

Parish Gazette

July 2024

ELCA Parish of Trinity-Stettin
and St Peter Lutheran-Hamburg

From the Pastor's Desk...

Rev. William Ostrem

⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things- Luke 24:48

By the time many of you are reading this, I will be on my way to Alaska with my mom and my son, Aiden. This trip is really his as a High School graduation gift. I am excited to share this trip with him as we get to experience all the scenery that we have never seen before. The opportunity to be able to see it through his eyes as well as mine reminded me of all our various adventures that an individual has in their lifetime. All the lives one encounters and the places that have been seen. Not only in traveling, but in our daily lives. Everything that has happened, landscapes and opportunities that have shaped not only who we are as individuals but also our own faith.

There is another amazing trip that will be happening very soon. This is ELCA Youth Gathering where this year over 16,000 youth will be gathering in New Orleans for a week to share in a time of faith and fellowship. This time of faith will happen in so many unique ways as they worship, serve, and share together through conversations and laughter. The ability to gather, at any one time, such a vast group of individuals that come from all over the United States to bring with them all their own experiences and faith. The opportunity to just connect and share the differences we have, but more importantly, all the ways we are alike. We certainly lift up our Parish youth as well as his mom who will be traveling with him and all the experiences they will have.

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We begin to think about the journeys of where and who and how our own faith has been shaped, formed, grown, and experienced. If we find ourselves truly lucky, we can take advantage of opportunities that we have to pass our stories onto the next generation. We get to speak about these journeys we have been on. What we have seen and the people we have met have forever changed us. Those stories are formed in love for a God that has given us so much and love for those whom we are able to share our stories with. It is a gift to have the ability to experience for us all God has given and to able to share that journey. Whether it is with family, friends, or those whom we consider family. We get to bear witness to our own experiences and to bear witness by seeing those adventures through the eyes of others.

For so many clergy, including myself, that is one of the things that we cherish the most. We are allowed the humble privilege of being able to journey with so many through all of life's experiences. We get the humble privilege of being welcomed into your lives, into your hearts, and into your families to bear witness to not only all the amazing things that you do through the Holy Spirit and the amazing ways that God continues to work through you. I encourage you this month to remember the impact that you have made on the lives of so many as well as remember those who have impacted you on our own journey. Blessings to you on this day and tomorrow.

Peace, Pastor Will



Youth Page

This is the place to find out what is happening in Sunday School, Confirmation, Youth group, and the exciting things they are involved in.

YOUTH GROUP

Parents, are you interested in having fun and guiding our youth in their faith?

The opportunity exists!

Susan Mathwich is stepping down from co-leading the St Peter/Trinity Youth Group, and additional hands are needed to keep this fellowship opportunity available to our youth. Please consider volunteering, many hands make for light work.

If you have interest or questions, please reach out to:

Susan M

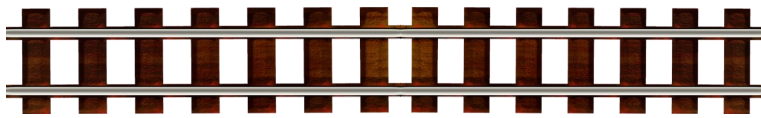
Mike/Jayme B



SUNDAY SCHOOL

ALL ABOARD FOR VBS!!!

Trinity and St. Peter Parish Ed Committees have been on track to provide a fun-filled Rocky Railway VBS this July 23-25.

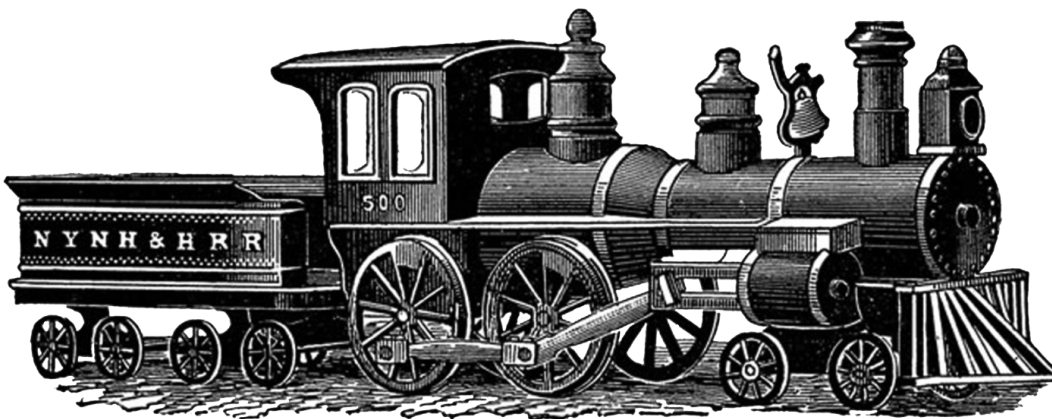


Thanks to all that signed up! If you missed the deadline, please contact Jayme at ..., text or call, asap as we are in the final ordering stages for supplies.

VBS will take place from 5:30 to 8:00 PM, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

On the **opening night**, we ask that kids **arrive** between **5:15 and 5:30** so we can get everyone's train ticket punched and hand out their name badges and t-shirts. Trains have to keep on schedule so this will be very helpful.

A reminder to bring your kids fed. We will provide water and a small snack each night about half way through the program. Each attendee will also receive a shirt. We'll ask that they all wear them the first night and every night if they'd like. Kids can be dropped off and picked up in the church sanctuary.



Thanks again!
We are full steam
ahead for a
fantastic
program.
WOOT! WOOT!

Announcements

Outdoor Joint Worship Service

Please join us for an outdoor worship service with special music by KT Country.

Who: Everyone is Welcome!
What: Outdoor Joint Worship Service
When: Sunday, August 18, 2024
Where: Trinity's New Patio
Time: 9:30 a.m.

Come and enjoy a picnic cookout and fellowship following the service.

Menu includes brats, hamburgers, potato salad, beans, coleslaw and cupcakes.



Beverages will also be provided.



A sign-up sheet is available at both churches to help us get a tentative count for food planning. We ask for sign-ups by Sunday, August 4th.

Folding chairs will be set up for the service and the picnic but you can also bring lawn chairs.

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

It's that time of year again...



Friday, August 16

Saturday, August 17

Sunday, August 18

There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall at St Peter Church for anyone who would like to help with BINGO at the Athen's Fair.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact David P or Karen S.

TREASURER NEEDED

Members of St Peter Congregation,

For the past five years, I have been acting as church council treasurer. My last term will be completed at the end of 2024. If you have ever considered serving on the church council or would like to have a better understanding of what the treasurer does, please use this time to ask me questions and learn more about the treasurer position. When my term is finished, I plan to be supportive and available for the entire first year while my replacement is learning the role of treasurer. I would like to thank everyone for the support given to me over the past five years. As you consider this position, I welcome any questions. Please contact me at any time.

Jennifer P

Pastor's Vacation:

As a reminder, on June 27th- July 7th, Pastor Will is on vacation in Alaska with his son. There will be coverage on those two Sundays as well as emergency coverage if the need arises. Please contact Pastor Will by phone (715-571-2750) or call Wendy on the Office phone (715-845-3530) and they can contact someone to assist your needs.



Have a
safe and happy
4th of July!

Deadline Reminders

Bulletin announcements:

Due by 9am Tuesday mornings. Bulletins are completed on Tuesdays.

Newsletter Articles:

Due the 3rd Friday of the month by end of day .

Welcome New Members

On Sunday, June 2nd, St Peter welcomed **Lyle & Cindy D, Elaine S, and Julie Z** as the newest members to the church. We are excited to have you!
Welcome to the St Peter Church Family!

During worship service on Sunday, June 23rd, Trinity welcomed their newest members, **Donald P and Ryan & Katie K along with their children, Parker & Sadie.** There was a fellowship following the service as members gathered to celebrate and share in conversation.

Welcome to the Trinity Church Family!



Ryan, Katie,
Parker & Sadie
(Don not pictured)



Council Updates

These are summaries of the minutes from all council meetings. If you would like a copy of the complete minutes for either church, please contact a council member.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Meeting Summary May 21, 2024

Treasurer's Report – April 2024

General Fund: \$10,010.54 Memorial Fund: \$52,806.65—includes value of 2 CDs=\$102,670.90
Income: \$16,149.91 Expenses: \$11,254.06

Pastor's Report

- Pastor's vacation June 27th - July 7th. Looking for clergy coverage for June 30th. There will be Lay person coverage for July 7th services.
- New Member Welcome - Sunday, June 23rd. Looking to organize a small fellowship for after church.
- Pastor's Continuing Education - This year there is a trip being planned for January 7-17, 2025 to Greece and Turkey (Pastor is requesting time off for January 7th-19th). Wartburg Seminary have invited all alumni to this year's New Testament Trip. Pastor Will is requesting to use his continuing education allocation towards this trip. Motion carried.

Old Business

- Directory Update - group is gathering and working through picture vendors list they have (making pros and cons list)
- Joint Worship Service August 18th, 9:30 service time. Band is booked (KT Country).
 - * Outside worship service (inside church for backup)-Pastor will be working with few people to help plan the service.
 - * Food - Cookout arranged (burgers, brats, potato salad, etc).
- Council have been working on rental agreements/rates for church property. This includes renting the church and the parish education building. A summarization list will be put together and given to the council for review.

New Business

- Direct Deposit for Employees - Looking to do direct deposit for their payroll. Trinity writes 5 payroll checks a month. Motion carried.
- Flower Boxes - Sign-up will be posted on bulletin board by mailboxes. Property committee will be reviewing other property needs.
- Parsonage Updates/Priorities - Need to do walk through of church, parsonage and grounds to create check lists.
 - * Work on making list of annual items that should be taken care of. Walk-through group will be part of making list.
 - * Painting of exterior of church - will check to see when this was last painted. Summer of 2021 it was power washed.
- Gather Magazine - The women's group (WELCA) in the past has ordered a 1-year subscription to the magazine for new women members of the church.
 - * The decision was made not to continue the subscription going forward.

**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Summary
June 11, 2024**

Treasurer's Report – May 2024

General Fund: \$13,392.70 Memorial Fund: \$155,477.55—includes value of 2 CDs=\$102,670.90
Income: \$10,025.15 Expenses: \$6,642.99

Pastor's Report

- Discussion regarding a communion table during the summer months at Trinity. Pastor Will is looking for feedback on how members respond to facing congregation during Communion.
- The Solo Firepit will be moved into the Church's garage for Church and Church member use. It is hoped that this will be used often for the benefit and joy of the church and new Patio. Check with the Patio or Property committee to use it or check for availability.

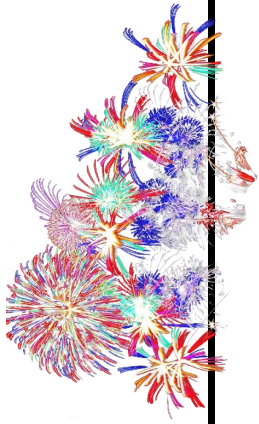
Old Business

- June 23rd - New Member Sunday-refreshments for after church.
 - * Name tags for all members will be used.
 - * Idea is to have the fellowship outdoors on the new patio area weather permitting.
- Joint Worship Service August 18th, 9:30 service time. Band is booked (KT Country).
 - * Fellowship - brats, hamburgers, potato salad, beans, coleslaw, cupcakes. Beverages will also be provided.
 - * A Sign-up sheet for each church to get a head count of who will be attending for food purposes.

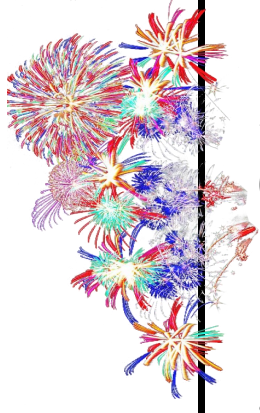
Next Council Meetings

St Peter Council Meeting:	Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 6:30pm
Trinity Council Meeting:	Monday , July 15, 2024 at 6:30pm
Joint Council Meeting:	Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 6:30pm (St Peter)



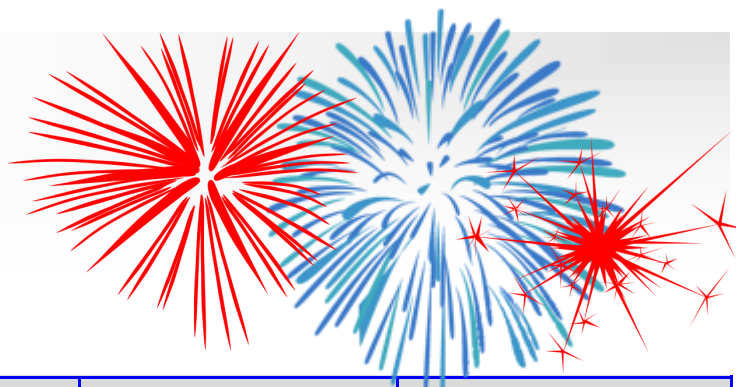


July 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Pastor Vacation	2	3	4 4 th JULY INDEPENDENCE DAY	5	6
7 Lay Pastor	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Trinity Council Mtg 6:30pm	16	17	18	19 Newsletter Articles Due	20
21	22	23 VBS	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

July Volunteers



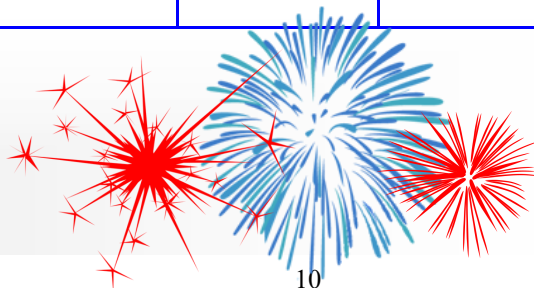
Trinity Church

DATE	USHER/CARPORT	COMMUNION	LECTOR
July 7th	Richard & Janice H, Jim W, Jim W	Richard H	Richard H
July 14th	Denny & Patti B, David K	Denny B	David K
July 21st	Myron & Karen T, Renae W, Shari P	Renae W	Myron T
July 28th	Mike & Jayme B, Gary C	Gary C	Candy K

St Peter Church



DATE	USHER / CARPORT	BELL RINGER	COM-MUNION	LECTOR	ACOLYTE
July 7th	Bob F, Becca K	Bob F	Amy F	Amy F	Carson K
July 14th	Linda & Lyle Z	Bill M	Bill & Rita M	Linda Z	Aiden K
July 21st	John & Val S	Susan T	Haley E	Val S	Val S
July 28th	Michelle G David P	Dan K	Dan K	Erica T	Benjamnin W



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Perry N
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