

Ripples of Faith 2023

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CIRCLE OF FAITH PARISH

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May Worship Schedule

		FIRST	ST. PETER	TRINITY	WAVERLY
5 EASTER	Sunday, May 7 <i>Altar: white</i>	10:30 am Worship/ Comm SS 9:15		9 am Worship Communion	
6 EASTER	Sunday, May 14 <i>Altar: white</i>	10:30 am Worship/ Comm		9 am Worship Communion	
7 EASTER	Sunday, May 21 <i>Altar: white</i>	10:30 am Worship/ Comm		9 am Worship Communion	
PENTECOST VIGIL	Saturday, May 27 <i>Altar: red</i>	6:30 pm Worship/ Comm			

On Saturday May 27, 6:30, at First Lutheran we will worship as a parish to celebrate the Vigil of Pentecost. On the feast day of Pentecost we gather together and celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In our tradition this marks the beginning of what we consider to be the church. Christ has ascended and we are tasked, as people of faith, to live out the mission of God.

We, as Lutherans, believe that in relationship with God's mission we live in a space that is both already and not yet. Christ has done the saving and continues to do so, we hold fast to the promise of the Gospel and the call of the spirit, and as we can see, God's kingdom has not come in its fullness yet.

The story of Pentecost, in the book of Acts, begins before the coming of the spirit, where we encounter the disciples in the upper room, where the Risen Lord appeared to them almost 50 days later. Easter has happened and yet the faithful don't know how to be in the world. Then, at the festival day, the spirit descends upon them like a rush of wind, like fire, like a dove, and everything is different, they are compelled out into the world and the church is born.

In our church tradition we often celebrate vigils, or the night before a festival day. We do this with Christmas Eve, some congregations celebrate the great vigil of Easter, and some mark the church's birthday with the great vigil of Pentecost. Celebrating vigils is a practice that dates back to the very early history of the church. They are acts of hope and preparation for the festival day.

As we prepare to turn in season from the season of Easter to the season after Pentecost we will join in the tradition of the faithful who have gone before us and gather together to reflect on the story of our faith and prepare ourselves for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit both in our church year and our lives. Joining in the vigil worship is a great reminder of the already and not yet reality of God's kingdom. We come together, a church called, and still in discernment, waiting and hoping for the presence of God to send us out into the community to love and care for them as the spirit guides us.

I hope that you will join us as we gather around a bonfire and share the stories of our faith waiting for the Holy Spirit and celebrating fellowship with one another.

Pr. Kelly France

Celebration of Pentecost

Saturday, May 27—6:30 pm — at First Lutheran in Trimont



Outdoor
Worship
Service

Our Circle of Faith Parish will have a service on this Saturday night at First Lutheran in Trimont,

The Service- an outdoor service—if the weather allows — will be in the church parking lot by a camp fire. There will also be wieners to roast, and smores.

Please bring your lawn chairs and come to join us in this special service for the Vigil of Pentecost.

There will be **NO service on Sunday May 28th** in any of our congregations



First Lutheran— will have cake and coffee BEFORE the service on Sunday, May 14th. ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME AND JOIN US FOR THIS TIME OF FELLOWSHIP.

Confirmation

Confirmation meeting—Wed. May 3rd for students to be confirmed (2 yrs. completed) and adults. 4:30 pm @ Trinity

Confirmation at Trinity and First will be May 21 — St. Peter will be June 11.



Keep these people in your prayers for Health & Healing:

FIRST - Linda Schulz, Lucas Krumwiede
Kay Marie Krumwiede, Laura Girard

WAVERLY - Emery Armbrust,
Brad Sherman, Rosemary Atzenhoefer

TRINITY - Robert Swanson, Tony Truesdell,
Bill LaFavor, Karen McCrady family

ST. PETER - Lorrene Knuth

Almighty God, you have given us the—way, truth, and life. Help us to love one another, and follow your commandments. Help us to share with others the risen life to all the world.

We pray— Lord –you gave us your creation. In the budding of flowers and crops, and gardens. Help us to remember that all these are formed by your creation.

Keep in your prayers—all those who have been and are experiencing disasters. Also give shelter to those who need homes. Give your touch to those who are sick or homebound.

We pray– and give thanks for our leaders of this parish, our community, our country and our synod. Guide them as they do your will.

Nurture our congregations. Call us to a common purpose and turn our hearts toward you so that the choices may be life-giving for all.

Dear Lord, as we remember all those who have gone before us, we give you thanks.

Remember—our call committee. Give them the guidance and the presence of the Holy Spirit in their decisions.

Keep Pastor Kelly in your prayers - praying that the Holy Spirit will guide him in his ministry to our Circle of Faith parish.

Our sympathy to the family of —
— to family of LaDonna Levik,
whose funeral was held at Waverly
on April 22.



Remember our members who do not get out a lot. Give them a call, or send a greeting.



Maplewood, Fairmont

Arladyne Stanton - FLC

Marty Scholl - WLC

Home

Joyce Potts - FLC

Joan Ellis - WLC

Ione Nelson - TLC

Sandy Newville - TLC

Calvin Schultze - TLC

Bill LaFavor - TLC

Homestead Assisted Living, Estherville

Jeannine Rasmussen - St.P

Goldfinch, Fairmont

Elaine Krueger - StP

Millie Wohlhuter - TLC

Janet Saxen - TLC

Temperance Lake Ridge

Janice Franck - St P

Joanne Sherman - WLC



Prayer for the Day

Lord, you Son was taken into the heavens to intercede for us.

Receive our prayers for us and

all the world, which in the end will bring us into your glory. Giving us the faith to trust in your promises. Amen

Keep these members of our “Circle of Faith” congregations in your thoughts and prayers as they continue to look for candidates for our parish.

Karen Helvig WLC

Tom Peterson WLC

Wendi Russenberger FLC

Roger Matejka FLC

Keith Franck St.P

Linda Bakke St.P

Samantha Chukuske TLC

Liz Stahl TLC



FIRST LUTHERAN NEWS



Confirmation Sunday
Sunday, May 21st
Madelyn Carlson will affirm her baptism with the Rite of Confirmation.



Celebration of Pentecost
Saturday, May 27—6:30 pm

Plan to come on Saturday Night for this special Pentecost Service. It will be outdoors in the parking lot, so be sure to bring your chairs. We will roast wieners and have smores.



Worship this month
10:30 here at First or 9:00 at Trinity
No services in May - for Waverly and St. Peter's

Honor Graduates
We are happy to celebrate with - Kari, Nicholas and Benjamin Matejka as they graduate from MCV, on June 4th.



On Sunday, May 14th - we will have cake and beverage before church - 9:00—10:15 in their honor. All are invited.



Open House for Ben, Nick and Kari Matejka
Sunday, May 28th
3-7 pm at the Triumph Hall

FIRST SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday, May 7th— our children as well as the SS from Waverly will be singing during the worship service.

This will be the last Sunday for class until September. Kids we hope you enjoy your Summer and we see you in September

WOMEN'S GET TOGETHER—
You are invited to come and meet for fellowship and bring ideas for our get togethers.

Wednesday, May 10th—
6:00 pm



MISSION OFFERING

On Sunday, May 7th—our "Parish" will be taking a special offering for Shayne circuit in South Africa. This offering will go towards a couple of programs—one to help with Health and Wellness and one to help 10 displaced people because of the floods.



This was decided at our conference gathering in February with the hopes of raising 2,500 in our conference.

If you would like to contribute and will not be in church on the 7th you can mail or leave your donation at church. Just slide it under the door noting this program.

CREST— Lunch & Learn— 11-1
Wednesday, 17th

All are welcome—bring a friend and enjoy a short program and a light noon lunch. Free will donation for the lunch.

Church council—
meets May 17th at 7 pm

St. Peter News

Women of the ELCA Next meeting is Wed. May 3rd @ 1:30 pm @ Jeannie's in Estherville



2023 SWO Convention

Date: Friday, May 5, 2023
 @ Shetek Lutheran Ministries,
 14 Keeley Island Drive, Slayton, MN
 Theme: Renew, Redo, Rejoice
 Theme Verse: Zephaniah 3:17b

"he will rejoice over you with gladness,
 he will renew you in his love; he will
 exult over you with loud singing as
 on a day of festival."

Theme Hymn: "Change My Heart, O God"

Opening Worship with Holy Communion
 Rev. Heather Culuris officiating

Guest Speaker: Katie Chapman, Director
 Shetek Environmental Learning Center

Registration fee: \$35.00

Anyone interested can contact the Circle of Faith
 Parish office for more information and also
 registration forms.



Congratulations to our High School
 graduates from St. Peter:

Ashley Muller Emily Muller

Trinity News



Confirmation at Trinity is Sunday,
 May 21.
 Brooklyn Petersen, daughter of Teri
 and Travis will be getting confirmed.



Congratulations to our High
 School graduates from Trinity:

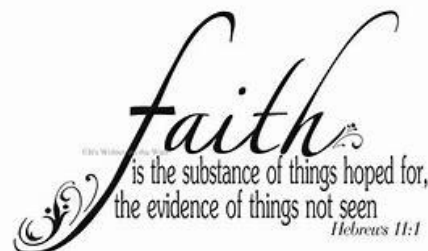
Brianna Morrow
 Kylee Jagodzinske
 Brice Oechsle

Kiaya Schwiess
 MiKenna Harder
 Logan Hughes

DATE	READER
May 7	Liz Stahl
May 14	Samantha Chukuske
May 21	Deb Philipp
Sat. May 27	Pentecost Vigil @ First 6:30 pm

Waverly News

Mary Circle - May 2nd 2 pm @ Waverly







MAY









Birthdays & Anniversaries



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>1 Max Nordtrom Signe Hanson</p>	<p>2 MaryAnn DeBus Tim Peterson Rodney Anderson</p> <p><i>Gary & Joyce</i></p>	<p>3 Lindsey Bettin</p>	<p>4 Donna Hand Morgan Olson</p>	<p>5 Kathryn Kurzejeski Karna Bloomquist Kesley Schultz Landon Fett</p>	<p>6 Brian Burmeister Megan Gerhardt Jerome Glidden Jacob Umbreit</p>
<p>7 Kennedy Poppe</p>	<p>8</p> 	<p>9</p>	<p>10 Bobbo Sandberg Taylor Saxen Brianna Olson</p>	<p>11 Nicole Leiding Ty Leiding Jeff Lueth</p>	<p>12 Marissa Bettin Jon Traetow Anita Nelson Paul Nelson</p> <p>13 Alex Saxen Bo Schultz</p> <p><i>John & Denyse</i></p>
<p>14 Emily Bettin Jamesen Chukuske Randy Olson Adam Rasmussen Barry Olson Jacob Sinn</p>	<p>15 Marlene Burmeister Marilyn Cheever Ilsa Pomerence Tammy Williams</p>	<p>16 Kari Anderson Dale Hansen MiKenna Harder</p> 	<p>17 Sarah Justice Darby Hilgendorf Sabrina Wooters</p> <p><i>Doug & Sybil Anderson</i></p>	<p>18 Susan Borchardt Dale Leiding Jean Schock</p>	<p>19 Owen Hanson Hayley Soweija</p> <p>20 Sonja Haugen Dusty Lyons Kim Mosloski</p>
<p>21 Hannah Olson Roger Thayer</p> <p><i>Merle & Shirley Burmeister</i></p> <p><i>Scott & Vicki Smith</i></p>	<p>22 Brian Clow Katelyn Jensen Lea Silverthorn Jeff Sinn</p>	<p>23 JoAnn Wink Julie Krumwiede Hallie Olson</p>	<p>24 Carlene Hand Cam Peterson</p>	<p>25 Sandy Newville Darcia Schmdit</p>	<p>26 Jeff Armbrust Linda Bakke James Hatch Zachary Nelson</p> <p>27 Levi Hansen Sue Jorgensen Jane Leiding Don Nordstrom Rosalie Rademaker</p>
<p>28 Adrian Rasmussen Cory Sinn</p> <p><i>Ron & Jean Schock</i></p> <p><i>Lawrence & Holly</i></p>	<p>29</p> 	<p>30 TristanWilmes Talon Nelson</p>	<p>31 Brianna Morrow Lois Nelson Brady Ziegler</p>		

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Proverbs 31:31 says "Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate."

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1  May Day	2 2 pm Mary Circle @ WLC	3 1:30 pm WELCA @ Jeannine's in Estherville Confirmation mtg Student and adults 4:30 pm @ Trinity	4  National Day of Prayer	5 2023 SWO Convention @ Shetek Lutheran Ministries—Slayton	6
7 TLC 9 am Worship Comm. FIRST 10:30 am Worship Comm. SS—9:15 	8	9	10 First— Women's Get together 6:00 pm. ALL are welcome	11 	12	13
14 TLC 9 am Worship Comm. FIRST 10:30 am Worship Comm. 	15	16	17 11—1 CREST Lunch & Learn @ First 7 pm First Council meeting	18  Ascension Day	19	20
21 TLC 9 am Worship Comm. Confirmation FIRST 10:30 am Worship Comm. Confirmation	22 Articles due for June Ripples	23 	24	25 9 am Assemble June Ripples	26 	27 6:30 pm Pentecost Vigil @ First with an outdoor service
28 No services in any of COF congregations.	29 Parish Office Closed  Memorial Day <i>Remember Those Who Gave Their Lives</i>	30	31		Parish Council meeting coming up on June 13.	



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Sunday morning scripture readings for May

DATE	1st READING	PSALM	2nd READING	GOSPEL
May 7	Acts 7:55-60	Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16	1 Peter 2:2-10	John 14:1-14
May 14	Acts 17:22-31	Psalm 66:8-20	1 Peter 3:13-22	John 14:15-21
May 21	Acts 1:6-14	Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35	1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11	John 17:1-11
May 28	Acts 2:1-21	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	1 Corinthians 12:3b-13	John 20:19-23



The Circle of Faith Congregations will be hosting a special offering for our companion synod's Health and Wellness Initiative May 7. This money will go toward funding a public health position for the synod, similar to how we have a parish nurse. The Health and Wellness position assists the people of the South Eastern Dioceses of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of South Africa in a variety of ways including: HIV/Aids treatment, Covid prevention, gender based violence prevention, malaria prevention, as well as other public health concerns. The Watonwan River Conference has committed \$2500, it would be wonderful if the Circle of Faith Parish congregations could match that amount.