

President's July Report

I hope you have found my monthly reports useful this past year, but this will be my last one. Pastor William Ostrem has been called to serve our parish and he will begin moving in July 6th and this space in the newsletter is reserved for his message. I believe we are extremely lucky that God pointed Pastor Will our way. With at least 21 churches looking for a pastor in our Synod, I did not expect our call to be filled so soon. Thank you to the call committee for your work.

The building project is coming to an end and church life can return to normal with a new pastor to lead our parish. I know I am ready for some normal. On July 18th Pastor Will Ostrem will begin preaching at our parish. He will be here on July 11th in the pews to meet with us. His ordination will be either that afternoon or Monday evening. There will be an installation service at Trinity later this summer with the bishop or her associate bishop leading worship.

What is up with the Parrish Assistant? Since Pastor Phil started with us in 2009, he wanted someone to help with administrative work during the day. That is also what Pastor Will is used to. Then there is the fact the treasurer's job takes considerable amount of time and the people who have been doing the job would like to retire someday. So, over the years the joint councils have agreed on the scope of the new position which includes financial bookkeeping. This will allow more people to volunteer for the treasurer and financial secretary positions without having to know computer and bookkeeping skills. The parish assistant will work from the Trinity and St. Peter offices.

The joint councils' last decision was to post the job so the parttime hours would be sometime between 8am -5 pm, Monday – Friday. We believe 15 – 20 hours a week are needed. These are similar to the hours of other congregations our size. Nicole Dulak has been our secretary for 15 years, running bulletins and newsletters, but she works a fulltime day job. So, the position was posted on our website and the Facebook page of each church along with local papers and Indeed.com.

These are not strict hours because if the work is done, she will leave early as this is an hourly job. She may have times when she might need more than the 20 hours, but we do not expect that to occur often. The Assistant will be holding the office phone which is now a mobile phone so you may leave a message for her at any time. Contacting Pastor Will on his mobile phone is his preferred method. We will publish his phone number after July 6th. As I write this the interview committee is meeting with applicants.

On behalf of myself, the council, and the congregation, I want to thank **Nicole Dulak** for her 15 years of service as the church secretary. Nicole resigned June 16th.

Lay Minister Jim Hartleben will be leading our worship services on July 4th. Please join me in thanking all of the worship leaders that have been with us this last year. Special thanks to Pastor Tryphine Schrubba who also led funeral services for many of our departed members this last year.

Pastor Rich Block from Mt. Calvary, who planted the seed in Will to go into the Ministry, will lead the service on the 11th and introduce Will to the congregation.

I give thanks to the congregation for continued financial support and for your prayers. Trinity is truly blessed.

Mike Erickson
715-573-0476



Pastor William Ostrem

*I am called by God to journey in faith with others.
seek to hear the voices of those who struggle,
lend my voice to empower others, and to proclaim the Good news.
To care with a servant's heart
and to live a faithful life in joy and laughter.*

Blessings and Greetings to you!

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you a little about myself. I was raised in Schofield, WI and have remained in the local area all my life. I have been married to my wife, Patti, for almost 23 years. We have four children, Tessa and Skye (18), MacKenzie (16), and Aiden (15). Along with our two Siberian Huskies, Echo and Jasper, we are a household filled with a lot of love and family. Living in Wisconsin, I have gained a true appreciation to the outdoors and immersing myself in God's creation. I try to get out as often as I can to hike the local woods and parks. I am an avid Mountain Biker and enjoy getting out on the trails by myself and with my son, Aiden. I also enjoy reading and appreciate the written word through novels, poetry, and philosophy, and have been known to read a few comics now and again.

In 1994, I attended Northcentral Technical College in Wausau and received my Associate degree in Police Science and graduated from the Police Academy 1997. I worked for Marathon County for a short time before starting at a local beer distributor of which, I worked at for 18 years. During that time, I was the supervisor over the special events department as I worked with local and national organizations in planning and providing for their many fund-raising events, as well as a delivery driver in our territory.

My journey towards parish ministry has been a call placed upon my heart for around 15 years. I attended Lay School of Ministry from 2005-2007, after completion, I taught a continuing education class until 2014. In 2008-2009, I was a part of the Wisconsin Bishop's Initiative and completed my certification in Youth and Family Ministry. In 2016, Wartburg Seminary began a new program called Collaborative Learning that places a student in a congregation during their years of seminary education. I began my studies at Wartburg Theological Seminary in 2017 and Graduated on May 16th, 2021 with my Masters in Divinity. During that time, I served at Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Wausau as their Vicar from February 2018 – May 2021. In serving the larger church, I have been a voting member for two Churchwide assemblies, many Synod assemblies, and am currently on the Synod Council.

I am excited about the opportunity to serve at Trinity / St. Peter Lutheran Church(s) as I see this congregation filled with the Holy Spirit and vibrant faith. As I see the numerous activities that involve members of all ages, inside the congregation, out in the local community, and in your global contributions. I look forward to working alongside of you as you continue to engage the community to build fellowship with our neighbors.

As a Pastor, I believe that worship is central to the ministry of a congregation, and it remains a core of whom I am from which all other areas grow out of. I encourage the gifts and voices of the congregation to be heard as we journey together in ministry. I see preaching as an opportunity to share in conversation on faith, our relationship to the Triune God, and to each other. In today's world, I see an opportunity to strengthen youth and families as a whole as well as engaging the congregation. This is a ministry that creates sacred space to intentional name the many life events in our daily lives. I believe church is the sacred space where all are welcomed and included. The church is the whole Body of Christ that comes together where all voices can be heard, shared, and embraced.

Peace, Pastor Vicar William Ostrem

At the congregational meetings on June 13, 2021, both Trinity and St. Peter unanimously voted to hire Pastor Will Ostrem to serve our churches. We are excited to announce that he will begin July 6, attend our July 11 services to meet the congregations, and officially lead his first workshop service on July 18.

As Chair of the Call Committee, I'd like to thank all of the committee members for all of their hard work through this process. They include, Linda Zernicke, Perry Nikolai, Sharlene Hieronimus, Patti Borchardt, Dick Hawley, Bill Mueller, Dick Hawley, Haley Ellenbecker, Bill Buttke, the late Dick Stubbe, and myself.

Our process began in July of 2020 when we completed a ministry profile about our two churches. It was basically a job description for what we were looking for in a Pastor.

The top 5 Ministry Tasks were:

1. Preaching/Worship
2. Pastoral Care & visitations
3. Youth and Family Ministry
4. Building a Sense of Community
5. Evangelism/Mission

Our Top Gifts for Ministry

1. Help people develop their spiritual life
2. Be active in visitation of members and non-members
3. Be an effective communicator
4. Be effective in working with youth
5. Be able to share leadership and work in a team
6. Have talents in the areas of music, arts & writing
7. Bring joy and good humor to relationships
8. Be effective in working with children
9. Build a sense of community among the people with whom he/she works
10. Help others develop their leadership abilities and skills for ministry

In April of 2021 we received Pastor Will's application to serve our churches. From there we held several committee meetings, conducted two interviews, gave tours of the properties, discussed compensation, decided on a possible start date, and held the congregational meetings. Your Call Committee worked diligently to get all these steps accomplished. I am very proud of all of the work they did and truly believe that Pastor Will Ostrem will be a great fit for our congregations.

Jayme Buttke, Call Committee Chair

July 2021

Sat	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 Worship 10:15 Jim Hartleben	5	6 Pastor Will moves into parsonage	7	8	9	10
11 Worship 10:15 Pastor Rich Block	12	13 Joint Council 6:30	14	15	16	17
18 Worship 10:15 Pastor Will	19	20 Trinity Council 6:30	21	22	23	24
25 Worship 10:15 Pastor Will	26	27	28	29	30	31

Pastor Will Ostrem will be in church July 11th to meet the congregation.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA – FALL RETREAT Are you a **BAG** Lady? (**B**lessed **and** **G**ifted) This is the theme for the Fall Retreat of the East Central Synod of Wisconsin Women of the ELCA. The Retreat will be held at Imago Dei Village, Saturday, September 18, 2021. Informational flyers for you to pick up are on the table by the communion cups, and also on the bulletin board in the entry. Please take one. It looks like a fun filled program. Registration is due by September 7, 2021.

LOOKING FOR HYMN REQUESTS! DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE HYMN OR ONE THAT WE HAVEN'T SUNG IN A WHILE? We'd like your requests and they will be worked into the services throughout summer. There is a request box on the table in back of church where the communion cups are located. Just drop a note as to the name and/or number. If it's not in our current cranberry or blue hymnals, we'll try to track it down and insert it. Questions can be directed to Laurie Wiedeman.

VBS 2021 Mark your calendars for VBS 2021, Children ages 4K through 6th grade are invited to join us Monday, August 23rd thru Wednesday, August 25th for a fun filled hands on activities, crafts, and games to learn about God's love and forgiveness for us. Participants do not need to be members at Trinity, so feel free to invite friends, family, and neighbors. We are also looking for volunteers to help so please let the education committee know if you are interested in helping. Heidi Seefeldt, Melissa Heise, Jessi Utecht, and Jayme Buttke are the education committee this year.

THE WELCA OF TRINITY would like to collect items for the shut-ins, particular magazines for both men and women, puzzles, large print word find puzzles, playing cards with directions for solitaire games and large print calendars with inspirational thoughts. If you have any of these items and would like to donate them or you come across them, please place them in the World Relief container under the mailboxes and the committee will delivered them to those who need them. A special thank you in advance from the shut-ins and the WELCA group.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2021

Council Members Present: Mike Erickson, Robert Dehnel, Pam Fromm, Patti Bowen, Connie Nikolai, Bill Buttke, Gary Carr, and Sheila Frey

Secretary’s Report – Motion by Gary Carr to accept, second by Connie Nikolai. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report – April 2021

General Fund	\$15,663.71
Memorial Fund	\$7,389.09
Income	\$10,362.40
Expenses	\$7,110.50

Motion by Robert Dehnel to accept, second by Sheila Frey. Motion carried.

President’s Report

- Internet extension to new building-bid from Cirrinity for \$610.85.
- CALL Committee has received one name from the Synod. Information will be shared with council members at the Joint Council Meeting on Sunday, May 23rd @ St. Peter.

Old Business

- Education Building project progress
 - Landscaping the building perimeter is underway, the planters from Wausau Tile have been installed and the decorative rock ordered. The lawn will be seeded after the rock is in place.
 - Hand railing will be installed after all concrete is in place.
- Parsonage Septic System – the new tank is buried in the ground. The mound will be installed when Marathon County approves the moisture test.
- Constitution – submission of the revised Constitution to Pastor Rich Block is on hold as Trinity may have a Pastor in place soon.
- The conference table that was used in the brick Parish Education Building has been donated to St. Anthony’s Retreat Center.
- Parish Assistant – the position is being advertised as a fixed weekly schedule as the Parish Assistant should be available at the same time as Pastor’s office hours. Hours will be split 60/40 between Trinity and St. Peter. An item to note is that there is no internet service at St. Peter.
- Shelby Olm has agreed to perform a deep cleaning of the parsonage.

New Business

- COVID protocol update -Council agreed to discontinue keeping a record of members/visitors attending services. The requirement for wearing masks will continue at this time. Mike Erickson will converse with our worship leaders to gather their feelings on changing the mask requirement from mandatory to optional.
- Connie Nikolai will work with Sharon Dehnel to schedule a meeting with the altar guild members to discuss current vacancies and recruitment of additional volunteers.

- A copy of the most recent Directory will be placed in the church pews.
- Volunteers will select and plant flowers in the concrete planters on the church grounds prior to Memorial Day.
- The carpet in the office at the parsonage will be replaced due to deteriorating condition.
- Mike Buttke graduated from Lay School on Saturday May 15th.
- Parish Education Committee – Heidi Seefeldt is the newest member of the Committee, replacing Jodi DeBroux.
- Newsletters will be placed in church mailbox's beginning in July, in lieu of being mailed to save on postage costs. If newsletters remain in the member's mailbox after a week or two, the newsletter will be mailed.

Pam Fromm - Church Council Secretary

Rally Sunday

Rally Sunday is September 12th. There is a lot to celebrate this year.

Just as a reminder here is the Christmas and Rally Sunday Committee for this year.

Gary Carr	Edward Dehnel
Renee Carr	Leroy & Sharon Dehnel
Devin Cyzan	Randall & Lunette Dehnel
Ryan & Jodi DeBroux	Reuben & Evelyn Dehnel
Bryan Dehnel	Robert Dehnel
Derek & Nicole Dehnel	

The Rally Sunday/Christmas Committee is responsible for preparing a main dish/sandwich for the potluck dinner on Rally Sunday and setting up for the potluck.

Give the council your opinion on Rally Sunday if you have Covid concerns or something else.

The council contacts:

President: Mike Erickson	715-573-0476
Vice President: Robert Dehnel	715-675-7761
Secretary: Pam Fromm	715-491-1184
Treasurer: Patti Bowen	715-675-6273
Financial Secretary: Bill Buttke	715-842-3649
Mutual Ministry: Sheila Frey	715-443-2039
Property Committee: Connie Nikolai	715-216-7040
Property Committee: Gary Carr	715-370-3153
Property Committee: Lyle Steidinger	715-571-4356

Church Office Phone

715-845-3530

Volunteer Schedule

Date	Ushers	Lector	Carport Ushers
1 st Sunday, July 4 th	Bill & Nancy Buttke	Jayme Buttke	Jayme & Mike Buttke
2 nd Sunday, July 11 th	Gary Carr & Renae Wesolowski	Tim Buttke	Sharon Goetsch
3 rd Sunday, July 18 th	Bob & Judy Koeller	Jodi DeBroux	Corby Erickson
4 th Sunday, July 25 th	Ronald & Elaine Hanke	Mike Buttke	Gary Carr

Do you need to change your schedule, just call 715-845-3530 or email trinitystettin@yahoo.com

Sign up to tend the flowers in the planters

There is a sign-up calendar inside the education building for anyone who wants to take a turn watering the flowers for a week. It is on the high table just inside the door. Once we get the grass growing it will sure look nice around the church. Please take some time and enjoy.



How do you prefer to receive your newsletter: Call 715-845-3530 or email trinitystettin@yahoo.com
Or just put a note in the secretary's mailbox. We prefer to save money with email or church pickup.

I will pick up mine up in church Name _____

I would like mine mailed to my home.

I would like mine sent by email to _____

Please stop sending Trinity's newsletters.

Thank you for helping us update our records.
Contact us any time to make changes to address or phone numbers.



Find us on Facebook at Trinity Stettin
On the web at trinitystettin.org

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
232220 N 120th Avenue
Wausau, WI 54401-5443