



The Fishnet



We are now fully into Lent. Are you having “a good Lent”? I find that phrase a curious one. As the late-night talk show host Jimmy Kimmel, a practicing Catholic, remarked on Ash Wednesday, “With pandemic restrictions, it’s like we have been having Lent for the past year.”

Over the years, I have used a number of different books for my Lenten devotions. One that I picked up this year is *Lent and Easter: Wisdom from Thomas Merton*. Known as Father Louis, Thomas Merton (1915-1968) was a Trappist monk, who lived at an abbey near Bardstown, Kentucky. I have found him to be a prolific and insightful writer.

One of the devotions that caught my eye in the abovementioned book is the following: “We are a community of pardon, but not a community of judgment. We are told not to judge, and we must not. We must not judge in such a way as to reject and condemn... Even our enemy must not be judged, that is to say we must always be ready to take the first step in offering reconciliation and pardon (p. 72).”

I wonder how our life as a community would be different if we saw ourselves as more of “a community of pardon” and less as “a community of judgment.” Would we look at each other different ways? How would we view the people around us? I don’t presume to have any quick and easy answers to these questions. As part of your Lenten devotions, I invite you to join me in considering the possibilities.

St. Peter’s Evangelical Lutheran Church Hilltown, PA

March 2021

Re-opening for In-person Worship

I am pleased to report that St. Peter’s Congregation Council and the Worship and Music Committee plans to safely re-open the church building for “in person” worship are detailed on the next page.

Pastor Raymond Miller

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What Sunday Worship is Like in the COVID Era

The safety of our worshipers is our primary concern.

Services are viewable each Sunday on the St. Peter’s Facebook page and, later, on St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, Hilltown, PA YouTube page.

Easter Flowers

The order form for Easter flowers is in the back of the newsletter. It will be a glorious Service filled with your favorite Easter hymns and flowers!

Please have your order in the church office before March 21.

Other thoughts...

Boy Scout Eagle Project

Hunter Wolff, thanks you for your help in his recent collection of men's clothes for a Norristown charity.



Upcoming Dates

Sunday, March 7
Tuesday, March 16
Sunday, March 28
Thursday, April 1
Friday, April 2
Sunday, April 4

Church reopens for Service
Council meeting at 7pm
Palm Sunday
Maundy Thursday
Good Friday
Easter

St. Peter's continues to live stream weekly Services on the St. Peter's Facebook page. Please call the church office if you have questions (215-822-9108).

“In Person” Worship Resumes on March 7

In February, the Congregation Council decided to re-open worship to those who may wish to do so “in person.” We will continue to livestream worship on Facebook.

On Sundays, March 7, 14, and 21, we will offer one worship service at 9:00 a.m.

On Palm Sunday, March 28, we will offer two services, 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Both Services will be the same (that is, there will be no Worship Ensemble at the 10:00 am Service).

On Easter Sunday, April 4, we will also offer two services, 6:30 a.m. (outdoors, location to be announced) and 10:00 a.m. (in the sanctuary).

The worship schedule after Easter is yet to be determined.

“In person” attendance for all services is limited to 40. For Palm Sunday and Easter, we ask worshippers to make a reservation either through Signup Genius (accessible through the available link below or on the church website) or by calling the church office if you don’t have computer access.

Wednesday Lenten services, plus Maundy Thursday (April 1) and Good Friday (April 2) services, all at 7:00 p.m., are also open to those who may wish to attend “in person.”

Palm Sunday sign-up link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D44AEAE2AA5FEC16-palm>

Easter 10:00 am sign-up link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D44AEAE2AA5FEC16-easter>

For “in person” worship, we will continue to follow the procedures previously established. There will be no congregational singing; hymns will be played on the organ with the texts available on the large screens. Face masks and social distancing (minimum of six feet, except for those living in the same household) are required. The use of hand sanitizer is strongly encouraged.

Holy Communion will be offered on Sundays and on Maundy Thursday. Wafers will be placed in “mini baking cups,” and wine and grape juice will be available in pre-filled cups. There will be no “sharing of the peace.” Offering envelopes may be placed in the plate located in the narthex. For his own safety, the pastor will not be greeting worshippers in the narthex after the service.

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

Congregational Staff

- **Rev. Raymond Miller, Sr. Pastor** 215-822-9108
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 - **Sue Fellman Jacob, Parish Administrator** 215-822-9108

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 - **Norman Geist, Organist**
 - **Bill Gottshall, Worship Ensemble Leader**
 - **Susan Scherffel, Worship Ensemble Leader**
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St. Peter's Congregational Council

Pam Abaza, President (term ends: December 2021) 2nd Term
Diane Gall, Vice-President (term ends: December 2023) 2nd Term
Linda Ertel, Secretary (term ends: December 2021) 2nd Term
Ken Shanks, Treasurer (completed two terms on council as of December 2015)
Spencer Butterwick (term ends: December 2021) 1st Term
Rick Daubert (term ends: December 2023) 2nd Term
Charles (Skip) Davenport (term ends December 2023) 1st Term
Patti Dowse (term ends: December 2022) 2nd Term
Scott Fischer (term ends: December 2022) 1st Term
Joan Gerhart (term ends: December 2022) 2^{ndt} Term

A thank you note (see below) was received from Pennridge FISH for our donations of food during 2020. Being a year when so often in-person church services were not held we were still able to give 949 pounds of food. Food distribution centers like FISH are really in need of donations as there are so many people who have lost their jobs. Donations can still be dropped off at the church when the Parish Administrator is in and they will be taken to FISH as the inside container gets filled.

2020 was a great year in comparison to other years. 2019=714 lbs; 2018=550 lbs Lenten drive; 2017=506 lbs Lenten drive; 2016=778 lbs.

Shirley & Doris Texter



P.O. Box 9, Perkasie, PA 18944

February 15, 2021

St. Peter's Lutheran Church
1530 Augsburg Drive
Hilltown, PA 18927

Dear St. Peter's Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your donation of food to the Pennridge FISH Organization.
According to our records you donated the following:

2020

February	45 pounds
March	121 pounds
April	130 pounds
September	8 pounds
October	113 pounds
November	532 pounds
TOTAL:	949

It is with your support that FISH is able to continue its outreach to those in the Pennridge Community who are in need. The entire amount of your gift represents a charitable donation, as no goods or services were provided to you in return for your donation.

Thank you again for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Harry Tucker
President



PRAYER CONCERNS

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

2nd LT. Walker Gall, US Air Force, son of Diane & Chris Gall

God's Healing: Parishioners:

*Joan Johnson, Mary Long, Gene Gugger, June Bair, Reed Jerasa, Don Jerasa, Kim Jerasa, Barbara Brown, Jean Gugger, Bill Detweiler, Eleanor Peitzman, Trudy Ramsey, Bob Snider, Jim Lynch, Sharon Senigo, Mary Ettore, Jeff Flagler, Sandie Driscoll.

God's Healing: Friends and family:

Terri Jewett-Larkin (sister of Patti Dowse), Shirley Treichler (Hope Garrett's sister), Kim Wendland and the Sutton family (friends of Donna Blackburn), Don Campbell (Joan Gerhart's brother), Sue Cassel (quilter), Robin Morris (Janet Owens friend), Aidan Drakeley (Carol Barringer's grandson), Derek (grandson of Joan Johnson), Beverly Goheen (sister of Maureen Simpkins), Mason Long (grandson of Peg & Ed Hardy), Mary Clarke (friend of John Snyder), George Yarns (father of Tammy Daubert), Pat Daubert (sister of Rick Daubert), Jackie Korbas (Jerry Gerhart's sister), Gene Gugger (son of Jean & Gene Gugger), Lauren Gugger (granddaughter of Gene & Jean Gugger), Arlene Leonard (Gene Gugger's sister), Holly Olsen (friend of Charles Rizzo), Faye Slack (daughter of Blanche Wimmer), Betty Zepp (relation to Maryann Zepp), Kay Moyer (friend of Hope Garrett), Brooke Smith (friend of Donna Blackburn), Steve Traynor (friend of Sandie Driscoll), Jim Hardy (son of Peg & Ed Hardy), Barbara Jones (Danielle Simpkins' mother), Al Palmer (friend of Dean Jerasa), Mark Newbold (friend of Charles Rizzo), Donna Cross (friend of Linda Ertel), Debbie Breithaupt and Patricia Deitz (sisters-in-law of June Bair), Brandon Latham (friend of Scherffel family), Debra Scott (Sue Scherffel's cousin), Butch Trucksess (brother-in-law of Donna and Brian Blackburn), Joseph Hartner (brother-in-law of Michael Ettore, Sr.).

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), **Bill & Julie Detweiler** (Home).

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

+Charles Gehman, +Betty Nash, Carlene Moyer (cousin of Maryann Zepp; niece of Joan Johnson & Mim Fickert), +Bob Bergey, +Jim Ertel, Tess Nalepa (sister of Julie Detweiler), Dorothy Slack (daughter-in-law of Marie Slack), Jack Palko (John Snyder's brother-in-law), +Bob Bair, +Helen Kendra, Michael Burgess (brother of Kim Jerasa), +Ray Johnson, +Sharon Snider (daughter-in-law of Joan & Bob Snider), +Ted Hilmer, Sr., Marie Russell (Tammy Daubert's mother), Raymond Michael Mayerzak (son of Marilou Mayerzak), Francine Moyer (aunt of John Snyder), Florence White (Pastor Miller's aunt), James Payne (brother of Laurel Tackett), Ann Weikel (sister-in-law of Sue Jacob), +Mary Van Thuyne, Jeanette Kraus (mother of Rebecca Jerasa). **[+indicates a member of St. Peter's.]**

Easter Decoration Fund



Please consider making a donation to the Easter Decoration Fund this season. Your donation will be used to purchase items such as flowers (lilies or tulips), candles, etc... that will be used to decorate the sanctuary for Easter. On the form below, please indicate who the donation is in honor/memory of, your name(s), and if you would like a lily or tulip to take home with you. Please return the forms to Sue in the church office no later than Sunday, March 21st. Thank you!

Name(s) _____

In memory / honor of (circle one)

Donation Amount (circle one): \$10 \$15 \$20 other \$_____

I would like to take an Easter lily home with me _____YES _____NO

I would like to take a tulip home with me. _____YES _____NO

March 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 7pm-livestream Service	4	5	6
7 9:00am Worship Service	8	9	10 7pm-livestream Service	11	12	13
14 9 am Worship Service	15	16 9 am – Quilters 7pm – Council mtg	17 7pm-livestream Service	18 Newsletter input due	19	20
21 9 am Worship Service	22	23	24 Newsletter mailed 7pm-livestream Service	25	26	27
28 Palm Sunday 8 am Worship Service 10 am Worship Service	29	30	31			

ASSISTING MINISTERS

Date	Lector	Counters	Altar Guild	Special Date
February 28	Scott Fischer	Patti Dowse & Skip Davenport	Pam Abaza & Rita Bixler	
March 7	Tammy Daubert	Ken Shanks & Patti Dowse	Maryann Zepp & Mim Fickert	
March 14	Rick Daubert	Ken Shanks & Patti Dowse	Pam Abaza & Rita Bixler	
March 21	Laurel Tackett	Ken Shanks & Patti Dowse	Maryann Zepp & Mim Fickert	
March 28	Phil Tackett	Ken Shanks & Patti Dowse	Pam Abaza & Rita Bixler	

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) or call the Church Office (215-822-9108) to advise of the change.
- The above schedule is based on the 9:00 A.M. single Service.