

# 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:**

- |      |                                |
|------|--------------------------------|
| 2/3  | St. Peter Annual meeting       |
| 2/5  | Mary Circle WLC                |
| 2/6  | WELCA StP                      |
| 2/12 | Quilting WLC                   |
| 2/13 | Quilting WLC & StP             |
|      | Goldfinch Communion            |
|      | Family Confirmation / Meal     |
|      | Wednesday Evening Worship      |
|      | Youth Group                    |
| 2/14 | Happy Valentines Day           |
|      | Quilting StP                   |
| 2/20 | Articles due for March Ripples |
| 2/27 | Quilting StP                   |
|      | Assemble Ripples               |
| 2/28 | Quilting StP                   |



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## February Worship Schedule

		St. Peter	Trinity	Waverly
5 <sup>th</sup> Week after Epiphany	Sunday, February 3 <sup>rd</sup> <i>Altar: Green</i>	Worship w/Comm 8:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM
6 <sup>th</sup> Week after Epiphany	Sunday, February 10 <sup>th</sup> <i>Altar: Green</i>	Worship 8:30 AM	Worship 10:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM
	Wednesday, February 13 <sup>th</sup> <i>Altar: Green</i>	Worship w/Communion at Trinity 6:00 PM <i>(Everyone welcome)</i>		
7 <sup>th</sup> Week after Epiphany	Sunday, February 17 <sup>th</sup> <i>Altar: Green</i>	Worship 8:30 AM	Worship 10:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM
8 <sup>th</sup> Week after Epiphany	Sunday, February 24 <sup>th</sup> <i>Altar: Green</i>	Worship w/Comm 8:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM



# Spirit Led INNOVATION

## 2019 Equipping Congregations Day

February 23, 2019 - 8:30am - 3:30pm  
Vinje Lutheran Church & Bethel Lutheran Church, Willmar MN  
*Early Registration Ends February 1, 2019.*

**We have something for everyone!**

Throughout the day you will have time to attend your choice of **3 different workshops**, in addition to our keynote speakers, Beth Lewis and Benjamin Winchester.

**Beth Lewis**

**Grow. Hold. Fold**

One of the perils of any organization is that there is no shortage of good ideas. There are, however, good ideas that outlast their usefulness! It is often very difficult to stop doing things because they get imbedded into our organizations' traditions and cultures.

**Keynote speakers**

**Benjamin S. Winchester**

**Rewriting the Rural Narrative**

It seems the rural story has already been told. Small towns keep getting smaller. Churches, schools, clinics, businesses, and now post offices, have closed their doors as the lucky few migrate out to the big cities. This deficit framework dominates how we discuss and envision our rural communities. However, the story of rural America since 1970 is rich and diverse, with positive trends occurring under the radar. Learn how these important positive changes have been occurring across the rural landscape that require us to rewrite the narrative of rural community change.

Southwestern Minnesota Synod, ELCA



# Parish Council

Minutes January 8, 2019

Parish Council members present are: Karen Helvig, Marilyn Cheever, Jeff Leuth, Deanne Gaalswyk, Deb Philipp. Congregational President Jon Borchardt from Trinity and Jody Franck from St. Peter's were in attendance, as well as, Pastors Anthony Christoffels and Pastor Eric Midthun.

Deanne Gaalswyk made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Marilyn Cheever seconded that motion.

Marilyn Cheever made a motion to accept the secretary's minutes as presented. Jeff Leuth seconded that motion.

Jody Franck presented the Treasurer's report. There was a unanimous vote to accept the treasurer's report as is.

There was a discussion of the 2019 budget. There are no corrections or changes to the budget, except with the assessment that was figured out for 2019. Marilyn Cheever accepted the budget as presented. Jeff Leuth seconded that motion.

There was a discussion of possible members to be on the parish council with two members terms ending tonight.

Annual meetings will be held in each of the churches after worship services on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Deanne Gaalswyk and seconded by Jeff Leuth.

Next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 6 pm at Trinity.

Sincerely submitted, Deb Philipp  
Parish Council Secretary

## Trinity Annual meeting

JANUARY 20, 2019

President John Borchardt called the meeting to order.

An additional item was added to the new business on the assessments on the streets in town.

Devotions were given by Pastor Anthony. We used the litany on the inside of the back cover of the annual report booklet.

A motion by Bob Moffitt, seconded by Joel Detert was made to approve the Secretary's report. Motion carried. The Treasurer's report was looked at. The cost of insurance was higher than budgeted. The rates had just gone up that much. We will probably have to look at other insurance when it comes due. Guide One did not offer to renew Waverly. Scott Morrow made a motion, seconded by Bob Moffitt to accept the Treasurer's report as

presented. Motion carried.

The budget was gone over. Currently there is \$350 budgeted for registration for the synod assembly. It was brought up that we might get someone to go if the congregation added the cost of room and board to the budget for the attendance at the assembly. Mary Ann Frerichs made a motion to increase the amount budgeted for the synod assembly to \$600.00. Bob Moffitt seconded. Motion carried.

Jean Schock made a motion to approve the budget, Jon Saxen seconded. Motion carried.

The Pastor drew attention to upcoming events. One is Saturday, February 23, 2019 at Willmar from 8:30 a.m to 3:30 p.m. on Equipping Congregations Day which helps congregations with ideas to promote the church. The cost is \$50 for the day no matter how many people attend from the congregation. Pastor will be going. He also brought up that Easter is later this year. Ash Wednesday is March 6<sup>th</sup> and Easter is Sunday, April 21. There will be no Easter Vigil this year.

There was NO OLD BUSINESS.

The Nominating Committee report shows that there are still several positions to be filled. The treasurer position is still open along with positions still open on other committees. Bob Moffitt made a motion to approve the people taking positions per the report. Henry Borchardt seconded the motion. Motion carried. John Borchardt thanked the ones accepting positions and thanked the ones that were going off for their service.

### NEW BUSINESS

The City of Welcome is planning to make some major upgrades to the water and sewer mains and streets. It will entail several different streets some of which are Campbell and blocks of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> streets. Construction is being done by the city. The assessment will be on the 2020 taxes. The cost estimate is \$60 to \$80 per foot of frontage and the church has 150 feet of frontage so the cost will probably be between \$9,000 and \$12,000 which will be billed over a number of years. The city is proposing to not put a sidewalk on the west side of the church. There will be curb and gutter put in.

Summer worship rotation was discussed. The attendance has been declining so the Parish Council is talking of rotating the Wednesday night services so it may not be in August when Trinity has Wednesday night services. Bob Moffitt said to try different months to see if it helps. This will be taken back to the Parish Council.

### Building Renovation Plan

Needs we have for the church to be kept in repair. John B. handed out a sheet with a list of projects of things

that need to be done. The one of top priority is repair to the stained glass windows for an estimated cost of \$28,000. The windows on the south side have issues that need to be addressed soon. The north side isn't quite as bad. When the windows are repaired they will be made so they cannot be opened anymore.

Other items included siding for an estimated cost of \$100,000 of which we can pick and choose what we want done as the cost includes some repairs around the stained glass windows which we know will need to be done if/when we have the windows worked on. This cost is for steel siding. Vinyl siding would run around \$10,000 and \$15,000 less than steel siding.

The cost for new carpeting would be approximately \$26,000. The carpet we have now was installed in 1976 and could use some updating. The pricing includes the offices and entry ways.

How to finance the updates/repairs was discussed. We could use some of the money from savings and we could hold fundraisers.

Also mentioned was the ceiling in the church which can probably be fixed by members of the church as it just needs to be tacked up.

Basement windows on the south side were included in the siding bid plus some other windows and doors.

Becky Detert made a motion to put together a committee to get details on the costs of the items with some options and come up with some fundraisers. The deadline to have some information put together would be around the first part of May. Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried. People that volunteered to be on the committee were Scott Morrow, Tim Stahl, Bob Moffitt, John Borchardt and the property committee will also be on it.

Jon Saxon made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Audrey Swanson. Motion carried.

## Waverly Council

January 13, 2019  
9:00 am

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. \$25,000 moved from the CD to the Checking account. A withdrawal from the Endowment fund was made to cover the grants that were approved. 2018 and 2019 Budgets were reviewed. Further review will be made at the Annual Meeting. Motion was made to approve the budget. Motion carried.

**Pastor's Report:** There will be a conference on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 8:30-3:30 in Wilmar, with speakers and workshops. The event is titled Equipping Congregations. The cost is \$80 for the entire congregation or \$150 for the Circle of Faith Parish. Pastor Anthony is planning to attend. He invited others to attend. Any number of attendees is covered by the fee. Easter is later in the spring this year. Ash Wednesday is March 6<sup>th</sup> at St. Peter at 6:30pm. Lenten Eve services are March 13, and April 4 at Waverly. Meals are pending on Youth Group. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for January 20 at 7pm.

**Worship Committee:** Will meet prior February 10th, the worship schedule is planned through the end of the year.

**Caring Ministries:** Mary Lou and Belva continue to do monthly visits and communion. The Quilts were delivered to Gloria Dei. Belva contacted Hope Lodge in Rochester. They are a chemo unit. Jon will deliver quilts to them on his next visit to Rochester.

**Property Committee:** Will reach out to for bids on the downstairs bathroom.

**Faith Formation:** The Christmas program was on December 16. It was very well done. Thank you to Lacey for coordinating.

**Parish Council:** Summer worship schedule will be reviewed at the Annual Meeting 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. A suggestion was made to have an Endowment Sunday where the focus would be on finding new opportunities.

**Old Business:** Jon continues working on updating the cemetery records. Insurance is in progress. The deductible will be raised but will have lower premiums.

**New Business:** Discussion on having back up check signers for certain council positions. This makes sense. Tim presented information on Emmaus Road Ministries. It is an organization formed to address the crisis of homeless children in Columbia, specifically their education. There is a scholarship program where children can be sponsored. Tim will present at the Annual Meeting as well. The Nomination Committee is currently seeking new members. There still several positions open. Parish Council is currently represented but it would be beneficial to have a third member as the 2 remaining member both go off next year. Annual Meeting will be held January 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. The next Council meeting will be April 7<sup>th</sup> at 9am prior to service.

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

# Waverly Annual meeting

Sunday January 20, 2019 7PM

Steve Williamson called the meeting to order. 27 Members present and Pastor Anthony.  
Devotions/Litany led by Pastor Anthony.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes read from the 2018 Annual meeting. Motion was made to accept and seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasure's Report:** 2018 Year-end Statement presented. 2019 Budgets were reviewed for Waverly. It was noted that Propane came in over budget. Worship came in under budget as did property. A total loss of \$2,361.11 under budget for the year. It was noted that \$25,000 of the CD was transferred to the Endowment account. Discussion surrounding the Giving numbers. \$7000 more in giving would aid in coming in at budget. If each family gave even \$100 more this might make up the difference. Motion was made to accept the budgets and seconded. Motion carried.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor's report was submitted on page 3 of the flyer. Upcoming events of interest include the Equipping Congregations Conference on February 23 in Wilmar. Pastor encouraged members to attend. Pastor Anthony indicated that St. Peter will be hosting the Ash Wednesday Service this year. The Wednesday evening services will be March 13 and April 3 at Waverly at 6:30 pm. There will be no Easter Vigil this year. Motion made to accept the Pastor's report was made and seconded. Motion carried.

**Endowment Report:** This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the Endowment fund. \$25,000 was moved from the CD to Endowment Fund. There will be an Endowment Sunday scheduled to distribute the grants and encourage the congregation to expand their thinking on ways to utilize the funds. Motion made to accept the Endowment Fund report was made and seconded. Motion Carried.

**Old Business:** The Steeple has not been addressed. This discussion will be continued in 2019.

**Nominating Committee Report:** Listing of the 2019 Nominees was presented. Motion to accept a unanimous ballot was made and seconded. Motion carried. It was noted that Faith Formation and Circle of Faith Parish members still need recruitment. Nancy Nordstrom was elected to Parish Council. Lynette and Susan were elected to be Synod Delegates. A motion made to accept these nominations, seconded and carried.

**New Business:** The Summer rotation change was discussed. Waverly will host Wednesday evening services in August this year. Motion made to accept, seconded and carried. Tim presented on Emmaus Ministries. It is an organization formed to address the crisis of homeless children in Columbia, specifically their education. There is a scholarship program where children can be sponsored. Tim will gather more information and present to the congregation. No other New Business. Motion to Adjourn was made, seconded, and carried.

**Meeting Adjourned**

**The Lord's Prayer was recited by all.**

**L** *is patient*  
**O** *is kind*  
**V** *it does not envy*  
**E** *it does not boast*  
*it is not proud*  
*it is not rude*  
*it is not self-seeking*  
*it is not easily angered*  
*keeps no record of wrongs*  
*does not delight in evil*  
*Rejoices with the truth*  
*always protects*  
*always trusts*  
*always hopes*  
*always perseveres*  
*Never Fails*

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# St. Peter Ripples



Next meeting: Feb. 6 @ 1:30 pm  
Hostess: Sherry Schmidt and Ann Yackle.  
Bible Study: Session 2 on Meetings with Jesus - "By night and day: coming to the faith in Jesus."

After 2 days of quilting we have 27 completed. We had 10 women on Wednesday. It was fun to meet Sun's relation from South Korea 00 they pitched right in and helped. On Thursday there were 6 quilters. February quilting days are the 13 & 14, 27 & 28,

A Christmas letter was received from Ingham Bible camp, recapping the events of 2018. The old chapel was demolished and the new chapel was used. The ministry team and campus were blessed to worship in this new wonderful building. The Ice Cream Social brought in \$11,249. with 335 people attending — fewer people at the Hog Roast which raised \$8,402. They thank us for our part to lift up the ministry at Ingham Lake Bible Camp

Ann reports our treasury balance is \$435.82. We voted to donate \$100. to Kids against Hunger. There will be a packing event in February at St. John Vianney Church in Fairmont.

Prayers for Tuesdays at 2:

Feb. 5—ask the Holy Spirit to guide my steps and open new doors; Feb. 12—Pray for strength and courage  
Feb. 19—Pray for endurance to be faithful to God's Word; Feb. 26—Pray that the fruits of the Spirit are evident in my life.

Next work duty: Group 2  
February Altar care: Sherry Schmidt  
February Honorary birthday: Barb Schmidt-Feb.3

"Those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty" (John 4:14a)

Love, Jeannine

*"Thank you" to everyone for the cards (110), gifts, phone calls and other best wishes that I received for my 90th birthday on January 4th. I am so blessed !!*

Jeannine

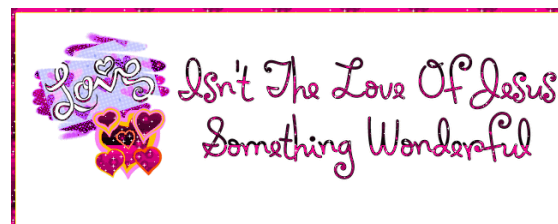
March is Salvation Army Food shelf collections



# Trinity Ripples



Classes are at Trinity the month of February - 9:15 am  
Kids will be singing in both churches on Sunday, Feb. 24.



# Waverly Ripples

Remember February quilting days:  
12 & 13

Mary Circle - Feb. 5  
@ Rosemary Atzenhoefer's



'Waverly church' for the plant and prayers that you gave to me.

Also thank you to the Youth group for stopping and singing Christmas carols to me. Thank you to Pastor Anthony and John Borchardt for bringing them.

Everything is so appreciated.  
Elaine Johnson

# Ushers & Worship Assistants

DATE	LECTOR	USHERS
February 3	Muriel Klenz	James and Aubrey Plumhoff
10	Bernice Lehmann	Ronnie and Jane Leiding
17	Jordan Petschke	Larry W Schmidt and Jordan Petschke
24	Jeff Petschke	Bob Nelson and Larry R Schmidt
March 3	Jeannine Rasmussen	Dale and Muriel Klenz

DATE	LECTOR	USHERS	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION
February 3	MaryAnn Frerichs	John and MaryAnn Frerichs	Brice Oechsle MiKenna Harder	Velma Schaal John Frerichs
10	Liz Stahl	Beth and Jay Mulso	Alyx Stahl Brianna Morrow	
Wed. 13		Lonnie and Bob Moffitt		Lonnie and Bob Moffitt
17	Megan Gerhardt	Todd Williams Larry Puhrman	Kiaya Schweiss Tyson Thiesse	
24	MaryAnn Frerichs	John and Rita Garbers	Logan Hughes Kyle Jagodzinske	Henry Borchardt John Borchardt
Mar. 3	Liz Stahl	Jon and Jen Saxen	MiKenna Harder Alyx Stahl	Brian Burmeister Jon Saxen

DATE	LECTOR	CHILDRENS TIME	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
Feb. 3	Laurie Sherman		Ushers	Tom Peterson
10	Don Nordstrom	Pastor	Ushers	Tom Peterson
	Sonja Haugen	Tom Peterson	Ushers	Tom Peterson
24	Karen Helvig		Ushers	Tom Peterson
March 3	Tom Peterson		Ushers	Laurie Sherman

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

**March Ushers:** John Helvig, Erwin Atzenhoefer, Jeff Lueth, Tom Peterson



# February



## Birthdays Anniversaries




Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Cara Hansen Terry Muller	2 Amy Feely LeRoy Franck Kevin Shaw
3 Barb Schmidt	4 Henry Borchardt Josie Clow 	5 Celeste Bengel Stephen Helvig	6	7 Kiaya Schweiss 	8 Neil Cheever Emma Koehler	9 Alyx Stahl
10 Joel Hatch 	11 John Sherman	12 Dylan Muller Scott Peterson Mary Lou Sherman	13 Paul Jensen	14  Sylvia and Vernon Handevitd 50	15 	16 Loren Schultz
17 	18 Christopher Meyer Jay Mulso	19 Bowdin Bentz	20 Sarah Hecht Brandon Poppe	21 Dale Keck	22 Connor Malo Deb Miller Nichole Smith Susie & Bocky Borchardt 45	23 Aubrey Plumhoff
24 Sandy Winter Sierra & Zachary Peterson			27	28 Janet Saxen Jen Saxen		



# FEBRUARY

# 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>StP 8:30 am Worship</p> <p>TLC 9:15 am SS</p> <p>10:30 am Worship</p> <p>WLC 9:15 am SS</p> <p>10:30 am Worship</p>					<p><sup>1</sup></p> <p>Parish Office Closed Fridays</p>	<p><sup>2</sup></p>
<p>3</p> <p>St. Peter Annual meeting (rescheduled)</p> <p>Communion - All</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Men's Bible Study—9:30</p> <p>First Lutheran Trimont</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7 pm Mary Circle</p>	<p>6</p> <p>1:30 pm WELCA StP</p> <p>4 pm Confirmation</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Communion - WLC</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Men's Bible Study—9:30</p> <p>First Lutheran Trimont</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Quilting WLC</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Quilting WLC &amp; StP</p> <p>1—3 pm Communion Goldfinch</p> <p>4 pm Confirmation</p> <p>5 pm Family Conf/Meal</p> <p>6 pm Worship</p> <p>7 pm Youth Group</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Quilting StP</p> 	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17</p> <p>Communion- WLC</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Men's Bible Study—9:30</p> <p>First Lutheran Trimont</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Articles due for March Ripples</p> <p>4 pm Confirmation</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
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