

PARISH GAZETTE

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

From the Pastor's Desk...

Rev. William O

16 But Jesus called for them and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. 17 Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." -Luke 18:15-17

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As we move into October, I reflected upon last month. We had our annual blessing of students and teachers, as well as handing out Bibles to our 3rd Graders. This year, I also had the privilege to preside over a wedding. All of this has caused me to think about what it means to be a child myself, that being a child of God.

We hear in verse 17, Jesus telling those around him to receive the Kingdom of God as a little child. What does it mean to live a life as a child? Admittedly, that may have been one or two years ago for some of us, but I ask you to think back and remember what it was like as a child. For me, I remember the imagination that held no bounds and to be able to have a vision to see things in all new ways. This imagination was fearless because anything could be possible. Jesus in this text is turning to the leaders and telling them to look through the lens of a child to see the Kingdom of God. This leads me to the final point of being a child. As children of God, we have this trust in the Triune God. A God that looks over us, to continue to hear God's Word of Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit that will guide and lead us in the months to come.

So, I turn now to the future of this parish and to what lays ahead of us. I think of this lens because I can't promise when we will ever see ministry like we had before, but I also see this as an encouragement because this allows us to think like a child and to live as a child of God. This gives us the freedom to imagine and be inspired to see worship and ministry once again in new ways and with new possibilities. We have the opportunity to be able to be creative and to find new, exciting ways to share in community with others. We can live in hope of knowing that with the Holy Spirit, amazing things will happen. I can say these words because I can see what we have already done.

We look forward in our ministry with a trust that God's guidance and discernment be upon us. I encourage you, as we lift up the care and safety of the Body of Christ, to come with the faith of a child, to stretch with new imagination, and to lend vision to a new hope as we gather together as a congregation. We will continue to always be Church, no matter how it looks or sounds, so come with childlike joy, eager to see where the Holy Spirit will take us to next in our journey.

Peace,
Pastor Will





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
St Peter: 8:30am Worship 9:30am Sun School Trinity: 9am Sun School 10:15am Worship				1 ← Pastor	2 Vacation →	3
4 Blessing of 1st Communion Blessing of Animals Svc 4pm Trinity	5 St Peter Council Mtg 6:30pm	6	7 Confirmation 6pm Trinity	8	9	10 Men's Breakfast LC's Restaurant 8am
11 Baptism - Trinity	12 Trinity Council Mtg 6pm	13 Quilters 1pm Trinity Pastor Out - Mtgs	14 Confirmation 6pm Trinity	15 Pastor Out	16 Newsletter Articles Due November Issue	17
18	19 Pastor Out	20 Conference	21 Confirmation 6pm Trinity	22	23	24
25	26 Theological	27 Bible Study 1pm Trinity	28 Confirmation 6pm Trinity	29	30	31 



TRINITY OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS



TRINITY

DATE	USHER	CARPORT	COM-MUNION	LECTOR
October 4th	Mike & Jayme B	Robert D	Mike B	Jayme B
October 11th	Audrey M, Anya M	Richard & Janice H	Richard H	Richard H
October 18th	Bill & Nancy B	Sandy U	Bill B	Calla B
October 25th	Renae Wesolowski, Jim W	Rick & Shari P	Renae W	Kay G



ST PETER

DATE	USHER / CARPORT	BELL RING-ER	COM-MUN-ION	LEC-TOR	ACO-LYTE
October 4th	Scott G, Jacie D	Jacie D	John S	Val S	Deacon D
October 11th	David P, Michelle G	Susan T	Mary K	Mary K	Grant B
October 18th	Lyle & Linda Z	Bob F	Amy F	Linda Z	Willie T
October 25th	John & Val S	Scott G	Jacie D	Val S	Felicity F



ST PETER OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS



[Y O U T H P A G E]

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

Please lift the following students up in prayer as they journey through this amazing milestone in their faith as they enter into Holy Communion.

Trinity:

Deklan C, Kinley P, and Jake S

St Peter:

**Alayna B, Felicity F, Jackson H
and Willie T**

Sunday, October 4, 2026:	Blessing of First Communion during worship
Sunday, October 25, 2026:	St Peter Church 1-4pm, classroom instruction & discussion
Saturday, November 7, 2026:	Trinity Church noon-3pm, bread baking & chalice making
Sunday, November 15, 2026:	Holy First Communion with Family & Congregation

CONFIRMATION

We're kicking off another year of confirmation classes and have ten youth ready to continue their faith journey. Please lift the following students up in your prayers:

2nd year students:

**Eli D, Brett D, Declyn D,
Zayden K, Brody U, and Leila W**

1st year students:

**Chase K, Sadie K, Macie O,
and Luke S**



We'll be tackling the Old Testament in our fall semester. All Wednesday evening classes (9/30, 10/7, 10/14, 10/21, 10/28, 11/4, 11/11, 11/18, 12/2, 12/9, 12/16) for the fall semester will be from 6-7pm at Trinity's Education Building.

YOUTH CONTACTS

Confirmation

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Parish Education Committee: Trinity

Jayme B
Nicole D

Parish Education Committee: St. Peter

Rebecca K
Heidi D



SUNDAY SCHOOL



Woo-hoo! Sunday School is back in session!
Teachers needed...

If you have an interest in helping teach our youth, please let any of the Parish Education Committee Members know. Nervous about teaching? Consider being a helper for one Sunday before you commit to taking the lead. We will provide the curriculum in advance, as it is planned out for the entire year. It's nice to have a little extra help whenever possible. Imagine if all parents took one Sunday to teach, it would really share the workload.

Thanks for your consideration to volunteer!

VOLUNTEER



Here is the QR
Code for Sunday
School sign-up at
Trinity.



Rally Sunday

On Sunday, September 20th, we kicked off our educational year. The annual blessing of backpacks, installation of teachers and presentation of bibles took place during the worship services. Keep all our youth and teachers in your prayers as they journey through this coming year.



Blessing of Backpacks



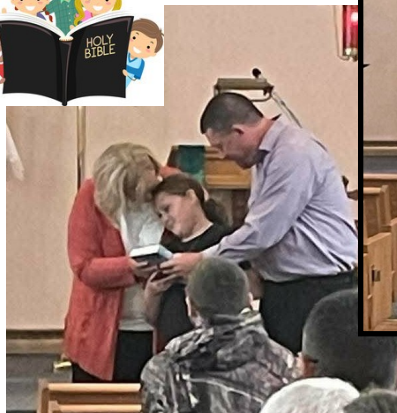
Installation of Teachers



Those receiving bibles include:

St. Peter:
Jackson H;

Trinity:
Grace B,
Lyra D,
and **Austin Y(not present)**



[ANNOUNCEMENTS]

VACATION REMINDER AND PASTORAL COVERAGE

Pastor Will is on vacation through **Saturday, October 3**. He will be back in church on Sunday, October 4, 2026.

Mike B will be stepping in for Pulpit duties while Pastor is gone on Sunday, September 27, 2026.

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:



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

HEALING FUND

As many are aware, Jamie K, member of St. Peter Church, suffered from a stroke at the end of July. She has since completed a rehab program at UW-Health in Madison and was just recently moved to a more aggressive rehabilitation center in Minneapolis, MN. Some have asked how they can help with all the financial burdens the family has/are facing. There is an account open at **any People's State Bank** where donations can be made in person or by check. Donations made by check can be made out to **Jamie's Healing Fund**. Please keep Jamie and her family in your prayers as she works hard to come back home!



The Quilters Group

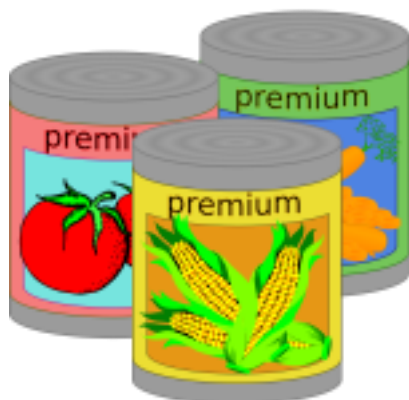
The Quilter's group would like to say "Thank you" to everyone who has brought in past donations. We are truly blessed to have such kind and generous members. However, the group has more than enough donations to keep them busy, so they are asking to refrain from bringing in anymore donations currently. They will let you know when they are ready to receive more.



This ministry benefits our local nursing and assisted living homes.

This is a wonderful way to visit with others in the Parish while working on beautiful quilts. There is **no experience needed** to attend, the ladies will show you what needs to be done. All are welcome! Again, thank you to everyone for their support! If you have any questions about the Quilting group, please contact:

Elaine H or Fay W.



FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

St Peter will be gathering non-perishable food items for the Athen's Caring Circle Food Pantry. The collection will take place from October 4th through November 8th. As always, your generosity is appreciated. Thank you in advance for your donations! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dale B.

Help Needed and Appreciation Given!

Thank you to everyone for your prayers, concerns, well wishes, and cards. Getting back to good health is a slow process and I'm getting somewhat better. I now have Parkinson Disease and other old age troubles making it harder to do all the things I love to do.

I am currently looking for a helper to do yard work and other miscellaneous labor around my home. This will be a paid position for about 4-8 hours per week. If interested in assisting with these chores, please contact me at .

Thank you to everyone for your support.

Jim W

Thank You!

GREETING CARDS

Looking for a simple way to encourage someone and share God's love? Check out the beautiful greeting cards available for sale at Trinity church!

Each card features uplifting messages, Scripture, and thoughtful designs. Card boxes available are sympathy, thinking of you, get well wishes, Christmas, birthdays, and anniversaries. Card boxes contain 12 cards - 4 designs with envelopes. More cards are being ordered in October and another order for Christmas Cards. Cards are available near the mailboxes at Trinity Church for \$7. Make checks payable to Audrey M. You may either place the payment in Audrey's church mailbox or mail it to the following address: , Wausau, WI 54401. Proceeds support our Women of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. Please check it out.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Audrey at .

Thank you for helping us spread kindness, one card at a time!

ALL-SAINTS SUNDAY

We will be celebrating All Saints Sunday on November 1, 2026. You are invited to come forward and light a candle in remembrance or in celebration of a loved one. We will celebrate the gift of life and baptism into Christ. We also remember the loved ones we have lost during this past year and all those we hold in our hearts. Please join us for this celebration.



Christmas Committees 2026

Christmas Committees for 2026 includes the entire family of the following members:

St Peter

Lourdes (Lou) A
Ashley B
Tarah B
Joel B
Bryan & Gail B (chairpersons)
Colton & Michaela B
Danielle B

Trinity

Steve & Shelby O
Andy & Laurie P
Rick & Shari P
Gary R
Lyle R
Wendy & Matthew S
Heidi & Paul S
Gary & Jacqueline S
Tanya & Justin S
Myron & Karen T

MEN'S BREAKFAST AND BIBLE STUDY

LC's Restaurant at 8am on Saturday October 10th is the place to be to join us at our next monthly Men's Breakfast. 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. Hope to see you there!



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.

Blessings of Animal Service

We are excited to share a special service on **Sunday, October 4, 2026** at 4:00 pm in the Trinity parking lot for a service of blessings for our animals. Please bring a lawn chair and your Animals/pets. Even if you don't have one, please come see the multitude of God's creation.



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 at our next session on **Tuesday, October 27, 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!

St Peter Council

Scott G	<i>President</i>
Jacie D	<i>Vice President</i>
Nicole H	<i>Secretary</i>
Susan M	<i>Treasurer</i>
Amy F	<i>Mutual Ministry</i>
Dale B	
Patti B	
Robert J	
Rebecca K	

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Trinity Council

Richard P	<i>President</i>
Mike B	<i>Vice President</i>
David K	<i>Secretary</i>
Jim W	<i>Treasurer</i>
Renae W	<i>Financial Secretary</i>
Anya M	<i>Mutual Ministry</i>
Andy P	<i>Property Committee</i>
Perry N	<i>Property Committee</i>
Shawn K	<i>Property Committee</i>



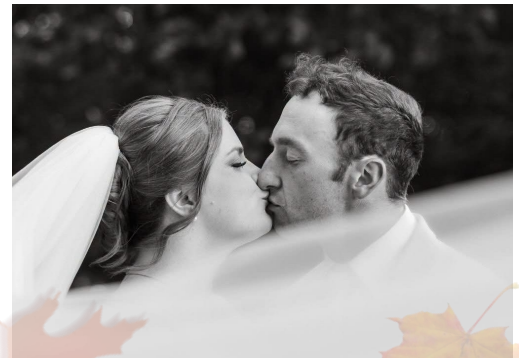
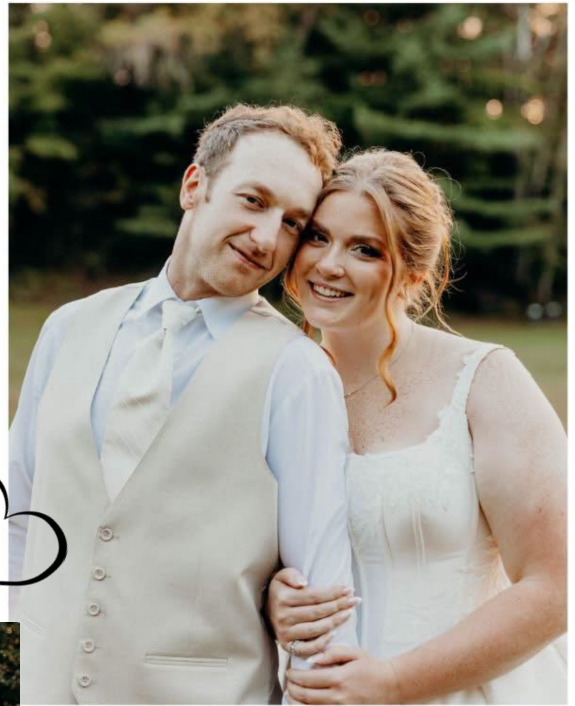
Mutual Ministry

Randy A	Amy F
Lynn K	Jamie H
Anya M	Linda Z



Congratulations!

On Saturday, September 12, 2026, at St Peter Church, Brandon and Hailey were united in Holy Matrimony. Proud parents include Chad & Jamie M and Gail P. May God bless this union with a lifetime of laughter, good health, and much love.



[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, October 5, 2026 at 6:30pm
Trinity Council Meeting: Monday, October 12, 2026 at 6:00pm
Joint Council Meeting: Tuesday, November 10, 2026 at 6:30pm (St Peter)

ST. PETER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY
September 8, 2026

Pastor's Report:

- Pastor vacation - Sept 24-October 3rd. The Hawley's will be available if needed and there will also be pastoral coverage, please call the Hawley's and they will be in touch with the Pastor.
- Blessing of the Animals - October 4, 2026- Will be done at the Trinity parking lot- services at 4:00pm. Bring chair and pets.
- Upcoming events - Pastor will be attending the theological conference October 19-21st.

Old Business:

- Church sign - Discussed part of the sign is not working. *Council is addressing issue and working towards adding new upcoming events with goal of adding to allow for at least 2 weeks in advance.*

New Business:

- Water test results - The water test came back good.
- WM Service Incident (July 15th) - We had garbage sticking out of the dumpster, broken glass on the ground and we were charged an additional fee. There are signs posted now by the dumpster and it's in the bulletin that the dumpsters are for church use only.
- Food pantry - The food drive to run October 4, 2026 thru November 8, 2026 with food items going to Athens Caring Circle. Will plan to put this in the bulletin.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Summary
September 14, 2026

Treasurer's Report – May 2026

General Fund: \$ 27,475.16 Memorial Fund: \$234,171.13—includes 5 CDs=\$191,141.68
Milestone Fund: \$1149.05 Thrivent (AED Fund): \$1936.00

Pastor's Report

- Theological Conference, October 18th- 21st, Pastor Will attending.
- Pastor vacation, September 24-October 3.
- October 4th - Blessing of first communicants during worship services and Blessing of the Animals will be at 4:00 PM outside at Trinity.

Old Business

- Property Committee update. Spires are not yet completed. Got an estimate for asphalt around the church.
- Will Contact someone to look at soffit on Church and Parish House.

New Business

- Motion to install Canva Pro for new software program for newsletter as current program is discontinued
- Church Property and Liability Insurance has a 1.4% increase.

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Have a safe and

Happy Halloween!

