

PARISH GAZETTE

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

From the Pastor's Desk...

Rev. William O



I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

² I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing the praises of your name, O Most High.

-Psalm 9:1-2

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As September is here, the plans of summer vacation are now the memories and stories to be told for years to come. We are already shifting into the fall, which means that the church is again preparing for another year of amazing ministry to begin.

While many of the ministries were on a "break", it's important for us to remember that there were still many who were still working hard all summer to keep our church ready for worship and gatherings. For myself, I can say that I am truly grateful for Marlene and Eugene Fehlhaber, Shelby and Steve Olm, Amy Fromm, all of our Altar Guild volunteers, Myron Totzke, Shelly Kage, David Pickruhn, Carol Pickruhn, the many lectors, ushers, greeters, bell ringers, and all those who show up in amazing ways including all of our Vacation Bible School volunteers. Please take time to thank them for all they do here.

I also want to give thanks to all of you, each one of you, in your own way have reached out to so many others and have done so many great things during times of service to our neighbors. I encourage you to always remember not only those whom we see, but also those who do such vital ministry outside of the public eye. As school approaches, we need to remember our schoolteachers, administrators, counselors, custodians, Sunday School teachers, and so many others that will be the visual presence of the dedication to our youth's education and formation.



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As we look ahead in our ministry, we have some exciting opportunities coming up as we start this fall:

- Starting on Sunday, September 13th, The Book of Job Bible study will begin.
- On Sunday, September 20th, during the worship services, we will be lifting up our Sunday School and Confirmation teachers, helpers, and students. Among our students, we will be celebrating our upcoming 3rd graders as they receive their new Bibles. We will also be doing a "Blessing of the Backpacks" so please bring in your backpacks, lunch sacks, etc.
- On Saturday, September 12th, our Men's Breakfast will start.
- On Tuesday, September 22nd, our Faith Study group will be meeting again.
- More information to these events and others are in this month's newsletter.

I look forward to the many opportunities this year to grow together in this parish.

Peace, Pastor Will

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 should have received a letter from Pastor Will inviting you to this meeting and providing the potential dates of the classes. If you did not receive this letter 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. A Parent letter was emailed containing all the details.



Confirmation

Mike B

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

WELCOME BACK!

We are super excited to kick off our Sunday School season on
Sunday, September 20, 2026.

All children grade 4K through 6th grade are invited to participate. If your family has not yet joined us for Sunday School, our classrooms are always open and we'd love to have you! All we ask is that you give us a head's up that your children will be joining us so we can plan ahead for curriculum.

Classes:

Trinity: 9am-10am each week in the Parish Education Building.
St. Peter: 9:30am-10:30am each week in the church basement.

At church services that same day, we will do the blessing of the backpacks, teacher installation, and presentation of the 3rd Grade Bibles.



Make sure to bring your school Backpacks for the blessing!

Those receiving bibles include:
St. Peter: **Jackson H;**
Trinity: **Grace B, Lyra D,**
Ryker K, and Austin Y.



Church Services:

St Peter 8:30am and Trinity 10:15am

Please make plans to attend this special service.

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 ne Sunday to teach, it would really share the workload.

VOLUNTEER



Thanks for your consideration in volunteering!

Parish Education Committee: Trinity

Jayne B

Nicole D

Parish Education Committee: St. Peter

Rebecca K

Heidi D

Trinity and St Peter VBS 2026: True North VBS, Trusting Jesus in a Wild World.



Trinity and St. Peter Parish Ed Committees worked together to put on True North VBS 2026. We had 20 kids registered for VBS for July 20-22. Over the three days, we learned three different ways that we can TRUST Jesus. The kids went on the ultimate Alaskan adventure where the northern lights shine over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and sparkling glaciers. They learned that Jesus is a faithful friend we can always trust.



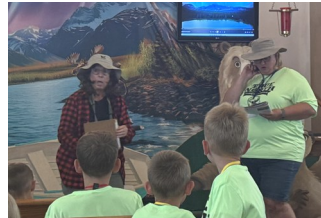
All of the kids participated in several stations. Sing & Play Peak Gathering and the Compass Closing was led by Jayme B. The kids got to meet our friend Scout (Wendy R), learned the phrase for the day and the bible verse, learned a few awesome songs and recapped the day.



Dance



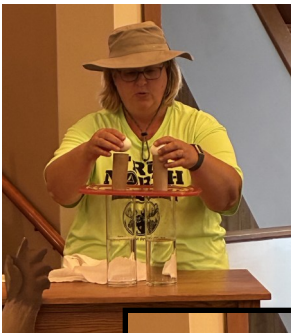
Scout



God Sightings



Trust Experiments



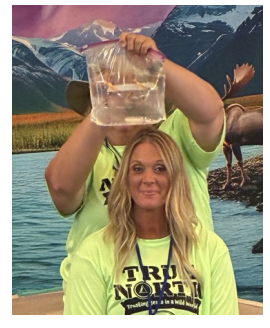
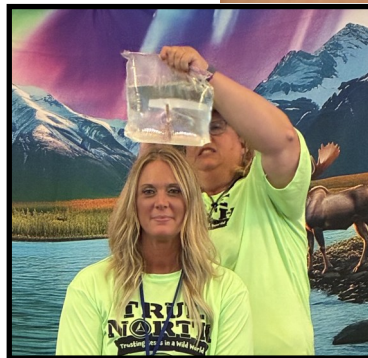
Egg Drop



Invisible Cubes



Pencil Pop



On Day 1, we learned that **When we wonder, we can trust Jesus.**

Bible Story: John prepares the way and baptizes Jesus.

(Matthew 3; 11:1-16)

Bible Verse: "Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise." (Matthew 7:24)

On Day 2, we learned that **When we feel alone, we can trust Jesus.**

Bible Story: Jesus teaches about God's love for us.

(Matthew 6:24-33; 18: 12-14)

Bible Verse: "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

On Day 3, we learned that **When we need help, we can trust Jesus.**

Bible Story: Jesus gives the Great Commission, and the Holy Spirit comes.

(Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 2:1-12)

Bible Verse: "I am with you always, even to the end of the age."
(Matthew 28:20)

Wild Bible Adventures

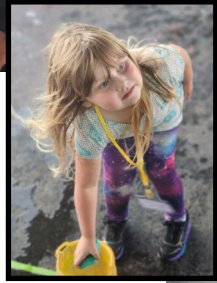


In Wild Bible Adventures
Pastor Will taught the
lesson of the day.



Glacier Games

Nicole D led us in Glacier Games, where the kids worked on team building.



Water Races



Obstacle Course



Hoop Games



Imagination Station

In Imagination Station, Lynn Kand Becca K helped the kids create painted frames and decorated them (included a take home pic of each kid from VBS), received their own compass, and painted cross sun catchers.



Tundra Treats

In the Tundra Treats, Heidi D got creative making walking smores and other wilderness snacks.



We were truly blessed to have all of the kids participate in VBS. Many thanks to all of our volunteers and those who donated to VBS. Our committee included Jayme B, Nicole D, Becca K, Heidi D, Lynn K, Taylor T and Pastor Will. Helpers were Wendy R, Pam B, and Jacie D.

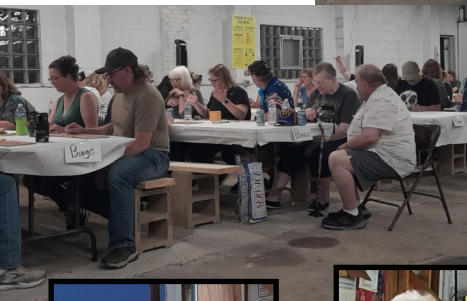
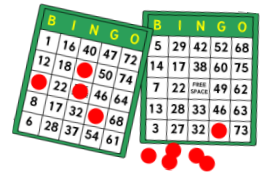
**Thank you to all that volunteered to help! VBS was Mountains of Fun!
TRUST JESUS!!!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Athen's Fair!



Another successful BINGO fundraiser in the books. Thank you to all the volunteers and those who stopped in to play! See you next year!



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



God's Word



Sunday, July 26, 2026 was an absolutely beautiful day for the Joint Outdoor gathering. Thank you to the committee for all your efforts to plan and make this event happen. Also, many thanks to the countless volunteers who took the time to help with set-up, clean-up, and the preparation of food. We enjoyed the musical talents of The Balsam Road Ramblers and the company of all those in attendance. Thank you for making this time of worship memorable. We look forward to next year.



Music



*"When two or three are gathered
together in My name, I am there
in the midst of them."
Matthew 18:20*



Food & Fellowship



Baptism at St Peter

On Sunday, August 2, 2026, Nico James O was baptized into Christ through water and the word. He is the son of Daniel & Michelle O. Nico's sponsors are Monica P, Justin T, & Mike P. God's blessings to all!



*Nico
James
O*

VACATION REMINDER AND PASTORAL COVERAGE

Pastor Will is going on vacation **Thursday, September 24 - 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.

Deadline Reminders

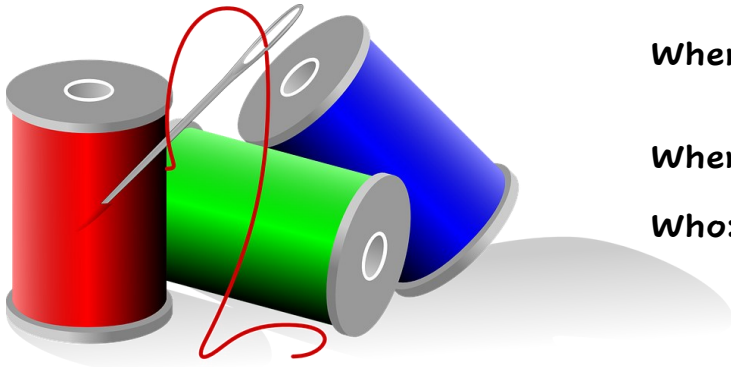
Bulletin announcements:

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

Newsletter Articles:

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

The Quilters Group



When: Every 2nd Tuesday of each Month (Sept-May) at 1pm
Where: Trinity's Education Building
Who: Anyone who loves to sew,
Anyone who wants to learn,
Anyone who needs an out,
Everyone is Welcome!

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. No donations are needed at this time. If you have any questions regarding donations or participating in the quilters group, please call Elaine H.

MEN'S BREAKFAST AND BIBLE STUDY

Join us as we will be starting up our monthly Men's Breakfast again. We meet primarily on the 2nd Saturday of the month at LC's Restaurant (Marathon) at 8:00 am. 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. Please put on your Calendars the upcoming dates:

September 12th
November 14th
January 9th
March 13th
May 8th

October 10th
December 12th
February 20th
April 10th



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!

Blessing 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 blessing 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.



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 starting on **Sunday September 13th** at 11:30am in the Trinity Education Building. For those planning to attend, please bring your bible. Please notice that there will be some time in between gatherings to allow time to read the chosen selections from the Book of Job:

September 13th
October 4th
October 18th
November 1st
November 15th



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 sjostrem2113@outlook.com OR go to the GriefShare.org website. There are brochures available by the bulletin boards at both churches.

C O U N C I L U P D A T E S

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 August.

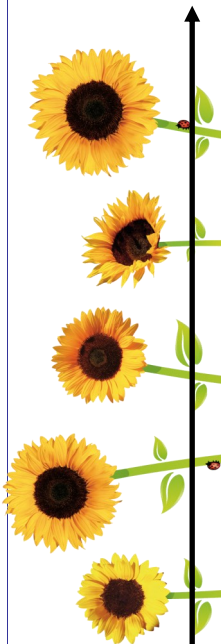
Next Council Meetings

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)



SEPTEMBER 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 Quilting 1pm St Peter Council Mtg 6:30pm Pastor Out—Mtg	9 Confirmation Parent's Meeting 6pm Trinity	10	11	12 8am Men's Breakfast Wedding: St Peter Perkins/Mathwich
13	14 Trinity Council Mtg 6pm	15	16 Confirmation 6pm Trinity	17	18 Newsletter Articles Due	19
20 Rally Sunday 1st Communion Parent's Meeting 11:30am	21	22 Bible Study 1pm	23 Confirmation 6pm Trinity	24	25	26
27 Worship Service: Mike Buttke	28	29	30 Confirmation 6pm Trinity	Pastor Vacation →		
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TRINITY SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS



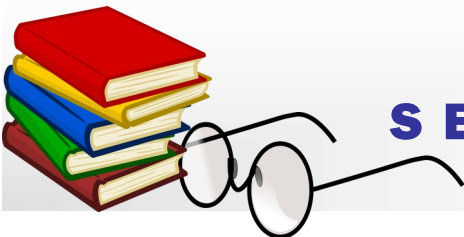
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DATE	USHER	CARPORT	COM-MUNION	LECTOR
September 6th	Bill & Nancy B	Sandy U	Bill B	Bill B
September 13th	Renae W, Jim W	Rick & Shari P	Jim W	Tim B
September 20th Rally Sunday	Myron & Karen T	Kurt & Pam B	Randy A	Myron T
September 27th	Mike & Jayme B	LuAnn H	—	Jayme B

ST PETER



DATE	USHER / CARPORT	BELL RING- ER	COM-MUN- ION	LEC-TOR	ACO-LYTE
September 6th	John & Val S	Scott G	Jacie D	Val S	Brett D
September 13th	Scott & Mary S	Dan K	Dan K	Erica T	Leila W
September 20th Rally Sunday	Jennifer F, Eugene F	Susan T	Mary K	Mary K	Addyson K
September 27th	Becca K, Bob F	Bob F	—	Mary S	Chase K



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