early September. You can find

everything that you need at www.circleoffaithparish.org/wow. If you prefer, there will be hard copies of everything available through the parish office.

We are looking forward to another exciting year of WOW. If you have any questions please talk to Pastor Anthony.



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

Harvest Homecoming 2016 Sunday, Sept. 18 10 am



- . Family worship
 - . Harvest Banquet
 - . Agricultural exploration
 - . Live farm animals
 - . Machinery exhibition
- . Making new friends and welcoming back familiar ones!

SUNDAY
SCHOOL
KICKOFF



It is that time of year again for Sunday School. Sunday School Kick Off will be September 11, 2016 at 9:15 a.m. We have another great group of kids this year that **NEED** teachers. We all know how hard it is to add another thing to our busy lives but these kids would be overjoyed with your help. If you are able to volunteer to teach please contact Deanne Gaalswyk or Sarah Hecht. There will also be

September



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Will Hecht Wayne Schultz Erwin & Rosemary Atzenhoefer	2 Brandon Nordstrom Holden Schmidtke	3 Eileen Christensen Scott Smith Paul Gaalswyk Karen Helvig Jennifer Kuehl Lonnie Moffitt
4 Kally Philipp Don & Nancy Nordstrom '40	5 Travis Petersen	6 Noah Peta De Elda Rose Jamie Chukuske Zane Borchardt AleaSha Meyer Roger & Joan Rezac '30	7 Dawn Hartung 	8 Chelsie Wink	9 Lowell & Millie Wohlhuter	10 Mary Schultze Gary Sathoff Mim Potter Emery Armbrust
11 Kirsten Rabbe	12 David & Dawn Hartung '35	13 Shirley Schmidt Joel & Kirsten Rabbe	14 Doug Anderson Elijah Minscer Eliana Minscer Philip & Sheila Bettin '20	15	16 Thomas Rahm	17 Sun Borchardt Samantha Chukuske
18 Alex Schmidt	19 Teya Schmidtke	20 Tanya Schmidtke	21 Jon Helvig Bev Meyer	22 	23 Abby Loveland	24 Bryson Rezac
25 Lena Petschke Brady Schmidt	26 Jordan Petschke John & Julie Speckman	27 Erwin Atzenhoefer Aldean Speckman Janet Miller	28 Joel & Jenna Minscer	29 Marty Scholl Matthew Kruse	30 Lacey Schmidtke Chase Petersen	31 & Birthdays Anniversaries

September 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Worship times 8:30 am StP 8:30 am TLC 10:30 am WLC SS 9:15				1 7 am Women's SRBS	2 Traetow/ Williams Wedding rehearsal-TLC	3 2-4 pm @ StP Birthday Celebration for Eileen Christensen-100 Traetow / Williams Wedding TLC
4 Worship / Holy Communion	5	6 6:30am Men's SRBS 7 pm Mary Circle @ Nancy Nordstrom	7 9 am WELCA-StP 10 am Comm. @ TSL 1:30 pm Dorcas Circle @ TSL	8 7 am Women's SRBS	9	10
11 Worship Sunday school Kick-off 9:15 am Communion @ WLC CREST @ StP	12 9 am Coffee & Bible Study @ TLC	13 6:30am Men's SRBS Quilting-WLC 6 pm Parish Council Mtg	14 Quilting-WLC 2 pm Goldfinch Communion WOW—TLC 6:30—7:30 pm 6:30—8 pm Confirmation	15 7 am Women's SRBS 7 pm WLC Council mtg	16	17
18 Worship Rally Sunday-StP 9:30—11:30 am  WLC Harvest Homecoming 10 am	19	20 6:30am Men's SRBS Articles due for Ripples Wine, Women & the Word @ MaryAnn DeBus	21 WOW—TLC 6:30—7:30 pm 6:30—8 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm 9-12 Youth Group	22 7 am Women's SRBS	23	24
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Unless you have been in another world for the past two years, you must certainly be aware of the fact that a national election is coming up in November! Four years ago I came across a hymn (it's not in all hymnals) but certainly appropriate for this time of the year. The words were written as a poem by James Russell Lowell, son of a minister, at the age of 26 (in 1845). "Once to Every Man and Nation". At that time there was a very controversial election – key issues were that there was a possibility of war with Mexico and there was the issue abolition of slavery. Lowell was very concerned that people had made choices based on economics rather than choosing between right and wrong or truth versus dishonesty. As

Christians we have the responsibility to stand up for the truth.

This poem was set to the hymn tune, 'Ebenezer' written by Thomas J. Williams.

Lowell became famous as an American poet, editor of the Atlantic Monthly, and an American diplomat. His ideas on decision, truth and courage that he held at the age of 26 remained with him throughout his life.

The scriptural bases for this hymn are: Joshua 24:14-15; 1 Kings 18:21 and Esther 4: 13-14.

Words of wisdom from the hymn:

Verse 1: Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide, in the strife of truth with falsehood, for the good and evil side.

Verse 2: Then to side with truth is noble, it is the brave man chooses while the coward stands aside.

Verse 4: Though the cause of evil prosper yet 'tis truth alone is strong. Behind the dim unknown standeth God within the shadow, keeping watch above His own.

With the media constantly bombarding us from all sides, total confusion reigns, but be sure to vote in November – God is still in control!