

MAY 2026

PARISH GAZETTE

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

From the Pastor's Desk...

Rev. William O

Jesus speaks, "I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit..."

-John 15:5a

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May is often a time of transition. Our glimpses of Spring are now getting longer, and with it, our sense of Easter and of new life that comes with it. As our youth are counting down the days until the end of school, and for some of them, these days are marked with Graduations and the beginning of a new journey in their lives. We also recognize that with the coming months, comes a shift when many families will be traveling, whether on vacations or to the many games and tournaments of Baseball, Basketball, Volleyball, Track, Football, Hockey, Lacrosse, and the list can go on. For others, these coming months means many miles to be made in the fields and gardens caring for God's creation.

Wherever you may go, we do know that we, as the church, as the body of Christ, go with you. The Holy Spirit that binds us is the Spirit that gathers us together and sends us out into the world as we live in God's creation and among God's people.

Over the next couple of months through August, I would like us to be able to share those moments with each other as we are a *Church at Large*. You have seen me post pictures in the past of my travels, I would love to have you share those pictures of your own adventures. Those moments that are filled with celebration, smiles, laughter, teamwork, or in awe. Please send me pictures of your practices, games, tournaments, your pictures of new adventures, your summer gatherings, your view from the fields and barns, or anywhere you capture the presence of the Holy Spirit. We will post these in the Newsletters to showcase who we are and things we do as a Church together and as a Church sent out.

Peace, Pastor Will





MAY 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
St Peter: 8:30am Worship Trinity: 10:15am Worship					1	2
3	4 St Peter Council Mtg 6:30pm	5	6 Confirmands Trinity 6-7pm	7	8	9 Men's Breakfast 8am LC Rest.
10 Mother's Day	11 Trinity Council Mtg 6pm	12 Quilting 1pm Trinity Ed Bldg Pastor out—Mtg	13	14	15	16 Trinity 1pm Life Celebration Corby Erickson
17 Graduation Recognition	18	19	20 Rehearsal Confirmands Trinity 6-7pm	21 Pastor Out—Mtg	22 Newsletter Articles Due June Issue	23
24	25  Memorial Day	26 Faith Study 1pm Trinity Ed Bldg	27	28	29	30
31 Quilter's Recognition						

TRINITY MAY VOLUNTEERS

DATE	USHER	CARPORT	COM-MUNION	LECTOR
May 3rd	Mike & Jayme B	LuAnn H	Mike B	Jayme B
May 10th Mother's Day	Bill & Nancy B	Sandy U	Bill B	Calla B
May 17th Graduation Rec.	Myron & Karen T	Kurt & Pam B	Randy A	Kay G
May 24th Memorial Wknd	Rena W, Jim W	Richard & Janice H	Richard H	Richard H
Mary 31st Quilter Rec.	David & Christine K	Robert D	Christine K	David K



DATE	USHER / CARPORT	BELL RING-ER	COM-MUN-ION	LEC-TOR	ACO-LYTE
May 3rd	Becca K, Bob F	Bob F	Amy F	Erica T	Chase K
May 10th Mother's Day	Scott G, Jacie D	Jacie D	John S	Val S	Deacon D
May 17th Graduation Rec.	Dave P, Michelle G	Dan K	Dan K	Mary S	Grant B
May 24th Memorial Wknd	Lyle & Linda Ze	Bob F	Amy F	Linda Z	Leila W
Mary 31st Quilter Rec.	John & Val S	Scott G	Jacie D	Val S	Brett D

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

Classes: **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

A huge THANK YOU goes out to all those who worked with the Sunday School Children this past year! The time and effort you give to our youth doesn't go unnoticed. Please reach out to the following individuals and let them know how much you appreciate them.

Trinity:

Jayme B, Lynn K, Nicole D,
Joel B, and Pam B

St Peter:

Becca K, Heidi D, and Tarrah B

Please consider being a Sunday School Teacher or Helper during the 2026/2027 school year. Many hands make for lighter work. Reach out to a Parish Committee member if you can help with this special ministry. The rewards are greater than you know!

Something grrrrreat is coming! VBS 2026,



I can “Bearly” wait!

Trinity & St. Peter Churches
invite Children to

True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World

A summer kids’ event called
True North will be hosted at
Trinity in Stettin from
**Monday, July 20 thru
Wednesday, July 22, 2026**

At True North, kids discover what it means to trust Jesus in a wild world! Kids participate in memorable Bible learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and devour yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible Adventures, meet Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of Jesus’ love, and test out sciency-fun experiments they’ll never forget. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with a Compass Closing that gets everyone involved in living what they’ve learned.

True North is for kids from 4K to 6th Grade and will start promptly at 5:30PM and end at 8:00PM each day. Registration forms will be in the June newsletter. For more information see anyone on the Parish Ed Committee.



Parish Education Committee: Trinity

Jayne B

Nicole D

Parish Education Committee: St. Peter

Rebecca K

Heidi D

SINGING IN CHURCH

Trinity's Sunday School Children sang during the Palm Sunday worship service on March 29, 2026. They did an excellent job!



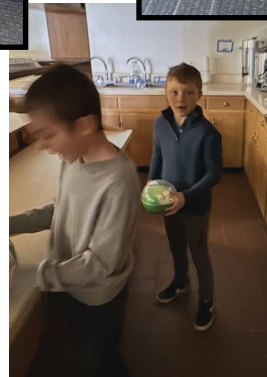
St Peter

Trinity



What an amazing job the St Peter's Sunday School Children did as they sang during the worship service on Sunday, March 22, 2026.

Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026 was the last day of Sunday School for both Trinity and St Peter. Trinity had an egg hunt and special activities for the kids on their last day of Sunday School.



Enjoy your summer and we will see you all at Vacation Bible School!

[ANNOUNCEMENTS]

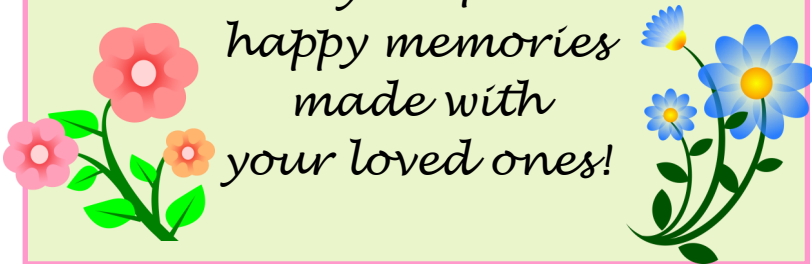
Mark your calendars...

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.

Happy Mother's Day to all the "Mom's" in our Parish!

Sunday, May 10, 2026

May God bless you all with another year filled with happy memories made with your loved ones!



MEMORIAL DAY...

..IS THE DAY THAT'S SET ASIDE TO REMEMBER WITH GRATITUDE AND PRIDE ALL THOSE WHO SERVED AND DIED FOR OUR COUNTRY AND OUR FREEDOM.

MAY YOUR DAY BE FILLED WITH MEMORIES AND PEACE.
GOD BLESS AMERICA

May 25, 2026

GRADUATES

During our **Sunday, May 17th, 2026** Worship Service, we will be recognizing our 2025-2026 School year High School and College Graduates.



News About Greater Wausau Christian Services

We have hired a new pastor as director of GWCS. His name is Scott Miller. Pastor Miller is living in Wyoming now, but will move to Wisconsin in June. Pastor Miller is an ordained pastor that will direct our jail and eldercare services in Wausau. Thank you members of Trinity for supporting GWCS and their goal of spreading the word of the Lord to elder care facilities and inmates in jail.

Richard H

Save the Dates...

Based on voting from both congregations at the Annual Meetings, there will be two joint services this summer. This gives both churches the ability to host an event for our Parish. We hope to see and visit with you all at these services!



Trinity & St Peter's 1st Annual Joint Worship Service & Fellowship

DATE: *Sunday, June 14, 2026*

TIME: *9:00 am Service / Bars & Refreshments to follow*

PLACE: *Hosted by St Peter - Hamburg*

More details to come in the June Newsletter.

Committee: Scott G, Bob & Amy F



Trinity and St Peter's 3rd Annual Joint Outdoor Worship Service & Fellowship Picnic

DATE: *Sunday, July 26, 2026*

TIME: *10:00 am Service / Picnic to follow*

PLACE: *Hosted by Trinity - Stettin*

More details to come in the June Newsletter.

*Committee: Mike B, Bob D, Scott G,
Bob & Amy F*



ST PETER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH 2026 SPRING FLOWER FUNDRAISER

Spring Flower Sale Earnings

\$1,811.50

Spring Flower Expense

(\$1,202.10)

Total Spring Flower Earnings

\$609.40

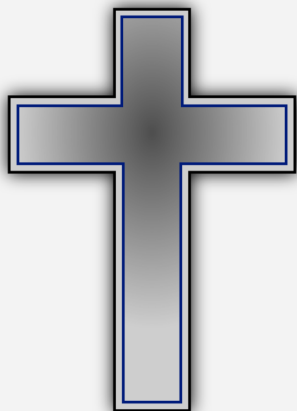


Spring Flower Transactions:

*Gross Earnings were deposited 02.20.2026 & 03.30.2026; Expenses were paid out of General Checking on 02.19.2026.

*Net Earnings of \$609.40 transferred to Building Fund on 04.13.2026.

The following groups will be finishing up there get-togethers in the month of May. They will start up again in September taking June, July, and August off. Enjoy the summer!



St Peter Church Council

Monday, May 4th at 6:30pm St Peter Fellowship Hall

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, May 9, 2026 at 8am LC Restaurant
All Men are welcome to attend!

Trinity Church Council

Monday, May 11th at 6pm Trinity Education Building
Monday, June 8th at 6pm Trinity Education Building
Trinity Church Council will take off July and August.

Quilting

Tuesday, May 12th at 1pm Trinity Ed Building
Everyone is welcome to join!

Faith Study

Tuesday, May 26th at 1pm Trinity Education Building
Bring a friend. All are welcome!

ST. PETER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH 2026 CHILI SUPPER & RAFFLE

Chili Supper - Gross Earnings \$5,096.00

Chili Supper Expenses

Coffee	(\$18.98)
Hamburger	(\$808.00)
Onions	(\$30.00)
Generator	(\$206.50)
Seasonings	(\$29.94)
Total Chili Supper Expenses	(\$1,093.42)
Chili Supper - Net Earnings	<u>\$4,002.58</u>

Raffle - Gross Earnings \$2,904.00

Raffle Expenses

Annual Raffle Filing - Report & Renewal Application	(\$50.00)
Total Raffle Expenses	(\$50.00)
Raffle - Net Earnings	<u>\$2,854.00</u>

Total Chili Supper & Raffle Ticket Earnings \$6,856.58

Chili & Raffle gross earnings were deposited into the General Checking Account on 03.17.2026 & 03.30.2026 and net earnings then transferred to the Building Fund on 04.13.2026.

Chili Committee: Patti B, Sharon B, Susan T, Geraldine V

Haley E, Jamie H, Becca K, Heidi D & Susan M

Thrivent Fund Donation of \$500.00 was used toward chili supper supplies.

Thank you to all who donated funds & items, volunteered, and attended the event; it was another successful year!



Trinity Congregation,

We are looking for a number of volunteers to assist with the watering of the planters on the church property. This is important while still being a simple way to keep our church grounds looking beautiful and welcoming. We are asking that volunteers please sign up to help share the responsibility. A suggested idea was to sign up for one day a week for the summer.

If you are willing to help, please sign up on the calendar located near the church mailboxes. Please know that any time you can give is greatly appreciated!

Thank you for your 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.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Meeting Summary April 13, 2026

Treasurer's Report – March 2026

General Fund: 25,035.40	Memorial Fund: \$220,960.14—includes value of 5 CDs=\$188,658.14
Milestone Fund: \$1240.05	Thrivent (AED Fund): \$1042.00
Income: \$16,091.68	Expenses: \$15,422.35

Pastor's Report

Donation received for the AED

Old Business

- Letter was received from Habitat for Humanity requesting monetary donation or volunteers. Motion to do a free will offering was made.
- Summer Outdoor worship update. Church Mutual Choir will be providing the music.
- Property Committee update. Electrician will be meeting with council member this week.
- Church painting and Spires are scheduled to be done.
- Sign-up sheet for plant watering will be in back of church.

New Business

- Contacting businesses to look at asphalt around church.
- Meeting with someone to look at speaker system.

**ST. PETER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY
April 6, 2026**

Old Business:

- Building Maintenance -
 - ** North outside light fixed and working nice.
 - ** Furnace: The downstairs door needs to be closed to prevent furnace from constantly running. Plan to put furnace at 55 for summer.
 - ** Mold issue: To keep mold from coming back, there is a dehumidifier in the kitchen under the sink in the basement. Will order a humidistat for the basement.
- Habitat for Humanity of Wausau collection -
 - ** \$132 was collected. Discussed church contribution in addition to collection. Motion to supplement additional amount to total \$250 for donation.
- June summer service -
 - ** St. Peter is hosting a joint service June 14th. St. Peter will plan to have bars and refreshments available for fellowship at the June joint service.

New Business:

- Church sign -
 - ** Discussed ideas on utilization of our sign, especially for when there are church events and service time changes.
- Projects -
 - ** Discussed other projects needed around the church including flooring in basement as it is very scratched up. Could look into the option of textured floor paint. Will table for next month. Additional project ideas include potentially having the ledges in church dusted/lights raised, having someone wash all the windows for inside and outside and spraying for bugs.
 - + Motion to obtain an estimate from Marathon Pest Control for spraying windows and doors for bugs.
 - + Motion to obtain an estimate for window washing once appropriate after spraying for bugs.
- New banners -
 - ** Looking into new banners and updating for every season.
- Youth request for assistance with mission trip FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) trip -
 - ** A youth member would like to do mission trip to North Dakota this summer 2026 where they will work with children. *We will plan a Sunday where she presents to the church and can place into bulletin/newsletter. Plan for Freewill offering during the church service this is presented at.*



Next Council Meetings

St Peter Council Meeting: Monday, May 4, 2026 at 6:30pm
Trinity Council Meeting: Monday, May 11, 2026 at 6:00pm
Joint Council Meeting: Tuesday, November 10, 2026 at 6:30pm (St Peter)

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