



## St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church Hilltown, PA July 2022

*The safety of our worshipers is our primary concern.*

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.



Welcome to the month of July! Here are some fun facts about July:

- On the original Roman calendar, July was the fifth month and known as *Quintilis* (Latin for fifth). The Roman Senate renamed it for Julius Caesar in 44 B. C.
- July begins the hottest period of the calendar year in the Northern Hemisphere, known as "the dog days of summer." The ancient Greeks connected the appearance of Sirius, "the dog star," in the night sky with the arrival of heat, drought, and thunderstorms. By contrast, July begins the coldest period of the calendar year in the Southern Hemisphere.
- The Anglo-Saxons had their own names for the month of July, among them, *Maed-monath* and *Hey-monath*. The names may be translated as "the flowering of meadows" and "hay month," respectively.
- The thirteen American colonies declared their independence from Great Britain on July 4, 1776, but Independence Day did not become a federal holiday until 1870. July 1 is Canada's National Day.
- Apollo 11, the first crewed mission to the moon, launched on July 16, 1969. Four days later, on July 20 of that year, Astronaut Neil Armstrong made history by taking the first step on the moon's surface while declaring, "That's one small step for [a] man, one giant leap for mankind!" I wonder if it was as hot on the moon as it was here.

For us, at St. Peter's, July marks the beginning of a new starting time for Sunday worship. **On the Sundays in July, August, and September, our Sunday worship services will begin at 10:00 a.m.** With the recommendation of the Worship and Music Committee, the Congregation Council approved this time change in the hope that it would make it possible for more people to attend worship. The council will evaluate the response and make a decision about the number and time of worship services beyond September. We look forward to seeing you in worship!

**Sunday worship services will be held outdoors at the pavilion, weather permitting, on July 3, August 7, and September 4.** These services will begin at 10:00 a.m. Folding chairs and picnic tables will be available for seating, but you are welcome to bring your own lawn chairs.

I wish that all of you have a pleasant and restorative summer. After this long pandemic, I hope that you will have the opportunity to do some things that you have been longing to do and that you are able to spend some quality time with family and friends. May our Lord Jesus watch over us and keep us safe!

Pastor Raymond Miller +

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### **New Column!!**

Rick Daubert, St. Peter's Church Council President, has a message in this edition of the newsletter.

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### **Upcoming Dates (mark your calendar)**

July 3 – Service time changes to 10AM. Outdoor Service on 7/3.

Jul 17 – Eagle Scout Court of Honor

Aug 7 – Outdoor Service

Sep 4 – Outdoor Service

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### **Special Envelopes**

Supplemental envelopes for the Boiler Replacement Fund are in a wicker basket on the table in the Narthex.

The boiler will be replaced this summer and it will cost thousands of dollars. Your donation toward the expense of this unit will really be greatly appreciated.

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### **Outdoor Service**

The next outdoor Service is Sunday, July 3. The Service will begin at 10:00 am and be held in the pavilion. You may bring your own lawn chair or use one of the folding chairs provided by the church.

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### **Canned and dry goods needed for FISH**

The first Sunday of the month (July 3) is FISH Sunday at St. Peter's. Canned and dry goods donations may be placed in the marked receptacle under the mail boxes in the hallway.

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### **Summer Service Times**

From July 3 through September 25, the Sunday morning Service will begin at 10:00am. The time change is only during the three months of July through September.

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### **Congregation President's Report**

Starting to get the hang of this position! I actually remembered before receiving the *Fishnet* that I should write a newsletter!

June 19<sup>th</sup>, we had a first of the season's outdoor services in our Pavilion. Just a little windy, (Maybe God whispering ..... You Go St. Peter's) but overall, we had a good turnout. A special Thanks to Diane & Lisa for arranging the Father's Day picnic following the service. It was a very successful, well-attended event that brought everyone together for conversation & reacquainting after a long 1-1/2 years of a pandemic.

We have plans for a "Community Gathering" in the works for July 30<sup>th</sup>. Our own Bill Gottshall will be bringing his band "The Time Travelers" to St. Peter's for a fun afternoon concert on the hill & in the pavilion. More details will be coming in the following few weeks as fine-tuning progresses. But Council is excited to host this community event and showcase our church to the Hilltown Community.

I would like to extend my personal Thank You to all who volunteer their time at St. Peter's. There are so many moving parts to keep us moving that go unnoticed.....worship assistance, projects & programs for our young children, lawn care (can always use more here), building maintenance in general, offering counters.....the list is endless. Thank You to everyone!!

Reminder to all that we will be going to a summer schedule on July 3<sup>rd</sup> with our Sunday services at 10 o'clock. Worship Committee & Council have been throwing out ideas to see what we can do to bring our Sunday attendance up. This is one experiment that was discussed to try for the summer months since we will be holding more outside services for which we already have a 10 o'clock schedule.

Hopefully, everyone has noticed the remodeling of the former library! Lisa & Linda did an outstanding job making this space into a Prayer / Meditation / Quiet Room. A room that one can go just to relax, fill out a prayer card & place in our prayer bowl, take a restless child to, and have a relaxing atmosphere. So many different possibilities! If you haven't yet, check it out!

We have had the unfortunate resignation of one of our council members & need to fill the open position for the remainder of year. If anyone feels the need to serve on this fantastic council (As I am sure many of you do), please feel free to speak to any of us!

May God bring Peace & Happiness to all!

Rick

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### Finance Report

The May financial results are shown below.  
Thank you for your continued support of St Peter's.  
Ken Shanks, Church Financial Officer

Monthly results 5/1/2022 to 5/31/2022:

Actual Weekly Offering Income	\$ 8,337	Budget Weekly Offering Income	\$12,240
Actual Total Income	\$12,563	Budget Total Income	\$15,335
Actual Expenses	\$10,547	Budget Expense	\$12,561
Actual Net Income	\$ 2,016	Budget Net Income	\$ 2,774

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### Worship

Worship is available to those who wish to attend "in person" and for those who worship from home, Services will continue to be livestreamed on the St. Peter's Facebook page on Sunday morning. Services are also available on the St. Peter's YouTube page.

The 10:00 am Sunday morning worship Service will continue through September. The fall schedule will be announced in a future newsletter.

Offering envelopes may be placed in the plate located in the narthex, mailed to the church office, or submitted electronically.

We invite you to join us in worship either by livestream or "in person." Our top priority has been and continues to be the safety of our members and all others who enter our building.

Pastor Raymond Miller

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### Passing Noted

In the sure and certain knowledge of the Resurrection to Eternal Life, St. Peter's notes the passing of William (Bill) Detweiler on May 10. A graveside Service was held in St. Peter's Union Cemetery on May 17, led by Pastor Miller.

Bill is survived by his wife of 72 years, Julia. They recently relocated to Weatherly, PA.

Bill was a long-time, active member of St. Peter's. For years, he and Julia delivered flowers to the homebound, helped in the kitchen, and opened up the church building on Sundays until the past couple of years. He sewed squares for the quilting group, helped around the

building whenever and in whatever capacity needed, and opened and closed the church on primary and general election days.

A veteran of World War II (as a gunner instructor in the Army Air Force), Bill returned to Bucks County after the war years and worked at the Royal Pants Factory in Perkasio for more than 30 years.

He enjoyed working in his lawn or garden during spring, summer, and fall. The Parish Administrator misses looking across the church parking lot and seeing him working around the house.

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### **New member welcome**

Lori was baptized at “the old” St. Peter’s Lutheran church by Pastor Bond and confirmed in “old” St. Peter’s Lutheran church in 1977 by Pastor Barton. She was officially welcomed into St. Peter’s Lutheran membership on June 19, 2022 though she’s been participating in Sunday morning Services as an Assisting Minister, either as Acolyte or Crucifer.

Her parents are Charles & Nancy Smith and her Grandparents were Wilson & Hilda Stock (deceased life-long member). Other family members are Joan Snider (aunt) and Diane Gall (cousin).

*I returned back to this church on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 to welcoming smiles 😊. Returning after a 40+ year gap, so much had changed. We were moved into “the new” church building, which was only under construction when I left. There were so many new faces, and yet still a few familiar ones too.*

*I really enjoy attending the after-Service social time each Sunday. It is helping me to get to know some of the other parishioners.*

Please greet Lori, if you haven’t already done so. We appreciate her active contribution to St. Peter’s Services.

Welcome (back), Lori!!



## Congregational Staff

- **Rev. Raymond Miller, Sr. Pastor** 215-822-9108  
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- **Norman Geist, Organist**
- **Bill Gottshall, Worship Ensemble**

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## St. Peter's Congregational Council

**Rick Daubert**, President (term ends: December 2023) 2<sup>nd</sup> Term

**Diane Gall**, Vice-President (term ends: December 2023) 2<sup>nd</sup> Term

**Scott Fischer**, Secretary (term ends: December 2022) 1<sup>st</sup> Term

**Ken Shanks**, Church Financial Officer

**Lisa Bell** (term ends: December 2024) 1<sup>st</sup> Term

**Patti Dowse** (term ends: December 2022) 2<sup>nd</sup> Term

**Joan Gerhart** (term ends: December 2022) 2<sup>nd</sup> Term

**Karin Rebnegger** (term ends: December 2024) 1<sup>st</sup> Term

**Judy Smith** (term ends: December 2024) 1<sup>st</sup> Term



## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

As of June 26, 2022

(\* - new addition)

### **God's Protection and Safety:**

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

**Petty Officer Second Class Abigail Gall, US Coast Guard**, daughter of Diane & Chris Gall

**1<sup>st</sup> LT. Walker Gall**, US Air Force, son of Diane & Chris Gall

### **God's Healing:**

**Parishioners:** June Bair, Sheryl Gladfelter, Joan Gerhart, Reed Jerasa, Janet Owens, Ethel Geist, Don Jerasa, Kim Jerasa, Eleanor Peitzman, Jim Lynch, Sharon Senigo, Mary Ettore, Sandie Driscoll.

### **God's Healing:**

#### **Friends and family:**

Jean Scull (Rev. June Bair's future mother-in-law), Jane Hastings (friend of Deb Detweiler), Jim Trucksess (nephew of Donna Blackburn), Sue McPherson (friend of Donna Blackburn), Cheri McFarland (niece of John Snyder), Ann Sellers (Pastor Miller's mother-in-law), Collins Gibson (great niece of Pastor Miller), Bill Gottshall (St. Peter's keyboard player), 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), Sutton family (friends of Donna Blackburn), Aidan Drakeley (Carol Barringer's grandson), Derek (grandson of Joan Johnson), Beverly Goheen (sister of Maureen Simpkins), Mary Clarke (friend of John Snyder), George Yarns (father of Tammy Daubert), Pat Daubert (sister of Rick Daubert).

### **God's Comfort & Peace:**

For our homebound members: **Ted Fickert** (Dock Woods), **Joe Haenn** (Lutheran Community at Telford), **Esther Saylor and Tillie Murray** (Hidden Meadows on the Ridge), **Marv Rohrs**; and **Julie** (at home in Weatherly).

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

Bill Detweiler, Rich Rotelle (Deb Detweiler's brother-in-law), +Robert (Bob) Snider, Wasley Smakula (Julie Detweiler's brother), Dona Powell (sister of Diane Seward), Betty Gromer, Violette P. Gottshall (mother of Bill Gottshall), Stephen Poust, +Jean Gugger.

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

## July 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>3</b> 10 am Worship Service outside	4 Church office closed due to holiday	5	6	7	8	9
<b>10</b> 10 am Worship Service	11	12	13	14 Newsletter input due	15	16
<b>17</b> 10 am Worship Service 2pm – Eagle Scout Court of Honor	18 7pm – Council mtg	19	20	21 Newsletter mailed	22	23
<b>24/31</b> 10 am Worship Service	25	26	27	28	29	30 Music on the Hill

## Monthly Assisting Ministers Calendar – July 2022

Date	Time	Usher(s)	Acolyte	Crucifer	Scripture/ Prayer	Server	Altar Guild	Counters
<b>Jul 3 Outdoors</b>	10:00 am	S & D Texter	J Seward	D Seward	J Smith	Lou Bell	R Bixler & L Lombardo	J Johnson & C Davenport
<b>Jul 10</b>	10:00 am	J Gerhart	D Gall	P Dowse	L Tackett	P Tackett	K Park & L Ertel	P Dowse & N Driscoll
<b>Jul 17</b>	10:00 am	S & E Rebnegger	L Lombardo	Lisa Bell	Lou Bell	P Abaza	P Dowse & E Rebnegger	J Smith & R Bixler
<b>Jul 24</b>	10:00 am	P Hardy	L Groves	E Park	J Snider	K Shanks	P Abaza & D Detweiler	S & D Texter
<b>Jul 31</b>	10:00 am	J & J Gerhart	D Texter	N Driscoll	T Daubert	P Tackett	D & S Texter	P Dowse & N Driscoll
<b>Aug 7 Outdoors</b>	10:00 am	S & D Texter	J Seward	D Seward	J Smith	K Shanks & Lou Bell	R Bixler & L Lombardo	J Johnson & C 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.
- Please send an email to ([stpeterslc@comcast.net](mailto:stpeterslc@comcast.net)) or call the Church Office, Monday through Thursday (215-822-9108) to advise of the change before Wednesday of the Sunday scheduled.