



Parish Gazette

October 2024

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

From the Pastor's Desk...

Rev. William Ostrem

*²¹ And when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left,
your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."
-Isaiah 30:21*

This month, I would like to share an announcement about an amazing opportunity that I was lucky enough to be a part of. One of the ideals of serving God and God's people is this understanding that learning is a lifelong adventure especially when it comes to learning about God's word. Scriptures are more than the written word on paper, in understanding the regions, context, and the people from which these first words were spoken gives more clarity to what is being taught and proclaimed. In this understanding, I have wonderful news to share with all of you. Earlier this year, Wartburg theological seminary invited Pastors and former students to have the opportunity to travel to what is now Greece and Türkiye, that we may be able to study and to witness for ourselves the many places and historical sites spoken about in the letters of the New Testament.

As it has now become official, I can formerly announce that this coming January 7-18,2025, I will be 1 of 30 clergy traveling with Professors to learn about and at these very ancient sites in our Christian history on an educational tour called *Footsteps of Paul*. I will be visiting some of the places which Paul visited like Thessalonica, Philippi, Athens, Ephesus, and Corinth. I will get the opportunity to see the Temple of Delphi and Temple of Artemis, which were two places which Paul preached about. Part of this tour will be walking down what is left of the ancient Roman highway and even seeing the ancient city of Smyrna, which is one of the seven churches mentioned in John's book of Revelation.

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As a theologian and Pastor, to be able to dig deeper into the scriptures and to uncover some of its mysteries in order to better understand the context in which Paul spoke about is a lifetime experience. I'm excited to be able to take part in this journey and learn first-hand at so many of these transformational places. It is with my deep gratitude and thanks that I serve alongside such wonderful congregations, like St. Peter and Trinity, that not only support me spiritually in my education, but also in supporting their Pastor through continuing education funds that have helped offset a portion of the cost for this educational class. Without your spiritual financial support, this opportunity in furthering my education would not have been possible so THANK YOU. I hope to be able to take all that I have learned and to have opportunities to share it with each of you. Please ask questions about this trip as I would love to share more information with you about it.

Peace,
Pastor Will

Announcements

Trinity's Annual Cake Walk

Thank you to everyone who donated cakes and/or participated in the cake walk at Trinity on September 15th for Rally Sunday.

We hope everyone had a great time and we look forward to next year! A



special thank you goes out to Karen & Myron T, Randy & Lanette A, & Mike B for coordinating this event. We appreciate all you do! Thanks again!

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.

What's in a Name?

You'll see tables set up in our entry ways with markers and name tags as we enter fall. Kids are again attending church now that Sunday School is back in session, new members are present in our worship spaces, and more new faces may be attending our activities. Let's become a welcoming space and let others know who we are. Make it a practice to scribble your first name or how you prefer to be greeted every Sunday (wives & husbands...remember others will read it).



Don't Miss Out!

**Portraits are about to be made for the new
Trinity / St . Peter Church Directory**

**ALL FAMILIES PORTRAITS WILL BE TAKEN AT
TRINITY'S PARISH EDUCATION BUILDING
AS WIFI CONNECTION IS NEEDED.**

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 Friday, October 18th. Please contact Dick or Janice H if you are homebound and would like your photo taken.

The following are the dates and times that will be available:

Wednesday, October 16, 2024 2-7 p.m.

Friday, October 18, 2024 2-7 p.m.

Saturday, October 19, 2024 10:00 a.m.-3 p.m.

Friday, October 25, 2024 2-7 p.m.

Saturday, October 26, 2024 10:00-3 p.m.

To make an appointment

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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. Photo gifts and Christmas cards are also available. They have promised that the photos would be returned in time for Christmas. You will be able to pay for your photos with cash, check, or credit card. **All families that are photographed by Mortell Studio and views their portraits, will receive a free directory and a free 8 x 10 portrait.**

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

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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

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2-4x6 \$24.00

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

Mortell Studio 2024

Joint Outdoor Worship Service St Peter & Trinity Lutheran Churches

Thanks to everybody who attended Joint Worship on Aug. 18th! Over 100 of us joined in worship and more than 70 went home well fed. Thanks to KT Country for the special music, all those that donated time, food and efforts, and to our good Lord for the weather and the opportunity to enjoy His creation together! Watch for future joint events or feel free to bring your ideas forward.



St Peter Congregation Members

On **Sunday, October 20th**, the Sunday School children will be singing in church. We would like as many congregation members as possible to attend. Church life pictures will be taken that day for the church directory. We would also like pictures taken after church for the following groups:

**Church Council
Finance Committee
Sunday School Children
Property Committee
Chili Supper Committee
Parish Ed
Mutual Ministry**

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact one of the directory committee members:

Michelle G
Susan M
Barb K

Trinity Congregation Members

On **Sunday, October 13th**, the Picture Directory Committee will be taking some group photos after church. The following groups will be photographed:

**Usher & Carport Volunteers, Communion Assistants &
Lector Volunteers, Altar Guild, Bell Ringers,
Mutual Ministry, Women of Trinity Serving Committee Chairs,
Community Support Projects Chairs, and
Landscaping Maintenance Volunteers (flowers, lawn, trees, etc.)**

All other groups / committees will be contacted by a Picture Directory Committee Member to set up a time to take group photos.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact one of the directory committee members:

Patti B
Janice H
Connie N
Shelby O

Congratulations!

The following couples were married at Trinity - Stettin in August and September. Please keep them in your prayers as they start this magnificent journey together. God's blessings to all!

8/31/24 Travis & Cassidy (M) Z

9/21/24 Andrew & Emily (M) V

9/28/24 Paul & Samantha (B) W



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.

CONFIRMATION

We're kicking off another year of confirmation classes and have twelve youth ready to continue their faith journey. Please lift the following students in your prayers:

2nd year students: Westin K, Aiden K, Carson K, Emma K,
Alex O, Reid P, and Ben W

1st year students: Ethan B, Owen G, and Wyatt D

We'll be tackling the Old Testament in our fall semester. Also, look for these youth to participate in various aspects of our worship services. Please be willing to support them in taking on these enlarged roles.

Schedule Update: All Wednesday evening classes for the fall semester will be from **6-7pm** at Trinity's Education Building.



FIRST COMMUNION

Please lift the following students up in prayer as they journey through this amazing milestone in their faith as they enter into Holy Communion.



St Peter: Deacon D, Grant B, Addyson K

Trinity: Henry B, Liam G, Reed K, Dane K,
Faith S, Parker K, and Sadie K

First Communion
Sunday, November 17th, 2024

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We will be having family visitation for Sunday School on October 20. Come and see all the things the kids are learning! The kids will be singing at worship services as well.

Rally Sunday

On Sunday, September 15th, we kicked off our educational year. The annual blessing of backpacks, installation of teachers and presentation of bibles took place during the worship services. Keep all our youth and teachers in your prayers as they journey through this coming year.



Children's Message



Blessing of backpacks



Installation of Teachers & Helpers




Presentation of Bibles

*National Youth Gathering
July 15-July 21, 2024
New Orleans, LA*

First and foremost, thank you for your support, kindness, and thoughts while we were able to participate in an amazing experience at the National Youth Gathering.

A recap of our trip...

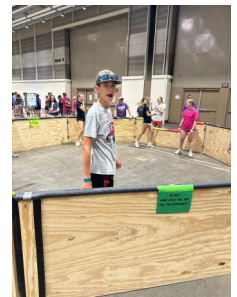
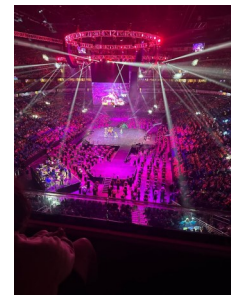
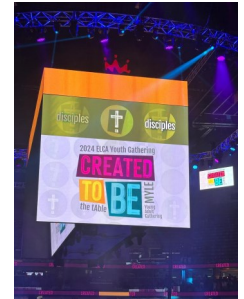
Day 1: Travel Day-






Our trip there was uneventful and a success. The airplane ride was something Trever was looking forward to since it was only the second time he has been on a plane.

Day 2: Interactive Day-

This was an opportunity to learn about the different organizations that the ELCA has, many different people are impacted by these organizations. The kids enjoyed an opportunity to play some games such as ga-ga ball, card games and many other sports games. We participated in two different simulations; one we learned what it was like to go through a natural disaster and in the end how we would be financially. The second was a simulation of someone who had to learn what it was like to lose their home and how the different decisions they made would affect their lives. These simulations were an eye opener for most. We ended the night with the mass gathering at the Smoothie King Center, which was filled with music, stories, and speakers that shared stories that shaped their lives.



Day 3: Accompaniment Day-



This is our service day. Our group did not do a physical service project, but we listened to a series of speakers who were teaching and sharing how they were advocates for things that they believed in. We played a board game that shared different situations that we would have to gain or lose points based on the scenario. This allowed the group to understand the positive and negative impacts on what we believe in. The weather was very warm each day we were there. We had a few hours in the afternoon with some free time, so the kids decided they wanted to spend the day in the hotel pool, swimming and playing chicken. We enjoyed the mass gathering. The kids went to the Dance Party after the mass gathering and danced the night away.

Day 4: Synod Day-

Our day started out with doing a scavenger hunt in the French Quarters. The weather was super warm and humid, but we walked from the hotel to the French Quarters looking for many unique landmarks, locations, and unique cultural pieces. Our first stop was a restaurant so we could all experience eating Beignets. (Trever thought they were rather tasty). While we were exploring the town we saw many musicians playing on the sidewalks for money, listened to some speakers about the history, and embraced the beauty and history of New Orleans. We were able to attend a church service with other churches from the Synod. We enjoyed the Mass Gathering and the Dance party.



Day 5: Final Day-

We enjoyed our Final Mass Gathering, which reminded us of your standard church service, with the exception that there were over 16,000 people in the Smoothie King Center experiencing the same thing. Taking Communion with this many people is one of the main highlights that will never be forgotten. During the service they announced the next gathering will be in Minneapolis, MN and Trever shared his excitement for this. We had some free time in the afternoon, which Trever and I spent some of our time enjoying the city and checking out the shops. The weather was very hot so we did end up hitting up the swimming pool again to cool down.

Day 6: Travel Home Day-

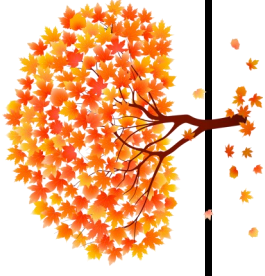
Unlike our trip down our trip home had a few more challenges. With the computer issue that affected many, it affected Delta and the airline's computers as well, but with many prayers and God answering our prayers we made it home safe only 3 ½ hours late.

Overall, our trip was amazing, and one that we talk about periodically. Thank you again for all the support for us to be able to go on this trip.

Jessi & Trever U

Thank you!

October 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Confirmation 6-7pm Trinity	3	4	5
6	7 St Peter Council Mtg 6:30pm	8 Quilting 1pm Trinity	9 Confirmation 6-7pm Trinity	10	11	12 8am Men's Breakfast LC Restaurant
13 First Communion Blessing/Rec. Books	14 Trinity Council Mtg 6:30pm	15	16 Confirmation 6-7pm Trinity	17	18 Newsletter Articles Due	19
20 Family Visitation Day Children Sing in Church	21 ← Pastor Out	22 — Theological	23 Confirmation 6-7pm Trinity Conference →	24	25	26
27	28	29 Revelation Bible Study 1pm Trinity	30 Confirmation 6-7pm Trinity	31 Happy Halloween!		

October Volunteers



Trinity Church

DATE	USHER/CARPORT	COMMUNION	LECTOR
October 6th	Duane & Audrey M, Shari P	Randy A	Kay G
October 13th	Perry & Connie N, Robert D	Perry N	Candyce K
October 20th	Richard & Janice H, Jim W, Jim W	Richard H	Richard H
October 27th	Denny & Patti B, David K	Denny B	David K



St Peter Church

DATE	USHER / CARPORT	BELL RINGER	COM-MUNION	LECTOR	ACOLYTE
October 6th	Jennifer F, Eugene F	Susan T	Mary K	Mary K	Leila W
October 13th	Jacie D, Scott G	Jacie D	John S	Val S	Brett D
October 20th	Becca K, Bob F	Bob F	Amy F	Amy F	Carson K
October 27th	Mary & Scott S	Scott G	Jacie D	Mary S	Jacob M



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.



ST. PETER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY September 3, 2024

Pastors Report:

- ◆ Continuing Education – Pastor Will is out of office on October 21-23 for Fall Conference and November 7th for mandatory Synod wide training.
- ◆ Advent Services – would like to use theme “From the Manger”.
- ◆ 1st Communion on November 17th - We will have 3 youth this year receiving 1st Communion.
- ◆ Using Name Tags – (Per Mutual Ministry) If we implement...it would be ongoing, not short term. Will consider and bring up at the Joint Council to see how Trinity decides to proceed.

Old Business:

- ◆ Fixing South Wall – Doors replaced and wall replastered. May want to repaint the stairs and add something to keep the floor from being slippery.
- ◆ Copier Maintenance – Looking at quotes to update the copier.
- ◆ Joint Directory – Need a list of the committees that should be included in the directory – Council, Parish Ed, Finance, Property, Mutual Ministry, Chili Supper. Scheduled to take pictures in Oct with the vendor. Also think about areas of church to include pictures of.
- ◆ Mutual Ministry Representative – Working on getting 1 more representative from St. Peter on committee.
- ◆ Constitution/Bylaws update – Council is asked to review prior to the next meeting and come back with any questions or suggestions for changes. Final updates will be voted on at Annual meeting in January.

New Business:

- ◆ Building Maintenance – New drapes were installed by Chili committee.
 - * Carpeting needs to be re-stretched in the sanctuary.
 - * Roof needs to be fixed/replaced so getting estimates prior to annual meeting.
 - * Mold in the stairway to the organ, working on treating to remove. Will check with K-Tech and NorthStar to get quotes to clean if that doesn't work.
 - * Front door is fading so members have volunteered to fix it.
- ◆ Nominations for 2025 –
 - * Church council will need to replace Treasurer and currently 1 council member for 2025.
 - * Financial Committee – confirm that currently members will continue on committee.
 - * Parish Ed – Will need 1 member to assist in Parish Education. Would like to find another Sunday School Teacher. Still looking for St. Peter youth leader.



Next Council Meetings

St Peter Council Meeting:
Trinity Council Meeting:
Joint Council Meeting:

Monday, October 7, 2024 at 6:30pm
Monday, October 14, 2024 at 6:30pm
Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 6:30pm (St Peter)



**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Summary
September 9, 2024**



Treasurer's Report – August 2024

General Fund: \$15,193.31 Memorial Fund: \$164,080.66—Includes value of 3 CDs=\$128,961.59
Income: \$10,308.11 Expenses: \$8,263.49

Pastor's Report

- Pastor's Continuing Education Allocation
 - * Synod Boundary Training (mandatory this year)- November 7th.
 - * Fall Theological Conference- October 21-23, 2024.
 - * "Footsteps of Paul"- International Education Study in January 7-18, 2025 (Pastor Will is out of office on this education study January 6-19, 2025).
- Annual Meeting dates-Trinity's is scheduled for Sunday, January 19th. Pastor will still be out from his trip/conference. Bylaw states that the meeting must be held in January. Meet will stay on January 19, 2025, Pastor will not be in attendance.
- Illustrated Ministry-theme called "From the Manger" around the Bread of Life-Pastor wants to use during the Advent season.
 - * Tie in theme (bread of life) with a food drive for our community during Advent season at our churches. Then do a blessing of the food before we distribute it to the food pantries.
 - * First Communion- We will have 7 youth receiving 1st Communion this year on November 17th.
- Looking into if both churches want to set up a day for caroling this year (to shut-ins and assisted living centers). This has not happened for the past several years. Possibly looking at Saturday, December 7th or Sunday, December 8th. Will coordinate with St. Peter's to confirm that date.

Old Business

- Joint Worship Service August 18th-went very well, 102 people attended service.
- Church Responsibility List-Church walk-through scheduled for Monday, September 30th at 5:30 pm.
- Church Directory-Picture dates have been scheduled (5 days in October). Can start scheduling on September 29th.

New Business

- Mutual Ministry-Jaise Kleist
 - * Request for name tags during church services so congregation members can get to know each other (not just during special services). St. Peter's idea is to discuss this at the Joint Council meeting because both churches should do the same thing.
 - * List visitation guidelines as to how often the Pastor or Lay Ministers visit shut-ins, so all are informed (in monthly newsletter as well as Pastor's annual report letter).
- Ed Building Use Request- Discussion on wording in Bylaws and proposed rental agreement that is getting put together for Trinity.



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