

PARISH GAZETTE

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

From the Pastor's Desk...

Rev. William Ostrem

37 Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink?' 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' 40 And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' -Matthew 25:37-40

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This past June 4-6th, I attended the East Central Synod Assembly. As we gathered as congregations in shared ministry together, we took a look at the ministry we have done, and we discussed our vision of the larger church in the years ahead. Among the discussions, there was vibrant planning with the 18 congregations of the Wisconsin River Valley Conference that we are a part of. It was inspiring to see the excitement for future ways of how we can collaborate together as we serve our communities and neighbors.

As a synod, one of the big discussions that came among us was the election of our Synodical Bishop. On day 2 of our assembly, Bishop Anne Edison-Albright was re-elected for a second term of 6 years to serve as our Bishop overseeing the ministry within our Synod.

This year's theme of the assembly was *"To Strive For Justice and Peace in All the Earth"*. This marked the 6th and last part of the overall theme. The others being,

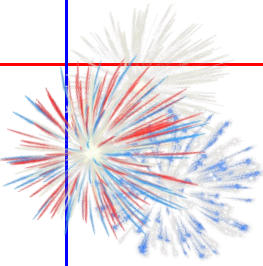
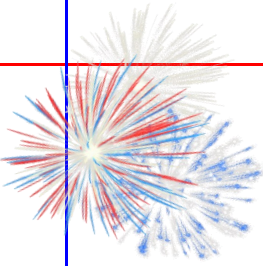

- "Finding God in Empty Spaces"*
- "To Live among God's Faithful People"*
- "To Hear the Words of God and Share in the Lord's Supper"*
- "To Proclaim the Good News of God in Christ Through Word and Deed"*
- "To Serve All People Following the Example of Jesus"*

If these 6 statements of faith sound familiar, they are a part of the statements of faith read at every Baptism. These statements are both a reassurance of God's faithful love and as a call of the Holy Spirit for us, through faith, to live these out. These words hold us together as we come to the water and the Word to be the body of Christ in the world today.

As, we too, look back on our ministry to our neighbors and look ahead to the care of neighbors around us, may we ask ourselves some questions. How do we be a part of our communities around us? How do we lift up these things to live among God's faithful people? How do we hold ourselves and each other accountable for the work of the Holy Spirit that Christ calls us into? To proclaim the Word of God through words and deeds? To bring forth Christ's love to this world through listening, kindness, and compassion? How do we strive for justice and peace in all the earth? Where do we hear God's voice not with a shout, but in a whisper? A whisper that is felt in our hearts and minds in seeking out a closer and faithful relationship. To be not only the people of God, but to be the church together.

Peace, Pastor Will

July 2026

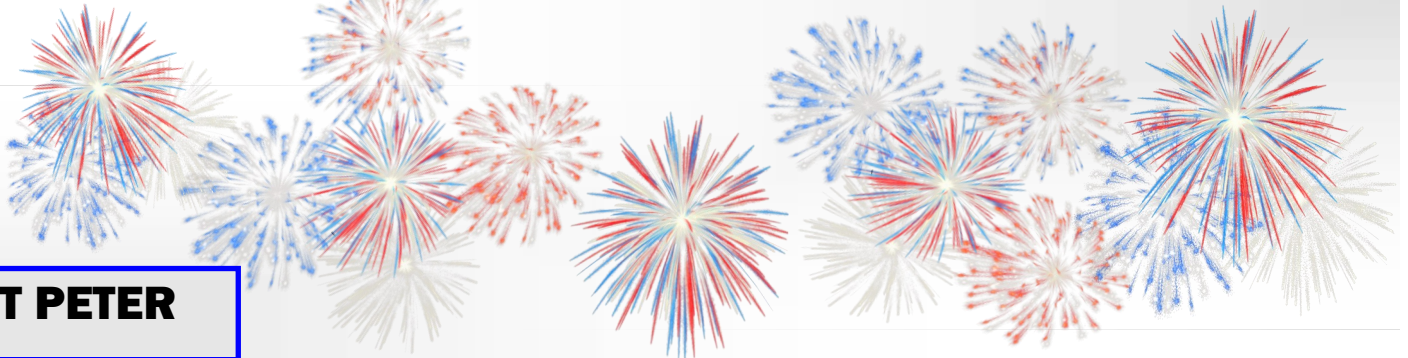
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St Peter: 8:30am Worship Trinity: 10:15am Worship			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

TRINITY JULY VOLUNTEERS



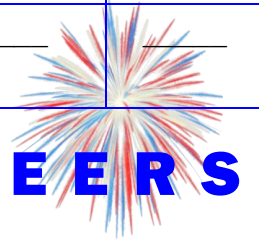
TRINITY

DATE	USHER	CARPORT	COM-MUNION	LECTOR
July 5th	Bill & Nancy B	Sandy U	Bill B	Calla B
July 12th	David & Chris K	Robert D	Chris K	David K
July 19th	Myron & Karen T	Kurt & Pam B	Randy A	Kay G
July 26th 10am Joint Outdoor Svc	Mike & Jayme B	LuAnn H	Jayme Bu	Mike B



ST PETER

DATE	USHER / CARPORT	BELL RING-ER	COM-MUN-ION	LEC-TOR	ACO-LYTE
July 5th	David P, Michelle G	Susan T	Mary K	Mary K	—
July 12th	Lyle & Linda Z	Bob F	Amy F	Linda Z	—
July 19th	John & Val S	Scott G	Jacie D	Val S	—
July 26th 10am Joint Outdoor Svc	—	—	—	—	—



ST PETER JULY 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.

Trinity and St Peter Vacation Bible School



True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World

Monday, July 20 thru
Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Looking forward to Mountains of fun with you all!

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.



If you haven't already registered for this **GRRRRreat** event, please reach out to someone on the Parish Education Committee as soon as possible.

Parish Education Committee: Trinity

Jayne B

Nicole D

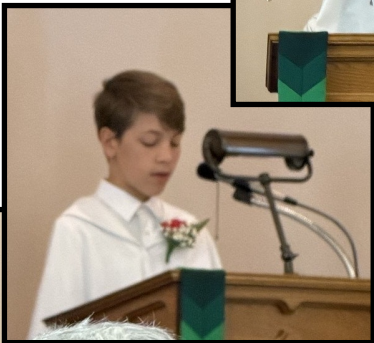
Parish Education Committee: St. Peter

Rebecca K

Heidi D

CONFIRMATION

Affirmation of Baptism



Sunday, June 7, 2026

Ethan B

Son of Scott & Amber B

Wyatt D

Son of Kendall & Nikki D

Owen G

Son of Michael & Krystle G



ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

On **Sunday, July 19, 2026**, both churches will be celebrating the newest members of our Parish. There will be a time of fellowship following the worship services. Please join us in making them feel welcome to our church families!

Trinity:
Robert & Kelli B , Emely
Dustin & Kristine P , Kinley

St Peter:
Alan & Betsy B



Athen's Fair!
And

And



August 21-23, 2026

There is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall at St Peter Church for anyone wishing to help out at this event. This is a wonderful opportunity to give of your time while having fun, raising money for the church. Thank you in advance for your help.

If you have any questions, please contact David P or Karen S

Joint Worship Service *at* *St Peter Church*

On Sunday, June 14, 2026, St Peter hosted a joint worship service. There was a time of fellowship to follow which included, refreshments and desserts. Thank you to all who attended and spent time visiting with other members of our Parish. Bringing everyone together through Christ is such a joy!



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

You are Invited to join us...

Who: Everyone is Welcome!
What: Outdoor Joint Worship Service
When: Sunday, July 26, 2026
Where: Trinity's Patio
Time: 10:00 a.m. Worship
Music: The Balsam Road Ramblers



Enjoy lunch and fellowship following the service.

A free will offering will be taken and used for the band and lunch expenses.

Handicap/Drive-up parking available

Folding chairs will be set up for the service and lunch but feel free to bring your comfy collapsible.



Look for Sign-up sheets at both churches to help us get a tentative count for food planning.



Utilizing Trinity's church & basement will be the back up plan in case of rain.

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:

Joel B , Mike B , Bob D , Scott G , Bob & Amy F

Looking forward to time spent together!

Blessing of Quilts Sunday



The quilting group gets together to work on projects from September through May each year. On Sunday, May 31, 2026, both Trinity and St Peter Churches had a blessing for the quilts and the hands that made them. The quilts were placed on the church pews for members to admire, touch and bless. These beautiful items have been taken to area nursing and assisted living homes to be enjoyed by all who receive them. Thank you to all the ladies who put so much time and hard work into all these amazing works of art.

If you would like to be a part of this wonderful ministry, the quilting group would love to have you join them. They meet every 4th Tuesday of the month in the Trinity Education Building at 1pm. No experience is needed as the group will show you what needs to be done. This is a great way to get out and visit with others as everyone works together to create these beautiful quilts.

Thank you again to all who have worked so diligently for this amazing ministry. May God continue to bless you all!

Planting flowers at Trinity Church



It was a group effort to get the flowers planted at Trinity. Thank you to David & Chris K, LuAnn H, Jayme B, and Joel B for taking time out of your busy schedules to get the planters ready for summer. They look beautiful!

Baptism

August Allen K
Sunday,
June 7, 2026



Through water and the Word, August Allen K, son of Ben & Nicole K was baptized into Christ at St Peter Church. August's sponsors are Becky W and Marielle N.

Congratulations and God's blessings to all!

Deadline Reminders

Bulletin announcements:

Due by 9am Tuesday mornings. Bulletins are usually completed on Tuesdays.

Newsletter Articles:

Due by end of day the 3rd Friday of the month.

I will be out of the office on Thursday, July 2-Thursday, July 9 for vacation. If you have any announcements while I'm gone, please reach out to Pastor Will so he can verbally share them during worship. I will be back in the office on Tuesday, July 14th.

Wendy



[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 June 8, 2026

Treasurer's Report – May 2026

General Fund: \$25,711.24

Memorial Fund: \$223,680.04–value of 5 CDs=\$189,379.72

Milestone Fund: \$1149.05

Thrivent (AED Fund): \$1067.00

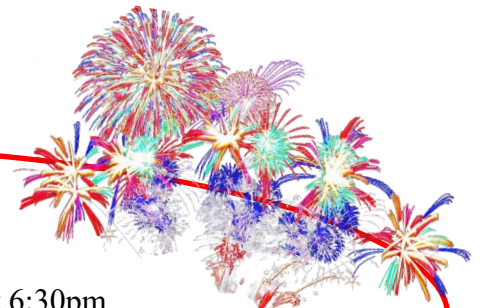
Income: \$7147.56 Expenses: \$16,373.93

Pastor's Report

- St Peter's joint worship to be held June 14th at 9:00am with fellowship to follow.
- Sunday July 19th will be New Member welcome with fellowship to follow.
- Pastor vacation, September 25-October 3.
- Blessing of first communicants on October 4.
 - * Blessing of Animals Service Scheduled for afternoon service.

Old Business

- Summer Outdoor worship update. Set up will be at 8:00am. Music will be provided by Balsam Road Ramblers.
- Spires not yet completed. Getting estimates for asphalt around the church.
- New microphones purchased for speaker system.
- Fire inspection completed. Needs to have a barrier around the LP Tank.



Next Council Meetings

St Peter Council Meeting: Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 6:30pm

Trinity Council Meeting: Monday, June 8, 2026 at 6:00pm

Joint Council Meeting: Tuesday, November 10, 2026 at 6:30pm (St Peter)

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