

The Fishnet

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



Sadly, I find myself writing this article while making plans for Norm Geist's memorial service. As many of you are aware, Norm passed away unexpectedly at home on August 16. I, along with many of you, are feeling shock at the loss of such a beloved and precious member of our community of faith.

Please keep Norm's wife Ethel in your prayers. She is a resident of the Lutheran Community at Telford.

Norm was a brother in Christ, a friend, and a member of St. Peter's staff. We give thanks to God for Norm's life, for the abundant ways in which he has blessed so many with his gift of music, and for the promise of Jesus' resurrection, which brings comfort and peace to those whom Norm has left behind.

On the Sunday following Norm's death, I dispensed with my prepared sermon and offered a quiet meditation based on a series of musically related psalms. In Norm's honor, I conclude this article with the first verse from one of them, Psalm 122:

*I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."*

Norm found gladness in "the house of the Lord." May we find comfort and peace in that house!

Pastor Raymond Miller

Confirmation Classes Resume

Confirmation classes resume in September. The remaining three classes are scheduled for Sundays, September 17, October 1 and 15. All begin following the 9:00 worship service.

The Service of Confirmation is planned for Sunday, October 29, at 9:00 a.m.



Upcoming Dates (please mark your calendar)

September 3	10:00 am - Outdoor Service
September 10	God's Work Our Hands event
September 11	7:00 pm - Worship & Music Committee mtg
September 16	12n – 6 pm – Wines on the Hill Festival
September 17	10:30 am - Confirmation Class after church
September 18	7:00 pm – Council meeting
October 1	10:30 am - Confirmation Class after church
October 8	CROP Walk

Last Outdoor Service for the Summer

The last outdoor Service will be held Sunday, September 3 at 10:00 in the pavilion. Bring your favorite lawn chair, your singing voice, and a love of nature and enjoy the morning Service.

“God’s Work, Our Hands” Sunday Service Event

The annual “God’s Work, Our Hands” Sunday is September 10, 2023.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church (69 W. Broad Street, Souderton 18964) welcomes participation in their service event for the day from noon to 3:00 pm. They will put together 2,000 base individual meal bags for E-Meal Ministry distribution. To register for one or more shifts, please go to <https://bit.ly/3P6THu8>. You’re welcome to bring a food donation, too!

Norman J. Geist, organist at St. Peter’s for more than ten years, died in his home on Wednesday, August 16 of natural causes. He leaves behind his wife Ethel, son Dana and daughter Lavonne, six grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

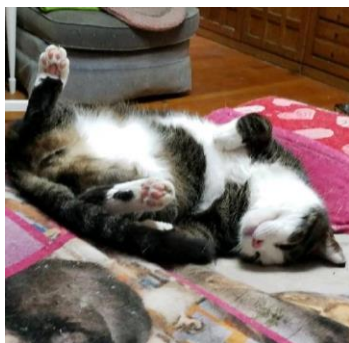
Norm’s Memorial Service was held Thursday morning, August 24 at St. Peter’s with the Rev. Raymond Miller presiding.

Memorial contributions in Norm’s honor may be made to St. Peter’s Lutheran Church.

Norm was a graduate of Ohio State University, where he was active in their band and rifle club. He remained an ardent OSU football fan and followed the team’s wins and losses throughout each fall. He was a veteran and served in the United States Army.

Please keep Ethel and the Geist family in your thoughts and prayers.

Animal Blessing



Wow! I can’t believe all the pictures that were emailed and delivered to me. I’m glad you were paying attention during church when a member of my staff requested you send your pictures.

In order for you to view the blessing (if you’re not in church) I will instruct my people to have the service live streamed (like they are every Sunday) on the church’s Facebook and YouTube account. If you have a Facebook account, you can “like” St. Peter’s Lutheran Church Hilltown PA and should get notice on Facebook when the service starts on October 1st. You can also click on the following link to the church’s YouTube channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChxeO1r4B-5bAw1rljOkdaA/live>

Love, Max



Memorial Committee

Beginning this fall the Memorial Committee will be actively seeking input from the Saint Peter's congregation on where we can most effectively use some of St. Peter's Memorial funds.

Each quarter the Memorial Committee will offer a general area of interest, such as The Environment, First Responders/ Military, Animal Shelters, etc. We will then ask for the congregation's specific suggestions on where the donations from St. Peter's may best be used. These general areas are meant to spark ideas for the use of funds, and as always, we would always welcome requests for the use of Memorial Funds outside of the quarterly areas of interest. The committee will then view and explore the requests for recommendation to the Council.

Thank you. We look forward to making this a Congregational Project for the betterment of our Church, Community and World.

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 - **Laurel Tackett, Organist**
 - **Bill Gottshall, Keyboard**
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St. Peter's Congregational Council

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

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

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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 August 27, 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:

Denise Sanders (friend of Deb Detweiler), Patti Stover (coworker of Deb Detweiler), 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:

*+Norm Geist, *Herb Brenner (brother-in-law of Laurel Tackett), Melanie Lewis (sister-in-law of Lori Lombardo), +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]

September 30th
12-6pm
HARVEST
FESTIVAL



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September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 10 am Outdoor Worship Service	4 LABOR DAY Church office closed for holiday	5	6	7 BBLC classes start	8	9
10 9 am Worship Service	11	12	13 Newsletter input due	14 Set up for Wines festival	15 Set up for Wines festival	16 Wines on the Hill Festival 12n to 6pm
17 9 am Worship Service 10 am – Confirmation Class	18 7 pm Council meeting	19	20	21 Newsletter mailed	22 Cowdery rehearsal	23
24 9am Worship Service	25	26	27	28	29	30

Monthly Assisting Ministers Calendar – September 2023

Date	Time	Usher(s)	Acolyte	Crucifer	Scripture/ Prayer	Server	Altar Guild	Counters
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
Sep 10	9:00 am	S & E Rebnegger	Lisa Bell	L Lombardo	Lou Bell	Lou Bell	K Park & L Ertel	P Dowse & N Driscoll
Sep 17 9 am	9:00 am	J & J Gerhart	E Park	F Park	J Smith	S Fischer	P Dowse & E Rebnegger	D & S Texter
Sep 24 9 am	9:00 am	D & S Texter	J Seward	D Seward	T Daubert	P Tackett	P Abaza & E Rebnegger	R Bixler & J Smith
Oct 1 9 am	9:00 am	S & E Rebnegger	L Groves	N Driscoll	J Snider	P Abaza	D & S Texter	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.