

Circle of Faith Parish

Parish Office
204 2nd St.
PO Box 328
Welcome, MN 56181
(507) 728-8259
Parish@circleoffaithparish.org



Dear Members of Circle of Faith Parish,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

On March 14th, we, your parish leadership, out of deep love and care for our sisters and brothers in Christ, made the decision to suspend in-person worship services due to the rapid spread of the COVID-19 virus. With the number of new cases slowing in our area, we feel that we can safely resume in-person worship services in all three of our church buildings. Remember, if you are sick, do not feel well, or know that you have been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, please stay home. Even with resuming in-person worship, an online recording of worship will be available every week.

Please take some time and review all of the guidelines explained in this letter as resuming in-person worship will look and feel different. To ensure the safety of everyone, the following precautions are being taken:

- Most of the service will be printed in the bulletin. No hymnals will be used.
 - o If you would like to follow along with the scripture readings, you are welcome to bring a Bible from home or download a Bible app on your phone.
- There will be no handshaking before, during, or after worship.
 - o You are encouraged to share the peace with a bow, wave, or nod.
- Seating in the sanctuary will be clearly marked. Households are asked to sit together and only use every third pew. There will be no sharing of pews between households.
 - o If you share a living space, you can share a pew.
- Hand sanitizer will be available, and you are encouraged to use it.
- To increase the frequency of the air exchange in our sanctuaries, the ceiling fans and forced air fans will remain ON throughout the worship service. Air filters will also be changed more frequently.
- Gifts and offerings will be placed in a basket as you depart from the sanctuary. No offering plates will be passed around during worship.
 - o Electronic giving is the preferred method, as this provides better protection for those who collect the offerings. For more information on giving electronically, visit www.circleoffaithparish.org/give.
- A worship selfie will be taken at the beginning of every service.
 - o We have been advised by our health professionals that having record of who is in attendance will be beneficial in the event that a known case of COVID-19 arises in any of our churches. With attendance records, we will easily be able to notify everyone who was in the building that they were possibly exposed to the virus.

In addition to these guidelines, we are aware that you probably have many questions as we move towards resuming in-person worship. Below is a list of answers to many common questions.

When will we resume in-person worship?

Our first in-person worship in our buildings will be on Sunday, July 5th.

What will the worship schedule be?

July Sunday Worship Schedule
8:30 am – St. Peter, Waverly
10:30 am – Trinity

August Sunday Worship Schedule
8:30 am – St. Peter, Trinity
10:30 am – Waverly

Will in-person worship be suspended again?

The short answer, maybe. We continue to monitor the spread of the COVID-19 virus in our area. If we see a spike in the number of cases in Martin County, we may need to suspend all in-person activities again.

What if I don't feel comfortable coming to in-person worship?

Don't feel that you must come to any in-person worship, especially if you are in the "high risk" category. We will be maintaining our online worship. The time of the "live" service will change from 9:30 am to 10:30 am to accommodate when our pastors are available to record a worship service. The worship service will be recorded and can be viewed online afterwards.

Will Holy Communion be celebrated?

We will be celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion each week. However, this will look different as we take extra care in safely distributing the Sacrament. We will not be using the Communion rail at this time. Those preparing the elements will wash and sanitize their hands. The Communion servers will also sanitize their hands before distribution. To minimize contact, both the wafer and the cup will be handed to you. Holy Communion will take place at the end of the worship service.

Will we be singing?

Music, especially singing of hymns and the liturgy, is an important part of our Lutheran tradition. However, it is highly recommended by health professionals, scientists, and our bishops, that we do not sing in worship at this time. Our organists will still provide background music before and after worship, as well as during Communion distribution, but we will not have congregational singing.

Are face masks required?

No, you will not be required to wear one. Although face masks will be optional, we do recommend them for in-person worship. If you do not have a mask, there will be some at each church. You are welcome to take one.

Will there be fellowship after worship?

At this time, it is recommended that we do not serve food and beverages. Before and after the worship service, please maintain at least a six-foot distance while you visit with each other.

Finally, thank you for your flexibility and your grace in these last few months. It has not been easy for anyone, but you all have approached the changes with worship and in-person activities with grace and understanding. And for that, we say "Thank you!"

In Christ,

Circle of Faith Parish Leadership

† Marilyn Cheever	† John Borchardt	† Don Nordstrom	† Pastor Anthony
† Jody Franck	† MaryAnn Frerichs	† Nancy Nordstrom	† Pastor Eric
	† Jon Saxen	† Tim Peterson	

Ripples of Faith 2020



Website: www.CircleofFaithParish.org



www.facebook.com/circleoffaithparish
www.facebook.com/trinitylutheranwelcome
www.facebook.com/waverlylutheran

CIRCLE OF FAITH PARISH

PO Box 328
(204 2nd ST)
Welcome, MN 56181



St. Peter, Ceylon, MN
Trinity, Welcome, MN
Waverly, Trimont, MN

Office Hours:
M-Th 9 am - 1 pm

507-728-8259

Office e-mail:
parish@circleoffaithparish.org

TABLE OF CONTENTS:

Worship Schedule	Pg. 4
Council Minutes	Pg. 4/5
Articles	Pg.
St. Peter page	pg. 6
Trinity page	pg. 6
Waverly page	pg. 6
Ushers & Worship Assistants	Pg. 7
Birthdays/Anniversaries	Pg. 8
Calendar	Pg. 9

Sundays— 8:30 am St. Peter, Waverly
10:30 am Trinity

Mondays: 9:00 am Men's Bible Study
First Lutheran, Trimont

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 7/7 Mary Circle
- 7/20 Articles due for August Ripples
- 7/21 Parish Council meeting
- 7/29 Assemble Ripples



Staff / Email

Anthony Christoffels - Lead Pastor	achristoffels@circleoffaithparish.org
Eric Midthun-Associate Pastor	emidthun@circleoffaithparish.org
Lisa Wohlhuter	lwohlhuter@circleoffaithparish.org
Eileen Morrow	emorrow@circleoffaithparish.org

JULY Worship Schedule

		St. Peter	Trinity	Waverly
5 th Week after Pentecost	Sunday, July 5 th <i>Altar: Green</i>	Worship w/Communion 8:30 AM	Worship w/Communion 10:30 AM <i>Available Online</i>	Worship w/Communion 8:30 AM
6 th Week after Pentecost	Sunday, July 12 th <i>Altar: Green</i>	Worship w/Communion 8:30 AM	Worship w/Communion 10:30 AM <i>Available Online</i>	Worship w/Communion 8:30 AM
7 th Week after Pentecost	Sunday, July 19 th <i>Altar: Green</i>	Worship w/Communion 8:30 AM	Worship w/Communion 10:30 AM <i>Available Online</i>	Worship w/Communion 8:30 AM
8 th Week after Pentecost	Sunday, July 26 th <i>Altar: Green</i>	Worship w/Communion 8:30 AM	Worship w/Communion 10:30 AM <i>Available Online</i>	Worship w/Communion 8:30 AM

We are resuming in-person worship! However, if you do not feel comfortable attending in-person worship, that's okay. We will be continuing to broadcast our worship services online as we have been. Although there will be some minor changes to how and when these services are broadcast.

With resuming in-person worship, we will not be recording a separate service at 9:30 am. Instead, if you would like to join us live for online worship, we will be broadcasting the 10:30 am service. The broadcast will be available through Zoom and YouTube as it has been. We will also be using Facebook live, but the recording will be available through Circle of Faith Parish's Facebook page, not Partners in Ministry's page. The YouTube and Facebook videos will be available to watch at a later time.

To join worship using a computer or smart device (video and audio available):

Using Facebook, go to <https://www.facebook.com/circleoffaithparish/live/>

Using YouTube, go to <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChdWPCVfThbKm-XH1Hz8h7A>

Using Zoom, go to <http://www.circleoffaithparish.org/covid19/> and click on the Zoom link.

To join worship using a telephone (audio available only):

Dial 1-312-626-6799 (**Please note, this is a long-distance call)

When prompted, enter Meeting ID number 507-728-8259 and press # button

When prompted, press # button to enter the meeting as a participant

When prompted, enter Meeting Password 56181 and press # button



Members present: Marilyn Cheever, Nancy Nordstrom, MaryAnn Frerichs, Jody Franck, Tim Peterson.

Council presidents: Jon Saxen, Don Nordstrom

Pastors Anthony Christoffels and Eric Midthun

Marilyn thanked Pastor Anthony, Pastor Eric, Pastor Stephanie, Don and Nancy Nordstrom and the three little Christoffels for our weekly services. Also thanks to Jon Saxen, Pastor Anthony and Lisa for the work they did to get our Covid 19 Loan/Grant.

Sympathies to Jody Franck on her losses during this time.

The bishop had a conference call on reopening and churchwide put out a document related to reopening. Highlights of these are as follows:

- Always keep all members in mind.
- Air Quality – for Trinity and St. Peter ceiling fans will need to be on. Also air conditioner fans need to be changed from auto to running all the time. Filters will need to be changed more frequently. Waverly will need to change filters more frequently.
- Practice 6 foot social distancing. No sharing of a pew outside of family unless 6 feet distance can be maintained. Only use every third pew. It is recommended the pastors maintain 16 feet since with projecting their voice particles move farther. It will generally mean staying in the altar and pulpit areas.
- Hand sanitizer will be made available.
- Singing is not recommended, nor is speaking in unison.
- Communion can be done, go up one pew at a time.

With the governor allowing 50% capacity all three congregations are normally within the guidelines.

We will have the first in person services July 5. Organists are comfortable coming and doing a prelude and postlude. The July schedule will be St. Peter and Waverly at 8:30 and Trinity at 10:30, August will be St. Peter and Trinity at 8:30 and Waverly at 10:30. September will return to the normal winter schedule of St. Peter at 8:30 and Trinity and Waverly at 10:30.

An online presence will be maintained. Waverly is already recorded live – need to see if can stream to social media. It is possible we could use Lisa's old desk top computer to stream Trinity's service.

- Offering plate will be in back for people to put offerings in. Electronic giving is still encouraged to minimize the need to handle.
- Stack of bulletins will be set out for people to pick up. Ushers present to greet people.
- We are not allowed to have coffee or treats after services.
- Masks will be optional. There will be some available for those who want to wear one and don't have one.
- Communion – wafers only will be used, no homemade. Servers will hand wafer and cup. If servers aren't comfortable balancing tray and handing cup, pastor will do that.

Outdoor services is also an option when weather is good.

A letter will go out with guidelines.

There will be lists of the members so usher can check off who is in attendance. Will also take a picture from the front of the church. This is in case anyone would get covid-19 and we needed to know who they were in contact with.

Pastoral care visits – in person haven't been done since this started and synod is recommending it continue that way. Can't get in care facilities even now, using phone calls and texts.

Pastor Anthony and Pastor Stephanie are brainstorming ideas for confirmation.

Next parish council meeting is July 21 at 6:00, likely in person with the option for people to use zoom.

Pastor Anthony expressed appreciation for the flexibility of parish leadership.

St. Peter Ripples



There is no meeting scheduled for July. This month is when we normally host the Tuesday morning coffees. Of

course, nothing is normal now and these coffees have all been cancelled. Take the time to read some good articles in the Gather magazine. The bible study is on the story of Zacchaeus and his repentance and transformation into caring for the community he has harmed.

Last August the ELCA Churchwide Assembly voted to adopt a social statement on “Faith, Sexism, and Justice—A Call to Action.” Social statements are ELCA teaching documents that help us think about social issues from a Lutheran perspective. The article on pages 18 & 19 explains what this statement is about.

The WELCA Triennial convention in Phoenix is now cancelled. It is rescheduled for August 2021. As of now, the Okoboji Quilt Auction on August 1st is still going to be held. They are still working on the guidelines for this.

God has given each Christian spiritual gifts received through our baptism. The purpose is to unify all Christians in their faith and to produce growth within the church. These gifts are to be used out of love for one another and in service to one another. What are my gifts? More on this in August.

Prayer for Tuesday at 2: 7/7 pray for all service men and women; 7/14 pray for all police as they are called to control the riots; 7/21 pray that a solution can be found to stop the injustices to many; 7/28 pray that our July 5th church services are successful.

Get well wishes go to Marge Schley as she recovers with health issues. Get well soon Marge!

Next work duty: Group 1

July Altar care: JoAnn Wink

July Anniversaries: Cody and Nicole Leiding—12th

Ronnie and Jane Leiding—26th

Larry and Darcia Schmidt—28th

Keith and Jody Franck—27th

July Honorary Birthday! 2nd—Sherry Schmidt
14th—Muriel Klenz

Dear Lord, give us power to defy the forces of evil that seek to harm us. Thank you for the courage of the men and women who have inspired us to be both brave and bold.

—Summer Blessings
Jeannine



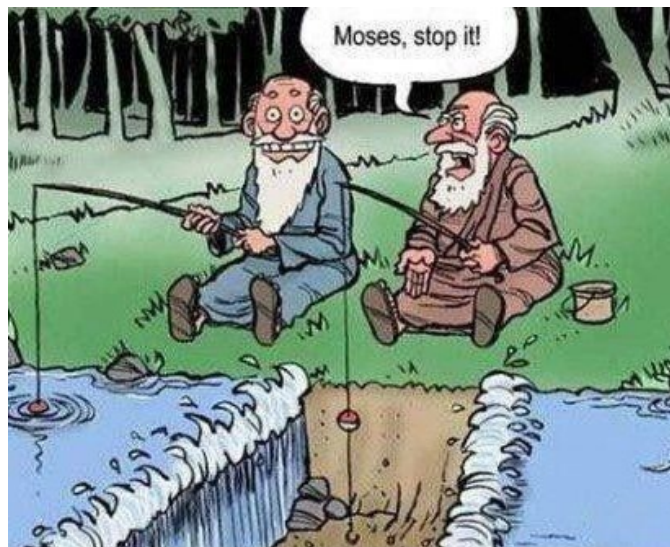
“Thank you for all the get well wishes and cards. They were greatly appreciated.”

—Marge Schley

Trinity Ripples

No Pie Social this summer.

Waverly Ripples





*****If you are down as a lector and are uncomfortable coming to in-person worship or coming up front to read at this time, please let either the office or one of the pastors know.

St Peter



Trinity



Waverly



DATE	LECTOR	USHERS
July 5	Ellie Plumhoff	Ann Wenzel and Sherry Schmidt
12	Jordan Petschke	Keith and Jody Franck
19	Jeannine Rasmussen	Jeannine Rasmussen and Shirley Schmidt
26	Jeff Petschke	JoAnn Wink and Kathy Bremer
August	Ellie Plumhoff	Neil and Marilyn Cheever

DATE	LECTOR	USHERS	COMMUNION
July 5	Deb Philipp	John and Zane Borchartd	
12	Liz Stahl	Bob Swanson-Carly Hand	
19	MaryAnn Frerichs	Larry and Deb Philipp	
26	Deb Philipp	Becky and Joel Detert	
August 2	Liz Stahl	Lonnie and Bob Moffitt	

DATE	LECTOR	CHILDRENS TIME	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
July 5	Tom Peterson		Ushers	Gwen Matz
12	Nate Simmonds		Ushers	Gwen Matz
19	Mary Lou Sherman		Ushers	Gwen Matz
26	Kiley Bettin		Ushers	Gwen Matz
2	Gwen Matz		Ushers	Don Nordstrom

July Ushers: John Sherman, Erwin Atzenhoefer, Jeff Lueth, Tom Peterson
August Ushers: Steve Williamson, Troy Schmidtke, Todd Rathman, Jeff Matz






JULY

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Luke Bengé	2 Sherry Schmidt 	3 Jennifer Hughes Robert Swanson Lynn Wohlhuter Gale & Rhoda Odegaard Ronald & Kathy Anderson	4 Tiffany Gohr
5 Gwen Matz Samantha Meyer	6 Wayne & Marty Burmeister 35	7 Ben Chukuske Torrey Paplow Dylan Petersen Larry W Schmidt	8 Caleb Wink Cam & Cassie Peterson	9 Mara Immens Steve Williamson Jon & Jen Saxen	10 Nikki Hansen Jon Petschke Matthew Wiggins	11 
12 Fitzgerald Pomerénke Robert & Lenore Olson Adrian & Maura Rasmussen Cody & Nicole Leiding	13 	14 Harry Gerdes Muriel Klénz Jeff & Jo Miller	15 Tyler Bettin Jon Burmeister Kim Dirks Steve Hatland Joan Rezac	16 	17 Jessica Brown Nathan Hansen Taylor Nordstrom Robert & Lenore Olson	18 Elizabeth Kuehl Colby Lyons John & Joanne Sherman
19 Craig Hatland Josie Loveland Kaden Olson	20 	21 James Hatland Gayle Schuett	22 Zachary Hovick Gary Miller Adam Poppe Larry Schuett	23 Jody Franck Starr Spiegeler	24 Jordan Stahl Larry & Deb Philipp	25 Brandi Mulvhill Kevin Philipp
26 Ronnie & Jane Leiding	27 Melissa Lueth Steve Sheppard Brannon & Margo Paplow	28 Larry & Darcia Schmidt	29 Bryan Poppe Velma Schaal Keith & Jody Franck 15	30 LuAnn Peterson Dakota Schultz Dale & Shirley Keck Rod & Kayla Olson	31 	

J U L Y 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
10:30 am Worship available online.		Parish office hours. Monday - Thursday 9 am—1 pm	1	2	3 Parish Office Closed Fridays	4 
5 8:30 am St. Peter/Waverly 10:30 am Trinity Communion—all	6 9 am Men's Bible Study, First Lutheran Trimont	7 7 pm Mary Circle	8	9	10	11
12 8:30 am St. Peter/Waverly 10:30 am Trinity Holy Baptism Communion—all	13 9 am Men's Bible Study, First Lutheran Trimont	14	15	16	17 	18
19 8:30 am St. Peter/Waverly 10:30 am Trinity Communion—all	20 9 am Men's Bible Study, First Lutheran Trimont Items due for August Ripples	21 6 pm Parish Council mtg	22	23	24	25
26 8:30 am St. Peter/Waverly 10:30 am Trinity Communion—all	27 9 am Men's Bible Study, First Lutheran Trimont	28	29 9 am Assemble Ripples	30	31	<i>What does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly before your God.</i> Micah 6:8



Circle of Faith Parish
P.O. Box 328
Welcome, MN 56181

US Postage Paid
Non-Profit Organization
Permit No. 5
Welcome, MN 56181

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

If you have moved or are moving, please notify the church office so we are not charged postage expenses for Change of Address. Thank You !

Congregational letter is on pages 1 & 2.
Please read this letter—as it contains guidelines we will be following for in-person worship starting July 5.



LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

Circle of Faith Parish www.facebook.com/circleoffaithparish
Trinity Lutheran www.facebook.com/trinitylutheranwelcome
Waverly Lutheran www.facebook.com/waverlylutheran

