

PARISH GAZETTE

ELCA PARISH OF TRINITY - STETTIN
AND ST PETER LUTHERAN - HAMBURG

From the Pastor's Desk...

Rev. William O

²³ *By the Lord has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.*

²⁴ *This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. -Psalm 118:23-24*

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We begin this month with Easter which lends itself to such sentimental feelings for me. The season of Lent causes to us to think about the ways sin has become obstacles in our lives. Those obstacles that prevent us from growing, stretching, becoming the people that we could be. Then, Easter comes, and with it, Spring, and we begin to see new life. The sun is out longer, the grass becomes green again, the birds of the air and animals of the field begin to show themselves more. There is an honest joy and celebration of new life for us and for all creation around us.

In our community, there is a love and joy that we celebrate through work that will be done and for the dedication of what has been accomplished. The sounds of tractors preparing fields, equipment being repaired, new calves being born and weened, and the late-night glow in the air emanating from barns and tractor lights of work still to be done. These, too, are the sounds and sights of preparing new life. With May around the corner, we will soon gather together as we look forward to celebrating High School and College graduations, youth confirming their faith in an Affirmation of Baptism service, and many other ways of individuals stepping forward into the new areas of their lives. Over the next couple of months, we will be joining together in times of celebration and blessing. Please make sure to look through our announcements on the many upcoming ministry events.

My own hope and prayer is that every one of you has found a renewed joy, a time of peace as you speak to God and God's voice is heard in your heart. My heart is full of joy by what God has done and what God continues to do. May the Holy Spirit give us grace and courage to dream dreams and envision where God will guide our congregations and parish into this new year. Blessings and peace to you on behalf of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Peace,
 Pastor Will



April 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
St Peter: 8:30am Worship Trinity: 10:15am Worship			1 April Fools Day	2 Maundy Thursday Trinity 7pm	3 Good Friday Trinity 4:30pm St Peter 7pm	4
5 Easter Sunday Trinity 7am St Peter 9:30am	6 St Peter Council Meeting 6:30pm Pastor _____	7 Vacation	8	9	10	11 Men's Breakfast 8am LC Restaurant
12 Pastor Rich Block presiding	13 Trinity Council Meeting 6pm	14 Quilting 1pm Pastor Out Mtgs	15 Confirmands Only 6-7pm Trinity	16	17 Newsletter Articles Due May Issue	18
19 Blessing of Farm & Fields	20	21	22 Earth Day Confirmands Only 6-7pm Trinity	23	24	25
26	27	28 Faith Study 1pm	29 Confirmands Only 6-7pm Trinity	30		

TRINITY APRIL VOLUNTEERS

DATE	USHER	CARPORT	COM-MUNION	LEC-TOR
April 2nd 7pm Maundy Thursday	Jim W, Jim W	Richard & Janice H	Richard H	Richard H
April 3rd 4:30pm Good Friday	Renae W, Audrey M	Anya M	_____	Tim B
April 5th 7am Easter Sunday	Mike, Jayme, & Henry B	LuAnn H	Mike B, Jayme B, Bill B	Mike B
April 12th	Myron & Karen T	Kurt & Pam B	Randy A	Myron T
April 19th	Bill & Nancy B	Sandy U	Bill B	Bill B
April 26th	Audrey M, Anya M	Rick & Shari P	Renae W	Calla B



DATE	USHER / CARPORT	BELL RING-ER	COM-MUN-ION	LEC-TOR	ACO-LYTE
April 3rd 7pm Good Friday	John & Val S	Susan T	_____	Val S	_____
April 5th 9:30am Easter Sunday	Dave P, Michelle G	Dan K	Dan K, Jacie D, John S	Erica T	Grant B
April 12th	Bill & Rita M	Bob F	Amy F	Bill M	Leila W
April 19th	Scott G	Jacie D	John S	Linda Z	Brett D
April 26th	Eugene F, Jennifer F	Susan T	Mary K	Mary K	Addyson K

ST PETER APRIL VOLUNTEERS

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

Confirmands Only

All Wednesday classes will be held from 6-7pm at Trinity. The class schedule for the Confirmands will be as follows...

Classes: April 15, April 22, April 29, May 6
Break: May 13
Rehearsal: May 20



Join us on Sunday, June 7, 2026 for the Affirmation of Baptism for the following Confirmands...

Ethan B, Wyatt D, Owen G

Confirmation

Mike B

Pastor Will
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SUNDAY SCHOOL



Save the date...

VBS will be held **July 20-22, 2026**
(Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday)
at Trinity Church. Mark your calendars
for this Wild World Adventure!

More information to follow in the May Newsletter.

Parish Education Committee: Trinity

Jayne B

Nicole D

Parish Education Committee: St. Peter

Rebecca K

Heidi D

ANNOUNCEMENT

HOLY WEEK

Sunday, March 29th- Palm Sunday

Processional Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11

Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Matthew 26:14-35

“Longing for Courage”

Thursday, April 2nd- Maundy Thursday

Trinity: 7pm service

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

“Longing for Intimacy”

Friday, April 3rd- Good Friday

Trinity: 4:30pm service

St Peter: 7pm service

Isaiah 52:13–53:12

Psalm 22

Hebrews 10:16-25

John 18:1-19:42

“Longing for Solidarity”

Sunday, April 5th- Easter

Trinity: 7am service

St Peter: 9:30am service

Jeremiah 31:1-6

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Acts 10:34-43

John 20:1-18

“Longing for New Life”



Synod Assembly 2026 - Bishop Election

June 4-6, 2026

Oshkosh Marriott Waterfront Hotel
and Convention Center

Synod Assembly 2026 will be a particularly meaningful and historic gathering as it includes the election of a bishop.

Sending delegates to the East Central Synod of Wisconsin assembly in June allows a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to faithfully participate in the election of a bishop—who serves as a spiritual leader, pastor to the pastors, and partner in guiding the mission and ministry of congregations across the synod.

Congregations can support their delegates by praying for them, encouraging thoughtful discernment, and trusting them to listen for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as they participate in this important decision on behalf of the church.

LEARN MORE AT:

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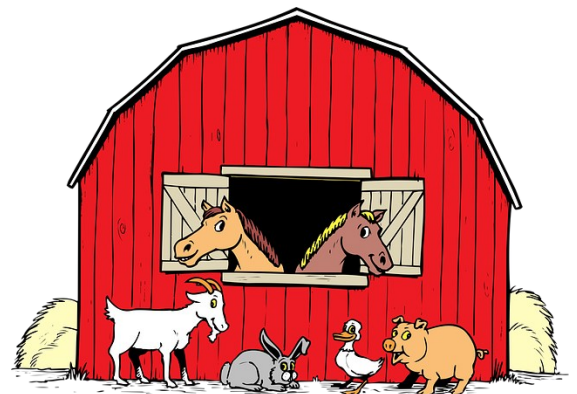
Trinity and St Peter can each elect two representatives to participate as voting delegates in this year's assembly. Please let Pastor Will know if you wish to attend.

Trinity's Altar Guild is looking for more volunteers to help fill some positions.

If you have any questions or are willing to help,
please contact Renae W.

Blessing of Farm and Fields (and Home)

During our **Sunday, April 19, 2026** Worship service, we will be doing a Blessing of Farm and Fields. As we give thanks to God for all creation that has been given to us and give thanks to the families, that through their hands, bless us with food that feeds us. In addition to the Blessing of Farm and Fields service, Pastor Will is coming to homes, farms, fields, and gardens to share in a time of thanksgiving and blessing for your family and the land you live on. If you would like to schedule a date for Pastor Will to come out and/or would like to have your farm or family name lifted up during our Sunday service, **please contact Pastor Will no later than Monday, April 13, 2026.**



Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who purchased flowers at Trinity and St Peter to share with all in attendance on Easter Sunday. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated! It will make the churches look absolutely festive on Easter morning. Again, thank you for your gifts!

Trinity Easter Lily Memorials

<u>Name</u>	<u>In Memory of...</u>
Ryan & Abby B	Loved Ones
Margo B	Loved Ones
Dennis & Patti B	Loved Ones
Bill & Nancy B	Loved Ones
Mike & Jayme B	Loved Ones
Mike & Krystle G	Loved Ones
LuAnn H	Wayne & Tim H
Ron & Elaine H	Loved Ones
Richard & Janice H	Our Parents & Cal H
Mark & Lisa H	Loved Ones
Herman H	Joyce H
Waine & Candy K	Dan K
Audrey M	Duane M
Audrey M	Loved Ones
Perry & Connie N	Loved Ones
Andy & Laurie P	Loved Ones
Lyle R	Jean R
Bryan & Renae We	Loved Ones
Raynard & Julaine Z	Loved Ones

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

St Peter's Altar Guild

Currently, Amy F handles all Altar Guild duties and is looking for volunteers willing to help out. This is a great responsibility for one person to handle alone. If anyone would be willing to change banners and/or seasonal linens one week a month to give Amy a break, it would be appreciated. The more volunteers, the lighter the work load for all. If you feel called to help with this special ministry, please contact Amy F. Thank you for your consideration.

Installation of Councils

On Sunday, March 1, 2026, St Peter and Trinity Churches held the installation of council members. Please pray for these individuals as they help to lead our Parish.



St Peter

Pictured L-R: Becca K, Patti B, Jacie D, Amy F, Scott G, & Pastor Will

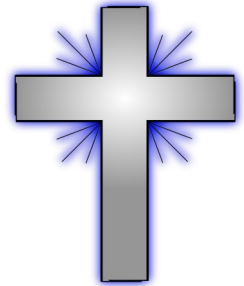
Not Present: Dale B, Nicole H, Robert J, & Susan M



Trinity

Pictured L-R: David K, Perry N, Anya M, Andy P, Pastor Will, Jim W, Mike B, & Rick P

Not Present: Shawn K & Renae W

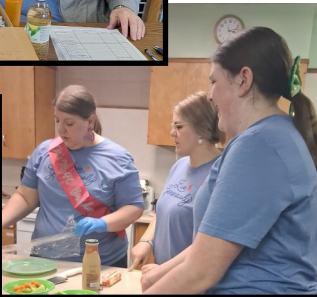


Thank You Volunteers!

Thank you to everyone who volunteers throughout our Parish. Whether you are on council or various committees, help to teach our youth, keep the property looking beautiful and functional, help out during our worship services, or any other act of kindness you do to keep the church running smoothly, **you are appreciated!** There are so many ways to volunteer within our Parish. If you would like to help but don't know what to do, contact a council member or the church office for guidance. Please know that you are all appreciated more than you know. **God Bless and Thanks Again!!!**



St Peter Lutheran Church 34th Annual Chili Supper





Saturday, March 14, 2026 was another successful Chili Supper at St Peter Lutheran Church. A lot of time, planning, and hard work goes into the Chili Supper and Raffle. Thank you to the committee and all the volunteers who made this event a success. If you donated items for the food or raffles, thank you. If you helped with set up, making food, washing dishes, selling tickets, serving food or cleaning up at the end of the day, thank you. If you came as a guest to enjoy the event, thank you. This fundraiser wouldn't be possible without any of your help! **Again, thank you all!**

GRADUATES

During our **Sunday, May 17th, 2026** Worship Service, we will be recognizing our 2025-2026 School year High School and College Graduates. If you have a Graduate that would like to be included in this years' service, please submit to Pastor Will:

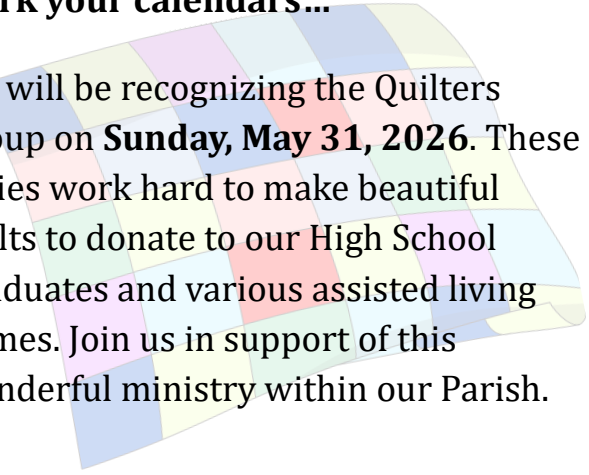
- The School they are Graduating from
- Any future Plans:
 - * College or Tech School they are attending
 - * Degree Major or program they are pursuing
 - * Military Branch if serving
 - * Career Plans after School



All submissions must be in by Monday, April 27, 2026.

Mark your calendars...

We will be recognizing the Quilters Group on **Sunday, May 31, 2026**. These ladies work hard to make beautiful quilts to donate to our High School Graduates and various assisted living homes. Join us in support of this wonderful ministry within our Parish.



Job Opportunity

The Greater Wausau Christian Services is seeking a **new Director**. This is a paid position that is very rewarding! If anyone has an interest in this position or is looking for more information, please contact the board president, Richard H. Thank you for your consideration and continued support!

[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.

Next Council Meetings

St Peter Council Meeting: Monday, April 6, 2026 at 6:30pm
Trinity Council Meeting: Monday, April 13, 2026 at 6:00pm
Joint Council Meeting: Tuesday, November 10, 2026 at 6:30pm (St Peter)



**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Summary
March 9, 2026**

Treasurer's Report – February 2026

General Fund: \$25,815.39 Memorial Fund: \$218,101.18—includes value of 5 CDs=\$187,396.07
Milestone Fund: \$1,388.15 Thrivent (AED Fund): \$425.00
Income: \$9679.46 Expenses: \$18,522.61

Pastor's Report

- Confirmation Sunday will be on June 7, 2026.
- April 12th will be Pastor Rick Block providing Pulpit Supply.
- Habitat for Humanity - will post in the Sunday bulletin for volunteers.

Old Business

- Synod Assembly Representative information was reviewed. The conference will be in Oshkosh. This year there is a 3-day conference, June 4-6th with registration starting in March. No one has volunteered to represent Trinity at this time.

New Business

- Update on Church Maintenance- wiring to be done by Seliger Electric.
- Spires- Carpenter to replace with cost to us being materials only.

**ST. PETER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY
March 2, 2026**

Pastor's Report:

- Upcoming Pastor Vacation - April 6th-12th, 2026. On Sunday April 12th Pastor Rich Block covering.
- Good Friday - Reminder we are still looking for volunteers for Good Friday service.

Old Business:

- Building Maintenance - North outside light, furnace issues/update, mold on basement wall
 - * The North outside light is in process of being replaced.
 - * Regarding the furnace, the thermostat is not programmed to any certain settings. It was recommended to keep basement doors open to avoid mold issue, however this causes the furnace to run constantly and heat the bell tower and recommended by another to keep basement doors closed.
 - * There is no mold in the area that was most recently remediated. Plan to keep the doors shut, consider placing a humidistat in the basement.
 - * Discussed exhaust fans in kitchen (for use during chili supper). These are loud and could consider replacing them if needed.
 - * Will also discuss in the future running the dehumidifiers in summer.
- Habitat for Humanity of Wausau "special collection" Sunday - 3/22 for special collection with labeled collection plate to be placed out. Information will be put in the bulletin.

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