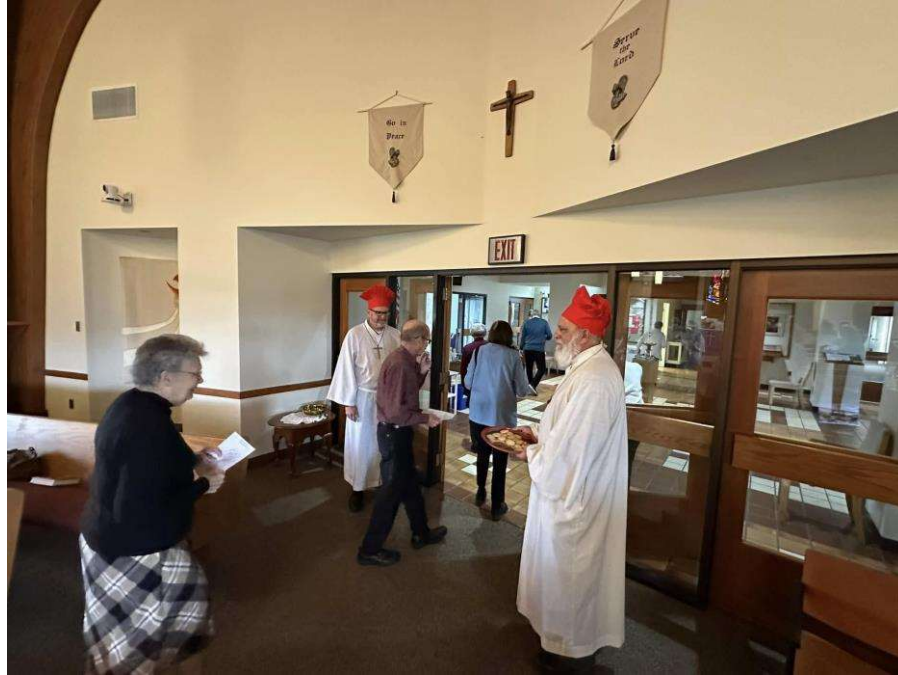


# The Fishnet

**St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Hilltown, PA  
February 2025**



*St. Lucia Sunday, December 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, at St. Peter's website and on St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Hilltown, PA YouTube page after the Service.*

## **Pastor's Message**

February is an interesting month, a mere 28 (sometimes 29) days long but yet full of an abundance of noteworthy holidays: Groundhog Day, Valentine's Day, and Presidents Day. (I remember, as a child, before Lincoln's Birthday and Washington's Birthday were combined into one holiday called Presidents Day, February meant two days off from school.) February also includes National Dark Chocolate Day (February 1), National Send a Card to a Friend Day (February 7), Take Your Child to the Library Day (first Saturday), National Pizza Day (February 8), National Clean Out Your Computer Day (second Monday), Get Out Your Guitar Day (February 11), Susan B. Anthony Day (February 15), and National Sticky Bun Day (February 21), among others. February is Black History Month as well.

On the church calendar February 2 is the Presentation of Our Lord, when Mary and Joseph presented the baby Jesus in the Temple at Jerusalem (Luke 2:22-38). The day is also known as Candlemas, after the medieval European custom of blessing candles for use, both at church and at home, during the coming year. Forty days after Christmas, Candlemas marks the end of the Christmas season. Among February's commemorations is Martin Luther who died on February 18 in

1546. Often Lent begins in the month of February but not this year. Ash Wednesday in 2025 is March 5.

Locally, February 2 is the date of St. Peter's annual congregational meeting. We hope that you are planning to attend. The meeting begins right after the morning worship service.

On a personal note, my wife Serena Sellers will be installed as pastor of St. Mark's, Pennsburg, on February 2 at 2:00 p.m. You are welcome to attend!

Though it is still winter, February has much that is happening. God's Word is proclaimed and God's people gather in worship. The mission and ministry that has been entrusted to this congregation and to me continues to be fulfilled. We have much in which to rejoice! Thanks be to God.

Giving thanks for your faithfulness,

Pastor Raymond Miller

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### Upcoming Dates (please mark your calendar)

February 2, 2025	10:00 am	Congregational mtg following Service
February 9	9:00 am	Service
February 16	9:00 am	Service
February 16	10:30 am	Bonhoeffer study after Service
February 23	9:00 am	Service
March 2	9:00 am	Service
March 2	11:00 am	Mardi Gras and lunch
March 5	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service
March 9	9:00 am	Service
March 9	10:30 am	Bonhoeffer study after Service
March 12 through April 9	7:00 pm	Wednesday evening Lenten Services
March 16	9:00 am	Service
March 23	9:00 am	Service
March 23	10:30 am	Bonhoeffer study after Service
March 30	9:00 am	Service
April 6	9:00 am	Service
April 6	10:30 am	Bonhoeffer study after Service
April 13	9:00 am	Palm Sunday Service
April 17	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Service
April 18	7:00 pm	Good Friday Service
April 20	7:00 am	Easter Sunday Sunrise Service
April 20	10:00 am	Easter Sunday Service

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### Congregational Meeting

The annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, February 2 immediately following the morning's Service. Please plan to attend.

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### Installation of the Rev. Serena Sellers

The Rev. Serena Sellers will be installed at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Pennsburg on Sunday afternoon, February 2, at 2:00 PM. Pastor Miller will present the sermon.

Light refreshments will be served following the Service.

The congregation of St. Peter's, Hilltown is invited to attend.

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## **Join Us for an Adult Study on Bonhoeffer**

This year marks the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the martyrdom of German Lutheran pastor and theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Though Bonhoeffer is often cited in sermons and articles, not many know a whole lot about his life and teachings. Through an offering for congregations, the Lutheran Advocacy Ministry of Pennsylvania (LAMPa) and the International Bonhoeffer Society (English Language Section) is providing a four-session curriculum entitled *Lessons from Dietrich Bonhoeffer in a House Divided and a World on Fire*.

We invite you to join us at St. Peter's for coffee hour and then an exploration of Bonhoeffer's life and teachings. The curriculum is largely interactive and provides significant opportunities for discussion. We will be holding sessions for adult study on Sundays, February 16, March 9 and 23, and April 6, following the worship service, roughly from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. See you then.

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

Canned and dry goods donations are in dire need by FISH. January is one of the worst months for donations of food needs. Please help our local food pantry. Every donation helps!

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## **Fellowship Committee**

The next event is on March 2 and it's a Mardi Gras Community Lunch & Family Game Day following that Sunday's Service. Please reserve this on your calendar.

A poster and food sign-up sheet will soon be posted on the bulletin board.

Please see the "poster" on the next page for more details.

Come out and enjoy fun, food, and fellowship.



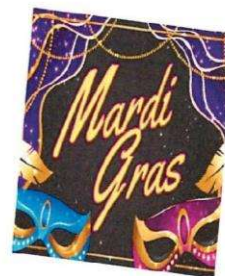
# FREE Community Mardi Gras Luncheon & Family Game Day

"Mardi Gras" a.k.a. "Fat Tuesday" leads up to Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, the season of fasting and penitence during the 40 weekdays before Easter.



Please join us for:

- a delicious, FREE church luncheon
- fun family games, for all ages
- pre-Lent children's crafts
- a day of meeting new friends! All are welcome!



**Sunday, March 2, 2025 from 11:00-3:00** (services begin @9:00AM)  
**St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**1530 Augsburg Dr. Hilltown, PA**

Web page: <https://solchurch.net/>  
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stoeterschilltown>  
YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChxeO1r4B-5bAw1rjOkdaA/live>





## PRAYER CONCERNS as of January 26, 2025

(\* = 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:** John Snyder, Leroy and Sheryl Gladfelter, Mary Long, Spencer Butterwick, Kim Jerasa, Dave Reice, Heather Jerasa, Eleanor Peitzman, June Bair, Reed Jerasa, Janet Owens, Don Jerasa, Jim Lynch, Mary Ettore.

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

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

Jean Mood (friend of Janet Owens), Robyn Gulick (granddaughter of Janet Owens), Jim Fryling (Jerry & Joan Gerhart's cousin), Tom Korbas (Jerry & Joan Gerhart's brother-in-law), Marlon Cortolean Jane Hastings (Deb Detweiler's friends), Emily Kuykendall (Bev Gottshall's daughter), Heidi Beason, Rochelle Fly, and Ruth Miller (friends of Rita Bixler), Shirley Treichler (Hope Garrett's sister), Rich Welsh and John Moll (Wally Simpkins' friends), Keith Lewis (Lori Lombardo's brother), Tessa Bair (June Bair's granddaughter), Butch Trucksess (Donna Blackburn's brother-in-law), Bill Treichler (Hope Garrett's brother), David Hallman (Rita Bixler's friend), Judy Johnson (Marv & Betty Rohrs' daughter), Tammy Owens (Janet Owens' daughter-in-law), Rhelda Warriner (Rita Bixler's sister), Lindsey Hollingswoth (Lori Groves' niece), Caitlin(Cate) Fishman (Lori Groves' relative), Jim Trucksess (Donna Blackburn's nephew), Ann Sellers (Pastor Miller's mother-in-law), David Yarns (Tammy Daubert brother), Kay Moyer (Hope Garrett's friend), Danni Tyrrel (Kim Jerasa's great-niece), Terri Lewis (Lori Lewis' cousin), Terri Jewett-Larkin (Patti Dowse's sister), Aidan Drakeley (Carol Barringer's grandson), Beverly Goheen (Maureen Simpkins' sister), George Yarns (Tammy Daubert's father), Pat Daubert (Rick Daubert's sister).

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

For our homebound members: **Joe Haenn** (Lutheran Community at Telford), **Esther Saylor and Tillie Murray** (Hidden Meadows on the Ridge), **Ethel Geist** (Arden Court, King of Prussia).

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

Paul Hershey (Chris Fellman's father), +Marie Slack, +Lorraine Leslie, Joseph Ferry, Richard Bair (June Bair brother-in-law), +Ron Beerkircher, Chase Yarns (Tammy Daubert's nephew), Amos Good (Joan & Jerry Gerhart's nephew); Helene Bell (Lou Bell's mother), Denise J. Spier (Leroy & Shirley Gladfelter's daughter), Sara Beaumont Barton, +Kerry Keel Furiga.

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

## February 2025

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

## Monthly Assisting Ministers Calendar – February 2025

Date	Time	Usher(s)	Acolyte	Crucifer	Scripture/ Prayer	Server	Altar Guild	Counters
<b>Feb 2</b> Cong Mtg after Service	9:00 am Service	J & J Gerhart	P Dowse	L Groves	L Ertel	S Fischer	P Dowse & E Rebnegger	R Bixler & J Smith
<b>Feb 9</b>	9:00 am Service	S & E Rebnegger	P Dowse	D Gall	J Snider	P Abaza	P Abaza & E Rebnegger	
<b>Feb 16</b>	9:00 am Service	J & D Snyder	L Groves	Lisa Bell	Lou Bell	Lou Bell	D & S Texter	J Snider & S Davenport
<b>Feb 23</b>	9:00 am Service	D & S Texter	D Seward	J Seward	T Daubert	P Tackett	R Bixler & L Lombardo	
<b>Mar 2</b>	9:00 am Service	J & J Gerhart	E Park	F Park	S Fischer	S Fischer	K Park & L Ertel	K Rebnegger & N Driscoll
<b>Wed Mar 5</b> Ash Wed	7:00 pm Service	See	separate	sign-up	on bulletin board		E Rebnegger	

**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.