

Ripples of Faith 2018



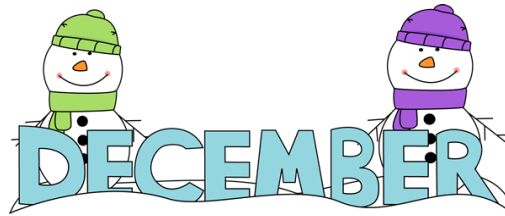
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Sundays— 8:30 am St. Peter
 9:15 Sunday school
 10:30 am Trinity
 9:15 Sunday school
 10:30 am Waverly

Mondays: 9:30 am Men's Bible Study
 First Lutheran, Trimont

Wednesdays: Confirmation
 Waverly Choir practice

UPCOMING EVENTS:

12-4	THCC Worship Mary Circle
12-5	WELCA Christmas Party @ St. Peter
12-11	Communion @ Goldfinch Waverly Council Christmas party
12-12	Family Confirmation, Meal Wednesday Evening Worship
12-16	Sunday school Christmas Programs Trinity and Waverly Youth Group Caroling
12-20	Articles due for January Ripples
12-24	Christmas Eve Worship 7 pm St. Peter 5 pm Trinity 5 pm Waverly
12-26	No Confirmation
12-27	Assemble Ripples
12-31	Parish Office Closed

MERRY CHRISTMAS



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December Worship Schedule

		St. Peter	Trinity	Waverly
1 st Week in Advent	Sunday, December 2 nd <i>Altar: Blue</i>	Worship w/Comm 8:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM
2 nd Week in Advent	Sunday, December 9 th <i>Altar: Blue</i>	Worship 8:30 AM	Worship 10:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM
	Wednesday, December 12 th <i>Altar: Blue</i>	Worship w/Communion at Trinity 6:00 PM <i>(Everyone welcome)</i>		
3 rd Week In Advent	Sunday, December 16 th <i>Altar: Blue</i>	Worship 8:30 AM	Worship 10:30 AM <i>SS Christmas Program</i>	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM <i>SS Christmas Program</i>
4 th Week in Advent	Sunday, December 23 rd <i>Altar: Blue</i>	Worship 8:30 AM	Worship 10:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM
Christmas Eve	Monday, December 24th <i>Altar: White</i>	Candlelight Worship 7:00 PM	Candlelight Worship w/Comm 5:00 PM	Candlelight Worship w/Comm 5:00 PM
1 st Week of Christmas	Sunday, December 30 th <i>Altar: White</i>	Worship w/Comm 8:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM

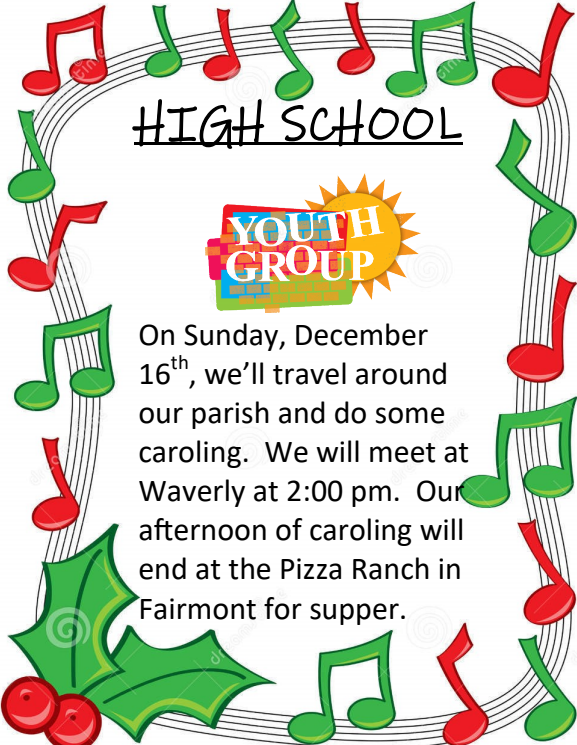
What: St. Peter Christmas Luncheon

For: All ladies of St. Peter, Trinity and Waverly and other invited guests

When: Wednesday, December 5th @ noon

Program: Pastor Anthony will tell of his trip to Germany

Please: RSVP by December 2nd to Muriel 507-235-3047 or Sherry 507-632-4352, This is the only invitation being sent.



HIGH SCHOOL

YOUTH GROUP

On Sunday, December 16th, we'll travel around our parish and do some caroling. We will meet at Waverly at 2:00 pm. Our afternoon of caroling will end at the Pizza Ranch in Fairmont for supper.

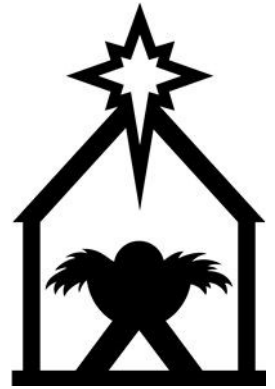


Both Trinity and Waverly will be having their Sunday school Christmas programs on Sunday, December 16 during the regular morning worship service. Services at each church start at 10:30 am






The motto for Hershey's Kisses used to be "Big things come in small packages!" That also could be a motto for Bethlehem, for Baby Jesus and, indeed for us. It's an important message to remember when we fear we're too weak to fix the world's problems, too small to right the gigantic terror that threatens a loved one or too lacking in abilities we see in others.



"But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Juda," God declares through the prophet Micah (5:2, NRSV), "from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel." Bethlehem was a mere village. God's ruler for Israel started as an infant. His birthplace was a small stable, not a palace or temple. But size isn't everything. Big — that is, great — things can come in small packages. And thanks to the tiny baby who grew up to share immeasurably huge love with the world, God can do great things through you, too!




*Christmas Eve
Worship*

St. Peter Lutheran — 7:00 pm
Candlelight

Trinity Lutheran — 5:00 pm
Candlelight and Communion

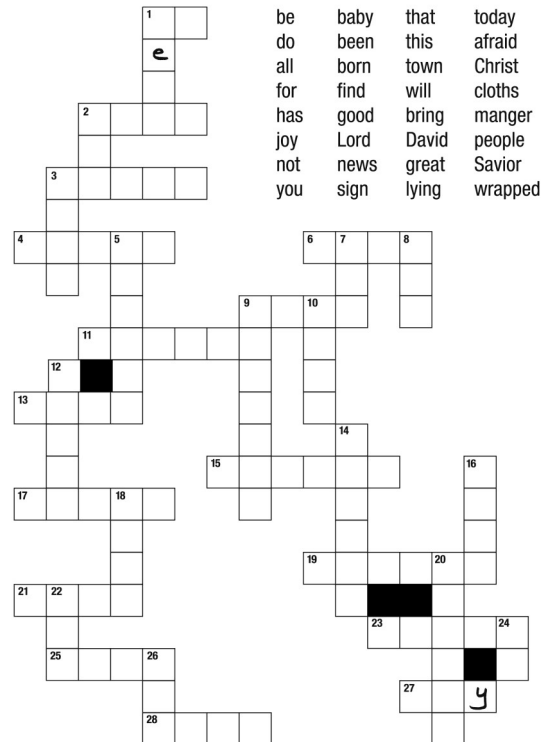
Waverly Lutheran — 5:00 pm
Candlelight and Communion



Puzzle!

The word list contains the angel's Christmas message to the shepherds. Fit those words into the crossword squares. Then write them on the correct lines below to complete Luke 2:10-11, NIV.

1 e	be	baby	that	today
2	do	been	this	afraid
3	all	born	town	Christ
4	for	find	will	cloths
5	has	good	bring	manger
6	joy	Lord	David	people
7	not	news	great	Savior
8	you	sign	lying	wrapped



" _____ . I _____ .
 _____ of _____ the _____ .
 _____ in the _____ of _____ a _____
 _____ to _____ ; he is _____ the _____ ." Luke 2:10-11, NIV

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Parish Council November 13, 2018

Parish Council members present: Deanne Gaalswyk, Jeff Leuth, Deb Philipp, Karen Helvig, Marilyn Cheever. Also present Trinity President Jon Borchardt, Pastor Eric Midthun and Pastor Anthony Christoffels.

An addition to new business of a discussion of church insurance with John Anthony was given. Deanne Gaalswyk made a motion to approve the agenda. Jeff Leuth seconded it.

Devotions were from Matthew 25 given by Pastor Anthony.

Marilyn Cheever made a motion to accept the secretary's report. Deanne Gaalswyk seconded it.

Treasurer's report: Pastor Anthony presented the report. He shared that the 4th quarter assessments came in which increased the ending balance this month. Marilyn Cheever made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Jeff Leuth seconded it.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Anthony shared he is working on getting his Germany pictures ready to show at the WELCA Christmas gathering in Ceylon on December 5th at noon. Pastor will share pictures with the congregation at a later date after Stephanie returns next fall. It was discovered that we are unable to disconnect the second phone line as it would be too expensive at this time. We will let the contract expire when the term is due. Pastor Anthony will be on vacation from December 25th thru January 1st. Pulpit supply will be set up. Pastor Eric will be on vacation from Sunday, November 25th thru December 1st.

Congregation Reports: The confirmation class is collecting food for the food shelf until December 24th at Trinity. Pastor Anthony shared that each student in the Confirmation class are doing 10 hours of community service this year. The food collected will be brought to the Salvation Army, Heavens Table and Ruby's Pantry.

Old Business: none

New Business

The proposed 2019 Parish Budget was presented. Parish Council Members and or Congregation Presidents will share the budget and report back to each council. It will be presented at the annual meetings in each of the individual churches. Final approval will be voted on in January.

Summer worship:

All three churches have seen a drop in the Wednesday evening worship attendance. Congregations are considering changing months for Wednesday night services. This will be discussed at each of the annual meetings in January.

Pew cards/bookmarks: Pastor Anthony created bookmarks to put in the back of the pews welcoming families with young children. Pastor will print them on cardstock and laminate for each of the churches.

President Karen Helvig met with John Anthony where there was a discussion of possibly changes of insurance costs in our churches. More meetings will occur to make decisions about the insurance.

Parish Council Positions 2019: Karen Helvig and Deb Philipp will be going off.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, January 8th at 5:30 pm at Jon and Karen Helvig's home.

Jeff Leuth made a motion to adjourn. Karen Helvig seconded that motion.

Sincerely submitted,

Parish Meeting Secretary Deb Philipp

St. Peter Council November 18, 2018

President Jody Franck called the meeting to order at 9:30 am following Sunday morning church service: Those attending were Keith Franck, Dale Leiding, Pastor Eric, Jody Franck and Muriel Klenz.

Dale reported that he had tolled the church bell 21 times on 11-11-18 at 11 am as asked, to remember the end of the great war 100 years ago. Thank you Dale!

Secretary's report was reviewed. St. Peter's property tax premium of \$358.25 a month is an automatic payment to Guide One Insurance. Jody will contact Jay Burmeister to ask about his cost for like insurance. All three churches have the same liability policy paid from Circle of Faith treasury.

Our elevator was checked in September.

Motion by Keith, seconded by Dale to accept secretary's report as written. Passed.

Treasure's report was discussed. Kathy asked about closing Youth and Benevolence accounts but council decided to leave as is for now. Motion by Dale, seconded by Muriel-passed. Kathy will write end of year checks to Heavens Table Food Shelf, Crest, Kingship, Goldfinch Estates and both Pastors the same as

last year from the Youth and Benevolence funds. Motion to accept report as written by Dale, seconded by Muriel-passed. Church Christmas decorating will be done by council members at 10 Saturday, Dec. 1. Dale and Keith will look into tarring the leaking roof on or before that date.

St. Peter's Christmas Eve service will be Dec. 24 at 7 pm. A traditional service will be used. Confirmation students will be asked to be readers and to help with the candle light segment. The usual 'Silent Night' will close the service.

Jody will check with the all school reunion committee to confirm their date in July 2020. We will probably use the same weekend date for our 125th Anniversary celebration. Jody will hopefully secure former Pastors addresses from the Synod office.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am Secretary - Muriel

Trinity Council Nov. 13, 2018

Members present Pastor Anthony, Pastor Eric, John Borchardt, Zane Borchardt, Becky Detert, Bob Moffitt and Lonnie Moffitt.

Meeting was called to order by John Borchardt

Motion by Bob Moffitt, seconded by Becky Detert to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Opening Devotions were give by Pastor Anthony. They were on leadership. Listen to Jesus and do what he says. Be obedient to God's calling. Leader's responsibility is not to make people happy but to do what God tells us to do.

Pastor's report - Pastor Anthony will be sharing pictures from Germany in the fall with Stephanie. Pastor will be on vacation from Dec. 25—Jan. 1. Confirmation took a field trip to Kramer Funeral Home last week. Pastor Eric will be on vacation the Sunday after Thanksgiving and that week.

Bob made a motion and Becky seconded it to approve the Secretary's report. Motion carried.

Bob made a motion and Zane seconded it to approve the Treasure's report. Motion carried.

Bob made a motion, seconded by Lonnie to give benevolence as last year with \$750 to SW Synod for debt reduction, \$250 to CREST and \$1000 to Heaven's Table

There was nothing from the Faith Formation or Caring Ministries. Property Committee report - there was a water issue over the summer along the base of the floor on the paneling down in the communion door corner. John pulled the base off and sprayed mold killer on it. John and Zane will cut off about 2" on the bottom of the paneling and but base trim on it but keep it off the floor a ways.

Parish Council report - Summer worship attendance was discussed for the coming year. May switch months around between the congregations.

Old Business: - Children's floor mat was discussed. Wil not be doing this.

New Business - We went over the budget figures. We will need to fill several 2019 council positions. Pastor and John are working on this. The building renovation plan was discussed. We got back a bid on repairing the stained glass windows. All the windows have issues. Sun is warming up the lead and the weight is pushing a curve into them. The cost to repair the windows is around \$29,000. Still need to get more details on this. Siding and carpet were also discussed.

Bob made a motion to adjourn, Zane seconded. Motion carried.

Next meeting is January 8th @ 7:30 pm. Annual meeting will be January 20th after the church service.

Respectfully submitted — Lonnie Moffitt



St. Peter Ripples



No regular meeting in December. Our WELCA ladies are again hosting a Christmas Luncheon at noon on December 5th. Group 2 is in charge. Please come and enjoy hearing of Pastor Anthony's trip to Germany.

Ann reports a balance of \$1,796. We decided to give \$1000. for Christmas Cheer to various groups. A short Thankoffering service was given. Your offering can still be given and will be appreciated. When WELCA was formed in 1987 we committed to continue the tradition of giving in gratitude for blessings received. A final total was given on the Okoboji Quilt Auction. \$50,503. was received and will help to continue the camps providing excellent youth and family programs. We ended up with 36 school kits. Delivery to LWR will be next spring. Thanks for all donations. New service books will be available soon. My, how quickly the year has passed!!

Prayers for Tuesday @ 2! Dec. 4 - give thanks that another harvest season is over. Dec. 11 - this Advent season we pray for home, church and community. Dec. 18 - pray that the Christmas holidays will be full of peace, joy and contentment for everyone. Dec. 25 - pray that 2019 will be of good health, happiness and God's richest blessings.

"Thanks" to Bob Nelson for again sharing his garden produce with us.

Belated Anniversary wishes to:

- Barb and Larry Schmidt - Nov. 7 65 years
- Aubrey and James Plumhoff - Nov. 10
- Jeanne and Dale Leiding - Nov. 12

Next work duty: Group 2

December Altar care: Bernice Lehmann

December Birthdays: Elaine Krueger—Dec. 1, Shirley O'Sell—Dec. 4, Janice Franck—Dec. 6.

This Advent season, let's remember that God is at work beyond our ability to imagine and Advent helps us see clearly that Christmas will come!

Blessed Christmas to all !!
Jeannine



Trinity Ripples



Classes are at Trinity the month of December.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Christmas program will be held on Sunday, Dec. 16 during



the morning worship service here at Trinity. There will be a time of coffee and fellowship following the service.



If you wish to grace our altar with a poinsettia during the Advent Season, please contact Mary Ann DeBus at 728-8778 or the church office at 728-8259. The flower can be 'in memory of' or 'in honor of' a loved one. The poinsettias may be brought to the church during office hours or on a Sunday.

A memorial list will be printed in the Christmas Eve Bulletin.



Waverly Ripples



You are invited to purchase a poinsettia to share with everyone at church this Christmas season. You may bring it to the church at any time and it will be taken care of while it is there.



Sunday school Christmas program—Sunday, Dec. 16, during the 10:30 am service.

W A V E R L Y 2019

The 2019 women's handbook will soon be printed. There are sign up sheets in the west entry of church for any changes you would like. please sign up if you want to be added to or change to another committee. Thank you to all that faithfully serve. If no response, committees will remain the same.

Ushers & Worship Assistants



St Peter

DATE	LECTOR	USHERS
December 2	Bernice Lehmann	Bernice Lehmann / Sherry Schmidt
9	Jordan Petschke	Keith and Jody Franck
16	Jeff Petschke	Ann Yackle / Shirley Schmidt
23	Jeannine Rasmussen	Neil and Marilyn Cheever
24		Jeff Petschke / Jordan Petschke
30	Muriel Klenz	Todd and Tina Peta
January 6	Bernice Lehmann	Jeannine Rasmussen / JoAnn Wink



Trinity

DATE	LECTOR	USHERS	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION
10.5	Megan Gerhardt	Todd Williams/ Larry Puhman	Tyson Thiesse MiKenna Harder	Bocky Borchartd John Frerichs
Dec. 9	Mary Ann Frerichs	Larry and Deb Philipp	Brianna Morrow Kylee Jagodzinske	
Dec. 16	Liz Stahl	Jon and Jen Saxen	Alyx Stahl Brice Oechsle	
Dec. 23	Megan Gerhardt	Bocky and Susie Borchartd	Logan Hughes Tyson Thiesse	
Dec. 24	MaryAnn Frerichs	MaryAnn and John Frerichs	Kiaya Schweiss Alyx Stahl	Velma Schaal, Brian Burmeister, Joel Detert, Jon Saxen
Dec. 30	Liz Stahl	Liz and Jordan Stahl	Kylee Jagodzinske Brice Oechsle	John Garbers Bocky Borchartd
Jan. 6	Megan Gerhardt	Joel and Becky Detert	Logan Hughes MiKenna Harder	Lonnie and Bob Moffitt



Waverly

DATE	LECTOR	CHILDRENS TIME	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
December 2	Karen Helvig	Tom Peterson	Youth	Lynette Shaw
9	Mary Lou Sherman	Karen Helvig	Youth	Lynette Shaw
16	Kiley Bettin	Pastor	Youth	Lynette Shaw
23	Susan Rathman	Pastor	Youth	Lynette Shaw
24				
30	Don Nordstrom	Pastor	Youth	Lynette
Jan. 6				

December Ushers: Jon Helvig, Erwin Atzenhoefer, Tom Peterson, Jeff Lueth
January Ushers:



December

Birthday

ANNIVERSARY!

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu



Fri

Sat

						<p>1 Elaine Krueger <i>Tony & Susan Hed '40'</i></p>
<p>2 Keith Thiesse <i>Greg & Jennifer Moore '40'</i></p>	<p>3 Shirley Burmeister Alysha Casias Nellie Oanes Wes Strausser</p>	<p>4 Nathan Chukuske Shirley O'Sell</p>	<p>5 Alexander Hansen Barbara Sherman</p>	<p>6 Janice Franck Payton Leiding Steve Morrow Tanner Muller <i>Lee & Mary Thompson</i></p>	<p>7 Laura Justice </p>	<p>8 Tonya Brooks Carol Senne Tracy Winter</p>
<p>9 Janet Poppe</p>	<p>10 Jenna Minscer Madison Gibson -Fletcher </p>	<p>11 Cory Lyons</p>	<p>12 Dawn Gray Justin Hansen Joel Rabbe</p>	<p>13 Daniel Armbrust Josh Peterson Bryanna Petschke Dallas Rasmussen</p>	<p>14 Gayle Askeland Tanner Bettin</p>	<p>15 Jesse Bettin Renee Hartwig <i>Tom & Rose Hovick</i></p>
<p>16 Elizabeth Benge Kollyns Gerhardt Jeff Miller Bob Moffitt Steve Wenzel</p>	<p>17 John Garbers Shawn Odegaard</p>	<p>18  HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Kirsten Olson </p>	<p>22 Matthew Benge Brice Oechsle</p>
<p>23 Bob Nelson <i>Wed & Carolyn Strausser</i> <i>Steve & MarLeone Williamson</i></p>	<p>24 </p>	<p>25 Phil Burgess Jordan Peterson Happy BIRTHDAY JESUS</p>	<p>26 Johanna Petschke</p>	<p>27 Lukas Hansen</p>	<p>28 Eva Lueth Tyler Lyons</p>	<p>29 Liam Hecht HAPPY</p>
<p>30 Todd Morrow <i>David & Laurie Jensen</i></p>	<p>31 Jo Miller Angie Schmidt Kelsey Traetow <i>Darryl & Deb Miller '35'</i></p>	<p></p>	<p> Happy Birthday!</p>		<p> ANNIVERSARY!</p>	

December



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>Worship</u></p> <p>8:30 St. Peter 10:30 Trinity 10:30 Waverly</p>						1
<p>2</p>  <p>Communion—ALL</p>	3	<p>4</p> <p>9:30 am THCC</p> <p>7 pm Mary Circle</p>	<p>5</p> <p>12 pm WELCA Christmas party @ St. Peter's</p> <p>4 pm Confirmation</p>	6	7	8
<p>9</p>  <p>Communion-WLC</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Men's Bible Study—9:30 am @ 1st Lutheran Trimont</p>	<p>11</p> <p>1 pm Communion @ Goldfinch</p> <p>Waverly Council Christmas party</p>	<p>12</p> <p>4 pm Confirmation 5 pm Family Conf. 5:30 Meal</p> <p>6 pm Worship</p>	13	<p>14</p> 	15
<p>16</p> <p>10:30 am Trinity & Waverly SS Christmas program</p> <p>Youth group Caroling 2 pm</p> <p>Communion-WLC</p> 	<p>17</p> <p>Men's Bible Study—9:30 am @ 1st Lutheran Trimont</p>	18	<p>19</p> <p>4 pm Confirmation</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Articles due for January 2019 Ripples</p>	21	<p>22</p> 
<p>23</p>  <p>Communion-WLC</p>	<p>24</p>  <p>7 pm StP 5 pm TLC 5 pm WLC</p>	<p>MARK GIBSON herald angels SING</p> 	<p>26</p> <p>Pastor Anthony on vacation from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9 am Assemble Ripples</p>	28	29
<p>30</p> <p>Communion-ALL</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Parish Office Closed</p>	 <p>Parish Office Closed</p>				



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One of the most beautiful Christmas songs of all time was written in 1847, the same year that Colt sold his revolver to the U. S. Government, the California town of Yerba Buena was renamed San Francisco, the first postage stamp was issued by the U. S. Government, and Brigham Young established Salt Lake City. Putting all that in perspective, it wasn't the big news item of the day, was it?

Placide Cappeau was the son of a cooper and probably would have remained a cooper, but he had been shot in the hand when he was eight. He could no longer do manual labor. Friends of the family could see his capabilities and they helped him to get a good education. He became a writer, poet and artist. "O Holy Night" was a beautiful poem written by him, inspired by Luke's gospel. He had been asked by the local priest to write a carol for the Christmas Eve services. The priest immediately got Adolph-Charles Adam to write suitable music to pair with it. Adam was the son of a concert pianist and was trained in music. He wrote his first Opera at the age of 20.

Then 2 operas a year after that until he died at age 52. He was a professor of music at Paris Observatory.

"O Holy Night" became instantly popular. But when the news got out that Cappeau was a socialist and Adam was Jewish, the carol was temporarily banned from the French church.

John Dwight, son of Yale's president, discovered the carol and translated it into English. He had graduated from Harvard and Cambridge and was an ordained Unitarian minister. He had moved to Boston where he published many articles on music. During that time he introduced "O Holy Night" (and Beethoven!) to the American people.

Reportedly, during a truce, a young French soldier stepped into a "no-man's land" in 1871 and serenaded Prussian troops with "O Holy Night" on Christmas Eve.

In 1906 on Christmas Eve, Reginald Fessenden made what may have been the first radio broadcast of speech and music. He quoted from the gospel of Luke, and then played "O Holy Night", on his violin.

Although it wasn't a big news item of the day when it was first introduced in 1847, it has not failed to bring tears of joy at every possible celebration of Christ's birth no matter where it is sung.

"Truly He taught us to love one another, His law is love and His Gospel is Peace."