

# Parish Gazette

November 2024

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

From the Pastor's Desk...

Rev. William Ostrem

*11 For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord,  
plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.  
-Jeremiah 29:11*

Merry Christmas! I know that is not the usual greeting you expected to hear from me in November and I can safely say that a few groans might have come out as well. So, why am I talking about Christmas already? This year, Advent starts on Sunday, December 1st and with the December newsletter not arriving with enough time, I wanted to share the exciting news of what we have planned for Advent this year. The theme will be looking at the birth story of Jesus and the birth story for a world that was hungry, both then and now.

Hunger is a universal human experience, drawing attention to our most basic needs for food and nourishment and our more complex needs—peace, liberation, and meaning in this life. So, it's no wonder that the story of Jesus—the one who came to feed the hungry—begins, ends, and centers around food. From the Manger gathers around the birth story in Luke 2, embracing the playful symbolism of a newborn Jesus being laid down to sleep in a feeding trough in a town called "House of Bread." Beginning Advent with the birth of Jesus may feel a bit unconventional. Still, we hope this liturgical difference will invite you to reflect on the life-sustaining hope, peace, joy, and love Jesus brings and notice how the baby born in a bread town continues to feed a hungry world today. – Illustrated Ministry

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## Mutual Ministry Committee

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Starting on December 1 and going through December 24th, as we look at a world hungry for hope, peace, joy, and love, we will be partnering up with a local food bank as we collect non-perishable food items during Advent. St. Peter's Church has chosen Athens Circle of Joy and Trinity Church will be gathering food items for Neighbor's Place in Wausau. During our Christmas Eve Services, as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, we too, will share in the story alongside shepherds and magi bearing gifts to the world in the name of hope, peace, joy, and love, as we will bless the food items to be sent out.

Additionally, in December, with great excitement, St. Peter and Trinity are hoping to bring back the Caroling for our extended members. Please see more information about the food pantries and Caroling in the announcement section of this month's newsletter and in the December issue.

Peace,  
Pastor Will

## *Announcements*

### **SING A NEW SONG!**

Now is the time for us to gather together again to reconnect with our members who are homebound. Sometime in December, we will be going out Caroling as we visit the local Assisted Living homes and a few personal homes as well, if we can. We are in need of help though to make this a reality this year and bring some Christmas Joy that is needed. We are looking for a few individuals that would assist in gathering songs, help map out locations, make some phone calls, and of course, **Singers, Singers, Singers!**

Please let Pastor Will, Mike B, or Scott G know if you are willing to lend your voice to help bring this ministry back this year. Thank you for your support.

-Pastor Will, St. Peter Council, Trinity Council



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS  
TIME ENDS**

**NOVEMBER 3RD**

**Don't forget to turn your  
clocks back!**

## DIRECTORY PROJECT

We would like to take this opportunity to give a big Thank You to Patti B, Amy F, Michelle G, Janice H, Barb K, Susan M, Connie N, Shelby O, Jennifer P, David P, Susan T, and the Trinity Church Council for all their hard work on the Picture Directory. This committee has spent countless hours planning to make the directory the best it can be. If you see any of these individuals, please let them know how appreciated they are.

**Thanks again!**

### TRINITY COMMUNION TABLE

Over the summer, Trinity Church has been using a temporary table in front of the Altar so the Sacrament can be brought forward during Holy Communion. After a few months with positive feedback, Trinity is now exploring the next step, which is to build a more permanent table for our weekly use. As we recognize the many gifts and talents our members have, we are reaching out to see if any of our members would have the desire to build a movable Communion table for our needs. If interested or have questions, please see Pastor Will for the required needs and dimensions. Thank You for your time and support.

- Pastor Will and Trinity Council

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## *The Giving Tree is Here!*

Help spread holiday joy to youth and families in need across Lincoln, Langlade, and Marathon counties!

**Giving Trees will be up at both  
St Peter and Trinity  
by  
Sunday, November 3rd.**



For the past 14 years, we've provided clothes, hygiene products, household items, and toys to families who otherwise might not have gifts to open on Christmas.

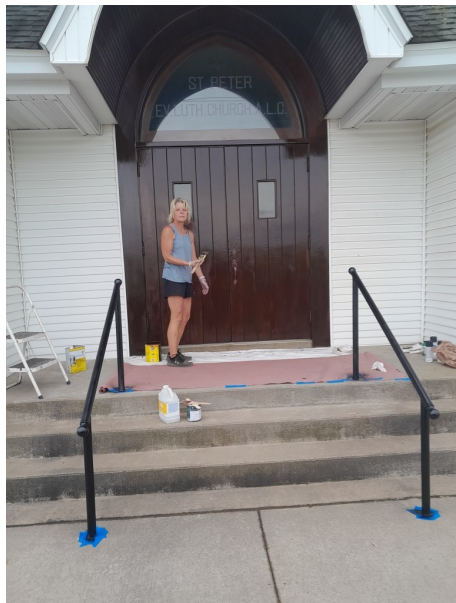
### **How You Can Help...**

- Select a tag from the tree and return gifts (wrapped or unwrapped) to your church by **Sunday, December 8th at your worship time.**
- Want to help but can't shop?  
Contact **Haley E** to donate and have her shop on your behalf:

*Thank you for your generosity!*

# Thank You!

The front door at St Peter's Church looks welcoming again! A big thank you to Barb K and Dave P (hiding) for all their hard work. It looks beautiful!



## Bake & Craft Sale

Mark your calendars for the Youth Group's annual Bake & Craft Sale on **Sunday, December 15th**.

Funds from this sale will be donated to the youth group for future events. Please have all donations to the churches prior to the Worship Services.

Thank you in advance for your donations & purchases!



## Deadline Reminders

**Bulletin announcements:** Due by 9am Tuesday mornings. Bulletins are completed on Tuesdays.

**Newsletter Articles:**  
Due by end of day the 3rd Friday of the month.

## POINSETTIAS

**It is that time of year again to order your poinsettia plants!**

The cost is **\$10** per plant.

**Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>** is the last day to place your order.

St Peter's sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Dave P if you have any questions.

Trinity members can contact Candy K with any questions or concerns. Trinity's sign-up sheet is in the back of church.



# Christmas Cardinal Memorials



This Christmas, St Peter Church is introducing a special way to honor loved ones with **Cardinal Memorials.**

As the saying goes,  
**“When cardinals are here, angels are near.”**

We have 30 beautiful red cardinal ornaments available for purchase in memory of a loved one:

15 Large Cardinals (\$4 each)

15 Small Cardinals (\$2 each)

A sign-up sheet and payment box will be available in the fellowship hall. **Please pay at the time of sign-up** to reserve your cardinal as quantities are limited. Cardinals will be placed in your church mailbox when the tree is taken down after the holiday season.

Please contact Geraldine V with any questions.

**Deadline for purchase is Sunday, November 24th**

*Reserve your cardinal today!*

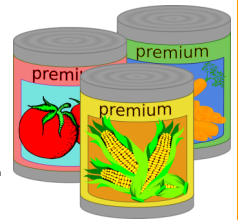
## “FROM THE MANGER” TO THE TABLE

During Advent from December 1 - December 24, each congregation will be collecting food items for a local food pantry. Starting **December 1<sup>st</sup>**, both congregations can begin bringing items in. Please prayerfully consider supporting your congregation’s chosen pantry.

St. Peter Church will be collecting for *Athens Circle of Joy*. Circle of joy serves the Athens area alongside their partner in Edgar that serves the Marathon City / Edgar area. They help to provide emergency food items as well as food vouchers to help offset food and personal care needs.

Trinity will be collecting for *The Neighbor’s Place* in Wausau. Neighbor’s Place serves the Wausau area’s many needs of the community from furniture to household items as well as being a hub for food distribution. Neighbor’s Place has an on-site food pantry as well as a central location where food items go out to other food pantries in the Wausau and Mosinee area.

For both congregations, we will be focusing on non-perishable and non-expired food items. If you wish to contribute financially towards either food pantry, we will provide a collection container for you. Thank you for your prayerful support to those in need.



-Pastor Will, St. Peter Council, Trinity Council

# 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

**Watch for December Activities!** Some dates and times still need to be firmed up, but save time to prepare baked goods, craft, and gather together in preparation of the Christmas season.

**Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> (time TBD)** – this is the day we make our treats. Bring your creative side to design goodies and Christmas items for our home-bound members... tasting will be allowed.

**(Date/Time TBD)** Caroling!!! Join us for visits to our home-bound members and some festive spirit. Christmas attire is welcome. More voices, more fun. Likely a pizza stop following!

**Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>** – Annual Bake Sale before/after worship services at both St. Peter & Trinity.

## CONFIRMATION



### Confirmation Schedule

**November Classes** 11/6, 11/13, 11/20 6-7pm at Trinity

**No classes** November 27th for Thanksgiving Break

**December Classes** 12/4, 12/11 6-7pm at Trinity

Fall Semester finishes December 11th.  
See you again at St Peter's Church on Jan 8th.

## 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 CLASS REMINDER

Sunday, November 3<sup>th</sup> at St Peter Church from 1:00 to 4:00pm.

Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at Trinity Church from noon to 4:00pm.

Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> First Communion during worship at Trinity and St Peter.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

Thank you to all of the families that came to visit class on October 20. It was so special to have you participate. Thank you to all the kids that sang in church. You sounded great!



## SINGING



## CLASSROOM TIME

**Just a reminder that we will not have Sunday School on Nov. 24, Opening Deer Rifle Season and Dec. 1, Thanksgiving Break.**

Our Christmas program will be **Sunday, December 22 during the worship services (St Peter—8:30am, Trinity—10:15am).**

Kids will practice for the program during Sunday school through the month of December and receive their parts prior to our November break. We will then hold one dress rehearsal the Saturday prior to the program. With only one rehearsal, we ask that all children please attend as it is very important to go through the program at least once with all children present. Dress rehearsal will be Saturday, December 21 from 9-11AM. **All children participating in Sunday School will be presumed as participating in the program.** If your child will not be able to participate in the program, please advise a committee member as soon as possible.

# November 2024



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Worship 8:30 am St Peter 10:15am Trinity Sunday School 9:30 St Peter 9am Trinity					1	2
3 All Saints Sunday 1st communion class 1-4pm	4 St Peter Council Meeting 6:30pm	5	6 Confirmation 6-7pm Trinity	7 Pastor Out Synod Education	8	9 Men's Breakfast 8am 1st Communion Class noon-4pm
10	11  Veteran's Day Trinity Council Meeting 6:30pm	12 Quilting 1pm Joint Council Meeting 6:30pm At St Peter	13 Confirmation 6-7pm Trinity	14	15 Newsletter Articles Due	16
17 Holy First Communion	18	19	20 Confirmation 6-7pm Trinity	21	22	23
24 No Sunday School	25	26 Revelation Bible Study 1pm Trinity	27 No Confirmation	28  Thanksgiving Day	29	30



# November Volunteers

## Trinity Church

DATE	USHER/CARPORT	COMMUNION	LECTOR
<i>November 3rd</i> <i>All Saints Sunday</i>	Bill & Nancy B, Sandy U	Bill B, Mike B, Richard H	Bill B
<i>November 10th</i>	Mike & Jayme B, LuAnn H	Mike Buttke	Mike B
<i>November 17th</i> <i>First Communion</i>	Myron & Karen T, Renae W	Renae W, Denny B, Perry N	Myron T
<i>November 24th</i>	Duane & Audrey M, Shari P	Randy A	Tim B

## St Peter Church

DATE	USHER / CARPORT	BELL RINGER	COMMUNION	LECTOR	ACOLYTE
<i>November 3rd</i> <i>All Saints Sunday</i>	John & Val S	Dan K	Dan K, John S, Jacie D	Val S	Benjamin W
<i>November 10th</i>	Linda & Lyle Z	Bill M	Bill & Rita M	Linda Z	Aiden K
<i>November 17th</i> <i>First Communion</i>	Scott G, Jacie D	Jacie D	John S, Amy F, Mary K	Linda Z	Chase K
<i>November 24th</i>	Dave P, Michelle G	Susan T	Haley E	Erica T	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 October 14, 2024

### Treasurer's Report – September 2024

General Fund: \$6,933.43

Memorial Fund: \$164,080.66—includes value of 3 CDs=\$128,961.59

Income: \$9,418.57

Expenses: \$17,681.45

### Pastor's Report

- Pastor received 2 letters from Paul & Faye & Marcus Zernicke to transfer membership
- The Advent Theme will be From the Manger around the Bread of Life. This will tie into a congregation food drive. The council agreed on the Neighbor's Place to donate the food to do.
- Discussion on caroling in December-Will need a volunteer to coordinate this event. Will need 2 groups because of the opposite sides of town some of our shut-ins live.
  - \* Youth Group will prepare goodie packages to be delivered during this event.
  - \* Possible date is Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> (Youth Group Bake sale will be December 15<sup>th</sup>)
- Parsonage Oven-In November 2022 Pastor had issues. This is an older oven. The oven is again having issues. A new oven has been ordered. The other item that needs replacement is the vent above the stove. This vent is the original vent in the house (1968) and needs to be replaced. \*New vent has been ordered
- Communion table-initially was set up in front of the altar for the summer. Looking for a solid wood table preferably with 4 legs and a shelf underneath it or at least open through middle so you can see the parament on the altar behind it. Additional research will be done on the cost of tables and asking to see if we have any congregation members that could craft a table.

### Old Business

- Property Review Recap-We are working on typing up notes to include pictures from our walk through. The Property Team will review to begin prioritizing needed projects and address concerns.
- Church Use Rental Agreement- The Bylaws state that "in the case of a request or occasional use, approval shall require a majority vote of the Congregation Council." The Property Team and Council are reviewing the Rental Agreement and exploring options for the future.

### New Business

- Bylaw Updates: The latest version of the Constitution was ratified January 23, 2022. It was meant to be a combined Constitution and Bylaws. Some discussion around all the bylaws being fully incorporated into the ratified Constitution.
  - \* Getting a committee together to review the Constitution and Bylaws to work on any proposed revisions needed.

### Next Council Meetings

**St Peter Council Meeting:**

Monday, November 4, 2024 at 6:30pm

**Trinity Council Meeting:**

Monday, November 11, 2024 at 6:30pm

**Joint Council Meeting:**

Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 6:30pm (St Peter)



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**Lyle Z**

