

# The Fishnet

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

As I write this article, we are experiencing a reprieve from our early summer heat wave. Hopefully, pleasant days lie ahead, but I suspect that we are not done with the possibility of additional heat waves this summer. Pay attention to local weather reports and heed their warnings. You have probably already heard these precautions for what to do during a heat wave, but I share them with you again:

- Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water.
- Keep your home cool by making use of curtains, drapes, and blinds, and make use of available fans and air conditioning.
- Wear lightweight, light-colored, and loose clothing.
- Avoid going outside during the hottest part of the day.
- Refrain from strenuous exercise.
- If you go outside, wear sunscreen, hats, and sunglasses, and possibly even use umbrellas.
- Don't leave children and pets in parked cars, and check the back seat when you exit the car.
- Check on elderly or ailing family members, friends, and neighbors.

Remember that many of these precautions also apply to the animals under our care.

During our weekly family chat last week, my children, now grown, openly wondered what people did during heat waves before the prevalence of air conditioning. I told them my father's story of sleeping on the fire escape of their home in West Philadelphia. I remembered, as a child, eating a dinner of

cold cuts and salads in the basement of the home where I grew up. What are your memories of dealing with summer heat?

From the *Lutheran Book of Worship*, we sang a hymn [No. 452], based on Psalm 42, which began, "As pants the hart for cooling streams, when heated in the chase, so longs my soul, O God, for you and your refreshing grace." (*Evangelical Lutheran Worship* offers a different hymn [No. 331] but with the same idea, "As the Deer Runs to the River.") Stay safe this summer. May we find the "cooling streams" and "refreshing grace" that only God, through our Lord Jesus, is able to offer!

Pastor Raymond Miller

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### Upcoming Dates (please mark your calendar)

July 4		Church office closed for holiday
July 7	<b>note the time change</b>	10:00 am Outdoor Service
July 14		9:00 am Hymn sing during Service
July 15		7:00 pm Council meeting
July 21		9:00 am Service
July 28		9:00 am Service
August 4	<b>note the time change</b>	10:00 am Outdoor Service

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### Outdoor Services

Outdoor Services will begin at 10:00am and be held on Sunday, July 7, August 4, and September 8. The Services will be held in the pavilion (unless inclement weather prevails). There will be sufficient chairs for all attendees.

The weeks following the outdoor Service will return to a 9:00am start in the sanctuary. Only the outdoor Services will be held at 10:00am.

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### Assisting Ministers Needed

The church office is in desperate need of ushers and Communion Assistants, especially during the summer.

Two ushers per Service would be great. You don't have to be related. At least two more pairs would be great, allowing each pair to serve once a month.

A Communion Assistant is needed for each Service. At the present time, the Office is down to three individuals, who will be serving more than once a month. Are you available?

Please contact Phil Tackett or Pastor Miller if you can add your name to either or both of these important Sunday morning positions. Thank you!!

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### ***"Garden abundance – Give & Take"***

*The Fellowship Committee announces a new program for the Summer*

Are you a gardener with an abundance of produce? Let's share it!

Every Sunday from July thru September, bring in your excess garden delights to the dedicated table in Dorcus Hall and exchange with others - Give & Take.

Any unwanted leftovers will be dropped off at a local food bank.

*An Alternate volunteer will be needed* who can drop off the excess bounty when I am not there.

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Fellowship Committee Members: Please let us know if you wish to join this committee.

Lori Groves	215-361-9340	<a href="mailto:lagroves2340@gmail.com">lagroves2340@gmail.com</a>
Evelyn Miller	267-372-4935	<a href="mailto:gfmelm35@comcast.net">gfmelm35@comcast.net</a>
George Miller	267-372-4935	<a href="mailto:gfmelm35@comcast.net">gfmelm35@comcast.net</a>

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## Memorial Committee

The Memorial Committee has been designating a suggested area of interest or recipients for each quarter of the year to try to inspire ideas for Request for Memorial Funds. For this quarter of 2024, we have decided to focus on animals, shelters and rescue organizations. Many of these groups operate on shoestring budgets based largely on donations and we have the ability to help these stewards of God's creatures. As always, we look at each request for Memorial Funds and appropriately vet (no pun intended) the organization who will receive the funds to determine if their funds go to the work of the organization or to salaries of executives or advertising campaigns. Please forward any request for these groups or any other request for Memorial Funds to Judy Smith, Linda Ertel or Lou Bell..

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## Prayer Blankets needed

Doylestown Hospital has been quite full recently and prayer blankets for the most needy have been in great demand.

Can you help? The size that works best for bed-bound patients is approximately 4.5 by 2.5 feet, knitted or crocheted, of bright or comforting colors, particularly shades of blue.

Put the completed blanket on a bag labeled "Pastoral Care Department" and drop it off at the hospital's Main Lobby front desk. The hospital greatly appreciates receiving the name and address of the knitter if possible, as well.

These blankets, as you can imagine, are so cherished by our patients and their families. The hospital appreciates your help in this ministry! Please consider participating in this need

Should you have any question about any of this, please contact Cindy Castor, Administrative Assistant, Pastoral Care Department, phone:215-345-2269.

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## Bishop-elect for Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod

The Rev. Bryan Penman was elected in May as the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod's next bishop.

Bishop-elect Penman will assume office on September 1, succeeding The Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Davenport. He will be installed on Saturday, Sept. 14 (time and place to be determined).

(information courtesy of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod email, May 7, 2024)

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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 donation helps!

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Hello, friends. It's me, Spokescat Max. I'm feeling well rested after our last Blessing of the Animals. Now it is time for me and you to get to work. This year's Blessing will be here before you know it. Now's the time to get those pictures of those animals past and present, domesticated and wild that rule your life. Please feel free to tell others so that they too can participate. We had so many pictures last year; it was truly an honor to be a part of it.

For those of you wondering what I am talking about, let me explain. For the past couple of years, my assistants and I have worked to incorporate pictures of your beloved animals into the church service so that they can be blessed. I have found that making public appearances can be difficult for some animals if not impossible. Therefore, we will put together a Powerpoint presentation to be played during the service on October 6, 2024.

I will provide more information on how to participate next month.

Much Love,

Max 🐾

"Animals are footprints of God." ~Martin Luther





## Join the Challenge to End Hunger



The youth of our church will gather July 16-20 in New Orleans, under the theme “Created to Be,” for the first **ELCA Youth Gathering** in six years. This year also marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of **ELCA World Hunger**, a vital ministry in which God is at work through our church feeding the hungry in 66 countries around the world, planting new fields with crops, and addressing the root causes of poverty. It is a story of wells bubbling with clean water and of small businesses bursting with opportunity. It is a story of caring for the environment and of healthy communities thriving.

The youth, attending the gathering, will have the opportunity to express their leadership in **ELCA World Hunger** as a part of **Generation Zero-Hunger**. They will learn how to address the root causes of hunger and be invited to support this work through their own generosity. To encourage their giving, donors have provided a matching challenge of \$250,000.

We have been invited to join the challenge to build **Generation Zero-Hunger**. Make a gift to make “zero hunger” a reality! You may securely give online at: [ELCA.org/GenZeroHunger](http://ELCA.org/GenZeroHunger). More information is available at: [www.elca.org/genzerohunger](http://www.elca.org/genzerohunger).

*Together we can be the generation that ends hunger!*



## PRAYER CONCERNS as of June 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:** Laurel Tackett, Norm Driscoll, 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:**

Emily Kuykendall (daughter of Bev Gottshall), Joseph Ferry, Heidi Beason and Ruth Miller (friends of Rita Bixler), Shirley Treichler (sister of Hope Garrett), 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), 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 Hollingsworth (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:**

Chase Yarns (nephew of Tammy Miskowski), Amos Good (nephew of Joan & Jerry Gerhart); Helene Bell (mother of Lou Bell), 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.

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

# Chalfont Fire Company Auxiliary

# FLEA MARKET



Bake Sale

Refreshments available

**Saturday June 29, 2024**

**8:30am - 1:00pm**

**Chalfont Fire House**

**301 N Main Street**

**Chalfont, PA 18914**

Table Rentals: \$25 each

[Chalfont.auxiliary@gmail.com](mailto:Chalfont.auxiliary@gmail.com)

215-822-3434

Chalfont Fire Company is a 501c3 organization

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July 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>7</b> 10 am outdoor 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
<b>21</b> 9 am Worship Service	22	23	24	25 Newsletter mailed	26	27
<b>28</b> 9 am Worship Service	29	30	31			

## Monthly Assisting Ministers Calendar – July 2024

Date	Time	Usher(s)	Acolyte	Crucifer	Scripture/ Prayer	Server	Altar Guild	Counters
July 7	10:00 am Outdoor Service	J & J Gerhart	E Park	F Park	P Abaza	P Tackett	K Park & L Ertel	J Snider & S Davenport
July 14	9:00 am	G & E Miller	J Seward	D Seward	J Smith	P Abaza	P Dowse & E Rebnegger	P Dowse & N Discoll
July 21	9:00 am	E & S Rebnegger	L Groves	Lisa Bell	Lou Bell	Lou Bell	P Abaza & E Rebnegger	D & S Texter
July 28	9:00 am	D & S Texter	P Dowse	E Park	L Ertel	P Tackett	D & S Texter	R Bixler & J Smith
Aug 4	10:00 am Outdoor Service	E & S Rebnegger	D Texter	N Driscoll	P Abaza	P Abaza	R Bixler & L Lombardo	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.