

August 2025

Parish Gazette



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

From the Pastor's Desk...

Rev. William O

*O you who dwell in the gardens, my companions are
listening for your voice; let me hear it.
-Song of Songs 8:13*

Last month, I wrote about, "What does it mean to be curious and to ponder?" I encouraged you to think about how we think about our personal faith and the faith we share with others both within our building and outside of it. Soon our church will be changing again as September begins the startup of all of our many ministries again after our summer break. People will gather around Bibles, breakfast, classrooms, crafts, and quilts. We will share in conversation about our lives, our families, and friends. As we continue towards that new beginning, it leads me to another question of curiosity and ponder.

"How might we grow in relationship with each other?"

- How do we get to learn more about each other?
- What are things that we are willing to try to encourage fellowship?
 - * With people within our congregations and as a parish?
- How might we find ways to listen to each other's stories?
 - * Sharing brief stories of faith during worship?
 - * Individuals sharing a brief story about themselves in the newsletter?
 - * To join in fellowship time and space over coffee?
 - * Intentional conversations with people we don't know that well?

What does it mean to not just grow as a church but also to grow in relationship with those of whom we worship with and share in this combined ministry with. I encourage you to ponder these questions and I look forward to hearing from you on your own thoughts. These questions don't have answers, instead, they invite us into new ways that we can engage each other.

Peace,
Pastor Will



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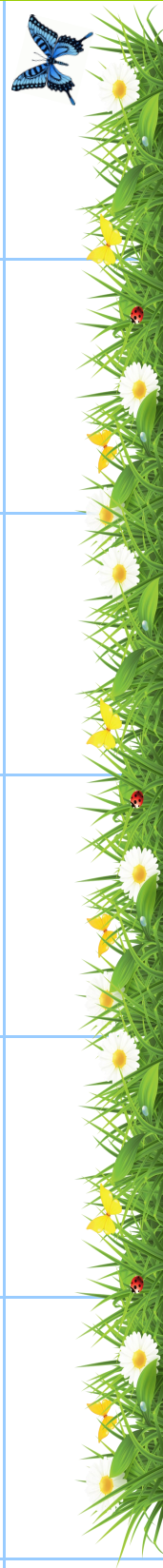
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August 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>Sunday Worship</u> St Peter: 8:30am Worship Trinity: 10:15am Worship					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Trinity Council Meeting 6pm	12	13	14	15 Newsletter Articles Due	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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August Volunteers



Trinity

DATE	USHER/CARPORT	COMMUNION	LECTOR
August 3rd	Connie & Perry N, David K	Perry N	David K
August 10th	Myron & Karen T, Renae W	Renae W	Myron T
August 17th	Shari Parks, Jim W, Jim W	Randy A	Richard H
August 24th	Jayme B, Henry B, LuAnn H	Mike B	Jayme B
August 31st	Patti & Denny B, Robert D	Denny B	Tim B



St Peter

DATE	USHER / CARPORT	BELL RINGER	COMMUNION	LECTOR
August 3rd	Becca K, Bob F	Bob F	Amy F	Erica T
August 10th	Linda & Lyle Z	Bill M	Bill & Rita M	Linda Z
August 17th	John & Val S	Bob F	John S	Val S
August 24th	Mary & Scott S	Scott G	Jacie D	Mary S
August 31st	David P, Michelle G	Dan K	Dan K	Mary K



Announcements

Next Council Meetings

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



GriefShare Class

There will be a GriefShare class starting on September 8th, 2025, at St. Stephen's Church, Wausau. The classes meet from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. This is open to anyone who is experiencing grief and would like to meet with others who are experiencing the same. **What happens during a typical group meeting?** Each week you'll view a 30-minute video on a grief-related topic, featuring valuable insights from counselors, pastors, and others who've lost a loved one. Then your group will discuss the video and how it applies to your lives. You'll also receive a book with helpful tips and exercises for personal support throughout the week. Please use the link for more information, questions, and registration: <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/265484>.

The Quilting Group

St Peter roof update:

June roof contributions totaled \$1,515, bringing us to nearly 78.5% of the total expense. The loan balance, as of June 30th, stands at \$16,937.50.

As a reminder, 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.

Continued "Thanks" is extended for your efforts in helping reduce this expense.

Please direct any questions to Scott G, Council President, or Susan M, Treasurer.

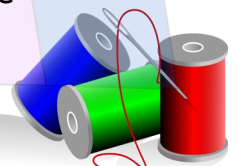
Various assisted living facilities and nursing homes received a wonderful donation of beautiful homemade quilts after they were blessed in May during our worship service.

The ladies in the quilting group would like to extend a huge "thank you" to everyone who donated items for their cause.

Starting in September, the quilters will again be accepting donations of fabric, thread, etc.

Anyone who wishes to join in the quilters group is more than welcome! They will meet again starting in September on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (Sept—May) at 1pm in Trinity's Education Building. **Everyone is welcome to participate!**

If you have any questions, please call Elaine H or Gerri L



Welcome to the 2025-2026 ECSW Lay School of Ministry

Courses offered this year are:

- ♦ Old Testament / Hebrew Bible
- ♦ Liturgy and Life
- ♦ Faith and Spirituality (Discover Spiritual Practices)
- ♦ Lutheran Theology
- ♦ History of Christian Mysticism
- ♦ A Time to Pluck Up, Tear Down, and Throw Away
- ♦ Worship: Theology and Praxis
- ♦ Reading the Instructions: Serving our Congregations



There are information packets by the mailboxes with more details on what Lay School of Ministry is and 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.

Faith Study

Starting on September 23rd, the Faith Study (formerly the Women's Bible Study) meets every fourth Tuesday of the Month in Trinity's Education building starting at 1:00 pm. This year, we will be studying from a video series called, *Dust of the Rabbi*. The tour guide, Ray Vander Laan teaches the Bible from the historical sites.



"Faith from a distance. Do you ever feel like you are a follower of Jesus, but from a distance? Follow the Rabbi, drink his words, and be covered with the dust of his feet says the ancient proverb. In Jesus' day, disciples followed their Rabbi so closely that they would be covered with the dust kicked up by the Rabbi's feet." -Ray Vander Laan



Thank you!

St Peter church would like to thank Shaun M for adding the barriers around the LP tank. Your time & effort are appreciated.

Join us for a fun-filled weekend
at the Athens Fair!



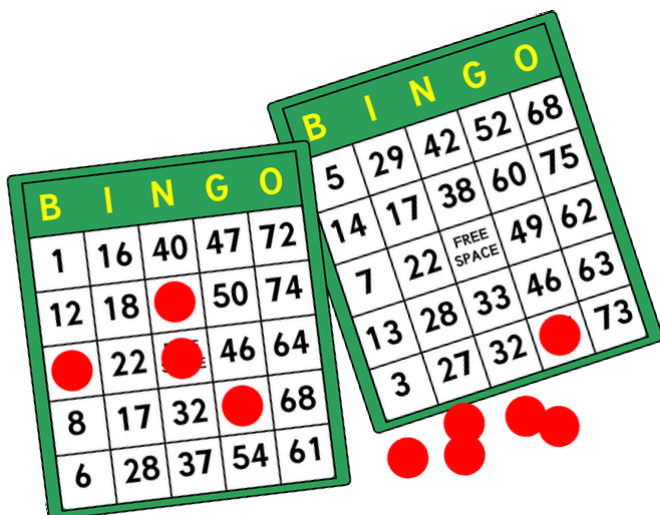
Friday, August 15

Saturday, August 16

Sunday, August 17

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



GAMES

**FUN
FOR
ALL!**

PRIZES



Everyone is welcome!

HOPE IN THE PARK

89Q welcomes Anne Wilson to Hope in the Park 2025. A free concert at Marathon Park on Sunday, August 24th in Wausau! Gates will open at 1 pm for general entry. Bring chairs or blankets or choose seats in the grandstand. Food trucks will be available. Local musicians and speakers will be followed by Anne Wilson.

Roots of Faith



Has it been a few years or more since you talked about or even thought about what it means to be Lutheran? Maybe, you never had the opportunity to talk about it at all? This

September, Pastor will be leading a faith study as we revisit the Catechism over a period of 5-6 (1-hour) sessions. We will be covering the 10 Commandments, The Creeds, Sacraments of Holy Communion and Baptism, Confession and Forgiveness, and the Lutheran principles (Find out what that Lutheran "Rose" actually is). Be on the lookout as more dates and details are coming.

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study

Beginning in September, we will be starting up our monthly Men's Breakfast again. We meet primarily on the 2nd Saturday of the month at LC's Restaurant (Marathon) at 8:00 am. We welcome all men to come join us in conversation as we discuss the upcoming Bible lessons for Sunday as well as other faith topics that come up. Please put on your Calendars the upcoming dates:

- September 13th
- October 11th
- November 8th
- December 13th
- January 10th, 2026
- February 14th
- March 14th
- April 11th
- May 9th



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

On Sunday, September 7th, 2026, we will be having a Parents' meeting at Trinity Church in the Sanctuary starting at 11:30 am. We will be going over the class dates and details. Parents' of 4th Grade youth and older that have not received 1st Communion will be receiving a letter from the Pastor inviting you to this meeting and providing the potential dates of the classes. If you do not receive this letter by August 18th or if you have any questions concerning 1st Communion, please contact Pastor Will.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are so excited to start the Sunday School season on September 7th. Classes at Trinity will take place at 9:00AM and St Peter classes will begin at 9:30AM. At church services that same day, we will do the blessing of the backpacks, teacher installation, and presentation of the 3rd Grade Bibles.

As we prepare to kick off Sunday School on September 7th, we ask that if there are any NEW students that will be attending Sunday School, you reach out to Jayme or Becca by **August 1**. This will allow us to prepare for the correct amount of supplies for classes and assure we have everyone's contact information.

If you would like to volunteer to teach Sunday School, even if it is just one or two Sundays throughout the year, please reach out to the Parish Ed Committees. Lessons are prepared in advance so they can be shared at any time and come with everything you need to teach. Thanks in advance for helping educate our youth!



CONFIRMATION

Watch for information about the confirmation program that will be sent out soon. The Parents' meeting is scheduled for September 3rd with classes starting on September 10th.

YOUTH CONTACTS

Youth Group

Mike & Jayme B
Mike & Jaisie K

Parish Education Committee: Trinity

Jayme B
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