

Ripples of Faith 20210



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February schedule:

2/2	Mary Circle—WLC
2/9	Parish Council meeting
2/14	Valentines Day
2/17	Ash Wednesday
	Reports due for Annual meetings
2/18	Reports due for March Ripples
2/24	Assemble Ripples

Sundays — 8:30 am St. Peter
 10:30 Trinity
 9:00 Waverly
 10:00 Sunday school

Confirmation—February 4
 [Ash Wednesday-Feb. 17]
 [Lenten Service—Feb. 24]

Mondays - 9 am Men's Bible Study @
 First Lutheran in Trimont

AND WALK IN THE
 WAY OF LOVE, JUST
 AS CHRIST LOVED US
 AND GAVE HIMSELF UP
 FOR US AS A FRAGRANT
offering AND sacrifice
 TO GOD. ~Ephesians 5:2~

happy valentine's day



February Worship Schedule

		First	St. Peter	Trinity	Waverly
5th Week after Epiphany	Sunday, February 7 th <i>Altar: Green</i>	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM & Online	Worship w/Comm 8:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM & Online	Worship w/Comm 9:00 AM & Online
6th Week after Epiphany	Transfiguration Sunday Sunday, February 14 th <i>Altar: White</i>	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM & Online	Worship w/Comm 8:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM & Online	Worship w/Comm 9:00 AM & Online
	Ash Wednesday Wed, February 17 th <i>Altar: Purple</i>			Joint Worship 6:30 PM w/Comm.	
1st Week of Lent	Sunday, February 21 st <i>Altar: Purple</i>	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM & Online	Worship w/Comm 8:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM & Online	Worship w/Comm 9:00 AM & Online
	Wed, February 24 th			Joint Worship 6:30 PM w/Comm.	
2nd Week of Lent	Sunday, February 28 th <i>Altar: Purple</i>	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM & Online	Worship w/Comm 8:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM & Online	Worship w/Comm 9:00 AM & Online
	Wed, March 3 rd			Joint Worship 6:30 PM w/Comm.	

****Note: First and Waverly will alternate worship times on a monthly basis. Above is the February schedule. In March, worship at First will be at 9:00 am and worship at Waverly will be at 10:30 am.**

In-person worship services are continuing for everyone who feels comfortable attending. Wearing a mask is required to attend in-person worship. Services are live streamed through each individual congregation's Facebook page.

www.facebook.com/FirstLutheranTrimont

www.facebook.com/TrinityLutheranWelcome

www.facebook.com/WaverlyLutheran

Drive-Thru Communion Schedule

If you feel uncomfortable with attending in-person services, but would like to receive Holy Communion, drive-thru Communion will be offered from 12:00-12:30 pm on Sundays at the following locations:

Sunday, February 7th – Trinity
Sunday, February 14th – First

Sunday, February 21st – Waverly
Sunday, February 28th – St. Peter



Transition – the process of changing from one state or condition to another.

Our lives are full of transitions. Some are planned, some unexpected, some welcomed, some hated. During Lent, we will focus on different life transitions, how our biblical ancestors handled the transitions they lived through, and how God is at work in the midst of all of the transitions we encounter in life.

All Wednesday night Lent services, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday services will be at Trinity Lutheran in Welcome at 6:30pm. Services will also be livestreamed on the Circle of Faith and First Lutheran Facebook pages.

Welcoming First Lutheran to Circle of Faith Parish

The Parish Council is excited to announce that we have entered into an interim parish agreement with First Lutheran Church of Trimont. Over the last few months, the Parish Council has been meeting with representatives of First Lutheran to determine if a partnership is in the best interest of all four congregations. It was agreed to continue these conversations in further exploring a full partnership.

What Does Interim Parish Agreement Mean?

The councils agreed to a six-month Interim Parish Agreement which began on January 1, 2021 and runs through June 30, 2021. During this interim time, Circle of Faith and First Lutheran will be exploring what a full partnership would look like. This includes conversations about:

- Ministry goals for the parish and each congregation
- Pastoral and support staffing needs within the parish
- Worship and programming schedules
- Budget proposals

What's Next?

After these topics are discussed, a final proposal will be presented to each church council. Upon approval, a congregational meeting and vote will be held. A full partnership with all four congregations would require approval from each congregation. Because of the COVID restrictions, the parish council was concerned about reaching a quorum for the congregational votes. To allow time to explore this possible partnership, it was decided to begin an interim period where we partner together in some ways.

While many aspects of our ministry will remain unchanged during this interim period, there are a few areas that will look different.

Pastor Anthony and Pastor Stephanie will be providing shared pastoral duties among all four congregations.

Waverly and First Lutheran will be switching worship times on a monthly basis.

	February		March	
	<u>First</u>	<u>Waverly</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Waverly</u>
Worship	10:30 am	9:00 am	9:00 am	10:30 am
Sunday School	9:15 am	10:00 am	10:00 am	9:15 am

All mid-week Lent services will be joint services.

First Lutheran will have representatives on the Parish Council.

Please join the parish council in welcoming the members of First Lutheran as we all explore together a possible partnership in sharing the Good News of Jesus in our communities.



Members present: Nancy Nordstrom, Marilyn Cheever, John Borchardt, MaryAnn Frerichs, Jim Lorenz, Dean Sinn, Jody Franck

Presidents/elect: Don Nordstrom, Bob Olson, Jon Saxen Pastors Anthony and Stephanie Christoffels

Marilyn Cheever called the meeting to order.

Jody Franck made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Nancy Nordstrom. Approved.

Pastor Stephanie shared a devotion based on 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 about working together and patience paying off.

Nancy Nordstrom made a motion to accept the secretary's report as printed, seconded by John Borchardt. Approved.

MaryAnn Frerichs made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as printed, seconded by Jody Franck. Approved.

Pastor's reports

Pastor Stephanie will be teaching a class on suicide prevention Monday and Tuesday in New Ulm. They are working on Lent.

Pastor Anthony is registered for the Safe Talk training in April. They will schedule a training locally probably in May. He will be receiving training on group cast, the new messaging system on Wednesday. It can do more than Honeywell.

Congregation reports

Waverly and Trinity have had meeting regarding budgets. St. Peter is meeting to discuss theirs the day of their drive through communion.

Marilyn commented on how moving the Christmas Eve service was.

New Business

In person activities – with numbers being stable along with following mask and distancing rules it was felt that in person would be safe. Jody Franck made a motion to resume in person worship January 17, 2021, but continue the drive through communion for those not comfortable coming in the buildings, seconded by Nancy Nordstrom. Approved.

Interim worship schedule will be for St. Peter to remain at 8:30 and Trinity at 10:30. First and Waverly with alternate monthly, in January First will be at 9:00

and Waverly 10:30, February Waverly will be 9:00 and First 10:30.

Lenten Services – Circle of Faith has normally rotated. After some discussion Marilyn Cheever made a motion to have all the Lenten services from Ash Wednesday through Good Friday at Trinity as a central location and loose offering will be split between the Trimont food shelf and Heaven's Table, services will start at 6:30, seconded by Nancy Nordstrom. Approved.

Interim Discussion Plan – this was started by looking at the parish mission statement. What stands out to us in it, many parts were highlighted. It was brought up that growing has always been a dream. Talked about what they felt we were doing good, working together, welcoming neighbors (First). Things we could do better, support of food shelf, work at serving others, need to let go of some resources, sometimes lean towards grumbling over sharing hope. It was brought up that we might be able to serve at the Banquet in Sioux Falls after covid. Talked about how we are better at discipleship as a group than as individuals. We need to involve more people. Starts with each person-stop negative comments.

Next meeting – February 9, 2021, 5:30

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by MaryAnn Frerichs



Reminder for those of you who do a report for your church's Annual Meeting. Those reports are due on Wed. Feb. 17.

St. Peter Ripples



NO February meeting

Our self-study from "Gather" on "Journeys with Angels" continues in Session 2. In Session 1 we explored various kinds of angels, their place in God's cosmos and their relationship to humans. In Session 2 we examine some of the biblical stories of angels who accompany, confront or push people into new trajectories.

Feb. 17 is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. On pages 32-35 there is a Lenten Devotional - we are to pray for others and for ourselves - different vocations in occupations, family roles, volunteering, community work, friendship and citizenship. All need our prayers.

It doesn't look like we can begin quilting in February. If it becomes possible the days would be Feb. 10 & 11 and Feb. 24 & 25.

Ann reports our end of the year balance is \$528.18. We had an income of \$1346. Balance on hand was \$504.74 - total assets \$1850.74. With Christmas Cheer, missionary, other donations and various other expenses we end up with \$528.18.

Prayers for Tuesdays @ 2: 2/2 pray for all military organizations at home and abroad. 2/9 pray for abused women and children. 2/16 pray that racial tensions will subside and peace will reign. 2/23 pray that the Holy Spirit will lead and guide our church in the difficult times.

Our sympathy goes to the family of Eileen Christensen who passed away on Jan. 1 at the age of 104. What a lovely lady.

Our sympathy to Bernice Lehmann and her family on the loss of her son Tom, age 58 on Jan. 4th.

Next work duty: Group 1

February Altar Care: Sherry Schmidt

Honorary birthday: Barb Schmidt the 3rd.

"Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Luke 15:10

♥ Happy Valentines Day ♥ Jeannine

St Peter

Date	Reader
Feb. 7	Jordan Petschke
Feb. 14	Jeff Petschke
Feb. 21	Jeannine Rasmussen
Feb. 28	Jordan Petschke
March 7	Jeff Petschke

Trinity

Date	Reader	Ushers
Feb. 7	MaryAnn Frerichs	John & Zane Borchardt
Feb. 14	MaryAnn Frerichs	Bob Swanson & Carlene Hand
Feb. 21	MaryAnn Frerichs	Becky & Joel Detert
Feb. 28	Deb Philipp	Larry & Deb Philipp
Mar. 7	MaryAnn Frerichs	Lonnie & Bob Moffitt

Waverly

Date	Reader	Communion Assistant
Feb. 7	Karen Helvig	Don Nordstrom
Feb. 14	Laurie Sherman	Don Nordstrom
Feb. 21	Sonja Haugen	Don Nordstrom
Feb. 28	Tom Peterson	Don Nordstrom
March 7	Don Nordstrom	Tom Peterson

February Ushers

Bob Olson
 Brian Clow
 Don Nordstrom
 Jim Sherman

March Ushers

Brad Sherman
 Cliff Armbrust
 Tim Peterson
 Jeff Matz

FEBRUARY

Birthdays & Anniversaries

2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Cara Hansen Terry Muller	2 Amy Feely Kevin Shaw	3 Barb Schmidt	4 Henry Borchardt Josie Clow	5 Celeste Bengé Stephen Helvig	6 
<i>celebrate!</i>						
7 Kiaya Schweiss	8 Neil Cheever Emma Koehler James Korte	9 Alyx Stahl	10 	11	12 Dylan Muller Mary Lou Sherman Scott Peterson	13 Paul Jensen
14  <i>Vernon & Sylvia Handevdt</i> <i>Jim & Mary Lou Sherman</i>	15 	16 Loren Schultz	17 <i>Jeff & Jodi Lueth</i>	18 Chris Meyer Jay Mulso	19 	20 Sarah Hecht
21 Dale Keck	22 Connor Malo Deb Miller Nichole Smith <i>Bocky & Susan Borchardt</i>	23 Aubrey Plumhoff	24 Sandy Winter <i>Zach & Sierra Peterson</i>	25	26 	27
28 Janet Saxen Jen Saxen	 February					

February 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Parish Office Hours Mond.—Thurs. 9 am - 1 pm	1 9 am Men's Bible Study @ First Lutheran Trimont	2 7 pm Mary Circle WLC	3 4-5 pm Confirmation	4	5 Parish Office Closed on Fridays	6
7 St. Peter 8:30 am Trinity 10:30 am Waverly 9 am SS 10 am Communion—all	8 9 am Men's Bible Study @ First Lutheran Trimont	9 5:30 pm Parish Council mtg	10	11	12	13 
14  St. Peter 8:30 am Trinity 10:30 am Communion Waverly 9 am SS 10 am Communion	15 9 am Men's Bible Study @ First Lutheran Trimont	16 2/17 → reports due for annual meetings	17  Service @ TLC 6:30 pm Confirmation [Ash Wednesday]	18 Articles due for March Ripples	19	
21 St. Peter 8:30 am Trinity 10:30 am Communion Waverly 9 am SS 10 am Communion	22 9 am Men's Bible Study @ First Lutheran Trimont	23	24 9 am Assemble Ripples 6:30 pm Confirmation [Lenten Service] 6:30 Weekly Lenten Service @ TLC	25	26	27
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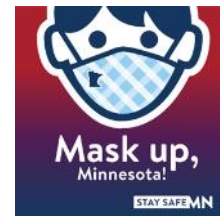
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