

Ripples of Faith 2020



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UPCOMING EVENTS:

12/1	Mary Circle WLC
12/2	Confirmation
	Wed. evening service @ St. P
12/8	Parish Council meeting@ TLC
12/16	Confirmation
12/24	Christmas Eve Worship

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

Confirmation—December 2 & 16

The Magic of
Christmas
 is not in the presents
 but in *His* 
 presence

December Worship Schedule

		St. Peter	Trinity	Waverly
1 st Week in Advent	Sunday, November 29 th <i>Altar: Blue</i>		Worship w/Comm 8:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM
	Wednesday, December 2 nd <i>Altar: Blue</i>	Worship w/Comm 6:30 PM		
2 nd Week in Advent	Sunday, December 6 th <i>Altar: Blue</i>	Worship w/Comm 8:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM
3 rd Week In Advent	Sunday, December 13 th <i>Altar: Blue</i>	Worship 8:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM
4 th Week in Advent	Sunday, December 20 th <i>Altar: Blue</i>	Worship 8:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM
Christmas Eve	Thursday, December 24th <i>Altar: White</i>	Candlelight Worship w/Comm 7:30 PM	Candlelight Worship w/Comm 6:00 PM	Candlelight Worship w/Comm 4:30 PM
1 st Week of Christmas	Sunday, December 27 th <i>Altar: White</i>	Worship 8:30 AM	Worship 10:30 AM	Worship 10:30 AM

Our in-person worship services are continuing for everyone who feels comfortable attending. Wearing a mask is required to attend in-person worship. Live streaming of the worship service on Sundays at 10:30 am through Circle of Faith Parish's Facebook page and the Circle of Faith Parish YouTube channel.



The Parish Council has entered into an agreement with Pastor Stephanie Christoffels to be our Interim Associate Pastor beginning December 1st. Pastor Stephanie will be serving half time at Circle of Faith and half time at First Lutheran in Trimont. Thank you for your patience these last three months as we worked to fill the Associate Pastor's position



Heaven's Table Food Shelf in Fairmont is always in need of a variety of items. Cash and gift certificates are always welcomed, but here are specific items that they are looking for right now:

Cereals	Cake Mixes	Sugar/Flour	Juice (besides apple and orange)
Muffin Mixes	Pudding/Jell-O	Soups	Crackers/Snacks
Noodle/Rice side dishes	Gluten Free items	Coffee	Ranch Dressing
Salt and Pepper	Seasonings		

Heaven's Table is also putting together personal care packets to hand out in December. The following are items that they are looking for:

Cleaners	Dish Soap	Laundry Detergent	Paper Towels
Kleenex	Toothpaste	Cough drops	Aspirin/Ibuprofen/Acetaminophen
Shampoo/Conditioner	Body Wash	Deodorant	Zip Lock Bags
Lotion	Kid's Bath Products – Shampoo, Body Wash, Detangler		Baby Wipes

All donations can be dropped off at any Circle of Faith congregation. Later in December, these items will be delivered to Heaven's Table.



Hearing the Christmas story and singing our beloved Christmas carols will look a little different this year. The Christmas Eve candlelight worship schedule is:

4:30 PM at Waverly (also Live Streamed)

6:00 PM at Trinity (also Live Streamed)

7:30 PM at St. Peter



RSVPs are required to attend Christmas Eve worship. This is to ensure that we have space for everyone who wishes to attend in person worship. Sign up will be available online at www.circleoffaithparish.org beginning Sunday, November 22nd. Please sign up by December 15th so that the sanctuaries may be set up for proper distancing. At Trinity and Waverly, the basement will be used as overflow with a direct video feed of the sanctuary. Reservations will be on a first come basis. Once the sanctuary is at the maximum allowed capacity, the remaining reservations will be for basement seating. If you don't have internet access, please call the parish office to sign up for a Christmas Eve service.

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 continue 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

Parish Council

November 1, 2020

Members present: Nancy Nordstrom, Marilyn Cheever, John Borchardt, Tim Peterson, MaryAnn Frerichs
 Council Presidents: Don Nordstrom, Jon Saxen
 Pastor Anthony Christoffels
 Trinity Lutheran Truman representatives: Sandy Meyer, Vicky Smith, and Dave Sorenson

Pastor opened the meeting in prayer.

Trinity of Truman was present to gather information. The pastor they shared with Madelia has left. They weren't paired with Madelia, just shared a pastor. They are currently doing online services. It was shared what comes under Circle of Faith and what are individual church responsibilities.

Marilyn called the meeting to order.

Nancy Nordstrom made a motion to accept the agenda, seconded by John Borchardt. Approved.

Interim pastor. Since the pairing between First Lutheran and the United Methodist churches in Tri-mont was ended Pastor Stephanie is part time with First and available to be an interim with Circle of Faith. Questions were asked and answered on the commitment of the National Guard. Hiring her as an interim would allow all the churches to meet on Sunday at consistent times. She would do the service at First at 9:00, and Pastor Anthony would do the St. Peter service at 8:30. They would alternate doing Trinity and Waverly at 10:30 during the interim period.

MaryAnn Frerichs made a motion to extend a call to Pastor Stephanie as an interim as per the contract presented, Nancy Nordstrom seconded. Approved.

Meeting adjourned.

FACE MASKS REQUIRED

In following Executive Order 20-81, face masks will be required for all indoor gatherings at Circle of Faith churches. This includes all worship services, meetings, and Bible studies.



St. Peter Ripples



We will not have any meetings until March. Even though we do not meet we can still do a self-study from our 'Gather' magazine. This month we are in the season of Advent. It tells of four spiritual practices that can help ground and steady us. These are singing, writing, moving and connecting. Advent rituals for uncertain times.

Lutheran World Relief celebrates 75 years. God's mercy has been extended through nearly 27 million quilts, millions of pounds of good and miles of irrigation systems, saving countless lives and restoring hope and a future. Two of our women have shown "Faith in Action." Kathryn recently donated 3 quilts to the hospital for sick children and Shirley has made 60 child quilts for the Salvation Army.

We received a thank you for our support from our missionaries in Taiwan—Ethan and Sandy Christoffer-son. They were back in the states from March—July but couldn't travel much because of Covid-19. After returning to Taiwan they had to be quarantined for 14 days.

Any changes for the 2021 yearbooks? Let me know soon.

We had a Thankoffering collection at the last meeting. It can still be given to Ann. Our treasury shows \$950. Ann will send Christmas Cheer to 10 recipients.

The Women of the ELCA on its website has "A call to prayer in the time of a pandemic". This is to be practiced every Tuesday at noon. Our prayers for Tuesdays at 2 are:

12/1-pray for the lonely confined to nursing homes,
12/8-pray for all our military at home and abroad,
12/15-pray for our nations leaders and that conflicts will soon be resolved,
12/22-pray for racial tensions in our country to subside and peace reign and for families who don't get along
12/29-pray that the Holidays will be full of peace, joy and contentment for everyone.

Next work duty: Group 1

December Altar care: Jeannine

December honorary birthdays: 1st Elaine Krueger,
4th Shirley O'Sell, 6th Janice Franck.

December Anniversaries: 15th Tom and Rose Hovick.

In these Advent days of working and writing, calm us when we are anxious, soothe us when we are afraid and gently guide us to continue working for justice and peace in all the world. Amen



Jeannine

Trinity Ripples



If you want to bring a poinsettia to share in the sanctuary for the Christmas season, please purchase it yourself and leave it at the church. If it is in memory or in honor of a loved one, please let the office know.

Waverly Ripples

We are looking for volunteers that would be willing to read the scriptures and or help with communion. They can contact Lynette Shaw or Gwen Matz



Women of Waverly working committees will remain the same for next year. As members we all have a responsibility to contribute to the well being of our church. Hopefully we can get back to normal real soon!



St Peter

DATE	LECTOR	USHERS
Dec. 2	Jeff Petschke	Did not assign any one for the month of
6	Jeannie Rasmussen	December to usher.
13	Jordan Petschke	
20	Jeff Petschke	
25	Jeannine Rasmussen	
31	Jordan Petschke	
Jan. 3	Jeff Petschke	



Trinity

DATE	LECTOR	USHERS
Wed. Dec. 9	Deb Philipp	Nate and Sam Chukuske
16	MaryAnn Frerichs	Henry and Sun Borchardt
23	Deb Philipp	John and Rita Garbers
24	MaryAnn Frerichs	Jean Schock / Velma Schaal
30	Deb Philipp	Wes and Carolyn Strausser
Jan. 3	MaryAnn Frerichs	Jon and Jen Saxen

Waverly

DATE	LECTOR	CHILDRENS TIME	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
Dec. 6	Sonja Haugen		Ushers	Jeff Matz
13	Deanne Gaalswyk		Ushers	Jeff Matz
20	Rosemary Atzenhoefer		Ushers	Jeff Matz
24			Ushers	Jeff Matz
27	LuAnn Peterson		Ushers	Jeff Matz
Jan. 3			Ushers	



December Ushers: Steve Williamson, Todd Rathman, Troy Schmidtke, Jeff Matz



DECEMBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Elaine Krueger <i>Tony & Susan Hed</i>	2 Keith Thiesse <i>Greg and Jennifer Moore</i>	3 Shirley Burmeister Alysha Casias Nellie Oanes Wes Strausser	4 Nathan Chukuske Shirley O'Sell	5 Alexander Hansen Barb Sherman 
	6 Janice Franck Payton Leiding Steve Morrow Tanner Muller <i>Lee & Mary Thompson</i>	7 Laura Justice 	8 Tonya Brooks Carol Senne	9 Janet Poppe	10 Madison Gibson-Fletcher Jenna Minscer	11 Cory Lyons 
13 Daniel Armbrust Josh Peterson Bryanna Petschke Dallas Rasmussen	14 Gayle Askeland Tanner Bettin	15 Jesse Bettin Renee Hartwig <i>Tom & Rose Hovick 30</i>	16 Elizabeth Benge Kollyns Gerhardt Jeff Miller Bob Moffitt Lincoln Silverthorn Steve Wenzel	17 Shawn Odegaard John Garbers	18 	19 Oren Peterson
20 	21 Kirsten Olson	22 Matthew Benge Becca Minscer Bella Minscer Brice Oechsle	23 Bob Nelson <i>Wes & Carolyn Strausser</i> <i>Steve & MarLeone Williamson 50</i>	24 	25 Phil Burgess Jordan Peterson	26 Johanna Petschke 
27 Lukas Hansen Kayla Olson 	28 Eva Lueth Tyler Lyons	29 Liam Hecht Remington Rademaker	30 Todd Morrow  <i>David & Laurie Jensen 35</i>	31 Jo Miller Angie Schmidt Kelsey Traetow		

DECEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Circle of Faith Office Hours Mon.—Thurs. 9 am - 1 pm</p>		<p>1</p> <p>7 pm Mary Circle - WLC</p>	<p>2</p> <p>4-5 pm Confirma- tion @ TLC</p> <p>6:30 pm Worship @ St. P</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> 	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p>  <p>8:30 am Worship St. Peter / Comm.</p> <p>9:15 am SS</p> <p>10:30 am Worship WLC / Comm.</p> <p>10:30 am TLC/Comm</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6 pm Parish Council mtg @ Trinity</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> 	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>
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