

Ripples of Faith 2020



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Sundays— 9 am Zoom

Confirmation—January 6 & 20

JANUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

NO in-person worship

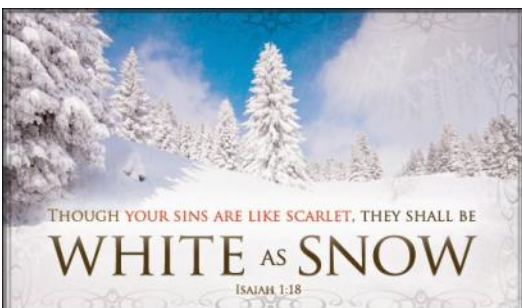
Sunday, Jan. 3 9 am Worship online
10-11 am drive through communion @ First
Lutheran in Trimont

Sunday, Jan. 10 9 am Worship online
10-11 am drive through Communion @ Trinity in
Welcome

Sunday Jan. 17 9 am Worship online
10-11 am drive through communion @ Waverly,
rural Trimont

Sunday, Jan. 24 9 am Worship online
10-11 am drive through communion @ St. Peter's
in Ceylon

Sunday, Jan. 31 9 am Worship online
10-11 am snow date for any drive through
communion.



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

Council Presidents: Don Nordstrom, Jon Saxen
Pastors Anthony and Stephanie Christoffels

Pastor Anthony shared a devotion

The conversation was continued with First Lutheran in Trimont. They are excited about the potential partnership. Pastors have spoken with synod since votes are challenging with Covid. They are suggesting an interim agreement, have us work on details and then hopefully be able to vote this spring or summer. This allows shared pastoral care. The suggested contract was discussed. Article X was removed as there will be no call process during the interim period. Added to Article XI was the potential for extension or early suspension of the agreement. Nancy Nordstrom made a motion to accept the amended Interim Parish Agreement, seconded by John Borchardt. Approved.

Marilyn welcomed Pastor Stephanie.

An addition was made to the agenda under old business to revisit additional compensation for Pastor Anthony for the months he was the sole pastor. The by-law discussion was removed for a later date.

A motion was made by Jody Franck to accept the secretary's report as printed, seconded by Nancy Nordstrom. Approved.

A motion was made by John Borchardt to accept the treasurer's report as printed, seconded by Jody Franck. Approved. Also thanked Jon Saxen for his work on paperwork for some covid relief funds.

Pastor Anthony's report: the covid grants are treated as a reimbursement, receipts were submitted, all three churches received funds. St. Peter received \$4432 from the county, Waverly

received \$9929 from the county, and Trinity received \$7418 from the county and \$4000 from the city of Welcome. All checks have been received.

We have more masks.

Christmas Eve sign-ups are going well.

Pastor Stephanie's report: Glad to be here, looking forward to First joining and being church together.

Congregation reports: Waverly is working on budget and council positions.

Old Business:

Compensation for 3 months – it was extra hours, about 10-15 per week. If we were looking at full overtime pay it would be \$400-\$440 per week. \$5000 was suggested to compensate for extra hours. Nancy Nordstrom made a motion to pay this amount, seconded by Jody Franck. Approved with one opposing vote.

New Business:

Old Circle of Faith computers, potential uses are Waverly needs a laptop for the treasurer, Trinity could use Lisa's old one for livestreaming, if St. Peter needed one Pastor Eric's laptop is available. They are going to see if their treasurer would like to use it.

Pastor's continuing education – Pastor Stephanie is going to be attending a training to be able to teach Safe Talk and 4 hour suicide prevention training. The training for this is a 2 day course. Pastor Anthony would like to attend as well. The class is \$1200, he has \$750 unused from 2020, he would like to carry this over and use this along with 2021's to pay for it. MaryAnn Frerichs made a motion to carry over the 2020 funds for continuing education, seconded by John Borchardt. Approved.

Nancy Nordstrom made a motion to approve the housing allowances as printed for Pastor Anthony and Pastor Stephanie, seconded by John Borchardt. Approved. Cont. next page . . .

Group cast quote: It allows us to do what we currently do with Honeywell, it also sends to social media automatically. It comes out cheaper than Honeywell – no set up fees and they are committing to the price for 5 years. Marilyn would like to see someone from each church trained to use it. Jody Franck made a motion to switch to group cast messaging for \$734 a year with a five year commitment, seconded by Tim Peterson, approved.

MaryAnn Frerichs made a motion to accept the 2021 budget as printed, seconded by Nancy Nordstrom. Approved.

Discussion on virtual church. We are going to attempt to stay in person through Christmas. In person worship will be suspended December 25 to February 2021. Numbers will be looked at in January 2021 to see if we can go back to in person. The department of health is suggesting no in person right now. It was asked if one service might be possible. Nancy Nordstrom made a motion to go virtual December 25 and evaluate in late January if it is safe to return to in person, seconded by Jody Franck. Approved.

Meeting adjourned.

the Ceylon Fire Dept and Ceylon First Responders. \$50 each was given to Martin Co. Salvation Army, Martin Co. Youth for Christ, Options Pregnancy Center, CREST, Heaven's Table Food Shelf, and Pastor Anthony.

As of right now it doesn't look like we can begin quilting in January. IF the situation changes the dates would be Jan. 6 & 7 and 20 & 21. Please continue working on material at home and I will keep you informed.

Prayers for Tuesdays @ 2: 1/5-pray for our new president and his cabinet as they take office. 1/12-pray that the Covid-19 vaccine is safely distributed to all. 12/19-pray for all law enforcement as they work to protect their communities. 1/26-pray for continued blessings for all Women of the ELCA both churchwide and local units.

Next work duty: Group 1
January Altar care: Ann Wenzel
January Honorary birthdays:
4th Jeannine Rasmussen
13th Marge Schley
15th Nancy Steele

-When the sounds of the world go quiet and your breath says "I am still here"
-When the tasks of life are tomorrow's and you are at peace in the present, without fear
-When you sit in the restful place and your soul is alone, in good ways
-It is then when you see all the wonders that surround us, all of our days. —Rev. Larry Morris



St. Peter Ripples



No January meeting

There will be no January meeting. Our self-study from "Gather" is titled: "Journey with Angels."

Do you believe in angels? They do show up on both the Old and New Testaments. In this first session we will learn the meaning of various words used to describe angels. Also we need to look for angels who inspire us to honor God's work in nature.

On pages 20-23 are interesting stories from Gather readers on what gives them hope in these uncertain times.

Ann reports a treasury balance of \$504.74. Christmas cheer was sent to the following: \$100 each to

Trinity Ripples Waverly Ripples





JANUARY

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Ronald Rahm 	2 Karen Koeder Belva Peterson Tom Peterson January Elliott Amelia Brosnahan
3 <i>Karen & Jon Helvig 40</i>	4 Deb Armbrust Jeannine Rasmussen	5 	6	7 Aimee Hand Mason Mosloski	8	9 Amanda Brosnahan
10 Wayne Burmeister John Frerichs Lacey Lueth Maurice Rahm	11 Tyler Poppe	12 Olin Bakke Brock Burmeister	13 Scott Bengé Marge Schley	14 Marilyn Schlager <i>Leah & Zac Gerhardt</i> <i>Lorrie & Paul Jensen</i>	15 Nancy Steele Audrey Swanson	16 Ione Nelson
17 Denyse Borchardt 	18 James Korte Julie Schulz	19 Larry Puhrman Larry R Schmidt	20 Victor Abelson Victoria Lake	21 	22 Deb Sherman	23 Jeanne Leiding
24 Susan Krueger Cody Williams	25 Margo Paplow	26 Synjin Haugen	27 Rhonda Oechsle	28	29	30 Ashley Patten
31 Faith Poppe MarLeone Williamson						



JANUARY



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Parish Office hours Mon.—Thurs 9 am—1 pm					1  Happy New Year	2
3 9 am Worship Online 10-11 am Drive through communion @ First Lutheran in Trimont	4 9 am Men's Bible Study @ First Lutheran Trimont	5 No Mary Circle (WLC)	6  EPIPHANY NO WELCA (StP) 4-5 pm Confirmation	7	8	9
10 9 am Worship Online 10-11 am Drive through communion @ Trinity in Welcome	11 9 am Men's Bible Study @ First Lutheran Trimont	12	13	14	15	16
17 9 am Worship Online 10-11 am Drive through communion @ Waverly in rural Trimont	18 9 am Men's Bible Study @ First Lutheran Trimont	19	20 Articles due for February Ripples 4-5 pm Confirmation	21	22 COF Anniversary (2013) 	23
24 9 am Worship Online 10-11 am Drive through communion @ St. Peter's in Ceylon	25 9 am Men's Bible Study @ First Lutheran Trimont	26	27 9 am Assemble February Ripples	28		30
31 9 am Worship Online 10-11 am Snow date for any drive through communion						



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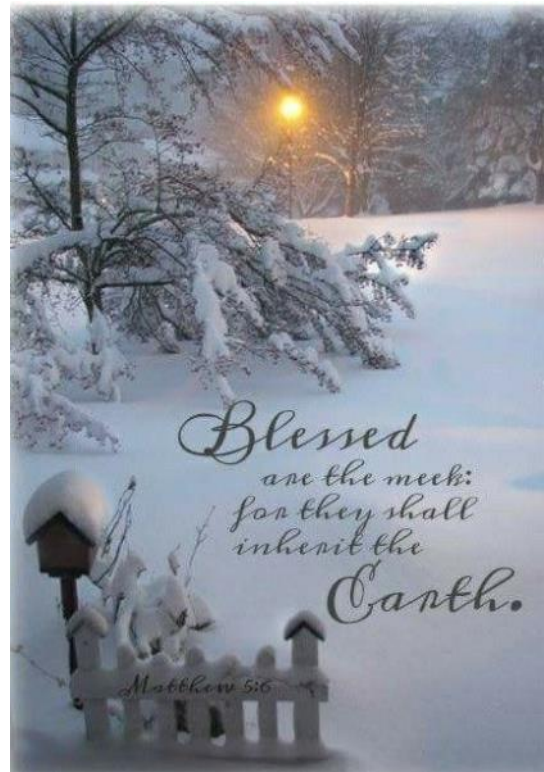
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