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Sundays— 8:30 am St. Peter
10:30 am Trinity
Wednesdays—6:30 pm Waverly

Confirmation—Wednesday
Oct. 4 & 21

UPCOMING EVENTS:

10/6 Mary Circle WLC
10/7 WELCA StP
10/13 Parish Council meeting
10/18 Confirmation TLC

Looking ahead

11/1 All Saints Sunday—remembering those who
we have lost this past year.



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October Worship Schedule

		St. Peter	Trinity	Waverly
18 th Week after Pentecost	Sunday, October 4 th <i>Altar: Green</i>	Worship w/Communion 8:30 AM	Worship w/Communion 10:30 AM <i>Available Online</i>	
	Wednesday, October 7 th			Worship w/Communion 6:30 PM
19 th Week after Pentecost	Sunday, October 11 th <i>Altar: Green</i>	Worship 8:30 AM	Worship w/Communion 10:30 AM <i>Available Online</i>	
	Wednesday, October 14 th			Worship w/Communion 6:30 PM
20 th Week after Pentecost	Sunday, October 18 th <i>Altar: Green</i>	Worship 8:30 AM	Worship w/Communion 10:30 AM <i>Available Online</i>	
	Wednesday, October 21 st			Worship w/Communion 6:30 PM
Reformation 21 st Week after Pentecost	Sunday, October 25 th <i>Altar: Red</i>	Worship w/Communion 8:30 AM	Worship w/Communion 10:30 AM <i>Available Online</i>	
	Wednesday, October 28 th			Worship w/Communion 6:30 PM

Our in-person worship services are going well. We have received guidance from our health professionals that as long as everyone is wearing a mask, we can safely add more parts to our worship services. In the coming weeks, we will be adding the liturgy back into our worship services. We also know more about the virus now and it is definitely airborne, but it does not remain on surfaces for very long. As we add the liturgy back, we will also begin using the hymnals again.

We will continue with our live streaming of the worship service on Sundays at 10:30 am. For the month of October, that means we will be live streaming the worship service at Trinity. We will be using new equipment to live stream those services. Please be patient as we work through any technical issues that may come up. The service will be available through Circle of Faith Parish's Facebook page and the Circle of Faith Parish YouTube channel.



Confirmation class will begin for 7th and 8th graders on Wednesday, October 7th. Classes will be held at Trinity from 4:00 – 5:00 pm every other week. All students must be registered to participate in confirmation. Online registration, calendar and other information is available at www.circleoffaithparish.org/confirmation. If you have any questions, please talk to Pastor Anthony.

GIVING OPTIONS

We know that this is an uncertain time for many of you. If this pandemic has put you in a financial hardship, please let us know how your church community can be of assistance to you. If you are blessed to remain financially stable throughout this outbreak, we encourage you to continuing giving to your church. Your offerings can be mailed to the church office (PO Box 328, Welcome, MN 56181) and your gift will be properly distributed to your respective church.

For Trinity and Waverly Members You can make an online gift by going to: www.circleoffaithparish.org/give.

Members Present: John Borchardt, Tim Peterson, MaryAnn Frerichs, Marilyn Cheever, Jody Franck, Nancy Nordstrom

Council Presidents: Jon Saxen, Don Nordstrom
Pastor Anthony Christoffels

Meeting was called to order by Marilyn Cheever

Representatives from Immanuel Lutheran in Dunnell, LeAnn Swanson and Dale Knuth came to gather information about possibly joining Circle of Faith. They are splitting with their current church partner and looking at options. The pastor currently serving them is retiring.

Motion to approve agenda as printed was made by Jody Franck and seconded by Nancy Nordstrom, approved.

Pastor Anthony shared a devotion based on John 15: 1-5.

Motion to approve July 21, 2020 minutes was made by Tim Peterson and seconded by John Borchardt, approved.

Pastor's Report – vacation was good. He will be gone October 8-11 for a family wedding. Pam Tracy from Jackson is lined up for pulpit supply for St. Peter and Trinity. There will be no communion as she is a lay leader. Fall Theological conference is October 12 and 13 via zoom. Confirmation services will be September 27 at St. Peter and October 18 at Trinity, other than a representative of the congregation it will be a family service due to space. Confirmation classes will be starting in October. A different approach is being tried. They will have a short video to watch ahead of class that will be discussed during class. They will meet twice a month from 4:00-5:00. Pastor is continuing to learn about streaming. Easier to operate equipment will soon be used.

Congregation Reports

Waverly had a break-in in May. They are updating video equipment.

Trinity will soon have a tenant, Martin County Farm Management will be renting space beginning in October.

St. Peter is going to go to communion twice a month, the first and last Sunday.

Old Business

Area parish letter – Immanuel in Dunnell responded resulting in tonight's visit. The president of First Lutheran in Trimont also talked to Marilyn, they are dissolving their partnership with the Methodist church. We need to think about timeline and how to proceed, we need to be mindful of where we are headed.

Associate pastor position – internship application – We won't get anyone this September, Wartburg has contacted us as to whether we want to apply for next year – it is felt it is a good option to keep open so Pastor will complete the paperwork.

New Business

Pastor Eric's resignation letter – Marilyn read the letter, Jody Franck made a motion to accept it and Nancy Nordstrom seconded, approved with one no vote.

Christmas worship schedule was discussed, much to think about with current restrictions. Church councils will discuss.

Thanksgiving service will be at St. Peter, it is their month for Wednesday services.

Food Shelf/Food insecurities

Pastor had a conversation with the person in Trimont who administers the program there. He was surprised how far people were coming from to get food from them. The need is growing. There have been some farmers donate meat. He is wondering what we might be able to do. He shared pictures of something he saw on vacation, it was an outdoor "cupboard" with a take what you need, leave what you can. It was asked if that was workable in the winter. Vandalism was also brought up. A suggestion of a table with extra garden produce might be a place to start. Another suggestion was bags of groceries handed out after church service. Brainstorming at this point.

It was brought up that we should possibly consider additional compensation to Pastor Anthony during the time he is handling all the pastoral duties. It could come from what is already in the budget for Pastor Eric's salary.

Next meeting will be October 13, 2020

Motion to adjourn was made by John Borchardt and seconded by Tim Peterson, approved.

St. Peter Council Sunday, Aug. 30, 2020

The St. Peter Council met following church service. Those present were Dale Leiding, Jody and Keith Franck, Aubrey and Jim Plumhoff, Marilyn Cheever and Muriel Klenz.

Thank you to Jody for getting the donuts for church coffee and the retirement gift for Pastor Eric, of a sweat shirt and a cooler of meat from Welcome Meats.

We discussed the profit and loss sheet from January 1 through August 26, 2020. Aubrey clarified some numbers. Our current sharing agreement payment was paid by the federal grant received. Thank you to Jon Saxen for his skill and work securing this grant. St. Peter's checkbook is in good shape and the savings account at Ceylon Bank has not been touched.

Dale has worked on the drinking fountain in the kitchen—it leaks. He will contact Tom Beckendorf to close the water line to it..

Our church will continue to meet at 8:30 am. Sundays during September and October. St. Peter's will take its turn at the 6:30 pm Wednesday service during November.

Darrel Klenz is retiring from head usher position. Thank you, Darrel, for your years of service.

No church service September 6.

A family confirmation service for Calli McCorkell, Ellie Plumhoff and Hunter Schmidt will be 1:30 pm, Sunday, September 27th. Marilyn will present the WELCA quilts to them.

The frequency of communion was discussed. Jim made the motion to have communion the first and last Sundays of each month. Seconded by Keith, carried. The altar committee needs some help. Dale purchases the wine and will get 1/2 gallon jugs from now on. The wine can be stored in the back room closet. The grape or apple juice is in small jars so a new one will be opened each Sunday it is used.

Jim made the motion to adjourn - seconded and carried.

Secretary, Muriel

St. Peter Ripples



October 7th @ 1:30 pm
Hostess: Shirley and Rosemary
Bible Study: Our fall Bible study

focuses on "half time". God's presence in the past, present, and future of our lives and how we live out our faith in relationship to holy memory (Sept) holy now (October) and the holy future (November). This month we see how Scripture tells us how to recognize and respond to God's grace and calling in the present time.

A Thank You was received from the Bible Camp for our quilts donated for the auction. A total of \$62,000 was made. Thanks for our investment in the work of sharing Christ with so many campers. On September 20th a beach front service and brunch were held. It was a thanksgiving for years of God at work in the old beach house. Groundbreaking was then held for the new beach house.

First Lutheran in Albert Lea has decided to postpone the Oct 10th LWR in gathering of quilts and kits. The next date will be May 15th. We now have 27 school kits and 26 quilts to go then. Let's try to get some personal care kits ready by May. 1 large dark bath towel, 2 bars soap, 1 comb, 1 nail clippers and 1 toothbrush. (we have quite a few combs and toothbrushes).

A Fairmont Church group sorted through excess clothes at "12 Baskets" thrift store and packed up a dozen large boxes to ship to an orphanage in Haiti. "Mission in Action".

"Lamentation", a prayer for help coming out of pain is very common in the Bible. A Psalm of Lament is an address to God, a complaint or request, cries of despair, anger, protest, and doubt. In our growing fear, uncertainty and anxiety around this pandemic it can be helpful to turn to the Psalms of Lament. It is the largest class of psalms and a normal part of Israel's praise and worship.

Prayers for Tuesdays at 2: 10/6 Pray for favorable weather for harvest, 10/13 Pray for all farm workers safety, 10/20 Pray for those that have contacted Covid 19, 10/27 Pray for our confirmands.

"Congratulations" to our 3 confirmands: Callie McCorkell, Ellie Plumhoff, and Hunter Schmidt. They each received a quilt from the church.

Next work duty: Group 1

October Altar Care: Jeannine

October birthdays: Charlotte Schmidtke the 25th.

For the needy shall not always be forgotten, nor the hope of the poor perish forever. Psalm 9:18.

Fall blessings, Jeannine

God is pure light,
undimmed by darkness
of any kind.

1 John 1:5

St Peter

DATE	LECTOR	USHERS
October 4	Jeannine Rasmussen	Darrel and Muriel Klenz
11	Jordan Petschke	Larry W Schmidt and Jordan Petschke
18	Jeff Petschke	Bob Nelson and Jeff Petschke
25	Jeannine Rasmussen	Neil and Marilyn Cheever
November		
1	Jordan Petschke	Ronnie and Jane Leiding



Trinity

DATE	LECTOR	USHERS
October 4	MaryAnn Frerichs	Wayne and Marty Burmeister
11	Deb Philipp	Laurie and Tony Truesdell
18	MaryAnn Frerichs	John and MaryAnn Frerichs
25	Deb Philipp	John and Zane Borchardt
November		
1	MaryAnn Frerichs	Bob Swanson—Carlene Hand

Waverly

DATE	LECTOR	CHILDRENS TIME	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
Oct. 7	LuAnn Peterson		Ushers	Susan Rathman
14	Connor Simmons			Susan Rathman
21	Josie Clow	Pastor		Susan Rathman
28	Karen Helvig	Susan Rathman		Susan Rathman
Nov. 1		Tom Peterson		Laurie Sherman



October Ushers: Brad Sherman, Harry Gerdes, Tim Peterson, John Sherman

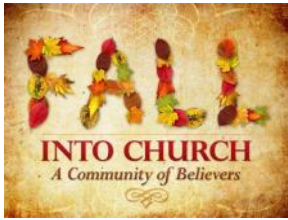
November Ushers: John Helvig, Erwin Atzenhoefer, Jeff Lueth, Tom Peterson



OCTOBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Presley Burmeister	3 MaryAnn Frerichs
4 Kathleen Klug Ron Schock	5 Lyla Olson Nathan Simmonds	6	7 Oct. 8th → Vic & Diana Abelson	8 Landon Gerhardt Gayle Odegard Kenzie Schmidtke Liz Stahl	9 Jodi Lueth	10
11 Laurie Sherman	12 Vicki Smith	13	14	15	16	17 nilee Kuehl
18 Jon Saxen Ralph & Maureen Stanton	19 Ellie Kuehl Brian Rahm	20	21	22	23	24 Kathy Johnson Tate Leiding Maverick Silverthorn
25 Charlotte Schmidtke Susan & Todd Rathman	26 Calvin Schultze	27	28 	29	30 Kelley Bettin Kiley Bettin Lola Lueth Millie Wohlhuter	31 Jacquelyn Frerichs Charles Rahm Joyce Sathoff



October



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

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4 8:30 am Worship Communion—StP 10:30 am Worship Communion—TLC 9:15 am SS—WLC	5	6	7 1:30 pm WELCA 4-5 pm Confirmation @ TLC 6:30 pm Worship Communion WLC	8	9	10
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