

The Fishnet

**St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Hilltown, PA
August 2023**

Although masks are not required, the use of masks during Services is up to the attendee.

In addition to "in-person" worship, Services are viewable live each Sunday morning on St. Peter's Facebook page and on St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Hilltown, PA YouTube page after the Service.



This past Saturday I went to see a baseball game. Nothing unusual, except that this game was played according to baseball's 1870 rules. That meant that players used no protective equipment – no gloves, no helmets, and no chest or shin protectors. Batted balls were caught by fielders bare-handed; however, balls caught on one bounce were also considered outs. Pitchers pitched to batters under-handed and from in front of the existing mound. The umpire stood to the side of home plate, away from both the batter and catcher.



The game was a novel rendition of what we now know as baseball. Batters hit a lot of balls to the outfield. Fielders dropped a considerable number of balls. There were very few strikeouts. The game was played at Lansdale's Memorial Park as part of the borough's 150th anniversary. I watched four innings of the nine-inning game, leaving with Brandywine leading Lansdale, 8-2.

I have seen many changes to America's "favorite pastime" since the 1964 Phillies, the team noted for its infamous September Swoon, caught my eleven-year-old attention. My observation of an "old-time baseball game" reminded me of how inevitable change is. We may resist change, but change is not necessarily something over which we have any choice. "Change interrupts our nesting habits," wrote Christian author Jill Briscoe, "and intrudes into our comfort zones." By the same token, "to live is to change," offering us the possibility of unanticipated excitement and renewal to our everyday lives. As we navigate the changes of lives, the good news is that Jesus accompanies us, reminding us most importantly that we are his beloved, and his love for us never changes.

Enjoy these days of summer sunshine and warmth!

Pastor Raymond Miller

Upcoming Dates (please mark your calendar)

July 30	10:00 am – Outdoor Service
August 6	9:00 am - Hymn sing
August 13	9:00 am - History of St. Peter's Lutheran
August 21	7:00 pm - Council meeting
August 28	7:00 pm - Worship & Music meeting
September 3	10:00 am - Outdoor Service

Back to School Supply Collection

It's that time of year again! Through August 6, we will be collecting back to school supplies for donation to Pennridge FISH. Please place your items in the bins in the Narthex.

There is a list of needed items posted on the bulletin board, or you can find it at pennridgefish.org/school-bags. Thank you!

Recent graduates names requested

Do you know a recent graduate, (Kindergarten, High School, College, Trade School, or Military), that you would like to have honored at the Aug 6th, 2023 service? If so, please contact the church office by Aug 2, 2023, with the following information:

- Graduates name
- School they graduated from
- Any awards or honors they received
- (For High School graduates- any higher education or trade school they will go on to)
- (For College graduates- any employment or further plans they will go on to)

We look forward to your submissions.

Hymn sing

Norm Geist will provide a hymn sing during the Sunday, August 6 Service. Don't forget – the service begins at 9:00am! The bulletin for that morning's Service is full of favorite hymns, so join us and do what Lutherans do best: Sing!!

Outdoor Services for the Summer

The next outdoor Service will be held Sunday, July 30 at 10:00 in the pavilion. Bring your favorite lawn chair, your singing voice, and a love of nature and enjoy the morning Service.

The remaining outdoor Service will be September 3.

Mark your calendar.

All other indoor Services throughout the summer will start at 9:00am.

After-Service fellowship time

Coffee and "munchables" are available in Dorcas Hall each Sunday morning after the Service.

We encourage you to bring a snack (see the sign-up sheet outside Dorcas Hall). It doesn't have to be a home-baked goodie. Fruit, donuts, cake, cookies, trail mix – whatever is easiest for you. The coffee will be ready but something to go with the coffee is always appreciated. Come out and join us.

Special Services throughout Summer

Several of the summer Services will offer speakers and a hymn sing. Here is what is coming.

- July 30 is an outdoor Service. Don't forget the outdoor Service starts at 10:00am.
- At the August 6th Service, starting at 9:00am, Norm Geist will lead a hymn sing with selections provided by church members. This will be a fun morning of all-time favorite hymns. By the way, do you realize that throughout the church year St. Peter's sings

many hymns of the 654 listed in the hymnal? What a remarkable achievement!! Not to worry, though – all 654 will NOT be sung on August 6.

- The August 13 Service will feature a presentation of the 219 year history of St. Peter's Lutheran Church by Sue Fellman Jacob. How often was Service held in the 1800's? What vessels were used for communion 200 years ago? When was the building in which you now worship dedicated? Several tables of memorabilia and ephemera will be viewable after the Service in Dorcas Hall along with a photo montage that will be playing on the Dorcas Hall screen. Sue will remain after the Service to talk with you and answer your questions.
- September 3 is the last outdoor Service of the season. The outdoor service will start at 10:00 am.

Council Meeting

The next Council meeting will be August 21. Council members, please mark your calendar.

Animal Blessing

Hello there, again. My adopted sister, Ella, and I put our heads together to figure out what we needed to tell you this month.

We decided we should remind you (in the off chance you forgot) to **please get your pictures** of your animal friends (past and present) (domestic and not so domestic) **to us by August 27th**. We will gladly take pictures of any and all animals, even if they were in the blessing last year (I know I'll be in there). Of course, I'll be overseeing the production process.

Ella and I decided it was very important to reexplain how to get these pictures to us. There are 4 possible ways to perform this task.



1. Send a jpeg picture to my email at BlessingswithMax@gmail.com
2. Provide a USB drive (which will be returned to you) to Judy Smith with your name and the name of the animal(s).
3. Provide a picture (which you will get back) with your name and the name of the animal(s). You can give these to Judy Smith.

4. If you don't have a picture, then write the name of the animal to be blessed and your name and place it in Judy Smith's mailbox.

5. Tell your friends and family that their animals can be blessed too!

Finally, Ella and I were discussing about how you humans are really blessed to have animal friends in your lives. We are able to cheer you up if you feel sad, offer you companionship if you feel lonely, make you smile with our quirky antics when you need to laugh, and love you always.

Love, Max



The Animals ' Savior
by Jim Willis

*I looked at all the caged animals in the shelter...the cast-offs of human society.
I saw in their eyes love and hope,
fear and dread, sadness and
betrayal. And I was angry.*

*"God", I said, "this is terrible! Why
don't you do something?"*

*God was silent for a moment, and
then He spoke softly. "I have done something", he replied."*

I created you."

I Rescued A Human Today!

Her eyes met mine as she walked down the corridor peering apprehensively into the kennels. I felt her need instantly and knew I had to help her.

I wagged my tail, not too exuberantly, so she wouldn't be afraid.

As she stopped at my kennel I blocked her view from a little accident I had in the back of my cage. I didn't want her to know that I hadn't been walked today. Sometimes the shelter keepers get too busy and I didn't want her to think poorly of them.

As she read my kennel card I hoped that she wouldn't feel sad about my past. I only have the future to look forward to and want to make a difference in someone's life.

She got down on her knees and made little kissy sounds at me. I shoved my shoulder and side of my head up against the bars to comfort her. Gentle fingertips caressed my neck; she was desperate for companionship.

A tear fell down her cheek and I raised my paw to assure her that all would be well. Soon my kennel door opened and her smile was so bright that I instantly jumped into her arms. I would promise to keep her safe.

I would promise to always be by her side. I would promise to do everything I could to see that radiant smile and sparkle in her eyes.

I was so fortunate that she came down my corridor. So many more are out there who haven't walked the corridors. So many more to be saved. At least I could save one.

I rescued a human today.

(Author Unknown)

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St. Peter's Congregational Council

Rick Daubert, President (term ends: December 2023) 2nd Term

Diane Gall, Vice-President (term ends: December 2023) 2nd Term

Scott Fischer, Secretary (term ends: December 2025) 2nd Term

Ken Shanks, Treasurer

Lisa Bell (term ends: December 2024) 1st Term

Lori Groves (term ends: December 2025) 1st Term

Karin Rebnegger (term ends: December 2024) 1st Term

Dave Reice (term ends: December 2025) 1st Term

Judy Smith (term ends: December 2024) 1st Term



PRAYER CONCERNS as of July 30, 2023

(* = new addition to list)

God's Protection and Safety:

On all who drive buses, trains & planes. For all the service men & women especially:

Petty Officer First Class Abigail L. Gall, US Coast Guard, daughter of Diane & Chris Gall (recently promoted)

CAPT. Walker Gall, US Air Force, son of Diane & Chris Gall (recently promoted)

God's Healing:

Parishioners: Heather Jerasa, Eleanor Peitzman, Dave Leslie, Ron Beerkircher, Brian Blackburn, Luise Scherffel, Joan Gerhart, Ethel Geist, June Bair, Sheryl Gladfelter, Reed Jerasa, Janet Owens, Don Jerasa, Kim Jerasa, Eleanor Peitzman, Jim Lynch, Sharon Senigo, Mary Ettore, Sandie Driscoll.

God's Healing:

Friends and family:

*Herb Brenner (brother-in-law of Laurel Tackett), David Hallman (friend of Rita Bixler), Judy Johnson (daughter of Marv & Betty Rohrs), Tammy Owens (daughter-in-law of Janet Owens), Rev. Erika Wesch, Adele Hodgman (cousin of Pastor Miller), Rhelda Warriner (sister of Rita Bixler), Sue Warfield (friend of Donna Blackburn), Elsie Stoud (Deb Detweiler's sister), Lindsey Hollingswoth (niece of Lori Groves), Rochelle Fly (friend of Rita Bixler), Caitlin(Cate) Fishman (relative of Lori Groves), Jean Scull (Rev. June Bair's future mother-in-law), Jane Hastings (friend of Deb Detweiler), Jim Trucksess (nephew of Donna Blackburn), Ann Sellers (Pastor Miller's mother-in-law), David Yarns (brother of Tammy Daubert), Kay Moyer (friend of Hope Garrett), Danni Tyrrel (great-niece of Kim Jerasa), Terri Lewis (cousin of Lori Lewis), Terri Jewett-Larkin (sister of Patti Dowse), Aidan Drakeley (Carol Barringer's grandson), Beverly Goheen (sister of Maureen Simpkins), George Yarns (father of Tammy Daubert), Pat Daubert (sister of Rick Daubert).

God's Comfort & Peace:

For our homebound members: **Joe Haenn** (Lutheran Community at Telford), **Esther Saylor and Tillie Murray** (Hidden Meadows on the Ridge).

God's Grace for the Family & Friends who mourn the death of:

+Julia Detweiler, Mary A Reice (mother of Dave Reice), Robert Bell (father of Lou Bell), Mary Palko (sister of John Snyder), +Ted Fickert, +Marv Rohrs.

[+indicates a member of St. Peter's. Names will stay on the printed list for 1 year]

August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 9 am Worship Service – hymn sing	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 9 am Worship Service – history of St. Peter's	14	15	16 Newsletter input due	17	18	19
20 9 am Worship Service	21 7 pm Council meeting	22 Newsletter mailed	23	24	25	26
27 9am Worship Service	28 7 pm Worship & Music meeting	29	30	31		

Monthly Assisting Ministers Calendar – August 2023

Date	Time	Usher(s)	Acolyte	Crucifer	Scripture/ Prayer	Server	Altar Guild	Counters
Aug 6 Hymn Sing	9:00 am	D & S Texter	E Park	F Park	J Snider		K Park & L Ertel	J Johnson & S Davenport
Aug 13 – History of St. Peter's	9:00 am	S & E Rebnegger	D Gall	L Groves	T Daubert		P Dowse & E Rebnegger	P Dowse & N Driscoll
Aug 20	9:00 am	J & J Gerhart	Lisa Bell	L Lombardo	J Smith	Lou Bell	P Abaza & E Rebnegger	D & S Texter
Aug 27	9:00 am	S & E Rebnegger	D Texter	N Driscoll	L Tackett	P Tackett	D & S Texter	R Bixler & J Smith
Sep 3 Outdoor Service	10:00 am	D & S Texter	J Seward	D Seward	L Ertel	P Abaza	R Bixler & L Lombardo	J Johnson & S Davenport

PLEASE NOTE:

- If you are unable to participate on your scheduled Sunday, please call one of the other individuals on the list and arrange to switch dates.