

PARISH GAZETTE

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

From the Pastor's Desk...

Rev. William O

*¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ^{15b} I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.
-John 15:11,15*

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This past July 11th marked a milestone for all of us. This day commemorated not only my 5 years of Ordination, but also 5 years of us being together in ministry. I want to take this opportunity to say Thank You.

- Thank you for calling me to this place that I have called home.
- Thank you for allowing me to serve God among such wonderful creation.
- Thank you for welcoming me here, to be in your beautiful buildings of history and traditions.
- Thank you to all who have allowed me to journey with them.
- Thank you!

These 5 years have been a time of change for all of us. You have learned about me as I have learned about you. We have explored new ways of seeing Christ and the Holy Spirit move around us and in us. We have shared in new liturgy, settings, new ways of building relationships between these two congregations. We have laughed and shared joys of Baptisms, First Communions, Weddings, and celebrations. We have cried together when our beloved saints have received eternal life. Many of you have shared with me your lives, your stories, your families, and I treasure each one of them in my heart and I am humbled to bear witness to them.

These 5 years did have some growing pains, but we found fellowship at God's table where we are always siblings in Christ, we found forgiveness at the foot of the cross, and enjoyed the Easter mornings of a new life and new day together. Thank you for these 5 years and I look forward to the next 5 years to see where the Holy Spirit calls to us next.

Peace,
Pastor Will





AUGUST 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
St Peter: 8:30am Worship Trinity: 10:15am Worship						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
← Pastor Out - Retreat →						
16	17	18	19	20	21 Newsletter Articles Due Sept Issue ←	22 BINGO →
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
← BINGO						
30	31					

TRINITY AUGUST VOLUNTEERS



TRINITY

DATE	USHER	CARPORT	COM-MUNION	LECTOR
August 2nd	Bill & Nancy B	Sandy U	Bill B	Calla B
August 9th	Renae W, Jim W	Richard & Janice H	Richard H	Richard H
August 16th	Myron & Karen T	Kurt & Pam B	Randy A	Myron T
August 23rd	David & Chris K	Robert D	Chris K	David K
August 30th	Mike & Jayme B	LuAnn H	Mike B	Jayme B



ST PETER

DATE	USHER / CARPORT	BELL RING- ER	COM-MUN- ION	LEC-TOR	ACO-LYTE
August 2nd	Scott & Mary S	Dan K	Dan K	Mary S	_____
August 9th	Eugene F, Jennifer F	Susan T	Mary K	Mary K	_____
August 16th	Becca K, Bob F	Bob F	Amy F	Erica T	_____
August 23rd	Scott G, Jacie D	Jacie D	John S	Val S	_____
August 30th	David P, Michelle G	Dan K	Dan K	Mary S	

ST PETER AUGUST 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.

FIRST COMMUNION

On **September 20, 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 First Communion will be receiving a letter from Pastor Will inviting you to this meeting and providing the potential dates of the classes. If you do not receive this letter by August 17th or if you have any questions concerning First Communion, please contact Pastor Will.



CONFIRMATION

We will be starting Confirmation Classes for the 2026-27 School year on **Wednesday, September 9th**. Please mark your calendars as this will be a parents meeting as we go over all the details and expectations. For those affirming their Baptism this year, the Affirmation of Baptism service will be on Sunday, May 16, 2027. We will be sending out a Parents letter this month containing all the details.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are so excited to start the Sunday School season on **September 20th**. 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 20th, we ask that if there are any NEW students that will be attending Sunday School, you reach out to Jayme or Becca by **August 16**. 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!



Trinity and St Peter Vacation Bible School



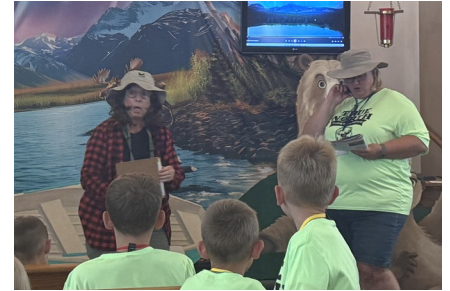
A **GRRReat** time was had by all in attendance at **True North: Trusting Jesus in a wild world!** Many activities, stories, and adventures took place July 20-22, 2026. Thank you to all the volunteers, parents, and kids in attendance.



Singing
& Dancing



Bible
Adventures



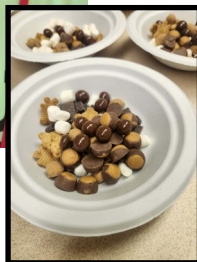
Skits



Imagination
Station



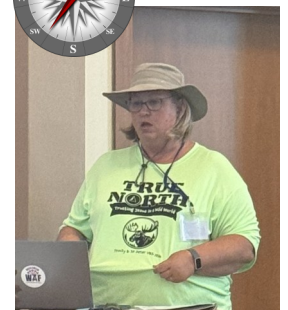
S'more
Snacks



Experiments



Games



Here are a few pictures of our wild adventures!
More pictures will be posted in the September Newsletter.

YOUTH CONTACTS

Confirmation

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Jayme B:

Nicole D:

Parish Education Committee: St. Peter

Rebecca K:

Heidi D:

[ANNOUNCEMENTS]

Everyone is welcome to join in the fun!

Please stop in and play a few rounds of BINGO at the Athen's Fair.

We would love for you to attend. Hope to see you there!

Athen's Fair!



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 and raising money for the church. Thank you in advance for your help.

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

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY – BOOK OF JOB

Job is a book of great conversation as it narrates the life of a man under a great ordeal, discernment, and testing of his faith. Have you too ever asked those questions of, “Why?” For our Fall Bible study this year, we will be looking at the book of Job in the Old Testament. We will be meeting on Sunday mornings starting in September and going 4-6 weeks. There will be sheet on the bulletin board to collect names of those interested to prepare for the class. Further details will be coming.



MEN'S BREAKFAST AND BIBLE STUDY

Beginning on September 12th, 2026, the Men's Breakfast will be starting back up. We typically meet on the 2nd Saturday of the month at LC's Restaurant, Marathon, starting at 8:00 am. I look forward to seeing everyone there for conversation and fellowship. Please mark your calendars for the future dates this year:

September 12th
October 10th
November 14th
December 12th
January 8th
February 20th
March 13th
April 10th
May 8th



GriefShare

GriefShare is a 13-week video session and is a national program to help Individuals to journey with the death of a loved one or someone very close to you. The sessions begin with discussion, viewing a 30-minute video, and following with more discussion.

We will be offering a Fall Session at St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Wausau beginning on Monday, September 14th and ending December 7, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. You can register by contacting Shirley O by email OR go to the [GriefShare.org](https://www.GriefShare.org) website.

PRAISE FOR A PURPOSE

Praise for a Purpose will be a night of worship and fellowship to benefit Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) is the leading national non-profit dedicated to building and delivering beds to children in need. Invite your friends and family to this unique event to support this worthwhile cause through worship, fellowship, and service on **Friday, August 7 at Saint Andrew Church, Rib Mountain.**

Friday, August 7 Schedule:

6:00 pm Fellowship will feature an ice cream social, hands-on activities to support SHP, SHP Information, how to volunteer, and donation collection of pillows and pillowcases.

7:00 pm Worship will feature joyful music, meaningful scripture, stories about SHP's impact, and a monetary offering collection for SHP.

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.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY: FIRE ON THE MOUNTAIN

Shaped in the desert. When the Israelites left Egypt, they were finally free. Free from persecution, free from oppression, and free to worship their own God. But with that freedom comes a new challenge—learning how to live together the way God intends. – Ray Vanderlaan.

In this 6-session video series, we will discover how God teaches the Israelites what it means to be of a community that loves God and how do we live out our lives today in a broken world. If this is of interest to you, please join us, starting Tuesday, September 22, 2026. Everyone is welcome! We meet in the Trinity Education Building at 1pm on the 4th Tuesday of the month. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Baptism at Trinity



On Sunday, July 19, 2026, Kinley June P chose to be baptized into Christ through water and the word. She is the daughter of Dustin & Kris P. Her sponsors are Elizabeth Lynn L and Levi L. God's blessings to all!



*Kinley
June
P*

The Quilting Group

Starting Tuesday, September 8, 2026, the quilters will be meeting at 1pm in the Trinity Education Building. They get together every 2nd Tuesday of the month and anyone who wishes to join in, is welcome! This is a wonderful way to visit with others in the Parish while working on beautiful quilts. This ministry benefits our local nursing and assisted living homes. There is no experience needed to attend, the ladies will show you what needs to be done.



New Member Sunday - July 19, 2026

Trinity

Robert, Kelli & Emely
B

Dustin, Kristine & Kinley
P



St Peter



Alan & Betsy
B





Congratulations Mr. & Mrs. W



Luke and Brooke (J) W were married on March 15, 2025. As they renewed their vows, they celebrated with family and friends on June 20, 2026. Proud parents are Cory and Sharon W and Joe and Danielle J. May God continue to bless their marriage with a lifetime of love and happiness!

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.

There were no council meetings held in July.

Next Council Meetings

St Peter Council Meeting: Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 6:30pm
Trinity Council Meeting: Monday, September 14, 2026 at 6:00pm
Joint Council Meeting: Tuesday, November 10, 2026 at 6:30pm (St Peter)

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