

Ripples of Faith 2023

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Trinity, Welcome, MN
Waverly, Trimont, MN



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DECEMBER	WORSHIP SCHEDULE	FIRST	ST. PETER	TRINITY	WAVERLY
Advent 1	Sunday, December 3 <i>Altar: blue/purple</i>	9:15 am Sunday school 10:30 am Worship Communion	9:00 am Worship Communion	Worship at St. Peter's	9:00 am Sunday school 10:30 am Worship Communion
Advent 2	Sunday, December 10 <i>Altar: blue/purple</i>	Sunday school program 10:30 am Worship communion	9:00 am Worship	9:00 am Worship Communion	Sunday school program joint with First @ First
Advent 3	Sunday, December 17 <i>Altar: blue/purple</i>	No SS Joint service @ WLC Choir Cantata	9:00 am Worship	9:00 am Worship Service of the Word	10:30 am Worship Communion Choir Cantata
Christmas Eve	Sunday, December 24 <i>Altar: white</i>	7 pm	4 pm	6:30 pm	5:30 pm
Christmas 1	Sunday, December 31 <i>Altar: white</i>			Lessons & Carols Joint Worship Trinity @ 10 am	

Parish Council

Nov. 14, 2023

Members present: Karen H, Becky D, Gwen M, Wendy R, Jake H, Marilyn C., Vicki S., Jon S.

Meeting called to order by Pres. Karen H. Devotions by Pastor Kelly

Secretary's report: motion to approve with corrections: Confirmation 2 years, not 2 ½, reimbursement to congregations is calculated by percent of congregations assessment, by Gwen M, , Second by Wendy R. Passed

Treasurer's report: motion to approve by Jake H., Second by Vicki S. Passed

Pastor's Reports on file in parish office. Discussed December Schedule, Visitations etc.

Congregational reports: None

Call Committee Report: Discussion with a possible candidate is possible.

Old Business:

- Discussion about Youth Gathering/Fund Raising projects
- Discussion concerning church schedules/time schedules: Because of Sunday School, it was decided to address month/time changes this spring to start in June.
- Visitations: Congregational support is needed to make sure visitation requests etc. are sent to the main office so they visits can be arranged.
- December 31st, 9 AM Joint Worship at Trinity with social time to follow.

New Business:

- Lent/Holy Week Schedule: Ash Wed. Waverly, Midweek Trinity, Maundy Thursday St Peter, Good Friday First, Easter Sunday All Churches
- Motion by Marilyn C, second by Vicki S. to apply to set 2024 COF Budget at \$147,300. Passed.
- Pastor's Housing Allowance is \$26,000

Meeting adjourned. Jake motion; Gwen second. Passed Next meeting Tuesday, Jan 9th – 6:00 PM - Trinity

Submitted, Becky Detert, Secretary



At Home Family Faith Formation: Each night read the verse of the hymn or bible story (pages listed are for the Spark Bible.) Talk about where you see yourself in the story, where you see God, and how it relates to your faith. End with the Lord's Prayer.

Learning Focus Advent

O Come O Come Emmanuel (ELW 257) Verse 1, 2	O Come O Come Emmanuel (ELW 257) Verse 3, 4	All Earth is Hopeful (ELW 266) Verse 1, 2	All Earth is Hopeful (ELW 266) Verse 3, 4
Christ The King (474)	The Wedding Banquet (304)	Love Is... (546)	Angels Visit (196)
John The Baptist (234)	Sheep and the Goats (318)	Praise God (158)	Mary Visits Elizabeth (202)
Adam and Eve (8)	Jesus The Vine (452)	The Lord Is My Shepherd (160)	Zechariah (208)
The First Sin (14)	The Vineyard Workers (298)	God Will Bring Peace (164)	Jesus is Born (212)
Jeremiah (176)	Ten Bridesmaids (314)	A Child Called Immanuel (168)	Wise Men (218)
Isaiah's Call (166)	Two Masters (384)	A Good Ruler (178)	Escape to Egypt (224)
God's Promise to Abram (30)	Jesus Heals (256)	A Ruler From Bethlehem (194)	Simeon and Anna (226)



Keep these people in your prayers for Health & Healing:

- FIRST** - Melva Ammann
- WAVERLY** - Rosemary Atzenhoefer
- TRINITY** - Bill LaFavor, Norm Schley,
- ST. PETER** - Ty Leiding

O God, your Son shows us the way of service and by him we have inherited your grace. Let us know what is right and send us the strength we need to serve you.

We thank you—that as your church we can gather together to worship and praise you.

We pray— As we prepare for your coming this Advent season, prepare our hearts and minds for your arrival.

We pray– Bring peace to all nations. Be near to those whose lives are shaken, people who are experiencing loss of any kind, for people who are in the need of healing. Be with them in their time of need.

Be with our parish— We are your flock. You are our shepherd. Bring us together as your church to love and praise your name.

We say Thank You — for sending your Son, to give us comfort, to strengthen us, and to see that we know your ever unending love.

Remember—our call committee. May the Spirit guide them through the process of finding a full time pastor.

Keep Pastor Kelly in your prayers - as your servant help him to teach and preach the Holy Gospel to our Circle of Faith congregation.



Is extended to:
The family of Mitchell Olson, of First, whose funeral was held on Nov. 22.

The family and friends of Randall Olson of Waverly, whose funeral was on Nov. 29



- Maplewood, Fairmont
- Goldfinch, Fairmont
- Arladyne Stanton - FLC
- Elaine Krueger - StP
- Marty Scholl - WLC
- Millie Wohlhuter - TLC
- Janet Saxen - TLC



- Home
- Joyce Potts - FLC
- Joan Ellis - WLC
- Ione Nelson - TLC
- Sandy Newville - TLC
- Bill LaFavor - TLC

- Temperance Lake Ridge
- Janice Franck - St P
- Joanne Sherman - WLC
- Ken Cutler—FL

- Season Health Care -Trimont
- Loren Schultz TLC

- Homestead Assisted Living, Estherville
- Jeannine Rasmussen - St.P

Prayer for the Day



Stir our hearts Lord, that we may prepare the way of your Son. Strengthen us to serve you, Make us aware of our sins, and keep us until the coming of your new day. Amen

Keep these members of our “Circle of Faith” congregations in your thoughts and prayers as they continue to look for candidates for our parish.

- Karen Helvig WLC
- Tom Peterson WLC
- Wendi Russenberger FLC
- Roger Matejka FLC
- Keith Franck St.P
- Linda Bakke St.P
- Samantha Chukuske TLC
- Liz Stahl TLC



FIRST LUTHERAN NEWS



WORSHIP Schedule :
Please note as it is a little different.
The schedule is printed below.

Sunday School —
Dec. 10th program—10:30
at First

The Christmas program
will be presented during the
worship service.



December 17th— worship is
at 10:30 at Waverly
The service will be a
Christmas Cantata
presented by the choir.

No worship on Christmas Eve MORNING the
24th of December.

Christmas Eve
December 24th
Service—7 pm
Waverly will have
5:30 service.



December 31st—a joint service at Trinity -
10:00 am.



December 3rd— Advent Carol sing—6:30 pm

All are invited to come and join with us as we sing our favorite Advent and Christmas hymns.



We ask that you bring a plate of goodies to share with coffee & cider.

Glenda Bloomquist & Patty Holtz are in charge of the program.

Confirmation December 6th & 20th -4:30

Choir members — Practice will be at
Waverly this month — 7 pm
on Wednesday nights



PLEASE NOTE THIS:

We have our parsonage rented to a pastor from St. James.

YOU WILL NO LONGER be able to park your car in the drive way.

Sunday morning !!!! You can drop off your person who needs the ramp. **BUT** you will need to move your car to the curb, and not leave it in the drive way.



THANKS FOR YOUR HELP AND UNDERSTANDING

CREST—Wednesday, 20th - 11-1
Here at First. All are welcome

WOMEN'S GET TOGETHER—

Our group will NOT meet in December or January. We will get back together the 2nd Wednesday in February.

Topics we discussed: serve coffee before the Harvest Service, Mission jar money will go to the Local food shelf, Christmas gifts to ARC, CREST, Salvation Army and Global Health, donation to youth for National Gathering. A picnic will be planned for the cemetery this summer.

St. Peter News



St. Peter WELCA will not meet again until April of 2024. New booklets will be out some time in early 2024

St. Peter Council minutes. 10-9-23

Present: Marilyn, Jim, Angie and Aubrey

A bid was presented for the removal and replacement of the sidewalks and steps. A motion was made and seconded to have Sukalski Concrete Construction of Fairmont do the work. All in favor, motion passed. This project will be funded through a donation.

Motion was made and seconded to pay Trinity for the church service music (USB'S)

Budget was discussed, nothing further needed at this time till the Parish budget is established for 2024.

Weather cancellation notification discussed. Will continue to use the church office automated phone service. Members are reminded to update their contact information with the Parish Office.

The month of December every church will have Sunday services and Christmas Eve Service.

We will have a Retirement / Thank You party for Rosemary Saggau on Sunday, October 29th after church. With a light lunch, cake and coffee.

Motion passed to pay \$200 for each student from St. Peter who will be attending the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in 2024.

Trinity News

The First Sunday of Advent, Dec. 3, Trinity will be worshipping with St. Peter down in Ceylon. (This Sunday only)

Trinity will be hosting the Joint Worship Service on Sunday, December 31.



DATE	READER
Dec. 3 @ St. Peter's	
Dec. 10	Liz Stahl
Dec. 17	Becky Detert
Christmas Eve	
Dec. 31	Lessons & Carols

Waverly News

Mary Circle - 2 pm, Wednesday ,
December 5th at the Church.



Practice on Wednesdays at 7 pm
December @ Waverly

A Christmas Cantata entitled **“Go Tell It”** arranged by Jack Schrader will be sung by the joint choir from First Lutheran and Waverly. We will present the Cantata on December 17th during the morning church service at Waverly at 10:30. Choir members are: Lila Cutler, Lynette Shaw, Susan Rathman, Sonja Haugen, Wendy Russenberger, Linda Fett, Deanne Gaalswyk, Kelsey Krueger, Gwen Matz, LuAnn Peterson, Cindy Sinn, Sue Krueger, Steve Sheppard, Bob Johnson, Jeff Matz, Don Nordstrom, Kevin Shaw and Dean Sinn.

Directed by Nancy Nordstrom and narrated by Glenda Bloomquist and Brad Sherman.

The Cantata is a medley of many familiar Christmas carols.

DATE	READER	COMMUNION
December 3	Heidi Clow	Gwen Matz
December 10	@ First	Children program
December 17	LuAnn Peterson	Gwen Matz
Christmas Eve		Gwen Matz
December 31	@ Trinity	
December USHERS		
Jon Helvig, Erwin Atzenhoefer, Jeff Lueth		

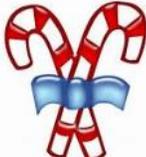


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Elaine Krueger Tony & Sue Hed 45	2 Keith Thiesse
3 Shirley Burmeister Alisha Casius Laura Gowen Maddox Mahle Wes Strausser	4 Nathan Chukuske Shirley O'Sell Ean Sinn	5 Alexander Hansen Barb Sherman	6 Janice Franck Peyton Leiding Steve Morow Tanner Muller Vivian Traetow Lee & Mary Thompson	7 Laura Justice Mayda Helmstetter	8 Betty Rosenbrook Carol Senne	9 Emily Lee Susan Lorenz Janet Poppe
10 Jenna Minscer	11 Cody Lyons	12 Dawn Gray Justin Hansen Aubrey Sinn	13 Daniel Armbrust Josh Peterson Bryanna Petschke Dallas Rasmussen	14 Gayle Askeland Tanner Bettin	15 Jesse Bettin Renee Hartwig Tom & Rose Hovick	16 Elizabeth Benge Kollyns Gerhardt Jeff Miller Robert Moffitt Lincoln Silverthorn Steve Wenzel
17 John Garbers Shawn Odegaard Arladyne Stanton	18 Ardella McGee 	19 Bev Anthony Oren Peterson	20 	21 Kirsten Olson	22 Matthew Benge Kelsey Krueger Becca Minscer Bella Minscer Brice Oeschle Spencer Olson	23 Bob Nelson Wed & Carolyn Strausser Steve & MarLeone Williamson
24 Dennis Faber Marcia Glidden Lille Oudekerk	25 Phil Burgess Jordan Peterson	26 Joanna Petschke	27 Lukas Hansen Kayla Olson	28 Tyler Lyons Eva Lueth	29 Liam Hecht Kooper Janssen Andrew Nelson Remington Rademacher	30 Todd Morrow Dianne Pearson David & Laurie Jensen
31 Shane Fett Jo Miller Angie Schmidt Kelsey Traetow Curt Umbreit	<p>Christmas Hugs!</p> <p>Take one then pass me on. Hurry up before I melt!</p>					

DECEMBER



The LORD your GOD is GOD in heaven
above and on the earth below.
Joshua 2:11

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9 am Worship TLC & StP @ StP 10:30 am FL 10:30 am WLC SS WLC—9 am SS FL—9:15 am 6:30 pm Carol Sing FL	4	5 2 pm Mary Circle @ WLC	6 4:30 pm Confir- mation @ TLC 7 choir @ WLC	7	8	9 
10 9 am Worship StP 9 am Worship TLC 10:30 @ FL with WLC 	11	12	13 7 choir @ WLC	14	15 	16
17 9 am Worship StP 9 am Worship TLC Cantata 10:30 am FL & WLC @ WLC 	18	19	20 Articles due for January Ripples 11-1 CREST @ FL 4:30 pm Confir- mation & TLC	21	22	23
24  First—7:00 St. Peter - 4:00 Trinity—6:30 Waverly -5:30		26	27 9 am Assemble January Ripples @ TLC	28	29	30
31  10 am Joint Worship @ Trinity					Happy New Year & Here's to new beginnings! The best is yet to come! 	



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Sunday morning scripture readings for December



DATE	1st READING	PSALM	2nd READING	GOSPEL
Dec. 3	Isaiah 64:1-9	Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19	1 Corinthians 1:3-9	Mark 13:24-37
Dec. 10	Isaiah 40:1-11	Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13	2 Peter 3:8-15a	Mark 1:1-8
Dec. 17	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11	Psalms 126	1 Thessalonians 5:16-24	John 1:6-8, 19-28
Dec. 24	2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16	Luke 1:46b-55	Romans 16:25-27	Luke 1:26-38
Dec. 31	Isaiah 61:10—62:3	Psalms 148	Galatians 4:4-7	Luke 22:22-40