

# The Fishnet

**St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Hilltown, PA  
April 2024**



*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.*

Greetings in the name of the One who has died and risen to bring us life and salvation! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Because of the need to prepare the April newsletter well in advance for distribution, I am writing this article during the week before Palm Sunday. As a result, you may be reading it during Holy Week or perhaps after Easter Sunday.

Our staff, leaders, and volunteers have been very much involved since early January in planning and preparing for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. These are very busy times in many Christian congregations. Many details must be considered and addressed. I express my deepest thanks to everyone at St. Peter's for their commitment and diligence in doing what

needs to be done, not only at this time of the year but throughout the year. I know that I can rely on you, and my life and ministry is blessed by you.

Coming very quickly is the annual Synod Assembly planned for May 3 and 4 in nearby Franconia. At this assembly, we will be saying good-bye to our retiring bishop, Patricia Davenport, who is completing a six-year term, and electing a new bishop. Over the past several months, the rostered ministers and lay leaders of this synod have been involved in a careful process of discernment, seeking God's direction for the election of the next bishop. Please remember in your prayers the 143 congregations of this synod and their 70,000 baptized members as the Synod Assembly approaches. More information on the discernment process and the Synod Assembly may be found at [ministrylink.org](http://ministrylink.org).

"We often wonder what we can do for others," wrote spiritual guide Henri Nouwen. "It is not a sign of powerlessness when we say: *We must pray for one another*. To pray for one another is, first of all, to acknowledge in the presence of God, that we belong to each other as children of the same God ... To pray, that is, to listen to the voice of the One who calls us his *Beloved*, is to learn that that voice excludes no one. Where I dwell, God dwells with me and, where God dwells with me, I find all my sisters and brothers." *Lent and Easter: Wisdom from Henri Nouwen, p. 98*

May we pray, listen, and grow in the presence of the risen Christ among us, my sisters and brothers!

Your servant in Christ,  
Pastor Raymond Miller

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### Upcoming Dates (please mark your calendar)

March 28	7:00pm – Maundy Thursday Service
March 29	7:00pm – Good Friday Service
March 31	7:00am – Easter Sunrise Service
March 31	10:00am - Easter Service
April 20	8:00am - Clean-up day at St. Peter's
June 2	First outdoor Service
Mid-June	Concert on the Hill (date TBA)

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### Holy Week Services

This year, Easter is a bit early and will end with the last day of March! Following are the Holy Week Services.

Maundy Thursday	March 28	7:00 pm
Good Friday	March 29	7:00 pm
Easter Sunrise Service	March 31	7:00 am (in "old" cemetery)
Easter Service	March 31	10:00 am (in the sanctuary)

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### Clean up Day

The annual clean-up day at St. Peter's is Saturday, April 20, starting at 8:00 am.

Please mark your calendar and bring your favorite gloves. There will be some raking, mulch to spread, brush cutting/trimming, and general outside clean-up.

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### Inclement Weather Cancellation

If inclement weather is predicted, Pastor and the Council President will make the decision on cancellation by Saturday evening, thus allowing a DialMyCall message to go to each parishioner will before Sunday morning.

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### Memorial Committee

In the last quarter of 2023, the Memorial Committee began the idea of offering an area of general interest for the congregation to submit requests for the use of Saint Peter's Memorial Funds. The first category suggested was Military and Veterans. The committee received several requests from congregants and the Committee recommended to the Council all the requests be given to the various organizations. The Council also approved all of these requests.

The Memorial Committee would like to build on this momentum and for the first quarter of 2024, we have decided on the category of Youth and Children. One of the yearly recipients of Memorial Funds is the Bucks County Children's Advocacy Center which provides a child friendly environment to assist in the investigation and prosecution of child abuse and provide advocacy and counseling for child victims and witnesses of crime. Please give serious consideration and submit any requests for Memorial Funds for any Child or Youth based organization or program that you know of which can use financial support.

Thank you. Let's keep working to make thoughtful use of our resources for the betterment of our Church, Community and World.

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### Canned and dry goods for FISH

Canned and dry goods donations may be placed in the marked receptacle under the mail boxes in the hallway. FISH remains in dire need of canned goods so every single can helps!

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## PRAYER CONCERNS as of March 2024

(\* = 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

**CAPT. Walker Gall**, US Air Force, son of Diane & Chris Gall

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

**Parishioners:** Dave Reice, Heather Jerasa, Eleanor Peitzman, Dave Leslie, Ron Beerkircher, June Bair, Sheryl Gladfelter, Reed Jerasa, Janet Owens, Don Jerasa, Kim Jerasa, Jim Lynch, Mary Ettore..

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

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

The Rev. Nathan and Dana Good (niece of Joan Gerhart) Edward McCormick (cousin of Pastor Miller), The Rev. Erika Wesch (Conference Dean), Rich Welsh (friend of Wally Simpkins), John Moll (friend of Wally Simpkins), Keith Lewis (brother of Lori Lombardo), Tessa Bair (granddaughter of June Bair), Butch Trucksess (brother-in-law of Donna Blackburn), Bill Treichler (brother of Hope Garrett & Shirley Treichler), Diana Christianson (niece of Elaine, BBLC), Helene Bell (mother of Lou Bell), Denise Sanders (friend of Deb Detweiler), Patti Stover (coworker of Deb Detweiler), David Hallman (friend of Rita Bixler), Judy Johnson (daughter of Marv & Betty Rohrs), Tammy Owens (daughter-in-law of Janet Owens), Adele Hodgman (cousin of Pastor Miller), Rhelda Warriner (sister of Rita Bixler), 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 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 and Ethel Geist** (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:**

Denise J. Spier (daughter of Leroy & Shirley Gladfelter), Sara Beaumont Barton, +Kerry Keel Furiga, +Sandie Driscoll, Sue Warfield (friend of Donna Blackburn), Holly Seward (Jim Seward's sister-in-law), Larry Donis (uncle of Lori Lombardo), +Janet Nebhut, Elsie Stoud (Deb Detweiler's sister), +Norman 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), **[+indicates a member of St. Peter's. Names will stay on the printed list for 1 year]**



## 4H Activities

The 4H groups continue to meet at St. Peter's and take field trips.

Below are photos from the two 4H groups that meet at St. Peter's: Horsin' Around and Scales and Tails.

Horsin' Around activities are pictured below. The group visited a stable and worked in the horse stalls. They learned that having a horse means care and responsibility while enjoying the pleasure of being in the saddle.





Scales and Tails (below) is the Reptile club.

Iguanas, snakes, and other reptiles are learned about. Members that have reptile pets share them during special meetings. Everyone learns about a specific reptile and are able to handle one or more of the species. This creates much better understanding of that particular reptile and its habits.





4H is all about education and leadership skills that will help the participants carve out a successful future.

Congratulations to the new officers of the 4H groups that meet at St. Peter's.





Good Shepherd Episcopal Church's annual book sale is June 1-3. They are accepting used books for that sale now through May 15.

Leave your carton(s) on the table by the side of the outside (parking lot) steps at Gppd Shepherd Church. It's a protected area and permits drop-off anytime, any day. Thanks for your support of a local church.

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### **Outdoor Services**

Outdoor Services are planned for June 2, July 7, August 4, and September 8. The September 8 outdoor Service will be followed by the annual congregational picnic. More details will follow in future newsletters.

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# April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>7</b> 9 am Worship Service	8	9	10	11	12	13
<b>14</b> 9 am Worship Service	15 7 pm Council meeting	16	17	18 Newsletter input due	19	20 Clean up Day 8am start
<b>21</b> 9 am Worship Service	22	23	24	25 Newsletter mailed	26	27
<b>28</b> 9 am Worship Service	29	30				



## Monthly Assisting Ministers Calendar – April 2024

Date	Time	Usher(s)	Acolyte	Crucifer	Scripture/ Prayer	Server	Altar Guild	Counters
April 7	9:00 am	J & J Gerhart	E Park	F Park	L Ertel	P Abaza	P Abaza & E Rebnegger	J Snider & S Davenport
April 14	9:00 am	G & E Miller	Lisa Bell	L Groves	Lou Bell	S Fischer	D & S Texter	P Dowse & N Driscoll
April 21	9:00 am	E & S Rebnegger	J Seward	D Seward	T Daubert	P Tackett	R Bixler & L Lombardo	D & S Texter
April 28	9:00 am	D & S Texter	P Dowse	L Lombardo	L Ertel	Lou Bell	K Park & L Ertel	R Bixler & J Smith
May 5	9:00 am	J & J Gerhart	D Texter	N Driscoll	K Rebnegger	P Abaza	P Dowse & E Rebnegger	J Snider & 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.