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Parish Gazette

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

From the Pastor's Desk...

Rev. William Ostrem

μείνατε ἐν ἐμοί, καὶ ἐγὼ ἐν ὑμῖν. -KATA ΙΩΑΝΝΗΝ 15:4

اثْبُتُوا فِيَّ وَأَنَا سَأَثْبُتُ فِيكُمْ. لَا يَسْتَطِيعُ الْغُصْنُ أَنْ يُنْتِجَ ثَمَرًا وَحْدَهُ، إِلَّا إِذَا
تَبَتَّ فِي سَاقِ الْكَرْمَةِ. كَذَلِكَ أَنْتُمْ لَا تَسْتَطِيعُونَ أَنْ تُنْتِجُوا ثَمَرًا إِلَّا إِذَا تَبَتُّمْ
فِيَّ.

Bleibet in mir und ich in euch. - Johannes 15:4

Abide in me as I abide in you. -John 15:4

Some of the greatest joys that we have are the stories that we are able to share with each other, and to hear the many voices of events that are shared through time and across generations. Faith is very much that same way. Our faith comes from those who have shared it and witnessed to it, like the stories of how God was proclaimed and how the very roots of faith were planted. Our very scriptures are those stories passed down so that we may know of what God has done and continues to do.

In January, I had the amazing opportunity to be a part of a continuing education trip to Greece and Türkiye. We traveled through some of these Ancient sites following Paul's Second Missionary journey. I had the opportunity to stand where Paul stood and to see a glimpse of what Paul saw. These places of the first church were where people had gathered together to hear Paul proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ.

on **Sunday, June 29th**, I am inviting you to please join me in the Education Building at Trinity Church. We will begin gathering after the worship service starting at 11:30 am with a time of fellowship and beginning the presentation at Noon. I will be sharing a few stories, pictures, and items with you that highlight the journey of Paul and the formation of the church. I look forward with joy to have this opportunity to spend some time together and to share with you these many wondrous places that gave birth to so many of our scriptures that we use today to encourage us in our own faith.

Peace,
Pastor Will

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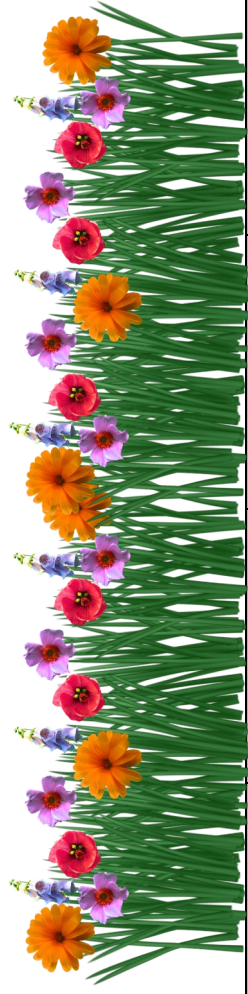
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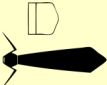
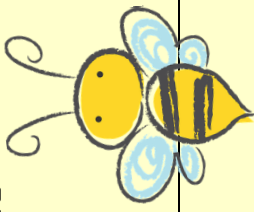

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June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Confirmation	2 NO St Peter Council Mtg	3	4 Confirmation Rehearsal Night 6pm	5	6	7
8 Confirmation	9 NO Trinity Council Mtg	10 NO Quilting	11	12	13	14 NO Men's Breakfast
15  Happy Father's Day!	16	17	18	19	20 July Newsletter Articles Due	21
22 Mutual Ministry Mtg	23	24 NO Bible Study	25	26	27	28 
29 Pastor's Greece Trip Presentation 11:30am/noon	30					

June Volunteers



Trinity

DATE	USHER/CARPORT	COMMUNION	LECTOR
June 1st	Myron & Karen T, Renae W	Renae W	Myron T
June 8th Confirmation	Bill & Nancy B, Sand U	Bill B, Perry N, Renae W	Bill B
June 15th Father's Day	Shari P, Jim W, Jim W	Randy A	Tim B
June 22nd	Perry & Connie N, Robert D	Perry N	Candyce K
June 29th	Mike & Jayme B, LuAnn H	Mike B	Jayme B



St Peter

DATE	USHER / CARPORT	BELL RINGER	COMMUN- ION	LECTOR	ACO- LYTE
June 1st	Becca K, Bob F	Bob F	Amy F	Amy F	Carson K
June 8th Confirmation	Mary & Scott S	Scott G	Jacie D, Mary K	Mary S	Leila W
June 15th Father's Day	Linda & Lyle Z	Bill M	Bill & Rita M	Linda Z	_____
June 22nd	John & Val S	Susan Th	John S	Val S	_____
June 29th	Dave P, Michelle G	Dan K	Dan K	Erica T	_____



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 - April 7, 2025

Pastor's Report:

- Upcoming reminders - April 21-26th pastor will be on vacation.
 - * April 27th Sunday will be blessing farm and fields.
 - * May 4th New member Sunday
 - * May 18 blessing of graduates
 - * June 8 - Affirmation of Baptism service.
- Adult confirmation - Pastor looking at putting together this fall a small catechism course for adults reviewing Lutheran's catechism. Trying to find a mixture of individuals whether new to Lutheran faith or have been involved in Lutheran faith and interested in going through it again. Thinking it would be 4-5 weeks, about an hour each session. Will table for fall.

Old Business:

- Building Maintenance (Roof Update, removal of things) - **Roof:** Quality Homes will be dropping off material on Tuesday, April 7, 2025 and plan to start on roof Wednesday, April 9th. Hoping to be done in 2-3 days. Entry ways: Entry way to south is finished, there is a new floor on the bottom and put wooden steps down. Entry on North side is holding up well, no mold. **Wood cross:** The wooden cross will be taken down when the roof people are up there.
- Joint summer service - Looking for 2 people from each church to form and be a committee (looking at dates, music, details, etc). It is in the bulletin that we are looking for volunteers.
- Fellowship Hall rental fee - Discussed right now, with \$100 fee (\$50 fee + \$50 security deposit), the \$50 fee should go to church to cover extra costs such as snow removal, extra electricity and heat. If cleaning was needed, then the security deposit would not get returned and would then go to the janitorial service. Discussed if we would give a key for rentals or if we would someone come to open/lock up. Only members are allowed to rent the church. Made a motion to raise the cost of the rental of the church to \$100 plus \$50 security deposit (\$150 total) with \$50 returned to renter if church in appropriate condition.
- Directory Update - The directory committee received 2 proofs that have been edited so far, thinking will have final version by the end of the week to edit again.
- Time & Talent surveys - We got about 40 returned. Those will go to Wendy to be entered on a spreadsheet. We will continue to keep surveys on hand.
- Financial system update - Utilizing Excel to recreate lost files to January 1, 2025 to current. In future, It is being backed up anytime something is updated. A motion to give \$500 for contracted services for updating the financial records. Motion passed.
- Annual report errors - There is an inaccurate balance reported on page 9 of Annual Report (on ending balance). The ending balance didn't include additional funds. Note of the inaccurate number and will put in the correct one for the next annual meeting. The chili supper last year had donations included in expenses and should not have been. Will correct going forward and note that this will make comparison from 2024 to 2025 to be a little off.
- Roof expense update/loan pay down - To date received \$33,911.68. Once we pay our final bill to AQH, will have \$25,492.43 allocated for roof specifically available assuming no unexpected expenses. Once the final payment comes through, we can consider a principal reduction on the loan. Will wait until next month to see what our final cost is.

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New Business:

- Cancellation process - Decided to have a list between council for people to call if service cancelled.
- Funeral bell ringer - Funeral committee to discuss and look into having a designated bell ringer when funerals come up.

**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Summary - April 8, 2025**

Treasurer's Report – March 2025

General Fund: \$3,298.93

Income: \$9,373.63

Memorial Fund: \$181,777.05–Value of 3 CDs=\$157,023.14

Expenses: \$9,637.10**Pastor's Report**

- Pastor's Vacation-April 21st-26th.
- Sunday, April 27th-Blessing of Farm & Field.
- Sunday, May 4th-New Member Sunday & Reception.
- Sunday, May 18th-Blessing of Graduates.
- Sunday, June 8th-Confirmation Sunday.
- Looking to form an adult confirmation class, 4-5 week-long program.

Old Business

- Directory Update-Trinity approved in March to pay additional costs of additional pages. Final corrections were reviewed and sent back to Mortell.
- Patio Area-Discussion on building a covering for the patio area. The Council is open to ideas/discussion on a vision for the area. The Council wants to see if patio gets used more this year *and how it is used* before further discussion on building a covering *or what is needed*.
- Time & Talent Survey-Trinity considering on doing this again.
- Communion-new single cups have been ordered and are being utilized.
- Summer Joint Worship Service-St. Peter's-Scott Grund and Trinity-Bobby Dehnel volunteered to help.

New Business

- The Property Committee, Spring cleanup-will review church grounds to see what needs to be done.

**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Summary - May 12, 2025**

Treasurer's Report – April 2025

General Fund: \$4,949.82

Income: \$6,747.89

Memorial Fund: \$181,777.05–includes 3 CDs-\$157,023.14

Expenses: \$11,844.89**Pastor's Report**

- Looking for feedback on Lent services and if there were items that people liked or disliked that should be considered for future services.
- Possibility of a Blessing of animals service-fall time frame (was last done in September 2018).
- Received a letter from Compassus (hospice care center). They have chaplains that provide spiritual support for those in hospice and their families. Compassus would like to come to Trinity and give a little speech about what hospice is and what services they provide. Council agreed that we should pursue this opportunity and will put it on the agenda for the August meeting to set a date.

Old Business

- Time & Talent Survey-Reviewed draft version of survey for Trinity. Council decided that this would be done in October. The form will be reviewed and finalized in August/September. It will be made into a pdf fillable form so it can be easily completed and emailed back.
- Summer Joint Worship Service-Committee is Scott Grund & Jackie Dehnel (from St. Peter's), and Connie Nikolai and Bobby Dehnel (from Trinity). Date is set for July 27th and the Mount Calvary Band (5 piece band) will be performing. Looking for other volunteers to help with the service and food. Possibly doing pulled pork. Planning for food for 150 people.

**ST. PETER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY - May 5, 2025**

Pastor's Report:

- Lent - Just finished lent and everything went well. During season of lent, changed up worship services. Let Pastor know if there are things people liked and would like continued.
- Upcoming reminders -
 - * May 12- Mother's Day will have a baptism.
 - * May 18 blessing of graduates - so far no names given for St. Peter, but will do general blessing.
 - * June 8 - Affirmation of Baptism service.
 - * For confirmation, will have confirmation gifts be ordered, that will cost approximately \$150 coming out of Milestone Ministry Fund. This year we will have 5 confirmands.

Old Business:

- Building Maintenance - Old Cross: Discussed we would like to keep the old rugged cross look, but it will need the moss and lichen off and it would need to be sealed. Basement: Will need to discuss the East basement wall in the future. The wall moves and will eventually need to be looked at. It also leaks water.
- Joint summer service - Agreed on date - July 27, 2025 with 9:30 am. service and meal to follow. The children will be involved in singing as VBS will be over at that time. We have a booked band that has no fee. The band will be reaching out to Pastor and the committee organizing. Looking at smoked pulled pork for the meal and will have some desserts and other things ordered in. Last year we had 110 people (which is more than originally signed up). Will start asking for volunteers. Will reach out to Wendy to get this into the bulletin.
- Directory Update - Trinity is still in the revision stage and ours has final approval. Hoping to have all approvals in by June and potentially have books by July.
- Roof expense update/loan pay down - Currently we are applying \$300 per week toward the loan. A motion to put \$20,000 down additionally on the principal toward roof.
- Constitution and Bylaws update - Working to format and pull all of the procedures into the Continuing Resolution section and hopes to have this back to us in the next few weeks *so it can be sent to the Synod Office for review.*
- Treasurer error - Related to chili supper, there was \$950 in total donations included as profit that was transferred to the Building fund. Asked if this should be returned to the General fund where it should have stayed or just leave in the Building Fund. Agreed it should be put back into the General fund.

New Business:

- Daycare location - St. John's Christian Daycare is closing July 1, 2025. Discussion if St. Peter would be an option for potential new location, but not sure if our building would qualify. The daycare would provide some money back to the church potentially. They have about 30 kids. Would need a playground area. Age range is from infants to school age. Discussed we have funerals at times, water issues and chili supper set up is a week long. Discussed concerns with space at St. Peter (there are not separate rooms for different age groups and no extra storage space...). Motion we are not interested in pursuing a daycare at St. Peter at this time. Motion passed.
- Marathon County Health Department/Water quality - received mail from Marathon County Health Department regarding nitrate level in water - Have to have 2 consecutive levels below appropriate levels to be cleared/good and our last test was in August, which was good, but now we have to wait another year. We have to put a notice and a placard next to each water source. There are already notices posted, but not the signed placard. Will copy/laminate notice and post.



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

Next Council Meetings

Tuesday, September 2, 2025 at 6:30pm
 Monday, August 11, 2025 at 6:00pm
 Tuesday, November 11, 2025 at 6:30pm (St Peter)



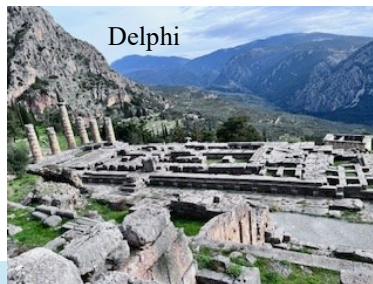
Announcements

Greece & Türkiye Presentation

There will be a presentation on **Sunday, June 29th**, in the Education Building at Trinity Church. Starting at 11:30 am with a time of fellowship and the presentation beginning at Noon. Some pictures, stories, and items will be shared with you about my recent educational trip that I took in January as I followed in the Footsteps of Paul. Please come join us as we walk through this amazing history in Ancient Lands.
 - Pastor Will



Philippi



Delphi



Lydia



Corinth



Meteora

New Member Sunday



On, **Sunday, May 4, 2025** we celebrated our newest members to both churches. Trinity welcomed Jacob & Kelly M. along with their children, Kaycen & Jace. St Peter welcomed Brendan & Morgan G. along with their children, Carter, Calli, & Charlie, Joshua & Jamie K. along with their children, Emma & Addyson, Chad & Jamie M., Devin M., Bryce M., Hailey M. & Brandon P.. Both congregations celebrated with a time of fellowship following the worship services.

Welcome, All, to our Church Families!



The following groups will be taking a break over the summer months
(June, July & August)...

Bible Study, Men's Breakfast, & Quilter's Group

Please mark your calendars as these groups will start their ministry again in September.
They welcome all to join!

Summer Gatherings

Summer often brings people together for a time of fellowship. Trinity Church has an outdoor patio with many benches and a table for anyone to use as a place for a meeting, a picnic, or just a relaxed place to gather with the small field next to the church for kids to play. Planning for an evening fellowship? Trinity church also has a moveable fire pit that is available for your use on the patio, just need to provide your own firewood. If interested, please see the property committee.



Mark Your Calendars!

We invite you to join us
Sunday, July 27, 2025
for

Trinity and St Peter's 2nd Annual Joint Outdoor Worship Service & Fellowship

The church service will start at 10:00 am around Trinity's patio. We hope you will join us at 9:30 am for fellowship and music presented by the Mount Calvary Praise Band.

Lunch will be provided following the service; a free will offering will be taken and used for the band and lunch expenses. Please watch for a sign-up sheet at both churches to supply us with an approximate count for lunch.

The planning committee requests volunteers to help with set up and clean up on the day of the event. Please reach out to anyone on the committee with any questions or to let them know you are available to lend a hand.

Committee:

Trinity - Bobby D. or Connie N

St Peter - Jacie D. or Scott G.



Quilt Blessings

The quilting group has made many beautiful quilts again this year. They work hard to complete quilts from September through May. Some of these quilts are given as gifts to our High School graduates and others are donated to different organizations that will distribute them to people in need. On Sunday, May 18, 2025, there was a blessing for these quilts and the hands that made them. Great job ladies!

GRADUATES

During our **Sunday, May 18, 2025** Worship Service, we recognized our 2024-2025 School year Graduates. Congratulations to the following college graduates.



Calla Buttke, daughter of Tim Buttke & Kay Gruling, has completed her Doctor of Education in Leadership and Learning in Organizations from Vanderbilt University in December 2024 and joined the commencement ceremony at Vanderbilt on May 9, 2025.

Brianna Hieronimus, daughter of Mark & Lisa Hieronimus, has completed her Associates Degree in Accounting from North Central Technical College. She will be continuing her education at Upper Iowa University to receive her Bachelor Degree in Business Administration.

PHOTO DIRECTORY UPDATE:

St. Peter's portion of the directory has been finalized in early May and Trinity's portion is nearing the same result. It is with hopeful anticipation that, by the end of May, the full directory book is ready for publication with an estimated receipt of the final product 4-6 weeks later. More will be communicated as the delivery timing is worked out.

Thank you for your patience; a lot of work has gone into this project, but it will be exciting to have these updated books available for viewing in our pews.

Any questions, please reach out to Janice Hawley, Trinity Rep., or Susan Mathwich, St. Peter Rep.



Thank you to everyone who purchased Easter Lilies in memory of your loved ones. The Sanctuary looked absolutely beautiful, and your thoughtfulness is appreciated! We would also like to thank Candy Krautkramer for her time and effort in coordinating this ministry.
Thanks again!

Trinity's Easter Lily Donations

NAME

Margo B.
Dennis & Patti B.
Bill & Nancy B.
Mary D. (Audrey M.)
Krystle & Mike G.
LuAnn H.
Ronald & Elaine H.
Richard & Janice H.
Richard & Janice H.
Mark & Lisa H.
Herman H.
Waine & Candy K.
Audrey M.
Perry & Connie N.
Lyle R.
S. (Audrey M.)
Bernice S.
Bryan & Renae W.
Raynard & Julaine Z.

IN MEMORY OF

Loved Ones
Loved Ones
Loved Ones
Duane M.
Loved Ones
Wayne & Tim H.
Our Parents
Our Parents
Cal H.
Don H.
Joyce H.
Our Parents
Duane M.
Loved Ones
Jean R.
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St Peter's New Roof April 2025



St. Peter New Roof Update

In early April, the roof project was completed by American Quality Homes (AQH) and the final payment of \$28,584.50 was paid April 13th.

Through April 30th, roof project contributions totaled \$34,776.68, 61% of the total expense and the loan balance equaled \$47,870.33, with weekly payments of \$300 being applied. At the May 5th Church Council meeting, a motion was passed to apply \$20,000 of our remaining available roof funds towards the principal balance of the loan. In addition to this, a \$5,000 member contribution was received recently and also applied to the principal balance of the loan. The loan balance, as of May 10th, now stands at \$22,406.83.

Moving forward, all roof designated contributions will be applied to the principal balance of the loan, and the roof expense chart in the fellowship hall will be updated accordingly.

Thank you, ALL, for your continued efforts in reducing this expense.

Any questions, please reach out to Scott G., Council President, or Susan M., Treasurer.

Thank you!



We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers that helped out during Holy Week. Your involvement during the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services was appreciated by all who attended. It is a blessing to have congregants participate in worship.

Trinity: Calla B., Jayme B., Tim B., Kay G., Lisa H., and Myron T.

St Peter: Bob & Amy F., Scott G., Bill & Rita M., David P., and Lyle & Linda Z.



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.

Summer Office Hours:

For the months of June, July, & August, the church office hours will be changed to Tuesdays 9am to 1pm only. If you need to meet with Wendy at a different time/date, please reach out so we can get something scheduled. Hours will resume back to Tuesday and Thursday 9am to 1pm again in September.

Trinity's Flower Watering Schedule

It's that time of year again when flowers are being planted around the Trinity property. There is a sign-up calendar on the bulletin board for those who are willing to volunteer their time to help water the flowers. Thank you for volunteering!



Don't forget Dad!



Sunday, June 15, 2025

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

Just a friendly reminder for the confirmands...

- ♦ There is no confirmation class on Wednesday, May 28, 2025.
- ♦ We will have a rehearsal night at 6pm on Wednesday, June 4, 2025 to prepare for Confirmation Sunday.

Please join us



Sunday, June 8, 2025

at

St Peter (8:30am) and Trinity (10:15am)
to witness the



Affirmation of Faith for the following students:

ST PETER:

Aiden Levi K., son of Kris & Carrie K.
Carson Craig K., son of Craig & Rebecca K.
Emma Lee K., daughter of Josh & Jamie K.
Reid Anthony P., son of Josh & Jennifer P.
Benjamin Ernest W., son of Randy & Kristen W.

TRINITY:

Westin Jon K., son of Michael & Jaisie K.
Alexander James O., son of Clinton & Amber O.



Confirmation

Mike B.

Pastor Will

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YOUTH GROUP



Sophia K., Gage B., Westin K., Dane K., and Henry B. spent a couple hours of their time to help out a member of our Parish. Mike & Jaisie K., along with Mike B., helped our youth participate in the spring cleanup event. Two members of our Parish had requested the help of our youth, James W. and Richard & Janice H.

It wasn't all work at the James W. home on Saturday, May 3, 2025. Goofing around and laughter accompanied everyone in attendance. They spent time trimming and removing trees, along with cleaning up flower beds. Jim was extremely grateful for the help and everyone worked hard.

The youth still have one more home to help out at. If you would like to join them, please reach out to our youth leaders. They are in the process of scheduling the event.

Youth Group

Mike & Jayme B.

Mike & Jaisie K.

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Palm Sunday

The children at both St Peter and Trinity churches participated in the worship service on Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025. Smiles filled each congregation as they watched the Sunday School Children sing beautifully and wave their palms high. It is always a joy to watch our youth in action.



thank you!

We are happy to welcome

Heidi D. and Lynn K.

to the Parish Education Committee.

Thank you for stepping up to volunteer. If anyone else would like to join, please let us know. The more the merrier!

Parish Education Committee: Trinity

Jayne B.

Lynn K.

Parish Education Committee: St. Peter

Rebecca K.

Heidi D.



Get ready to splash into fun with Scuba VBS!

Kids will dive into friendship with God at VBS this summer. Come join us for a Fin-Tastic time with awesome Bible-learning experiences! Trinity & St. Peter Parish is excited to host VBS **July 22-24, 2025** at Trinity. We hope you can all join us once again! Bring a friend, a cousin, a neighbor, and dive into Scuba. We know schedules get crazy, so even if you can only attend 1 or 2 nights, that's ok too. **Please RSVP by Sunday, June 15** your attendance plans so we can order the proper materials as well as shirts for all attendees.

Please use the google link below to RSVP. Adult helpers, please fill out the form as well. One form for each attendee. Any questions, please reach out to any of the Parish Ed Committee Members.

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