

# Ripples of Faith 2020



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Sundays— 8:30 am St. Peter	
	10:30 am Trinity & Waverly
	—9:15 Sunday school
	Trinity & Waverly
Mondays: 9:00 am Men's Bible Study	
	First Lutheran, Trimont

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**



3/3	Mary's Circle - WLC
3/4	WELCA - StP
	Lenten Service @ Waverly
	Quilting - WLC
	Parish Council mtg
	Trinity Council mtg
3/11	Quilting - WLC
	Goldfinch Communion
	Lenten Service @ St. Peter
3/15	St. Peter Council mtg
	Worship Planning comm. Mtg - WLC
	Lenten Service @ Trinity
	Articles due for April Ripples
3/20-3/21	Confirmation Retreat
3/22	Planned Giving Forum - WLC
3/25	Assemble Ripples
	Lenten Service @ Waverly
3/29	Dementia Friends presentation - WLC

Lent



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# March Worship Schedule

		<b>St. Peter</b>	<b>Trinity</b>	<b>Waverly</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Week in Lent</b>	Sunday, March 1 <sup>st</sup> <i>Altar: Purple</i>	Worship w/Comm 8:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM
	Wednesday, March 4 <sup>th</sup> <i>Altar: Purple</i>	Worship at Waverly 6:30 PM		
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Week in Lent</b>	Sunday, March 8 <sup>th</sup> <i>Altar: Purple</i>	Worship 8:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM
	Wednesday, March 11 <sup>th</sup> <i>Altar: Purple</i>	Worship at St. Peter 6:30 PM		
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Week in Lent</b>	Sunday, March 15 <sup>th</sup> <i>Altar: Purple</i>	Worship 8:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM
	Wednesday, March 18 <sup>th</sup> <i>Altar: Purple</i>	Worship at Trinity 6:30 PM		
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Week in Lent</b>	Sunday, March 22 <sup>nd</sup> <i>Altar: Purple</i>	Worship 8:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM
	Wednesday, March 25 <sup>th</sup> <i>Altar: Purple</i>	Worship at Waverly 6:30 PM		
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Week in Lent</b>	Sunday, March 29 <sup>th</sup> <i>Altar: Purple</i>	Worship w/Comm 8:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM
	Wednesday, April 1 <sup>st</sup> <i>Altar: Purple</i>	Worship at St. Peter 6:30 PM		

## MID-WEEK LENTEN EVE WORSHIP SERIES

*This year throughout the season of Lent, we will be looking at the various callings or vocations we have been called to. You are invited to come rest in God's gracious Word each week as we explore how our faith shapes us at home, at work, in our community, and at church.*

Faith

**Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**



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# Parish Council

January 28, 2020

Members Present: Marilyn Cheever, John Borchardt, Nancy Nordstrom, MaryAnn Frerichs  
Pastor Anthony Christoffels and Pastor Eric Midthun

The meeting was called to order by Marilyn Cheever.

John Borchardt made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by MaryAnn Frerichs. Approved

Pastor Anthony gave a devotion based on Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. There is beauty in the seasons, same with the church year. We need to live in the present.

Election of officers: President – Marilyn Cheever, Vice-President – John Borchardt, Treasurer – Nancy Nordstrom, Secretary – MaryAnn Frerichs. Motion to approve this ballot by MaryAnn Frerichs, seconded by Nancy Nordstrom. Approved.

Secretary's Report – November 12, 2019 as printed, motion made to approve by John Borchardt, seconded by MaryAnn Frerichs. Approved.

Treasurer's Report November-December 2019 as printed, motion made to approve made by MaryAnn Frerichs, seconded by John Borchardt. Approved.

Pastor's report by Pastor Anthony – Working on plans for Lent, excited about them. The eighth grade confirmation class is registered for an overnight retreat at Shetek. Pastor will be gone February 11-13 to visit the snowbirds in Arizona.

No congregation reports

Old Business

Pastoral office options were presented for if we were to need to operate with just one pastor and discussed.

No new business

Next meeting – Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 6 pm

Motion to adjourn was made by Nancy Nordstrom, seconded by John Borchardt. Approved.

## Trinity Annual mtg

January 26, 2020

President John Borchardt called the meeting to order.

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

Secretary's report was approved with a motion by Lonnie M. and a second by Henry B.

Treasurer's report was looked at. Motion by Jean S. to

approve the report with a second by Bob M.

The proposed budget for 2020 of \$88,742.00 was looked at. With no questions, a motion by Bob M. and a second by Liz S. to approve the report.

The only addition or corrections to the Pastor's report was that the date for the Conference Assembly in St. James was set for 2/16/2020. In the list of coming events it had Easter Sunday service listed as a 10:30 service and not the usual Sunrise service. John B. will check that out with Pastor Anthony.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT: Offices needed to be filled are President, Treasurer, two people on Property committee, and three people for Faith Formation. Jon Saxen volunteered to take the President position. If any one is willing to serve on the other open positions, please contact Pastor or Jon Saxen. A motion by Todd W. and seconded by Lonnie M was made and carried to accept Jon S. as President, Jon & Kelsey Traetow as Financial Secretary, John Frerichs for the Caring Ministries and John Borchardt for the Parish Council.

OLD BUSINESS: Trinity Lutheran will have Wednesday evening services during the month of July this year, per the rotation schedule with Circle of Faith Parishes.

The building renovation will start this spring. A contractor for the siding has been hired and a down payment has been made. Several windows will be replaced. After these are completed, several interior projects will be worked on.

We have not received a bill from the city of Welcome for street assessment. That will be forthcoming in 2021.

NEW BUSINESS: Pastor Anthony reported to John that the Synod has made some minor wording changes which we needed to vote on. Bob M. made the motion to accept with a second from Jean S.

Some discussion was generated about possibly mailing out the annual reports to members before the meeting so they could go over reports before they attend the meeting. It was also suggested to have it put on the church's website and people could review it there. These options will be considered.

A discussion about updating the membership list. People need to be reminded to contact the church office with changes in addresses, phone numbers, or email addresses. It was mentioned that members that are no longer residents of the area but wish to remain members be put on an associate list which would only exclude them from voting rights. The council will hold a discussion on that at some date.

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. . . . Discussion about a better time for the annual meeting. One suggestion was in the summer when the snowbirds were back or possibly an evening meeting. That matter will be taken to the council.

Joh B. thanked everyone for their cooperation and service during his role as Church president.

A motion for adjournment was made by Bob M. and seconded by Todd W. at 12 pm

## Waverly Annual mtg Sun. Jan. 26, 2020

Don Nordstrom, Vice-President, called the meeting to order. \_\_\_ members were present and Pastor Anthony. Devotions and Litany were led by Pastor Anthony.

**Secretary's Report:** Pastor Anthony read the Secretary's Report from the 2019 Annual meeting. Brad Sherman moved/ Bob Olson seconded to accept the report without changes. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Brandon Nordstrom presented the 2019 Income/Expense and Budget report. Luther Memorial Home budgeted money was not sent. Discussion was needed to clarify the status of the Luther Memorial Home. Brandon explained over- and under-budget figures. All told Waverly was down approximately \$2500 for the year.

Brandon presented the proposed budget for 2020. Discussion regarding the Luther Memorial Home began. Irwin and Rosemary Atzenhoefer were Waverly's representatives and attend meetings at the Luther Memorial Home and recommended Waverly continue our support. The name of the home has changed to Living Meadows at Luther-Madelia. Bob Olsen moved/Rosemary Atzenhoefer seconded to insert a \$100 line in the proposed budget. Motion carried. The 2019 budgeted amount of \$100 will be sent as well. Brad Sherman moved/Jon Helvig seconded to approve the proposed budget for 2020. Motion carried.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Anthony presented his report. Conference meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2020, at 2:00 pm at First Lutheran Church in St. James. Gloria Dei's children's director wants to host Waverly at Gloria Dei suggesting that Waverly members worship at Gloria Dei, have lunch then attend a Twin's game together proposed for some time in August 2020. Jon Helvig suggest that Farm for Waverly could pay for a bus for the trip. Options for seats were discussed.

**Endowment Report:** Pastor Anthony handed out the December financial figures for the Endowment funds. Brad Sherman asked if endowment funds could be used for re-

pairs to the church. He reported that shingles are found on the ground periodically and the roof may need to be re-shingled. Brandon pointed out that the \$25,000 CD was moved into the Endowment Fund to improve its growth in interest. He suggested that that amount may be moved out of the Endowment account for repairs to the roof or steeple. No action was taken.

**Nominating Committee:** Jon Helvig moved/ Karen Helvig seconded to present the slate of nominees as a unanimous ballot. Discussion was held about ensuring the rotation of members on the Faith Formation Committee. Don called the question. Motion carried.

**Parish Budget:** Nancy Nordstrom presented the Circle of Faith 2019 Operating Statement and 2020 Parish Budget. The Parish council budgets for Pastor Anthony's medical insurance in case his wife's military medical insurance ends during the coming year. The percentage of support for the Circle of Faith budget is determined by average weekly attendance at each church. Waverly's actual payment for 2020 is \$60,164. Karen Helvig moved/Bob Olsen seconded to approve the Circle of Faith 2020 budget. Motion carried.

**Old Business:** Waverly will worship on Wednesday evenings in June in 2020. Discussion was held about whether to shingle or use steel for the steeple. Don Nordstrom suggested that a congregational meeting be held with more complete information.

**New Business:** Pastor Anthony reminded the group that our constitution needs to be in compliance with the Model Constitution of the ELCA, reflecting any changes adopted at the Church-wide Assembly. Pastor reviewed the proposed changes and reported that the majority of changes would change "the congregation" to "this congregation". Some processes were also reworded to improve clarity and make them less confusing. Pastor Anthony recommended adoption of the changes into Waverly's constitution. Nancy Nordstrom moved/Lynette Shaw seconded to accept changes from the Church-wide Assembly into our constitution. Motion Carried.

Pastor Anthony presented information about Tithe.ly, an option members can use to make their contributions to the church. Trinity Lutheran in Welcome is already using Tithe.ly. The account is live and active for Waverly members to use. ELCA negotiated with Tithe.ly to eliminate set-up and monthly fees. Only transaction fees still apply. A link to Tithe.ly is found on Circle of Faith's website and is also available by an app. Members can set up recurring transactions. Tithe.ly generates year-end reports for the church and individuals. The Parish office will receive the financial reports typically sent to the Financial Treasurer so each new Financial Treasurer need not learn the process.

**Cemetery Report:** Bob Olson reported no news. Don Nordstrom expressed appreciation for the work of the mowers.

Upcoming Events:

- ☑ Easter Vigil is being planned. The committee needs volunteers.
- ☑ Meals for Lenten Services: Youth may be in charge.
- ☑ 2021 Youth Gathering will be in Minneapolis, MN.
- ☑ St Peter Lutheran Church in Ceylon will turn 125 years old this year. A joint service is being planned.

Brad Sherman moved/Jon Helvig seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Pastor Anthony led the members in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Krueger, temporary Secretary




Circle of Faith 8th grade confirmation class is going on a retreat, Friday and Saturday, March 20 & 21.

It is with Shetek Lutheran Ministries on Keely Island on Lake Shetek, near Slayton, MN

The kids will be involved with breakout sessions, congregation time, large group activities, devotions, small group activities, worship, service projects and a campfire.

Confirmation Retreats are ... Christ-centered camp style experiences for confirmation youth and their guides, intended to enhance and partner with the confirmation ministry at their congregation.

# St. Peter Ripples

Women of the ELCA  Next meeting - March 4 @ 1:30 pm  
Hostesses: Muriel & Marge

**Bible Study:** In Session 1 we looked at the call stories of several Old Testament prophets. In Session 2 we reflected on being called by Jesus. In this 3rd Session we will discuss what we are being called to do. We are called to serve others and love our neighbors.

With this weather we have had a hard time getting much quilting done. We will work in some extra days the end of February and maybe into March. We have 32 completed,

March is food collection month for the Salvation Army and Heaven's Table. There is always a great need for donations.

Remember we are doing Personal Care Kits: 1 dark color bath size towel, 2 bars soap, 1 adult toothbrush, 1 sturdy comb and 1 nail clippers. Fold towel in have with items inside and secure with string or rubber band. We also need more notebooks to finish the rest of the school kits.

There is a crafting retreat at Okoboji - March 13-15. Cost is \$99. per person.

Prayers for Tuesday a@ 2: 3/3-this Lenten season pray for the Lord to guide me, 3/10-pray for those less fortunate, 3/17-pray to be a better neighbor, 3/24-pray to be faithful to God's Word, 3/31-pray for opportunities to help others.

March Anniversaries: Don & Marge Schley the 19th, Liz and Jon Petschke the 20th.

Honorary Birthday: Bernice Lehmann will be 90 years old on March 3rd. Her address is 2811 Roland Ave, Rm 110, Fairmont, 56031.

Next work duty: Group 2  
March Altar care: Ann Wenzel

*Gracious God, open our minds and our hearts to your word that we may learn together and grow in faith.*

Love, Jeannine

# Trinity Ripples

Wednesday, February 23 - host  
Ash Wednesday Service - 6:30 pm



Beginning in March, we will be starting to offer communion every week in order to serve the needs of the congregation. Rather than make a list of people to serve each week, we are looking for a group of people that we can have on a phone text

list so that we can coordinate things that way. If you are willing to help serve in this capacity, please contact John Frerichs or Pastor Anthony so that we can get the list going. Thank you for your consideration

**Mary's Circle** Tuesday, March 3 - 7 pm  
@ Lynette Shaw's

Mary Circle Is Moving

Waverly's Mary Circle will be gathering in the Trimont City Room instead of in member homes, except for March (Primary Election, November (Election Day) and December our traditional potluck at Nancy's. Everyone is welcome to join us as we explore Women in the Bible. Snacks/desserts will be provided by the member listed in the 2020 Booklet.



**Quilting** Tuesday and Wednesday  
March 10 & 11

# Waverly Ripples



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~OR~

**Use Tithe.ly App (Android/iOS)**

Download the app and search for Waverly Lutheran Church - Trimont, MN

## PLANNED GIVING FORUM

The Waverly Endowment Fund Committee has invited Pr. Keith Pearson to Waverly on Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Pr. Keith is the Regional Gift Planner for our area. He will be visiting with us about our endowment fund and how to make financial plans for our future. Please join us before worship.

**Planned Giving Forum**  
Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> 9:00 am  
Waverly Lutheran

## DEMENTIA FRIENDS COMES TO WAVERLY

We all know someone suffering from Dementia or Alzheimer's. And we may have all experienced feeling a bit uncomfortable when interacting with them. Not knowing what to talk about or trying not to complete thoughts for them. Often, we struggle with our own feelings and emotions. So, what can we do about it? Staying away is not a viable option! Learning more about the disease and positive ways of interaction makes much more sense.

Lasting only an hour, the Dementia Friends class, from CREST, explores what happens to a person when dementia strikes and how we can more positively interact with them. What can we do when the same subject comes up again or we find ourselves mentally urging the person to finish their sentence? Plan now to join Karen Koeder to discover ways for more meaningful conversations with friends and family.

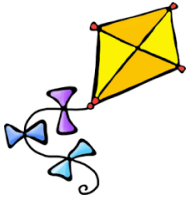
Sunday, March 29, 2020 9:00am  
Waverly Lutheran Church



# St Peter



# Trinity



# Waverly



DATE	LECTOR	USHERS
March 1	Jeff Petschke	Ann Wenzel and Shirley Schmidt
8	Jeannine Rasmussen	Jeannine Rasmussen and Sherry Schmidt
15	Ellie Plumhoff	JoAnn Wink and Kathy Bremer
22	Jordan Petschke	Keith and Jody Franck
29	Jeff Petschke	Neil and Marilyn Cheever
April 5	Jeannine Rasmussen	James and Aubrey Plumhoff

DATE	LECTOR	USHERS	COMMUNION
March 1	Deb Philipp		
8	Liz Stahl		
15	MaryAnn Frerichs		
22	Deb Philipp		
29	Liz Stahl		
April 5	MaryAnn Frerichs		

DATE	LECTOR	CHILDRENS TIME	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
March 1	Mary Lou Sherman		Ushers	Laurie Sherman
8	Kiley Bettin	Pastor	Ushers	Laurie Sherman
15	Rosemary Atzenhoefer	Karen Helvig	Ushers	Laurie Sherman
22	Tim Peterson		Ushers	Laurie Sherman
29	Paul Gaalswyk		Ushers	Laurie Sherman
April 5	John/Joanne Sherman		Ushers	Gwen Matz

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

**April Ushers:** Steve Williamson, Troy Schmidtke, Todd Rathman, Jeff Matz













# MARCH

# Calendar

# 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 8:30 am Worship StP 9:15 am Sunday School TLC/WLC 10:30 am Worship TLC/WLC Communion - all</p>	<p>2 9 am Men's Bible Study 1st Lutheran Trimont</p>	<p>3 7 pm Mary Circle - WLC</p>	<p>4 1:30 pm WELCA StP 6:30 pm Lenten Worship @ Waverly</p> 	<p>5</p>	<p>6 Parish Office Closed Fridays</p>	<p>7</p> 
<p>8 8:30 am Worship StP 9:15 am Sunday School TLC/WLC 10:30 am Worship TLC/WLC Comm. - TLC/WLC</p>	<p>9 9 am Men's Bible Study 1st Lutheran Trimont</p>	<p>10 WLC Quilting 6 pm Parish Council mtg 7:30 TLC Council Mtg</p>	<p>11 WLC Quilting 1 pm Goldfinch Communion 6:30 pm Lenten Worship @ St. Peter</p> 	<p>12</p>	<p>13 14 The Season of Lent</p> 	
<p>15 8:30 am Worship StP Council mtg 9:15 am Sunday School TLC/WLC 10:30 am Worship TLC/WLC Worship planning mtg—WLC Comm. - TLC/WLC</p>	<p>16 9 am Men's Bible Study 1st Lutheran Trimont</p>	<p>17</p> 	<p>18 6:30 pm Lenten Worship @ Trinity</p> 	<p>19</p>	<p>20 Deadline for April Ripples 6 pm Confirmation</p>	<p>21 Retreat @ Lake Shetek</p>
<p>22 8:30 am Worship StP 9:15 am Sunday School TLC/WLC 10:30 am Worship TLC/WLC Comm. - TLC/WLC 9 am Planned Giving Forum - WLC</p>	<p>23 9 am Men's Bible Study 1st Lutheran Trimont</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 9 am Assemble Ripples 6:30 pm Lenten Worship @ Waverly</p> 	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 8:30 am Worship StP 9:15 am Sunday School TLC/WLC 10:30 am Worship TLC/WLC Communion - all 9 am Dementia friends presentation—WLC</p>	<p>30 9 am Men's Bible Study 1st Lutheran Trimont</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>April 1 6:30 pm Lenten Worship @ St. Peter</p> 	<p>WHEN MARCH COMES IN LIKE A LION IT GOES OUT LIKE A LAMB</p> 