

September 2025

Parish Gazette



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

From the Pastor's Desk...

Rev. William O

All Creatures Great and Small.
All Things Bright and Beautiful.
All Things Wise and Wonderful.
The Lord God Made Them All.
Every Living Creature.

These five lines of poetry are the five titles of one of the greatest book series by author James Harriot. The stories tell of a country veterinarian and his life both creation and the people who love them. I was lucky enough to be introduced these stories and writer at a young age. My appreciation for creation and the animals that are a part of our story has only increased in time.

Being raised in Schofield, the past four years has given me also a glimpse into the joy, the hard work, and the deep connection many of you have with creation. Whether that's still working on a farm, shared memories of growing up in 4H, or the multitude of various pets, we all share the same connection when it comes to loving our animals. No matter what ways that you have connected to God's wonderful creation, such animals leave a fingerprint in our own hearts that lasts forever.

I am excited to announce that on Sunday, September 21st, we will be bringing back the Blessing of the Animals. I'm thrilled to bring this service back and the chance to be able to experience it with so many of you and all of your animals. This special service will be held on Sunday, September 21st, starting at 4:00 pm in the Trinity parking lot. I encourage all of the congregation to come and be a part of this service, please bringing a lawn chair, and any of your beloved animals to join in a brief service and a blessing.

Peace,
Pastor Will



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SEPTEMBER 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday Worship St Peter: 8:30am Worship /9:30 School Trinity: 10:15am Worship /9am School	1 LABOR DAY 	2 St Peter Council Mtg 6:30pm	3	4	5	6
7 Youth Sunday	8 Trinity Council Mtg 6pm	9 Quilting 1pm	10	11	12	13 Men's Breakfast 8am
14	15	16	17	18	19 Newsletter Articles Due	20
21 4pm Blessing of Animals Service	22	23 Faith Study 1pm	24 <div> <div>←</div> <div>Pastor</div> <div>→</div> </div>	25 Vacation	26	27
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September Volunteers

St Peter

DATE	USHER / CARPORT	BELL RINGER	COMMUNION	LECTOR	ACOLYTE
<i>September 7th Youth Sunday</i>	Bill & Rita M	Bob F	Bill & Rita M, Mary K	Bill M	Leila W
<i>September 14th</i>	Scott G, Jacie D	Jacie D	John S	Linda Z	Brett D
<i>September 21st</i>	Eugene F, Jennifer F	Dan K	Dan K	Erica T	Addyson K
<i>September 28th</i>	Bob F, Becca K	Bob F	Mary K	Mary K	Chase K

Trinity

DATE	USHER/CARPORT	COMMUNION	LECTOR
<i>September 7th Youth Sunday</i>	Richard & Janice H, Jim W, Jim W	Richard H, Randy A, Bill B	Richard H
<i>September 14th</i>	Denny & Patti B, David K	Denny B	David K
<i>September 21st</i>	Mike & Jayme B, LuAnn H	Mike B	Mike B
<i>September 28th</i>	Myron & Karen T, Renae W	_____	Myron T



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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

WELCOME BACK!

We are super excited to kick off our Sunday School season on
Sunday, September 7, 2025.

All children grade 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.

Classes:

Trinity: 9am-10am each week in the Parish Education Building.
St. Peter: 9:30am-10:30am each week in the church basement.



At church services that same day, we will do the blessing of the backpacks, teacher installation, and presentation of the 3rd Grade Bibles.



Make sure to bring your school Backpacks for the blessing!

Those receiving bibles include:
St. Peter: **Alayna B, Felicity F and Willie T;**
Trinity: **Deklan C, Ryker K,** and .

Church Services:

St Peter 8:30am and Trinity 10:15am

Please make plans to attend this special service.

Trinity's Cake Walk:

The annual cake walk tradition has come to an end and we will no longer be hosting it. We'd like to thank Myron and Karen T for helping us coordinate it the last several years and to all of the congregation that participated in it. It was a great event while we had it, but it's time to plan for some new activities in the future to host with the congregation.

Save the date!

We have the kids scheduled to sing at church services on **Sunday, October 12.**



More details to come next month but pencil in the date please.

***WE WANT YOUR HELP....
TEACHERS NEEDED!***

VOLUNTEER



As the Sunday School season approaches, we need teachers. Both churches break into two groups, Trinity: 4K—2nd grade and 3rd—6th grade and St Peter: 4K—3rd and 4th—6th. Our curriculum is on a three-year rotation and all lessons are in a binder, printed and ready to go so you can have access to them weeks in advance. If you have a child in Sunday School, please consider taking one or two Sunday's for the year. This would really help out. Anyone in the congregation is welcome to teach as well.

Trinity:

Please see the link below to sign up for any availability you might have. Thanks for your consideration in volunteering!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0544A9AE2AABF49-57971592-sunday>

FIRST COMMUNION



On Sunday, September 7th, 2025, 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 should have received a letter from the Pastor inviting you to this meeting and providing the potential dates of the classes. If you did not receive this letter or if you have any questions concerning 1st Communion, please contact Pastor Will.

YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group will be holding a bonfire in September. Date TBD... watch emails and Trinity/Youth Group social media.



**Journey with Jesus
Synod Youth Gathering**

On Feb 20-22, 2026 at Imago Dei Village, the Journey with Jesus Synod Youth Gathering will take place. Join us for a weekend of faith, fellowship, and fun.

More details to follow...

CONFIRMATION

Parents' meeting is scheduled for

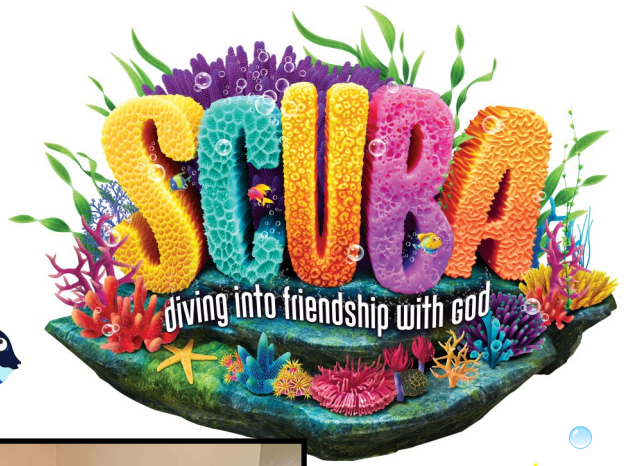
Wednesday, September 3rd at 6pm at Trinity

Classes start on

Wednesday, September 10th at 6pm at Trinity



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



2025



St Peter
&
Trinity



VBS 2025, Scuba: Diving into Friendship with God

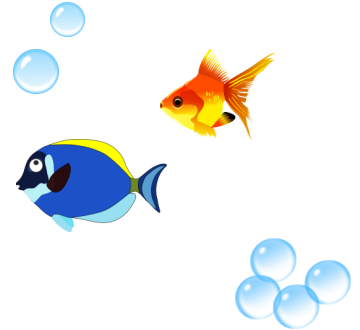


Trinity and St. Peter Parish Ed Committees worked together to put on Scuba VBS 2025. We had 21 kids registered for VBS. Over the three days, we learned three different ways that God is a Friend and how we can dive deeper into that friendship with God.

On Day 1, we learned that God is a friend who loves. (*Thanks, God!!*)

Bible Verse: "Just as I have loved you, you should love each other." John 13:34

Bible Story: God shows compassion to the people of Nineveh. (Jonah 1-3)



On Day 2, we learned that God is a friend who can trust. (*Thanks, God!!*)

Bible Verse: "I am leaving you with a gift-peace of mind and heart." John 14:27

Bible Story: Jesus calms a storm. (Mark 4:35-41)

On Day 3, we learned that God is a friend for everyone. (*Thanks, God!!*)

Bible Verse: "For this is how God Loved the World: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish, but have eternal life. John 3:16

Bible Story: Lydia believes in Jesus. (Acts 16:11-15)



activities



skits



dancing



All the kids participated in several stations. The **Sing & Play Splash Gathering** and the **Fin-tastic Finale** was led by Jayme B. The kids got to meet our old friend Sam (Wendy R), learned the phrase for the day and the bible verse, learned a few awesome songs and recapped the day.

In **Imagination Station**, Lynn K (with help from Marlo and Ava) helped the kids create Jonah and the whale cootie catchers, painted frames and decorated them (included a take home pic of each kid from VBS), created beach ball keepsakes and painted a silver dollar that could be used as an ornament.



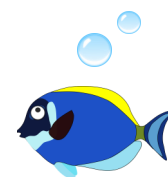


Becca K led us in the **Reef Rec** games and had to adapt to the stormy weather.





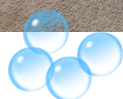
In **Deep Bible Adventures** Pastor Will taught the lesson of the day.



In **the Tidal Treats**, Heidi D got creative making strawberry shark bites, Jell-O squares, fish sticks (Dipped pretzels), crunch coral, sea food (gold fish and gummy worms), water and blue Hawaiian punch.



Many thanks to Taylor T for helping the Parish Ed Committee decorate the church like an under sea adventure.



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 Jayme B, Becca K, Heidi D, Lynn K and Pastor Will. Helpers were Wendy R, Pam B, Jacie D, Nicole D, Michelle G and Tylor T.



Thank you to all that volunteered to help!
VBS was a Fin-tastic good time!
THANKS GOD!!!

YOUTH CONTACTS

Youth Group

Mike & Jayme B
Mike & Jaisie K

Parish Education Committee: Trinity

Jayme B
Lynn K

Parish Education Committee: St. Peter

Rebecca K
Heidi D

Confirmation

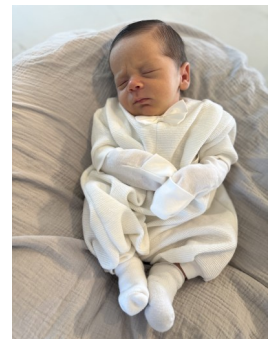
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Announcements



On August 17, 2025, St Peter welcomed Baker Henry H to their church family. He is the son of Tyler & Sami H. Proud big brothers are Porter & Decker. Baker's sponsors are Larry B & Nicole K. God's blessings to all!



Baker
Henry
H

VACATION REMINDER AND PASTORAL COVERAGE

Pastor Will is going on vacation **Wednesday, September 24 - Saturday, October 4**. He will be back in church on Sunday, October 5, 2025.

Mike B will be stepping in for Pulpit duties while Pastor is gone on Sunday, September 28, 2025.

While Pastor is on vacation, Dick and Janice H will be available for any home visits, hospital stays, or any other unexpected needs. If emergency care and/or a Pastor is needed, Dick and Janice will reach out to another Pastor accordingly.

You can reach them at:

- (Home)
- (Janice cell)
- (Dick cell)



Thank you Mike, Dick and Janice for helping with these responsibilities. Your thoughtfulness and kindness are appreciated more than you know.

Blessing of animal service

We are excited to bring back a special service on Sunday, August 21, 2025 at 4:00 pm in the Trinity parking lot for a service of blessing for our animals. Please bring a lawn chair and your Animals/pets. Even if you don't have one, please come and join in the fun to see the multitude of God's creation.

Peace,
Pastor Will



The Photo Directories are in!!!...

If you have your photo in the directory, you will receive a free one. The directories are on a table in the church entrance with your name on, waiting for you to pick them up. Enjoy!

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

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study

Join us as 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



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.

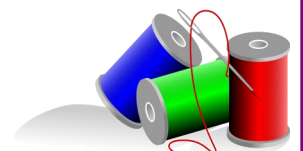
What happens during a typical group meeting? Each week you'll view a 30-minute video on a grief-related topic, featuring valuable insights from counselors, pastors, and others who've lost a loved one. Then your group will discuss the video and how it applies to your lives. You'll also receive a book 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

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

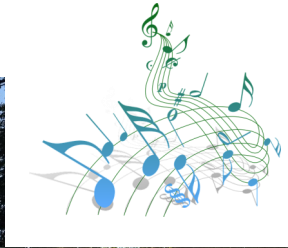


Trinity and St Peter's 2nd Annual Joint Outdoor Worship Service & Fellowship

Our Trinity/St. Peter Joint Outdoor Worship Service and Fellowship was a great success! We had 120 in attendance (up from last year), with quite a few who brought family and friends to join us. The weather was hot and sunny (maybe a bit too warm), but thankfully no rain. The entertainment and lunch was enjoyed by all. We were blessed by both food donations and a free will offering totaling \$853 which covered the band, meat preparation, and food/drink expenses; leaving a minor cost to each church of only \$58. Thanks for the amazing donations!

Many thanks also to the countless volunteers who helped set-up, clean-up, kept the food dishes plentiful, and also to those who attended the event! Without you all, it would not have been the joyous event that it was! Looking forward to next year's joint service!

The 2025 Planning Committee
Jacie D & Scott G (St. Peter)
Bobby D & Connie N (Trinity)



Roots of Faith

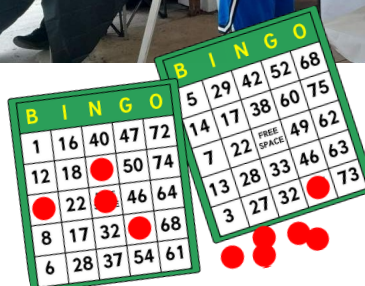
Has it been a few years or more since you talked about or even thought about what it means to be Lutheran? Maybe, you never had the opportunity to talk about it at all?

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). **More dates and details are coming soon.**



Thank you!

It takes a lot of hard work, organizing, and time to make fundraisers successful. That is just what St Peter Church did. A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and to those who participated. This is a great fundraiser and it wouldn't happen without your help. Thank you to David P & Karen S for chairing the event. Looking forward to next year...see you there!



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 11, 2025

Treasurer's Report – May-July 2025

General Fund: \$13,226.01

Income: \$41,534.85

Memorial Fund: \$188,801.38—includes value of 3 CDs=\$157,023.14

Expenses: \$26,234.33

Pastor's Report

- Pastor will be attending the Annual Theological Conference October 12th-15th (Monday-Wednesday) in Door County.
- Pastor will be taking vacation September 24th-October 4th.
- Pastor followed up with Compassus (hospice care center). They are looking to come to Trinity in September and give a speech about hospice and what services they provide.
- Trunk or Treat event-Pastor would still like to look at this as a possibility for this Halloween.

Old Business

- Time & Talent Survey-Survey draft will be updated and reviewed again at the September meeting. Tentative date to send out to congregation will be in October.
- Summer Joint Worship Service-Had 120 people in attendance. Ideas for next year include setting up the chairs for worship in a different formation (on grass-in shade). Band was good and food was great (pulled pork)!

New Business

- Insurance Renewal update - Insurance policy cost for 2024 was \$12,120 and it is going up to \$17,585 for 2025.
- Communion bread - Starting in September we'll go back to homemade bread verse communion wafers.
- Communion Chalice - will explore options for a new chalice and discuss it at meeting in September
- Property Committee review - Perry, Denny and Pastor Will have been mowing the lawn this summer-the time commitment is too great for just 3 people. Need to discuss changes for next year.
- Discussion of remodeling of sacristy to include a sink for washing communion ware. Will need to look at getting a cost estimate.
- Blessing of Animals service on Sunday, September 21st at 4:00 pm.

Next Council Meetings

St Peter Council Meeting:

Trinity Council Meeting:

Joint Council Meeting:

Tuesday, September 2, 2025 at 6:30pm

Monday, September 8, 2025 at 6:00pm

Tuesday, November 11, 2025 at 6:30pm (St Peter)



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