

Ripples of Faith 2019



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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:

1-1	Happy New Year
1-2	Truman Senior Living Communion
	WELCA - StP
	NO Confirmation
1-6	Epiphany
1-8	Quilting - WLC
	Parish Council meeting
	Trinity Council meeting
1-9	Reports due for Annual Meetings
	Quilting - WLC & StP
	Goldfinch Communion
	Family Confirmation / Meal
	Wednesday worship
	Youth Group
1-10	Quilting - StP
1-13	Waverly Council meeting
1-20	Annual meetings
1-21	Items due for February Ripples
1-22	5 th yr Anniversary Circle of Faith
1-23	Quilting - StP
1-24	Quilting - StP
1-29	Trimont Health Care Center Worship
1-30	Assemble Ripples

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January Worship Schedule

		St. Peter	Trinity	Waverly
Epiphany of Our Lord	Sunday, January 6 th <i>Altar: White</i>	Worship w/Comm 8:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM
1 st Week after Epiphany	Wednesday, January 9 th <i>Altar: Green</i>	Worship w/Communion at Trinity 6:00 PM <i>(Everyone welcome)</i>		
Baptism of Our Lord	Sunday, January 14 th <i>Altar: White</i>	Worship 8:30 AM	Worship 10:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM
3 rd Week after Epiphany	Sunday, January 20 th <i>Altar: Green</i>	Worship 8:30 AM <i>Annual Meeting after worship</i>	Worship 10:30 AM <i>Annual Meeting after worship</i>	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM <i>Annual Meeting at 7:00 pm</i>
4 th Week after Epiphany	Sunday, January 27 th <i>Altar: Green</i>	Worship w/Comm 8:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM

Christmas Message from Bishop Jon V. Anderson

The Christmas Story invites us to watch for the surprising presence of God in our lives here and now even as we remember the coming of the Messiah in Bethlehem long ago.

We often look for God in the wrong places. Today's Gospel reminds us that God works in surprising ways and works in the midst of the most vulnerable of people and places.

While we are more comfortable with a heavenly army of angels when we are thinking of God's presence and work, the one the angels are praising is Jesus lying vulnerable in a manger. God's decisive intervention in human history begins with Jesus an infant, born and laid in a feedbox.

Without Jesus walking in the world; healing, forgiving, loving, and disrupting what people believed about God and themselves. Christmas would not be celebrated. It is the beginning of a larger Story. Jesus loved the vulnerable as he grew into his ministry of feeding the hungry, transforming the lives of people who were lost, and sharing the Good News that God loves all and particularly pays attention to the vulnerable, not just the rich and powerful.

That is good news for you and me who are vulnerable and weak in ways we don't want to acknowledge but know in the "dark nights of our soul."

We don't only celebrate Christmas because God's Son was born. We celebrate Christmas because something also changes in God when Jesus is born. In the birth of Jesus, God not only begins the resurrecting work that will follow the vulnerability of entering human history and relationships. In this birth, God experiences the beauty, depth, fearfulness, and wonder of human life.

The army of angels, the motley shepherds, Jesus' mother and father, none of them knew the depth of what God was up to as Jesus was born crossing into fragile and vulnerable human flesh. Our stubborn God, who had been working for centuries to reconcile Godself to humanity, decided to take an amazing risk to restore our relationship to God and one another.

We can't comprehend the depth and breadth of the mystery of Christmas, but we gather like Mary to ponder the mystery of this birth and give thanks for what we can and do know about God and ourselves through this one who is born is vulnerability, like us.



The meeting was called to order.

Agenda: motion was made to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from last meeting were read. Motion to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: The operating statement was reviewed by the members present. There will be a designated amount moved from the CD to the Checking account. A withdrawal from the Endowment fund will be made to cover the grants that were approved. Motion was made to approve the budget. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Anthony reported that Pastor Eric will be on vacation over Thanksgiving and Pastor Anthony will be on vacation between Christmas and New Year's. Information from Emmaus Road Ministries was shared. Tim will review and report back to the council. Confirmation students toured the funeral home and had a discussion surrounding death and dying. This was an impactful event.

Worship Committee: Met in September, the worship schedule is planned through the end of the year.

Caring Ministries: Mary Lou and Belva continue to do monthly visits and communion. At the last Bible Study, a list was made of people to deliver Christmas gifts to. Twelve quilts will be taken to Gloria Dei to be given to homeless families. The quilts will be blessed at the service following the meeting.

Property Committee: Will reach out to for bids on the downstairs bathroom. The area in the back of the church has been cleaned and should be dry until spring. LP has been booked. The license for the elevator was received and will be posted.

Faith Formation: The Christmas program will be December 16.

Parish Council: Pew cards for families with small children will be printed and placed in the pews for families to be more at ease and also offer other church members suggestions on how they can assist. Summer worship schedule will be reviewed with the change of rotating the Wednesday evening services.

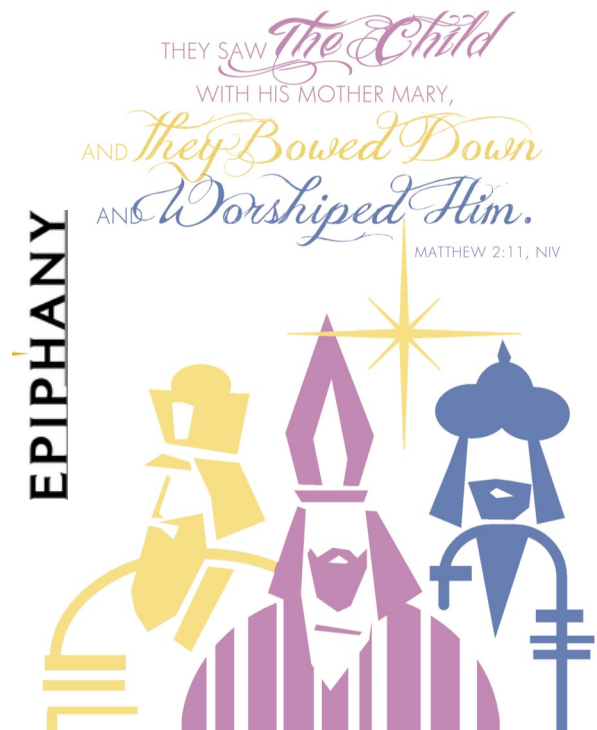
Endowment: The grants have been approved and there will be distribution ceremony announced at a

later date.

Old Business: Jon is working on updating the cemetery records.

New Business: Guide One will be changing our insurance policy. Brotherhood Insurance is being review for an optional replacement. A decision will be made by December 19th. 2019 Circle of Faith Budget has been reviewed. The Waverly 2019 budget will need to be created before the Annual Meeting. Brandon and Steve will meet with the appropriate committees to finalize. The meeting will be December 9th prior to the worship service. The Christmas party will be held December 11 at Pizza Ranch in Fairmont. Next Council meeting will be January 13th at 9am. Annual Meeting will be held January 20th at 7pm.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The Lord's Prayer was recited.



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St. Peter Ripples



Next meeting: Jan. 2nd @ 1:30 pm
Hostess: Jeannine Rasmussen.
Bible Study: The study series for the next 4 months is "The Gospel of John:

Meetings with Jesus!" The author invites us to meet Jesus through his interactions with people that lead to faith, renewal and transformation. Session 1: Come and see: Seeking and finding faith.

Our Christmas Guest Day was attended by 43 people. Everyone enjoyed our "trip to Germany" through the eyes of Pastor Anthony. "Thank You" Pastor for you program! Also, thanks to Group 2 for everything and all others for the lovely luncheon as well.

Ann reports our treasury balance as of Dec. 12th @ \$435.82. Our Christmas Cheer donations of \$100 each went to Ceylon Fire Dept, Ceylon 1st Responders, Martin County Youth for Christ, Peace and Power, KJLY Radio, Fairmont Area Kinship, CREST, COR Sherburn, Heaven's Table Food Shelf and Salvation Army. Other donations I have mentioned earlier totaled \$970. for a total mission giving of \$1,970. Again, thanks to all for helping make this possible. Our Thankoffering total was \$83.

In January and February we will again be quilting. The dates are Jan. 9 & 10, 23 & 24. Come when you can — all help is appreciated. Bring a sack lunch. We wish to thank the Trinity ladies for the donation of material through Thrivent.

There is be a President's meeting on Jan. 26th ! 9 am at Augustana in St. James.

Prayers for Tuesdays at 2: Jan. 1—Be thankful for the New Year and new beginnings. 8th—Pray for our church and our faithful congregation. 15th—Pray for our Pastors and they faithfully serve us. 22th—Pray for those who serve on our church council. 29th—Pray for all who serve in various ways such as organist, janitors, ushers and all others.

Belated Anniversary wishes to Tom and Rose Hovick on Dec. 15th.

Next work duty: Group 2 January Altar care: Bernice
January Birthdays: Jeannine Rasmussen-4th, Marge Schley -13th Nancy Steele-15th.

Lord, help us to follow you faithfully and become more responsive to the needs of others. Amen
Happy New Year !! - Jeannine

Remember quilting days in January

9 & 10, 23 & 24



Sunday, January 20, following the worship service. All reports are due, Wednesday Jan. 9.

Trinity Ripples



Classes are at St. Paul's the month of January - 9:15 am



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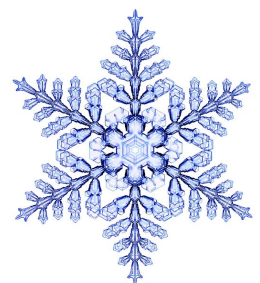
Waverly Ripples

Remember quilting days in January

8 & 9



Sunday, January 20 at 7 pm. All reports are due, Wednesday, Jan. 9.





Ushers & Worship Assistants

St Peter

DATE	LECTOR	USHERS
January 6	Bernice Lehmann	Jeannine Rasmussen / JoAnn Wink
13	Jordan Petschke	Dale and Jeanne Leiding
20	Jeff Petschke	Jeremy and Chelsie Wink
27	Jeannine Rasmussen	Kathy Bremer and Shirley Schmidt
February 3	Muriel Klenz	James and Aubrey Plumhoff



Trinity

DATE	LECTOR	USHERS	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION
January 6	Megan Gerhardt	Joel and Becky Detert	Logan Hughes MiKenna Harder	Lonnie and Bob Moffitt
9		Zane and John Borchardt		John Frerichs Henry Borchardt
13	MaryAnn Frerichs	Bob Swanson Carlene Hand	Brianna Morrow Tyson Thiesse	
20	Liz Stahl	Jean Schock Velma Schaal	Kiaya Schweiss Logan Hughes	
27	Megan Gerhardt	Larry and Deb Philipp	Kylee Jagodzinske Tyson Thiesse	Joel Detert Jon Saxen
February 3	MaryAnn Frerichs		Brice Oechsle MiKenna Harder	



Waverly

DATE	LECTOR	CHILDRENS TIME	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
Jan. 6	Nate Simmonds	Susan Rathman	Ushers	Don Nordstrom
13	Deanne Gaalswyk	Pastor	Ushers	Don Nordstrom
20	Rosemary Atzenhoefer	Karen Helvig	Ushers	Don Nordstrom
27	LuAnn Peterson	Pastor	Ushers	Don Nordstrom
February 3	Laurie Sherman		Ushers	Tom Peterson



January Ushers: Bob Olson, Jim Sherman, Brian Clow, Don Nordstrom

February Ushers: Brad Sherman, Cliff Armbrust, Tim Peterson, Harry Gerdes



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

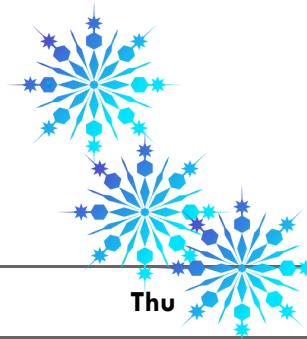
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JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Ronald Rahm 	2 Karen Koeder Belva Peterson Tom Peterson January Elliott Amelia Brosnahan	3 Jon & Karen Helwig	4 Deb Armbrust Jeannine Rasmussen	5
6	7 Aimee Hand Mason Mosloski 	8	9 Amanda Brosnahan	10 Wayne Burmeister John Frerichs Lacey Lueth Maurice Rahm	11	12 Olin Bakke Brock Burmeister
13 Scott Benge Marge Schley	14 Marilyn Schlager Zac & Leah Gerhardt Paul & Lorrie Jensen 	15 Nancy Steele Audrey Swanson	16 Ione Nelson	17 Denyse Borchardt	18 James Korte Julie Schulz	19 Larry Puhrman Larry R Schmidt Bruce Winter
20 Victor Abelson	21 Victoria Lake 	22 Deborah Schneider	23 Jeanne Leiding	24 Susan Krueger Cody Williams	25 Margo Paplow	26 Synjin Haugen
27 Rhonda Oechsle	28	29 	30 Ashley Patten	31 Faith Poppe MarLeone Williamson	Happy Birthday 	

january



Sun

Mon

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Sat

<p><u>Sunday school</u> 9:15 WLC & TLC</p> <p><u>Worship</u> St. Peter 8:30 am Trinity 10:30 am Waverly 10:30 am</p>	<p>Dec. 31 Parish Office closed</p>	<p>1 Parish Office closed</p> 	<p>2 10 am TSL Comm. 1:30 WELCA - StP</p> <p>No Confirmation</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 Parish office closed Fridays</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p>  <p>Epiphany</p> <p>Communion-all</p>	<p>7 9:30 am Men's Bible study, First Lutheran, Trimont</p>	<p>8 Quilting—WLC</p> <p>6 pm Parish Council mtg</p> <p>7:30 pm Trinity Council mtg</p>	<p>9 Quilting WLC & StP 1 pm Goldfinch Communion</p> <p>4 pm Confirmation 5 pm Family Confirmation 5:30 pm meal</p> <p>6 pm Wed. Worship 7 pm YG Bible Study</p>	<p>10 Quilting—StP</p> <p>Reports due for Annual meeting</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13</p> <p>9 am WLC Council mtg</p> <p>Communion-WLC</p>	<p>14 9:30 am Men's Bible study, First Lutheran, Trimont</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>4 pm Confirmation</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> 
<p>20</p> <p><u>Annual meetings</u> St. Peter 9:30 am Trinity-11:30 am Waverly-7 pm</p> <p>Communion-WLC</p>	<p>21 9:30 am Men's Bible study, First Lutheran, Trimont</p> <p>Items due for February Ripples</p>	<p>22 Circle of Faith Anniversary</p> 	<p>23 Quilting—StP</p> <p>4 pm Confirmation</p>	<p>24 Quilting—StP</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p> <p>Communion-all</p>	<p>28 9:30 am Men's Bible study, First Lutheran, Trimont</p>	<p>29 9:30 am THCC Worship</p>	<p>30 9 am Assemble Ripples</p> <p>4 pm Confirmation</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Christ is the center of our Home a guest at every Meal a silent Listener to every conversation</p> 		



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