

Parish Gazette

September 2024

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

From the Pastor's Desk...

Rev. William Ostrem

Lord, who may dwell in your sacred tent? Who may live on your holy mountain?
-Psalm 15:1

If I were to ask you the question, "How do you see the gospels?" How would you describe them? We certainly know the gospels are the good news of Jesus Christ, but how do you see the gospels in your life? For many people, we see the gospels as words to us to give us strength and encouragement, words to inspire us, and words of love and peace for us and for all people. We do often hear these words from Jesus Christ, but Jesus had so much more to say and so many more teachings. Jesus challenges the community then and now about how we understand those around us as well as our perspectives and actions that impact our relationships of God and neighbor. Such teachings in the gospels are hard for us to think about as they stretch us to reflect upon ourselves. It is human nature that we don't like to intentionally think about the things that we say or do, and even more about how those words and actions impact others.

Our September lessons will bring us words from Jesus that are more challenging than supportive. Our scripture readings will offer an intentional time of seeing an unfamiliar perspective. We have the opportunity to look at some of these teachings each week as a place for self-reflection and personal growth. These are places where Jesus posed those questions to the community then and to us now about what does it mean to follow him? What does it mean to love all our neighbors and to see them through the eyes of faith and not through the eyes of this world?

Jesus' teachings were meant to expand how we witness to and about the kingdom of God. I hope and encourage you to hear the words of Christ as words to ponder and reflect upon. Jesus never sought out to criticize or to condemn, but instead through him, to witness the expansive life we have as neighbors and disciples in the world God has created us to be.

Peace, Pastor Will



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Mutual Ministry Committee

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Jaisie K
Randy A

Amy F
Amy M

Announcements

Welcome to the 2024-2025 ECSW Lay School of Ministry!

Courses offered this year are:

- Introduction to the New Testament
- Lutheran Confessions
- Faith and Spirituality (Discover Spiritual Practices)
- Church History
- The Poetic and Prophetic: A Quest Through Psalms and Revelation
- The Transfigured Church: Faithful Congregations in New Land
- Extraordinary Care in Ordinary Times
- Preaching Class



There are pamphlets by the mailboxes with more details on the classes. Or you can find more information including registration forms on our website: <https://ecswlayschool.org/>
Any questions? Please email us at layschool@ecsw.org.

The Parish Prayer Chain

Our Parish Prayer Chain is looking for men and women from both Trinity and St Peter that would be interested in praying for our members in their time of need. They pray for God's Will to help heal, comfort, and give strength as it is needed. If you are interested in this powerful ministry or have any questions, please contact Evelyn D or LuAnn H



Trinity's Annual Cake Walk

Following the 10:15am service on Sunday, September 15th, we will be having our annual Cake Walk at Trinity. Special thanks to Karen and Myron T for their help in coordinating. All are welcome to participate in the fun! If you are willing to donate cakes, please drop them off in the library of the Parish Education Building by 10am. Never been to the Cake Walk? Bring a little money to buy raffle tickets and take your chance on our musical walk to win a prize. All money raised goes to the Parish Education Committee for programming.



Thanks in advance for your donations and participation!

Greeting Cards

Trinity has been offering and selling various greeting, holiday, and thank you cards at a reasonable cost for some time now. This is a ministry we wish to continue, and we need your help. We are looking for someone to oversee this ministry by managing the inventory, reordering cards as needed, etc.

If this is a gift you can share, please contact Gerri L or Pastor Will.

Thank You.

WELCA Fall Retreat at Imago Dei Camp September 14, 2024

“Fearfully & Wonderfully Made” Psalm 139:14

It's not fall yet, but it will be soon enough! **Registrations are requested by Monday, August 26th.**

Did you know that the Fall Retreat is open to ALL women (18 and older)? You don't need to be from the East Central Synod of Wisconsin, and you don't even need to be a member of an ELCA Church!

Invite your friends and join us for an event that's sure to inspire and rejuvenate your soul. Our day will feature several sessions with keynote speaker [Gaye Lindfors](#), who will share her unique blend of faith, encouragement, humor, and stories.

We will also enjoy:

- A worship service with Pastor Kristina Jensen
- Music with Dr. Kartika Putri and fellow musicians
- Crafts and Fellowship
- An in-kind offering to Handbags for Hope
- A silent auction
- Lunch!

Register Online with this link:

<https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/9065734>

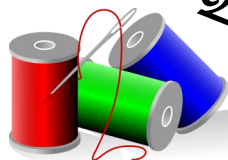
Event Date and Time:

Saturday, September 14
8am to 3pm

Location:

Imago Dei Village
W8160 Cloverleaf Lake Road
Clintonville, WI 54929

The Quilters Group



Starting
September 10th

- When:** Every 2nd Tuesday of each Month (Sept-May) at 1pm
- Where:** Trinity's Education Building
- Who:** Anyone who loves to sew,
Anyone who wants to learn,
Anyone who needs an out...
Everyone is Welcome!

If you have any questions regarding participating in the quilters group, please call Elaine H or Gerri L

Men's Breakfast



On September 14th at 8:00 a.m., the Men's Breakfast will be returning to LC's Restaurant for our monthly Breakfast and Bible study. We meet every month on the 2nd Saturday starting at 8:00 a.m. Looking forward to seeing you there.



Old Eye Glasses & Hearing Aids

Do you have old eyeglasses or hearing aids laying around at home and are unsure of what to do with them?

The Lion's Clubs collect them and have a container to the left of the mailboxes in Trinity's church entry. They are picked up periodically by Lyle R. Any questions about this project, please contact Lyle.

Thank you for your participation.



*Congratulations to
Justin and Katlyn V
on the arrival of
Ada Elizabeth V
July 30th, 2024
7lbs 0 oz, 20.25" long.
Proud Grandparents,
Shelby and Steve O.
God's blessings to all!*

Revelation Bible Study

Starting on September 24th, the former Women's Bible study is inviting anyone who wishes to join the monthly Bible study (men and women). We meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month (September through May) at Trinity's Education building starting at 1:00pm. We will be studying the Book of Revelation. If you will be attending the group, please read chapters 1-3. I look forward to this exciting journey and conversation on Revelation.

Pastor Will



Monday, September 2, 2024

Items for shut-ins

Women of Trinity are looking for nice as new magazines, booklets, word find booklets, Yahtzee pads, etc. to be delivered to the shut-ins. Items can be placed in the far left container under the mailboxes in Trinity's church entry. They will be picked up periodically and delivered as appropriate for our parish members. Excess items will be delivered to Assisted Living settings/nursing homes as appropriate.

Any questions, call Kai O.

Thanks for your participation in this venture.



Joint Church Directory

The joint church picture directory committee has chosen to go with Mortell Studio. We hope that everyone will decide to be in the directory. Families will be able to make their appointments in September. When you call, Mortell Studio will send you a reminder, clothing tips, and a portrait price list. We will provide the exact dates plus the 800 number you can use to make your reservation when the time gets closer. Weekday, afternoons, evenings, and Saturday morning and afternoon times will be available. We will have the photos taken in October in Trinity's parish education building as they need WiFi connections.

Although the directory is for our members, Mortell Studio will take family photos of our members and their adult children/grandchildren, etc. that are not members. This would save some families the cost of hiring a photographer for a family photo. You may also include your pet in your photo if you choose. Portraits, for those homebound members that are interested in having their portraits taken, will be taken at the homebounds' residences by Mortell's photographer early on one of the days the studio will be here. Please contact Dick or Janice H if you are homebound and would like your photo taken.

Mortell Studio offers fair prices and no high-pressure sales. They will also allow people to switch picture sizes in packages. We have included a price sheet in the newsletter. They have promised that the photos would be returned in time for Christmas. Every family photographed by Mortell Studio will receive a church directory and an 8" X 10" portrait for free. We will keep you updated as time goes on.



Photo Gifts

Many other photo gift items available

Christmas Cards

Special Occasion Cards & Invitations

*We want everyone to enjoy their portrait experience.
We do not use high pressure sales. Purchase only what you want.*

If you have any questions, please call Mortell Studio

1-800-498-3399

Retouching is free with any portrait purchase!

Sizes in these packages can be adjusted to meet your needs. Please ask

<p>Package A 1-framed 16x20 with a textured finish 2-framed 8x10's with Non-Glare Glass 24 Wallets \$239.00</p>	<p>Package B 2-framed 8x10's with Non-Glare Glass 4-5x7's 16 Wallets \$199.00</p>	<p>Package C 1-framed 11x14 with Non-Glare Glass 2-5x7's 4-4x6's 24 Wallets \$189.00</p>
<p>Package D 2-8x10's 4-5x7's 16 Wallets \$129.00</p>	<p>Package E 1-8x10 4-5x7's 16 Wallets \$104.00</p>	<p>Package F 2-5x7's 4-4x6's 16 Wallets \$89.00</p>

Portraits in packages do not have to be all the same pose!

Texture finish is a thick lacquer that does not need glass. To add texture finish to any portrait-add \$4.00 each

RETOUCHING IS FREE WITH ANY PURCHASE

Size substitutions acceptable in packages

Christmas Cards are available

Ala 'Carte

1-16x20 mounted ready for framing \$94.00

1-16x20 with a textured finish in one of our selection of frames. \$159.00

1-11x14 \$44.00

1-11x14 with Non-Glare Glass in one of our selection of frames \$89.00

1-8x10 \$32.00

1-8x10 behind Non-Glare glass in one of our selection of frames \$59.00

1-5x7 \$24.00

2-4x6 \$24.00

8 Wallets \$28.00 16 Wallets \$42.00 24 Wallets \$49.00

Purchasing Discount

If your order is over \$299.00
take 10% off

We accept



Cash and Personal Checks

Portraits make the perfect gift that is always welcome. Don't forget your family and friends.

If you have any questions, please call Mortell Studio (920) 846-3393 or 1-800-498-3399

Mortell Studio 2024

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.

FIRST COMMUNION



There will be a **Parents' meeting on Sunday, September 15th**, at Trinity Lutheran Church starting at 12:00 (noon). We will meet in the sanctuary following the worship service/cake walk. Letters will be going out to the parents of fourth and fifth grade students that have not celebrated First Communion with more detailed information on the class and upcoming dates. If you did not receive a letter by September 9th and/or wish to have your youth involved in this year's class, please contact Pastor Will for more information.

CONFIRMATION

Parent/Confirmand Orientation September 11, 2024 6-7pm at Trinity, Education Building. Letters with more information will be sent via email to participants. Bring your Bible and catechisms to orientation...we'll update or provide copies as needed to ensure everybody's using similar versions. Orientation is intended for all participants, including returning 2nd year students.

If you'd like more information or would like someone added to the roster of invites, please contact Mike B or Pastor Will.

Regular confirmation classes begin the following week, September 18, 2024.

Confirmation

Mike B
Pastor Will



YOUTH GROUP



Have Youth Group Ideas or want to join the team?

We're looking for more ideas and help in keeping Youth Group a vital part of Trinity & St. Peter's ministry. Anybody interested in joining our leadership team or sharing ideas, contact Jayme or Mike.

Youth Group Committee

Mike & Jayme B

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School Kick-Off & Rally Sunday:

We are super excited to kick off our Sunday School season on Sunday, September 15, 2024. All children grades 4K through 6th grade are invited to participate. If your family has not yet joined us for Sunday School, our classrooms are always open and we'd love to have you! All we ask is that you give us a head's up that your children will be joining us so we can plan ahead for curriculum. Trinity will hold Sunday School from 9am-10am each week in the Parish Education Building. St. Peter's will hold Sunday School from 9:30am-10:30am in the church basement. During both services on September 15, we will be presenting bibles to the third graders, host the annual Blessing of Backpacks and teacher installation to kick off the educational year. Please make plans to attend this special service. Those receiving bibles include: St. Peter's: (no 3rd graders); Trinity: **Ali B, Sawyer D, Will S, and Dane K**. Trinity will be holding their annual cake walk following the worship service. Excited to have you all participate!

Teachers Needed:

If you have an interest in helping teach our youth, please let any of the Parish Education Committee Members know. Nervous about teaching? Consider being a helper for one Sunday before you commit to taking the lead. We will provide the curriculum in advance, as it is planned out for the entire year. It's nice to have a little extra help whenever possible. Imagine if all parents took one Sunday to teach, it would really share the work load. Thanks for your consideration in volunteering!

- Parish Education Committee: Trinity**
- Jayne B
 - Jessi U
 - Krystle G
- Parish Education Committee: St. Peter**
- Rebecca K
 - Kristen W



Rocky Railway VBS 2024:

Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through



Trinity and St. Peter Parish Ed Committees worked together to put on Rocky Railway 2024. We tried a new timeline moving VBS to July. We had 34 kids registered for VBS. Over the three days, we learned three different ways that Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through! We turned the church into a Rocky Railway adventure.

On Day 1, we learned that "Jesus' power helps us do hard things." **TRUST JESUS**

Bible Verse: "For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength." Philippians 4:14

Bible Story: Ananias helps Saul. (Acts 9:1-19)

On Day 2, we learned that "Jesus' power helps us be bold." **TRUST JESUS**

Bible Verse: "He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless." Isaiah 40:29

Bible Story: Peter and John teach about Jesus. (Acts 3:1-4:31)

On Day 3, we learned that "Jesus' power helps us be good friends." **TRUST JESUS**

Bible Verse: "Love each other in the same way I have loved you." John 15:12

Bible Story: The church is united. Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-35

All the kids participated in several stations. In Sing & Play Express Gathering and the Rocky Wrap-Up kids got to meet our old friend Sam, aka, Astronaut Sam/ Farmer Sam, who has now learned the love of the railroad. We learned the phrase for the day and the bible verse, learned a few awesome songs and recapped the day. In Bible Adventures, Pastor Will taught the lesson of the day. In the Chew-Chew Snacks, the kids enjoyed string cheese, trail mix, fruit kabobs and water. They were hungry from working so hard at the Loco Motion games which included Run Away Train, Pull the Freight, Hold the Train Line, Railway Waterway, Bold Bops, Bop Jesus Loves You, Noodle Train and All Aboard. In Imagination Station, kids colored a bag to take all of the goodies home which included a train ornament and sun catcher they painted. They also left their hand print on a canvas for each church and got a friendship bracelet on the last night.

We were truly blessed to have all of the kids participate in VBS. Many thanks to all of our volunteers and those who donated to VBS. Our committee included Jessi U, Krystle G, Jayme B, Becca K, Becca T, and Pastor Will. Helpers were Wendy R, Pam B, Jacie D, Nicole D, Michelle GTylor T and Heidi D.

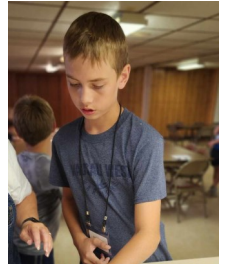
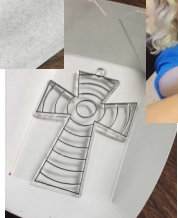
Thank you to all that volunteered to help! VBS was a ROCK'N good time! **TRUST JESUS!!!**

BIBLE ADVENTURES

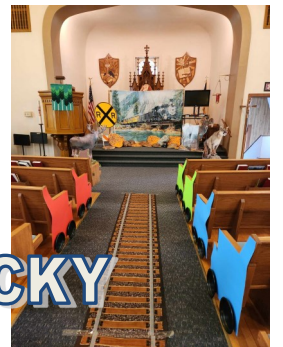




IMAGINATION STATION



SING & PLAY EXPRESS GATHERING



ROCKY WRAP-UP



FREINDSHIPS



LOCO-MOTION GAMES



CHEW-CHEW SNACKS



September 2024



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1				4	5	6	7
8	2 Trinity Council Mtg 6:30pm	3 St Peter Council Mtg 6:30pm	10 Quilting 1pm Trinity Ed Bldg	11 Confirmation Parent's Mtg	12	13	14 Men's Breakfast 8am LC Rest.
15 Rally Sun. Cake Walk 1st Communion Parent's Mtg	9 Trinity Council Mtg 6:30pm	17	18 Confirmation 6-7pm Trinity	19	20 Newsletter Articles Due Lay School Wknd	21 Wedding	
22	23 Revelation Bible Study 1pm Trinity Ed Bldg	24 Revelation Bible Study 1pm Trinity Ed Bldg	25 Confirmation 6-7pm Trinity	26	27	28 Wedding	
29	30						

September Volunteers



Trinity Church

DATE	USHER/CARPORT	COMMUNION	LECTOR
<i>September 1st</i>	Mike & Jayme B, Gary C	Mike B	Jayme B
<i>September 8th</i>	Myron & Karen T, Rena W	Rena W	Myron T
<i>September 15th Rally Sunday</i>	Bill & Nancy B, Sandy U	Bill B, Mike B, Randy A	Bill B
<i>September 22nd</i>	Denny & Patti B, David K	Denny B	David K
<i>September 29th</i>	Richard & Janice H, Jim W, Jim W	Richard H	Richard H

St Peter Church



DATE	USHER / CARPORT	BELL RINGER	COM-MUNION	LECTOR	ACOLYTE
<i>September 1st</i>	Mary & Scott S	Scott G	Jacie D	Mary S	Jacob M
<i>September 8th</i>	Linda & Lyle Z	Bill M	Bill & Rita M	Linda Z	Aiden K
<i>September 15th Rally Sunday</i>	John & Val S	Susan T	Haley E	Val S	Benjamin W
<i>September 22nd</i>	David P Michelle G	Dan K	Dan K	Erica T	Emma K
<i>September 29th</i>	Bill & Rita M	Bob F	Amy Fr	Bill M	Reid P

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 August 12, 2024

Treasurer's Report – July 2024

General Fund: \$13,151.69 Memorial Fund: \$164,080.66—includes value of 3 CDs=\$128,961.59
Income: \$6,680.45 Expenses: \$9,411.73

There was a reminder to let congregation members know that offerings can be done online through our EFT program. Please see Joel, the current treasurer, for more information.

Pastor's Report

- September newsletter-Men's breakfast will start up 2nd Saturday of the month. Bible Study (formerly Women's Bible Study) will be on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 1:00 pm (starting by studying the book of Revelation).
- Discussion on First Communion. First Communion is tentatively scheduled for early November (potentially 9 kids total).

Old Business

- Joint Worship Service August 18th, 9:30 service time. Band that will play hymns is KT Country.
 - * Patio area will be for Pastor and band. Chairs will be set up to the north and west corners of the patio out to the blacktop facing the oak tree. Will create a walkway to the Education building. Close parking spots will be reserved for those that want to sit in vehicle.
- Church Responsibility List (work-in-progress)- Initial draft of Church Responsibilities & Maintenance Duties document.
 - * Will schedule a walk-through of church property
 - * Document will be updated and will be used by council members to have an understanding on responsibilities of the church.

New Business

- Topic of...paper newsletters are mailed verses emailed. Want to include blurb in the newsletter about *encouraging* members to getting their newsletter via email.



Next Council Meetings

St Peter Council Meeting:	Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 6:30pm
Trinity Council Meeting:	Monday, September 9, 2024 at 6:30pm
Joint Council Meeting:	Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 6:30pm (St Peter)

Trinity—St. Peter ELCA Parish
232280 120th Avenue
Wausau, WI 54401-5443

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Trinity Council

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Duane M
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Lisa H
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Joel B
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Rena W
Financial Secretary

Jaisie K
Mutual Ministry

Marlo K
Property Committee

Jim W
Property Committee

Perry N
Property Committee

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Vice President

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Patti B

Nicole H

Susan M

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