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JUNE 2014

**P A S T O R   A N T H O N Y ' S   R I P P L E S**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We have come to the end of our first full programmatic year as Circle of Faith Parish. The year began with many cottage meetings happening throughout the parish. At each one of those meetings we began by reading from the letter of 1 Peter 2:2-10, which included our theme verse throughout this year:

“...you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.” *1 Peter 2:9*

We have spent the last 9 months wrestling with and challenging each other with this text. We also spent this time tackling the question, “Who Are We?” As I look back over these last 9 months, I can see that we have begun forming an identity for ourselves as a parish. We are not just three congregations sharing two pastors. But rather, we are three congregations that have partnered together to proclaim the risen Christ in a new and stronger way in Southern Minnesota! There are already ideas and projects in the works for next year and all of this is because God has been working through YOU to be his hands and feet in the Ceylon, Trimont, and Welcome communities.

Our focus on 1 Peter 2:2-10 is coming to an end with the Bible study on 1 Peter that has just finished up. But our daily devotion and our regular worship and giving never ends. We continue to deepen our relationship with God with prayer, reading of scripture and regular worship (even in the summer!). One of the ways you can do this is through a new worship time! This summer we will be offering a Wednesday night worship, meal and Bible Study. The worship service will be a simple 30 minute service with Holy Communion. The free meal and Bible study will happen at the same time (eating while we study). Worship begins at 6:00 pm with the meal/study at 6:30 pm. We will be done by 7:30 pm each night. You’re certainly welcome to come to both, but if you can only come to worship or only the meal/study that’s just fine. Come as you are for either one, or both. This will happen 4 times this summer (June 25, July 9, July 23, and August 6) and each time will be located at Trinity.

Remember, just because our normal program year is coming to an end, the church does not end. Our relationship with God and the work of the Gospel doesn’t take the summer off. The leadership of your parish will be working hard this summer to get some of these new projects and ideas turned into realities for this coming fall. One thing that we need your help in doing is coming up with a service project that we can do together on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. On that day, all 10,000+ ELCA congregations will be going out into their communities to serve their neighbors. What would you like Circle of Faith to do? Talk to me or a council member about your ideas.

God bless you in your summer journeys, travels and adventures! And remember to take a break for God and for yourself!

In Christ, *Pastor Anthony*

## P A S T O R   E R I C ' S   R I P P L E S

Dear friends,

I write this from a continuing education event that I am at this week. It is called the "Festival of Homiletics", which means a celebration of preaching. Our theme is about using the imagination in sermons. I listened to 3 good sermons and 2 good lectures and one so/so discussion today.

One of the sermons was about clay jars. If you have a few minutes look at Jeremiah 18:1-12, Isaiah 45:9-10 and 2 Corinthians 4:7-15. They are all lessons that refer to clay jars. We were reminded of the fact that the church is a clay jar. It holds the treasure which is the gospel, the good news of Jesus. We were reminded that we sometimes focus more on the clay jar than on the treasure inside. We have all experienced many changes in the church, the church is not what it used to be. Of course this is how it must be because the world is not the same as it used to be either. This was encouraging to me. We were reminded that as the clay jar that holds the treasure of the gospel all we, the church, really need is a book, a towel, a table and a cup. And, we are not alone. God is working in and through us all the time so that the gospel gets proclaimed and lived out.

I thought about our theme, "Who are we?". We are a clay jar so that all will know that the power is not in us but in God. We are a tested, trusting, called, holy and proclaiming clay jar. The people of God with a treasure to share.

Enjoy these wonderful summer days!

Pastor Eric



**Wednesday, June 4**

**5:30—7:30**

Host—Bob Olson—pontoon ride

Good weather—meet at Fox Lake DNR boat landing (east end)

Bad weather—Bob's shed at 2227 120th Ave

?s call 507-630-1290

# JUNE Worship Schedule

*Sunday Worship Services*

Date	St. Peter – 8:30 am	Trinity – 10:30 am	Waverly –8:30 am
June 1 – Communion	Pr. Eric	Pr. Anthony	Pr. Anthony
June 8 <i>Day of Pentecost</i>	Pr. Anthony	Pr. Anthony	Pr. Eric
June 15 – Communion <i>Holy Trinity Sunday</i>	TBA	Carl Rabbe	Carl Rabbe
June 22	Pr. Anthony Carl Rabbe	Pr. Eric	Pr. Eric
June 29 - Communion	Pr. Eric	Pr. Eric	Pr. Anthony Carl Rabbe



## Parish Summer Picnic *and Baby Shower*



**WHO:** All Circle of Faith Congregations  
**WHEN:** Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>  
**TIME:** 6:00 PM  
**WHERE:** Welcome City Park (rain location: Trinity Lutheran Church)  
**WHY:** To gather together as a parish and celebrate with Pastor Anthony’s family

More information coming soon.



## New Circle of Faith Staff Member

We are excited to announce that Eileen Morrow has been hired to join our staff at Circle of Faith Parish as Parish Administrator. Eileen comes with a variety of experience and will be an added asset to our team. She is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Welcome and so she comes already knowing about Circle of Faith and how we are structured. Lisa and Eileen will be working together and sharing in the responsibilities as parish administrators. This allows both of them to have a more flexible schedule while improving parish communications and increasing Circle of Faith’s presence online through our website, Facebook page, and other social media sites. Please welcome Eileen to her position as Parish Administrator!

Parish Office Information  
 Hours: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, Monday – Friday  
 Phone: 507-728-8259  
 Email: [parish@circleoffaithparish.org](mailto:parish@circleoffaithparish.org)  
 Administrators:

Lisa Wohlhuter [lwohlhuter@circleoffaithparish.org](mailto:lwohlhuter@circleoffaithparish.org)  
 Eileen Morrow [emorrow@circleoffaithparish.org](mailto:emorrow@circleoffaithparish.org)



Sunday is June 8—  
Be sure to wear something red as the liturgical color for  
Pentecost is red.

## Welcome Back Carl Rabbe

Pastor Anthony's family is about to grow this summer! When their next child is born, Pastor Anthony will be taking some time off to be with family. Carl Rabbe has agreed to come back this summer to fill in as Ministerial Associate. Carl was on staff with Circle of Faith last summer and we welcome him back this summer. He is a member of Waverly Lutheran and is currently a student PhD student at Garret-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, IL. He will be helping lead worship, do visitations and assist Pastor Eric while Pastor Anthony is on parental leave. He will also be leading a mid-week worship and Bible study on the following Wednesday evenings: June 25, July 9, July 23, and August 6.

Carl's time on staff will begin on **Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>** and conclude on **Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup>**.  
Carl's email during that time will be: [crabbe@circleoffaithparish.org](mailto:crabbe@circleoffaithparish.org)

Please welcome Carl back to COF as Ministerial Associate!

## How'd We Get Here?

*Come and Spend Four Weeknights With:  
the Deep Thinkers and Lunatics Who Were the Early Christians!*

### **WEDNESDAYS (June 25, July 9, July 23, August 6)**

6:00 PM – Holden Evening Prayer with Holy Communion

6:30 PM – Free Meal with a Discussion on:

#### **Baptism (June 25)**

*Hot or cold water? Still water or running water? These were things the early Christians debated about for centuries?! Come, hear about this and other fun secrets of the bath through which we've all come!*

#### **Eucharist (July 9)**

*For some, it was a potluck - so why didn't they have egg coffee? For others, it was a rummsale! Come, find out some interesting trivia about the beautiful feast we call Holy Communion.*

#### **Community (July 23)**

*Did you know that three short words were added to the creed and huge groups of Christians haven't spoken to each other for 1,500 years! Come, find out what these words were and the ridiculous things Christians wound up deciding!*

#### **Prayer (August 6)**

*Has the church always been this way? How did the first Christians handle being in church for hours at a time without pews to sit on? Come, find out the ways we once prayed, and how they can feed into our prayers today.*

#### **About the Presenter**

Carl Rabbe is a member of Circle of Faith Parish, and is a PhD student at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, IL. He is working with Circle of Faith as ministerial associate for the summer of 2014.

**Circle of Faith**  
Parish Council Meeting Minutes  
May 13, 2014

Meeting was called to order at Trinity Lutheran in Welcome at 6:05 pm by President Steve Williamson. Other members present: Merle Burmeister, Marilyn Cheever, Jody Franck, Jon Helvig, Joel Rabbe, Kirsten Rabbe, Liz Stahl. Clergy present: Pastor Anthony Christoffels & Pastor Eric Midthun.

Add talking about Sunday School next year. (Liz) Motion by Jody Franck, seconded by Liz Stahl, to approve agenda as amended. Motion passed.

Pr. Anthony led devotions, based on I Peter 2:2-10. "Let (allow) yourselves be built into a spiritual house." Ties into our current bible study. Specifically, God calls each of us to be his child, his chosen one. 6:13

Kirsten Rabbe. presented the Secretary's report for the April 8, 2014 Parish Council meeting. Motion by Merle Burmeister, seconded by Jon Helvig, to approve the Secretary's report as presented. Motion passed.

Joe Rabbe. presented the April 2014 Operating Statement. Motion by Kirsten Rabbe, seconded by Liz Stahl, to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion passed. Treasurer's Note: Lisa Wohlhuter's payroll taxes will be paid quarterly, instead of annually in the future.

#### **PASTORS' REPORTS**

Pr. Anthony Christoffels report

. Synod Assembly – June 13-15, 2014.

. Bible Study on 1 Peter continues through the end of May.

. Carl Rabbe's summer Ministerial Associate Project will be on the question on, "How did we get here?" 4 evening gatherings, including Holden Evening Prayer, light supper, and presentation/discussion. Held on alternating Wednesday evenings, June 25th, July 9th, July 23th, August 6th. (Moving Men's Garage in August to 8/13.) Need assistance in providing food for those meals, a pianist and one other soloist for helping to leading Holden. Let Pr. Anthony know if you can help.

. Carl has been synodically authorized by Bishop Jon to serve communion while he is here this summer.

. Parish Youth Group starting. Taking high school grades 9-12 to Valley Fair in August. Beginning in September, youth group will meet on (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>) Sunday evenings each month, one night a study, the other a fun event. On May 30<sup>th</sup> there will be a junior high bonfire at Waverly for all COF members as an ending to their confirmation year.

. Showed ELCA video. Discussed how to share this, e.g. show after worship one Sunday, put link on website and Facebook page, maybe have running in the background at a Tuesday morning coffee. Video is inspiring, show how both Circle of Faith and the entire ELCA work to meet people where they are. Discussion on how to expand on that idea. Circle of Faith will receive all raw footage taken during the ELCA's visit to do with as we see fit. The ELCA will also be producing a video just on COF later this year, will send to us.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS TEAM REPORT**

Communications Team meets again this coming Thursday. Working to complete membership questionnaire, investigating Circle of Faith signs for our buildings, how to promote ELCA video in conjunction with the SW MN Synod Assembly, and other projects to bring together and promote Circle of Faith and our congregations

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### **Second Parish Administrator update**

Finance Committee reported that an ad was placed in local papers, and we received many good responses. Found 2 solid candidates that we will interview this week, hope to have someone in place by the beginning of June.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Annual Parish Summer Worship & Picnic**

We will hold a Circle of Faith picnic on August 10, 2014, 7:00 pm at a park in Welcome. This will be a joint Parish Picnic and baby shower for Pr. Anthony and Pr. Stephanie Christoffels' new baby. A committee has been formed for the shower, who will take charge of planning the event. Henry Borchardt will check on availability of reserving a shelter house at one of the Welcome Parks. (In case of rain, will be held at Trinity.)

### **"God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday**

"God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday is an ELCA Churchwide event, held annually on the Sunday after Labor Day, this year on September 7<sup>th</sup>, where the entire ELCA works on service projects of congregation's own choosing. Choosing projects: we will contact Crest, and other congregations who have done this in the past, to come up with ideas. Will decide at June meeting what we will do, and whether we will do this as a Parish or as individual congregations. Have option to order t-shirts to wear (purchased at cost from the ELCA).

### **Trinity Sunday School – 2014-15 concept**

Liz Stahl discussed an idea from the Trinity Sunday School, and the UCC church in town, who currently team up to do VBS together. (VBS will be July 27-31<sup>st</sup> – Sunday through Thursday. Entire parish is invited to participate and help. More info will be coming from Trinity.

Trinity and the Welcome UCC church are currently discussing a joint Sunday School next year. They would move "Sunday School" to Wednesday. They would like to Waverly and St. Peter to join in the discussion, if interested. Will pass on to the Board of Ed at Waverly, and the St. Peter Sunday School teachers for discussion.

Discussion on the merits of a Wednesday evening Christian Education program at sometime in the future. Pros and cons were discussed, brainstorming of ideas shared. This will be discussed again in the future.

Reminder to Congregational Councils: June 1st is deadline to send any comments or suggested revisions to the Parish Council on the revised Parish Agreement, to be adopted by our congregations in January 2015.

The next Circle of Faith Parish Council meeting will be June 10, 2014, 6:00 pm, at Trinity in Welcome.

Motion by Jon Helvig, seconded by Liz Stahl, to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirsten Rabbe, Secretary

## **2014 CIRCLE OF FAITH Membership Questionnaire**

Circle of Faith Parish is conducting a survey to update the records of every member in our parish. And as methods of modern communication change, we want to know your preferences, and get your most recent contact information.

You can fill out the survey online, by going to [www.circleoffaithparish.org](http://www.circleoffaithparish.org), and looking in the right hand column for the link to the survey (takes 5 minutes). Or fill out the survey same survey on the next two pages, and mail it to the church office or drop it in the offering plate on Sunday.

Thanks for helping us serve you better!

**Circle of Faith Parish**  
Membership Questionnaire 2014

Circle of Faith Parish is updating our records to better serve you. Please take a few minutes to complete the following form. (We promise – none of this information will be shared with anyone outside of Circle of Faith Parish.) You can fill out and return this paper survey, or complete it online from our website: [www.CircleOfFaithParish.org](http://www.CircleOfFaithParish.org).

**Just the Facts!**

This first section is sometimes divided to get information for up to two adult heads of household – Individual #1 & Individual #2. (For more, please fill out additional surveys.) Other questions refer to your entire household.

*Individual #1:*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Member of:  St. Peter  Trinity  Waverly  Friend of Circle of Faith and \_\_\_\_\_ congregation

Mobile Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Is this a Smart Phone? \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

I check my email:  Once in a while  Weekly  Daily  Hourly

*Individual #2:*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Member of:  St. Peter  Trinity  Waverly  Friend of Circle of Faith and \_\_\_\_\_ congregation

Mobile Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Is this a Smart Phone? \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

I check my email:  Once in a while  Weekly  Daily  Hourly

*Household:*

Your home address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address (if different from home address): \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Please send the Ripples of Faith monthly newsletter to me (us) by:

Email to Individual #1  Email to Individual #2  Mail to my mailing address  Please don't send a paper copy

**Dependent Children Living at Home** (Please skip if not applicable. For adult children living independently, use a separate survey.)

	Name	Date of Birth	Grade in School or Year in College (if applicable)	Name of school district attending, or tell us if home-schooled	Child's cell phone number (if applicable)
Child #1					
Child #2					
Child #3					
Child #4					
Child #5					
Child #6					

(Please use additional paper, if necessary.)

**Social Media Information**

For some people, Social Media is an essential form of communications. For others – not so much. If anyone in your family uses it, please answer the questions in this section. If no one in your family uses Social Media, please skip to the next section.

Please check any of the following Social Media platforms you participate in, and list the proper profile name or handle used in your family for each platform.

I use: Profile name or Handles used by your immediate family members (Ex: Chris: @ChrisNJ02, Kim: @KimJohnson)

Facebook \_\_\_\_\_

Twitter \_\_\_\_\_

LinkedIn \_\_\_\_\_

Pinterest \_\_\_\_\_

Instagram \_\_\_\_\_

YouTube \_\_\_\_\_

**Circle of Faith Parish Current Communications** – Please select the option that best describes you and/or your family.

Overall, how informed do you feel about what’s happening within Circle of Faith Parish and your congregation? (check one)

Very informed     Somewhat informed     Not very informed     Not informed

Which of the following communication channels are you aware that Circle of Faith uses? (check all that apply)

Website     Facebook page     Ripples of Faith newsletter     Local newspaper     Church bulletin

If you need to find out details about happenings with Circle of Faith, which sources do you consult? (check all that apply)

Website     Facebook page     Ripples of Faith newsletter     Local newspaper     Church bulletin  
 Phone the church office     Ask a friend     Ask a church staff member    Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Communications Preferences**

Which modes of communication would you use if Circle of Faith started or continued to use them? (check all that apply)

Postal Mail     E-news letter     Facebook  
 Twitter     Text Message updates     Church Bulletin  
 Website (especially if updated)     Ripples of Faith monthly newsletter  
 Announcements prior to church service     Video of worship services online  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Above, please rank the top 3 ways you prefer to be informed about things, next to your check marks.

What kind of information do you feel is valuable for Circle of Faith to communicate? (Check all that apply)

Opportunities to serve     Fellowship (youth programs, adult programs, etc.)  
 Activities and decisions of parish council     Upcoming events  
 Updates from our mission partners     Progress reports on events that have taken place  
 Sunday School/confirmation information     New member information  
 Updates on members (graduation, births, etc.)     Preaching calendar & sermon information  
 Church service changes     Special service schedules (Lent, Easter, etc.)  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please add any comments or special requests you think Circle of Faith Parish and your congregation need to know. (Feel free to use additional paper, if necessary.)



## Seminarian's Letter Home

June 2014

To the membership of Circle of Faith Parish:

Greetings to you all from Evanston, IL! As I write this, spring has finally blossomed around here. As most of you know, I will be returning to Circle of Faith from the middle of June to the middle of August, in order to help out while Pr. Anthony is away. During the summer, I'll also be working on an independent study as part of my PhD studies. I'll be writing a lot on the history of the early church. Best of all, I will get to share some of what I learn with you.

Summer is traditionally the teaching time of the church, so as part of my summer at Circle of Faith, I'll be doing a series of classes on a weeknight at Trinity, four in all. We'll start with Holden Evening Prayer, then move into a time of discussion, during which we will share a meal. One week we'll be talking about baptism, another the Eucharist, another community, and yet another, prayer, and what the early Christians had to say about these things. Feel free to come to just one of these events, or all of them. There is more information in this issue of the newsletter. So, come, eat and learn! In true Lutheran fashion, I can promise, a good time will be had by all.

As we continue through Easter, Pentecost, and the long green season ahead, let us pray for God's blessing, using these words: *Almighty and ever-living God, you fulfilled the promise of Easter by sending the gift of your Holy Spirit. Look upon your people, gathered in prayer, open to receive the Spirit's flame. May it come to rest in our hearts, and heal the divisions of word and tongue, that with one voice and one song, we may praise your name in joy and thanks giving, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.* [ELW, Vigil of Pentecost]

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Your fellow member and pilgrim,  
Carl P. Rabbe, M.Div.

**ALL Kids !!! Ages: 3 through 6th Grade**  
Mark your calendars for July 27 -31.

2014 Vacation Bible School will run Sunday  
through Thursday from 6:30—8:00 pm.

It will be held at St. Paul's United of Church of  
Christ in Welcome. A program will be held  
on Thursday with a potluck to follow.

Bring a friend !! \* \* !!

For more information or to register contact:

MaryAnn Frerichs at 507-726-7590 or maryannfrerich@yahoo.com

OR

Trinity Lutheran Church at 507-728-8259 or parish@circleoffaithparish.org



# S T. P E T E R R I P P L E S



April 27, 2014—Meeting called to order. Members present were Angie Schmidt, Jody Franck, Roger Rezac, Jeremy Wink, Jeannine Rasmussen and Lois Duncan

Pastor’s Report: We still need someone to go to the Synod Assembly in June, 13-15th. He is able to get hold of some Bibles for free. We decided not to get any because we have enough for the pews. Jody was going to look into it. Confirmation is May 18th. Those getting confirmed from St. Peter are Emma Koehler, Callie Peta, Dylan Muller.

Secretary Report—read and approved

Treasurer Report—read and approved. Paid Gemini Studio \$2,198.00 for sound system. It was paid out of Memorial Fund. Balance remaining is \$977.00

Benevolence Report—Balance on hand was \$1,661.43. A motion made and seconded to send \$500.00 to Synod.

Old Business:

- \* Keith Franck fixed wiring in kitchen. Carpet cleaning will be done in May. The roof needs fixing and Noah Leiding will take care of it. The gutters need fixing and also some windows for the basement on the south side need fixing. Jeremy is going to check on this. Light bulbs are going to be replaced also.

New Business:

- \* The Pancake Breakfast made \$552.00 and table it to next council meeting as to what to do with the money. Jody said they thought the breakfast went well.
- \* Sherburn Nursery it taking care of lawn again.
- \* We are going to bring it up to the congregation to see if we want to change Easter Service from 9:30—8:30.
- \* WELCA wants a wood plaque for hanging the hardanger cross on in front of church and it was okayed by the council. We are going to ask them if they want to take care of it.
- \* Lisa Wohlhuter, the Parish Secretary, only want to work 3 days a week so 2 days a week needing filling.

No other business, the meeting was adjourned. Next council meeting is in June.

Council Secretary—Lois Duncan

SUNDAY JUNE	USHERS 
1	Roger and Joan Rezac
8	Kathy Bremer and Bernice Lehmann
15	Noah and Jamie Leiding
22	Lorraine Knuth and Sherry Schmidt
29	Don and Marge Schley
JULY 6	Gene and Annette Yackle

The next meeting is June 4th at 9:00 AM in the church basement. Hostesses are Elaine Krueger and Annette Yackle. The summer bible study from the Gather magazine for Session 1 is Elizabeth and Mary of Many Generations: Mary, Elizabeth and Lydia.

On May 3rd Jeannine and I attended the Synod Women's Convention at American Lutheran in Windom. 245 women attended. We took 15 Personal Care kits, 15 Fabric, 12 School and 5 Baby Care Kits. A local company provided a semi to take the kits to LWR. Loaded were 931 quilts, 820 Personal , 503 Baby, 285 fabric and 278 school kits. The total number of quilts made this year was 5,970.

At the May meeting \$100.00 was sent to the ELCA Malaria Drive. \$75.00 was sent to Tim Pederson for taking our quilts to Albert Lea to be delivered to LWR. Thanks Tim.

On May 18th Emma Koehler, Dylan Muller and Callie Peta were confirmed. God's blessings to them as they continue in their faith journey.

The Lutz Birthday Party will be Tuesday, June 10th at 2:00 pm. It will be planned at the meeting.

June Birthdays: Pat Hagen 6th, Lorrene Knuth 8th, June Wiltse 30th

Barb Schmidt has Altar Care. Group 2 next work detail.

*The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or touched, but are felt by the heart.*

Blessings, Janice



Sunday, June 1 – Ingham Lake Bible Camp Ice Cream Social –  
Proceeds of the day will go towards the new proposed Chapel at Ingham.

Program 3:30 pm  
Maid-rite Dinner 4 – 6 pm  
Pie Auction 6 pm

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*PENTECOST POWER*

*Unless the eye catch fire — The God will not be seen.  
Unless the ear catch fire — The God will not be heard.  
Unless the tongue catch fire — The God will not be named.  
Unless the heart catch fire — The God will not be loved.  
Unless the mind catch fire — The God will not be known.*

*-Poet William Blake*

# TRINITY RIPPLES

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting – May 13, 2014



Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm by President Phil Burgess.

Opening devotions by Pastor Anthony. Members present: President Phil Burgess, Pastor Anthony, Liz Stahl, Becky Detert, Henry Borchardt, Jean Schock, Eileen Morrow and by Proxy Joel Detert.

**Pastor's Report :** The Synod Assembly will be June 13-15. Don and Pinky Saxen will be attending for Trinity as well as Pastor Anthony.

-The Bible Study will hold its last meetings the week of May 25<sup>th</sup>.

-Carl Rabbe will be back this summer to help out with services and visitations.

-The Youth is working on starting a Parish Wide Youth Group for the 9 – 12 grades. They will hold a bon fire at Waverly for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders on Friday May 30<sup>th</sup> from 8 pm until 12 pm.

-A parish wide picnic will be held in conjunction with a baby shower for Pastor Anthony and Pastor Stephanie on Sunday August 10 starting at 6 pm. More details to follow.

**Secretary's Report:** Reviewed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Reviewed.

**Financial Secretary Report:** Reviewed.

**TWELCA :** The counter top burners in the kitchen are needing to be replaced. The Ladies Aid will be looking over the quotes and purchasing the equipment.

**Youth:** Pastor gave the report previously.

**Board of Ed:** Plans are in the process to once again hold Vacation Bible School with the UCC church. It will be held Sunday July 27- Thursday, July 31 from 6:30 to 8:00.

Because of the small numbers of students attending Sunday School, discussion is being held to share with the UCC church and hold the classes on a Wednesday evening and rotating the church location every month. This would start this fall and would be for ages pre-school thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Jean made a motion to support pursuing this program. Henry seconded. Motion carried.

**Deacon's Report:** none

**Trustee's report:** none

Henry moved to accept the reports, Liz seconded, motion carried.

## Old Business:

**Treasurers Position:** Eileen moved to accept the appointment of Becky Detert as Treasurer, Jean seconded. Motion carried.

**Update on north lot:** We are behind schedule because of rain delays. Discussion was held on installing pavers to hold back the gravel. Becky moved to have Henry purchase the material (under \$500) needed to do this project, Jean seconded. Motion carried.

**Water Lines:** will have two competitive bids by annual meeting

**Outside sign** – Joel moved to have Fairmont Glass and Sign order a new insert for the outdoor sign. Liz seconded. Motion carried.

**Bible Initiative:** Eileen moved, Jean seconded to order bibles through the Luther Seminary to put in the pews. We can also order for students and shut in's use. Motion carried. They are free through a program for 1<sup>st</sup> year Seminary Pastors with the stipulation that once we get below 50% of what we initially ordered we need to replace the bibles. We can use the money from the Johnson Education fund to pay for the replacement bibles. We will order a case of Large Print also.

## New Business:

Phil Burgess submitted his resignation as head usher effective today.

Usher Training was discussed. We will be making a check off sheet that will be posted in the back on the bannister that will detail what the ushers are required to record and the procedures that need be done every Sunday.

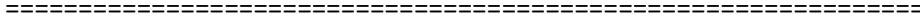
**Discussion:**

We are looking for members to help read the lessons on Sunday morning. We encourage you to sign up on the sheet on the table in the entry way.

Next meeting will be June 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm following the Circle of Faith Council meeting at 6.

We closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Eileen Morrow, Secretary



May 2014 Report

We were busy with our “Coffee and Goodies” on Tuesday in May, so the month just flew by. Thank you to all that baked, worked and gave a donation.

WE are happy to help send 6 boys and girls to Bible camp. They each received \$150.

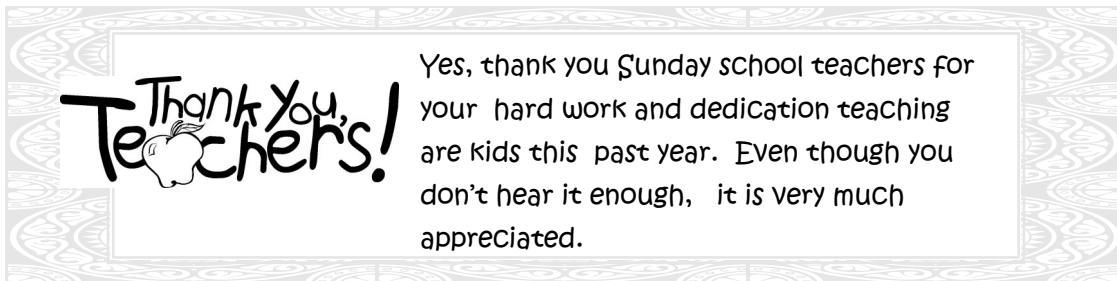
A big THANK YOU to the Manyaska 4-H for the beautiful flowers in front of the church.

Trinity has 3 seniors graduating this year, they are: Kally Philipp, Daylin Hartung and Victoria Dedic, foreign exchange student living with the Brian and Laurie Burmeister family. Congratulation to them.

There will be a unit meeting on June 4th, Wednesday at 9:30 am in the church basement. Eunice Circle is in charge.

Don’t forget the Salvation Army !!!

Blessings—Connie



JUNE	USHERS	COMMUNION SERVERS
1	Loren Schultz and Delano Bergemann	S-Brian Burmeister H-Velma Schaal
8		
15		S-Velma Schaal H-Bocky Borchardt
22		
29		S-Bocky Borchardt H-Jon Saxen
<b>JULY</b>		
6		S-Jon Saxen H-Brian Burmeister

# W A V E R L Y R I P P L E S



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

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*THANK YOU*

The world is becoming a better place — thanks to you. Your recent gift of \$1,266.36 to the ELCA Malaria Campaign during World Malaria Week is helping to make a life-changing, life-saving difference for neighbors in 13 countries in Africa. Thank you.

Judith Jere, the malaria program coordinator in Malawi, describes the difference in her area: “The campaign is doing wonders. It’s like a miracle! Everywhere you go, when you talk about the Malaria Campaign, women are just dancing and singing, because so many lives are being saved, especially little children.”

Your support helped make this wonderful change happen. *Thank you.* Because you gave during our World Malaria Week challenge, your gift is *matched* dollar for dollar (up to \$100,00) by a pool of generous donors. This week, you’re making double the impact!

Your gifts bring us another step closer to making malaria history. Not long ago, a child in Africa died of malaria every 30 seconds. Now that figure is one child every 60 seconds. That’s still far too many, but we’re making progress every day, thanks to you.

As the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, (ELCA), we do more together than we ever could do alone. We are a church that believes God is calling us into the world — together. Thank you for your faithful support.

In Christ’s service,  
Jessica Nipp Hacker, Coordinator, ELCA Malaria Campaign

JUNE	READER	ACOLYTE:
1	Don Nordstrom	Sonja / Susan
8	Mim Potter	Jodi / Jeff Lueth
15	Daniel Helvig	Scott Peterson
22	Karen Helvig	Susan / Todd Rathman
29	Deb Schneider	Laurie / Brad Sherman
<b>JULY 6</b>	Paul Gaalswyk	Mary Lou / Jim Sherman

**JUNE USHERS**

Tim Peterson  
Steve Williamson  
Randy Schneider  
Brian Clow  
Jeff Lueth



# JUNE



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>1</b></p> <p>Jeremy Wink Brad Sherman</p> <p><i>Delano &amp; Elaine Bergemann</i></p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Jackie Roberts Billey Kruse Joel Kruse Randy Schneider</p> <p><i>Jay and Beth Mulso—'20'</i></p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Arline Hagen Ed Potter, Jr</p> <p><i>Gene &amp; Annette Yackle - '5'</i></p> <p><i>Don &amp; Beverly Meyer—'45'</i></p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Shawna Garbers</p>
<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Amanda Roberts Lorraine Knuth Norman Jensen Derek Hughes Al Armbrust London Truesdell</p> <p><i>Dan and Kendra Helvig</i></p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>Eileen Morrow Marlin Milbrandt</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Bocky Borchardt</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p><i>Brad &amp; Connie Williams</i></p> <p><i>Brad and Laurie Sherman</i></p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p>
<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Matthew Malo Jacob Buntjer Cliff Armbrust</p> <p><i>Lois and Dale Duncan Neil &amp; Marilyn Cheever</i></p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p><i>Joel and Becky Detert</i></p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p><i>Scott and Amy Morrow</i></p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p><i>Terry and Mary Muller—'10'</i></p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>Greg Gaalswyk</p> <p><i>Doug and Diane Bettin</i></p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>Brittany Poppe</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>
<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>Sheila Bettin Reid Olson</p> <p><i>Jeremy &amp; Chelsie Wink</i></p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p><i>Linda and Olin Bakke</i></p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p><i>Joe and Sandy Newville</i></p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Monica Chukuske</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>Margo Gibson Emersyn Geerdes</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>
<p><b>29</b></p> <p><i>Tim and Belva Peterson</i></p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>Marsha Rettig LaJune Wiltse Christian Petschke</p> <p><i>Cliff and Deb Armbrust</i></p>					





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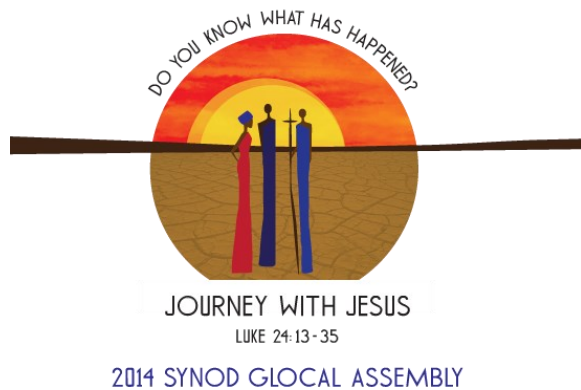
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b>  <b>Worship / Holy Communion</b>  Ingham Lake Bible Camp Ice Cream Social - 3:30 pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9 am WELCA St.P 9:30 am TWELCA - TLC  5:30 pm Men's Garage  7 pm Mary Circle - WLC	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>  <b>Worship</b> St. P Council mtg	<b>9</b> 9 am Eunice Circle @ Shirley's	<b>10</b> 2 pm St.P WELCA @ Lutz Wing 6 pm Parish Council mtg 7:30—TLC, WLC Council	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Synod @	<b>14</b> Assembly Gustavus Adolphus   DAY
<b>15</b> Synod Assembly Holy Trinity Sunday  <b>Worship / Holy Communion</b>  	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  Items due for Ripples of Faith	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>  <b>Worship</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9:30 am Assemble Ripples of Faith  6 pm Midweek Worship / Bible Study / Meal 'Baptism'	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>  <b>Worship / Holy Communion</b>	<b>30</b>					<b>Summer Worship times:</b> <b>St. P—8:30</b> <b>WLC—8:30</b> <b>TLC—10:30</b>



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