NOVEMBER 2026

PARISH GAZETTE

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Transition in Progress

The computer program that has been used for the past 5 years to produce the monthly newsletter is no longer available for use. Currently, a new program has been installed and the learning process has begun. Please be patient as this transition takes place over the next few months. Thank you for understanding.

Wendy
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FROM PASTOR'S DESK

Jesus came and showed us what salvation looks like in the flesh. Then, through the Holy Spirit, he entrusted the work of love and justice to everyday people. The first followers of Jesus did not merely preserve his story as a distant memory, nor did they postpone salvation as a future hope. Empowered and filled by the Holy Spirit, they remembered Jesus and became living witnesses to what God had done and was still doing in their community. In the midst of fear, uncertainty, and imperial violence, they told and retold these stories so that the work of the kin(g)dom of God would remain alive in their communities and continue through future generations. Their witness proclaimed a salvation that was past, present, and still to come:

The Messiah saved us.
The Messiah is saving us.
The Messiah will save us.

-Church Anew, Thrill of Hope

On Sunday, November 29th, we will be starting our Advent journey. This year's theme is Thrill of Hope. It speaks about not only of the hope to come, but of the hope that is already here and the amazing hope that is shared with each other and through the generations. Even before the Advent season arrives, we are already celebrating and sharing the good news. Led by the Holy Spirit, we gather together around water and the Word and the Table from which we are renewed and given life. We also bear witness to stories still being shared and as new members join us at The Table for the first time. We join together in the body of Christ to proclaim the Messiah saved us, the Messiah is saving us, and the Messiah will save us.

Peace, Pastor Will

CHRISTMAS SERVICE DATES/TIMES

First Sunday of Advent
Sunday, November 29th
8:30am St Peter
10:154am Trinity

Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 6th
8:30am St Peter
10:154am Trinity

Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 13th
8:30am St Peter
10:154am Trinity

Fourth Sunday of Advent / Children's Christmas Program
Sunday, December 20th
8:30am St Peter
10:154am Trinity

Christmas Eve Services
Thursday, December 24th
4:00pm St Peter
6:00pm Trinity

Christmas Day Service
Friday, December 25th
9:00am Trinity

NOVEMBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 **All Saints Sunday** Daylight Savings Time Ends	2 St Peter Council Mtg 6:30pm	3	4 Confirmation 6pm Trinity	5 Pastor Out - Training	6	7 1st Com Class noon-3pm Trinity Bread baking/ Chalace making
8 Baptism at St Peter St Peter Food Pantry Drive Ends	9 Trinity Council Mtg 6pm	10 Pastor Out-Mtgs Quilters 1pm Trin Ed Bldg Joint Council Mtg 6:30pm St Peter	11 Veterans Day Confirmation 6pm Trinity	12	13	14 Men's Breakfast 8am LC Restaurant
15 First Communion Sunday School Children sing during worship	16	17	18 Confirmation 6pm Trinity	19	20 Newsletter Articles Due Dec Issue	21
22 No Sun School	23	24 Bible Study Trin Ed Bldg 1pm	25 No Confirmation	26 Happy Thanksgiving	27	28
29 No Sun School **1st Sunday of Advent** Trin Poinsettia deadline	30					

ST PETER NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS

DATE	USHER	BELL RINGER	COMMUNION	LECTOR	ACOLYTE
November 1st All Saints Day	Linda & Lyle Z	Dan K	Dan K, John S, Amy F	Linda Z	Alayna B
November 8th	Jennifer F, Eugene F	Susan T	Mary K	Mary K	Jackson H
November 15th First Communion	Becca K, Bob F	Bob F	Amy F, Mary K, Jacie D	Erica T	Willie T
November 22nd	Dave P, Michelle G	Susan T	John S	Val S	Deacon D
November 29th 1st Sun of Advent	Scott G, Jacie D	Dan K	Dan K	Mary S	Grant B

TRINITY NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS

DATE	USHER	CARPORT	COMMUNION	LECTOR
November 1st All Saints Day	Myron & Karen T	Kurt & Pam B	Randy A, Mike B, Jim W	Myron T
November 8th	Mike B, Audrey M	LuAnn H	Jayme B	Mike B
November 15th First Communion	David & Christine K	Robert D	Christine K, Renae W, Richard H	David K
November 22nd	Bill & Nancy B	Sandy U	Bill B	Bill B
November 29th 1st Sun of Advent	Renae W, Jim W	Rick & Shari P	Renae W	Tim B

Youth Page

FIRST COMMUNION

Blessing of First Communion Students





Trinity

Deklan
Son of Devin & April

Kinley
Daughter of Dustin & Kristine

Jake
Son of Justin & Tania

On Sunday, October 4, 2026, the First Communion Students took part in a prayer and blessing during the worship service at both churches. Please keep them all in your prayers as they journey toward their First Communion.

St Peter

Alayna
Daughter of Anthony & Tarrah

Felicity
Daughter of Ryan & Amber

Jackson
Son of Scott & Jamie

William
Son of Daniel & Rebecca





Saturday, November 7, 2026 Class at Trinity: bread baking/chalace making
Sunday, November 15, 2026 Celebration of First Communion

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Sunday School Students will be singing in church on
Sunday, November 15, 2026.
Mark your calendars to come listen to them spread joy!

Just a reminder that we will not have Sunday School on Nov. 22, Opening Deer Rifle Season and Nov. 29, Thanksgiving Break.

Our Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 20, 2026 during the worship services (St Peter - 8:30am, Trinity - 10:15am).



Kids will practice for the program during Sunday school through the month of December and receive their parts prior to our November break. We will then hold one dress rehearsal the Saturday prior to the program. With only one rehearsal, we ask that all children please attend as it is very important to go through the program at least once with all children present. Dress rehearsal will be Saturday, December 19 from 9-11am. **All children** participating in Sunday School will be **presumed as participanting in the program.** If your child will **not be able to participate in the program, please advise a committee member as soon as possible.**

CONFIRMATION

Our Fall confirmation classes continue into November from 6-7pm, at Trinity's Education Building. Keep our confirmands in your prayers as they journey in their faith!

We'll be taking a break for Thanksgiving.
There is **NO CLASS** on
Wednesday, November 25, 2026.

Fall Semester ends December 16th

Remaining Fall class dates:

11/4, 11/11, 11/18, 12/2, 12/9, 12/16

Announcements

POINSETTIA ORDERS

It's that time of year to think about ordering your poinsettia to decorate the church for the Christmas season. All plants are $10 each and sign-up sheets are posted.

Trinity:
Deadline for ordering is **Sunday, November 29, 2026**. If you have any questions, please contact Candy.

St Peter:
Deadline for ordering is **Sunday, December 6, 2026.** If you have any questions, please contact Dave or Susan.

Thank you for your support!

End of Year Finances

The 2027 giving envelopes will be made available in December and tax statements will be provided by the end of January. The financial books at both churches will be closed as of **Thursday, December 31, 2026** for the year. Anything received after the 31st will be put into 2027. If you have any questions, please reach out to:
St Peter: Susan
Trinity: Renae

SPECIAL MUSIC

If individuals, families, or groups would like to perform any special music for the Christmas Eve services, please let Pastor Will and Laurie know by **Sunday, December 6th.**

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Sunday, November 1, 2026

Don't forget to turn your clocks back!

Baptism at Trinity



On Sunday, October 11, 2026, Ellie Ann was baptized into Christ through water and the Word. She is the daughter of Joseph and Emily. Ellie's sponsors are Aubray and Draven.

God's blessings to all!



Ellie

Blessing of Animals

On Sunday, October 4, 2026, a Blessing of Animals service was held. Congregation members from both Trinity and St Peter churches brought their loving companions to be blessed.

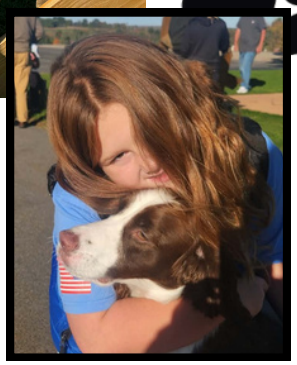


















Christmas Committees 2026

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

Trinity

Steve & Shelby
Andy & Laurie
Rick & Shari
Gary
Lyle
Wendy & Matthew
Heidi & Paul
Gary & Jacqueline
Tanya & Justin
Myron & Karen

St Peter

Bryan & Gail (chairpersons)
Lourdes (Lou)
Ashley
Tarrah
Joel
Colton & Michaela
Danielle



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 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.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

St Peter will be gathering non-perishable food items for the Athen's Caring Circle Food Pantry. They will be collecting food 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.



ST PETER SCRIPT

The last day to order Script Cards for Christmas will be **Sunday, December 6, 2026**. Please reach out to David P with any questions or concerns.

The Giving Tree is here!



Help spread holiday joy to youth and families in need across Lincoln, Langlade, and Marathon counties!

Both St. Peter and Trinity Churches will have their Giving Trees up by Sunday, November 8th. For the past 16 years, we've provided clothes, hygiene products, household items, and toys to families who otherwise might not have gifts to open on Christmas.

How You Can Help

- Select a tag from the tree and return gifts (wrapped or unwrapped) to your church by **Sunday, December 6th at your worship time.**
- Want to help but can't shop? Contact Haley E to donate and have her shop on your behalf:

Thank you for your generosity!

Director Hired!

Greater Wausau Christian Services (GWCS) has been searching for a director for their organization for well over a year. We were very impressed with the interview of Pete K, a lay minister. We offered Pete the position and he accepted. Pete does services at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Wittenberg and Zion Lutheran Church in Tigerton. He has been a confirmation teacher and has also visited the elderly in nursing homes. Pete is excited about the opportunity to be GWCS's director and has started the training process with our current director (who has wanted to retire and now can). Thank you for all your support. It is very much appreciated. Richard H (President of the Board of GWCS)

Trinity's Altar Guild



We would like to thank everyone who serves on Trinity's Altar Guild. Your time and helpful service are appreciated more than you know. At this time, we are currently looking for someone to **help** out for the months of **March and April**. If you would be interested in helping with this wonderful ministry or have questions about what you would need to do, please reach out to Renae W. Thank you for your consideration.

Kids' Kount Program



It is Kids' Kount time again. Kids' Kount is a Greater Wausau Christian Services program where presents are given to children of inmates incarcerated in the Marathon County Jail so that they can have a more enjoyable Christmas even with a parent not present. Presents are donated, organized, wrapped and delivered by volunteers to Wausau area families the Saturday before Christmas. If you would like to take part in this effort that would be much appreciated. Just buy a toy for a child (1-13 years of age) deliver it, unwrapped, to the Open Door basket at Trinity church. This basket is located under the mailboxes in the front of the church. Please deliver by the end of church service on **November 15, 2026.** Richard H will deliver them to the GWCS's office. God bless you!

Start practicing your Christmas Carols!

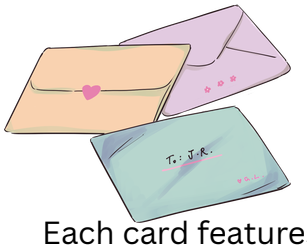
Help spread some Christmas cheer this holiday season. On **Saturday, December 12, 2026**, the St Peter and Trinity congregations will be visiting our homebound members.

Join us for an afternoon of laughs, singing, fellowship and bringing much joy to many people. More details to follow in the December newsletter.

You don't have to be a great singer to come along...all you need is a big heart and a joyous attitude! Christmas attire is always welcome!



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.

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.

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

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, November 2, 2026 at 6:30pm
Trinity Council Meeting: Monday, November 9, 2026 at 6:00pm
Joint Council Meeting: Tuesday, November 10, 2026 at 6:30pm (St Peter)

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Summary
OCTOBER 12, 2026

Treasurer's Report – September 2026

General Fund: $ 38,792.60
Income: $ 28,317.99 Expenses: $17,000.55
Memorial Fund: $234,952.96–includes 5 CDs=$191,863.51
Milestone Fund: $1149.05 Thrivent (AED Fund): $1936.00

Pastor's Report

- October 18th- 21st Theological Conference Pastor Will to be attending.
- Theme for Advent will be, Thrill Of Hope.

Old Business

- Planter in front of propane tank.
- Property Committee update. Spires have been painted. They will be maintained as needed.
- Parking lot asphalt patch and crack seal to take place soon.
- Look at replacing or painting soffit on west end of Church and Parish House.
- Update on AED: Looking to order one.
- New propane contract was signed for 2027.
- Using Canva Pro new newsletter software for 2027

New Business

- Giving Tree will be up Nov. 8 – Dec. 6.
- Christmas committee is listed in the Newsletter.
- Lemmer Snowplowing LLC for snow removal 2027.
- Christmas Caroling 12–12-2026.
- All buildings have been maintenance checked for heating and cooling.

ST. PETER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY
October 5, 2026

Old Business:

- Church sign: Sign has issues again, will contact our sign person.
- Carport light: Carport light will need additional repair. Plan will be to replace all 4 lights with LED Bulbs.

New Business:

- Giving Tree: Will run from November 8-December 6, 2026.
- 2026-2027 AJR Trucking Contract: Motion was made to accept the new contract.
- Assisting Jamie K: Last month a message was placed in the newsletter regarding Jamie with an update. Will plan to collect money for anyone who wishes to contribute to her fundraising account at People's State Bank with plan for collection at the last 2 Sundays of October church services.

St Peter Church Council

Scott G	President		
Jacie D	Vice President		
Nicole H	Secretary		
Susan M	Treasurer		stpeterlutheranchurch@yahoo.com
Amy F	Mutual Ministry		
Dale B			
Patti B			
Robert J			
Rebecca K			

Trinity Church Council

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

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