

The Fishnet

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Hilltown, PA
June 2026



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

Change often does not come easily, either in our personal lives, in our communities, and even in the church. I was thinking about this fact as I read the story of Nicholas Copernicus, who is commemorated on May 24, the day he died in 1543. Born in 1473 in eastern Poland, Copernicus developed the revolutionary hypothesis that the Earth revolved around the Sun, and not the other way around. No longer was the Earth at the center of the universe. In addition, Copernicus' heliocentric hypothesis suggested that the universe was much larger than previously imagined.

As news of Copernicus' hypothesis spread, controversy ensued. Among those who reacted negatively to Copernicus' hypothesis was Luther's colleague at the University of Wittenberg, Philip Melanchthon, who wrote: "Some people believe that it is excellent and correct to work out a thing as absurd as did that [Polish] astronomer who moves the earth and stops the sun. Indeed, wise rulers should have curbed such light-mindedness." Attitudes toward Copernicus' hypothesis slowly changed as astronomers, theologians, and governing authorities rejected the prevailing model of the solar system placing the Earth at the center of the universe. The Lutheran theologian, Andreas Osiander, stepped forward and defended Copernicus' hypothesis against those who were offended by Copernicus' work, arguing that "different hypotheses are sometimes offered for one and the same motion ... if astronomers provide [reasoning] consistent with the observations, that alone is enough."

This summer will provide for many of us the opportunity to return to nature. As we ponder the night sky, and the extravaganza provided by the moon, the stars, the planets, and maybe even a comet or two, give thanks for the world that God has given us and remember Copernicus, though not a notably devout Christian layman, taught Christians a new kind of humility before the cosmos.

What's Happening in June

June 6, Saturday: **Concert on the Hill**, 3:00-6:00 p.m., featuring 60 years of Classic Rock provided by the Time Travelers Band and the Musicality Youth Ensemble. Outdoor performance, weather permitting; indoors in the event of bad weather. Tickets may be purchased at the gate.

June 7, Sunday: **Outdoor Service**, 10:00 a.m. Please note later starting time. We will gather at the Pavilion, weather permitting; indoors in the event of bad weather.

June 7, Sunday: **Congregational Picnic**, shortly following the Outdoor Service. Burgers and hot dogs will be provided. Please sign up to bring a side dish or dessert.

June 14, Sunday: **Adult Study**, 10:30-11:30 a.m. We continue our exploration of the Book of Acts.

Upcoming Dates (please mark your calendar)

May 31	9:00 am	Holy Trinity Sunday
"	10:30 am	Adult Study: Book of Acts
June 6 (Sat)	3 – 6 pm	Concert on the Hill
June 7	10:00 am	Outdoor Service
"	11:00 am	Congregational picnic
June 14	9:00 am	2 nd Sunday of Pentecost
"	10:30 am	Adult Study: Book of Acts
June 15 & 16 (Mon & Tues)		Church office closed
June 21	9:00 am	3 rd Sunday of Pentecost
June 28	9:00 am	4 th Sunday of Pentecost
July 4 (Sat)		Celebrate American Independence!
July 5	9:00 am	5 th Sunday of Pentecost
July 12	10:00 am	Outdoor Service

Outdoor Service & Congregational Picnic

The first outdoor Service of 2026 will be held on Sunday, June 7.

The Service on June 7 will start at 10:00 am. Please note the time change in the Service start. *This is for the outdoor Service only.*

Following the Service, the congregational picnic will be held with burgers and hotdogs provided by the church. The congregation is asked to provide side dishes (salad, coleslaw, chips, pickles and olives, etc.) and desserts.

Other outdoor Services are scheduled for July 12, August 2, and September 6. Those Services will start at 10:00 am.

Church office hours

The Parish Administrator is in the office on Monday and Wednesday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm and Tuesday and Thursday from 9am to 12:00 noon.

Sue will be out of the office June 15 and 16 (Monday and Tuesday). She will return to the office on Wednesday and Thursday (June 17 & 18)

Phone messages will be checked during her absence but emails will not be accessible to her on June 15 & 16.

FISH continues to need canned and dry goods

Canned and dry goods donations continue to be needed by FISH. Please help! A bin for donations is in the Narthex.

FISH asks, whenever possible that your donation(s) come in a carton as the bags tear too easily. Thanks!

FISH requests your assistance with egg cartons! Each week, large quantities of eggs are inspected by the pantry manager and any that are cracked are discarded. The remaining eggs are repacked into approximately 100 cartons, each holding one dozen eggs, for distribution to our clients.

FISH would greatly appreciate your donation of clean, usable egg cartons that accommodate one dozen eggs. Eggs are a highly sought-after item among FISH clients, and with your support, they aim to continue providing this essential commodity.

Place the cartons in the FISH box under the mailboxes, in the main hall.

PRAYER CONCERNS as of May 31

(* = 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: Karin Rebnegger, Mary Long, Spencer Butterwick, Pam Abaza, June Bair, Sheryl Gladfelter, Kim Jerasa, Dave Reice, Heather Jerasa, Reed Jerasa, Don Jerasa, Jim Lynch, Mary Ettore.

God's Healing:

Friends and family:

*Collins Gibson (grand-niece of Prs. Miller & Sellers), Don Campbell (Joan Gerhart's brother), LEEANNE Pompeii (friend of Deb Detweiler), George Yarns (Tammy Daubert's father), Ed & Jean Janisheck (friends of Rita Bixler), David Gottshall (Bill Gottshall's brother), Brian Blackburn, Sr., Brendan Rush (grandson of Norm Driscoll), Franz Grove (friend of Donna Blackburn), Robyn Gulick (granddaughter of Janet Owens), Marlon Cortolean (Deb Detweiler's friend), Emily Kuykendall (Bev Gottshall's daughter), Heidi Beason and Ruth Miller (friends of Rita Bixler), Shirley Treichler (Hope Garrett's sister), John Moll (Wally Simpkins' friend), Keith Lewis (Lori Lombardo's brother), Tessa Bair (June Bair's granddaughter), Butch Trucksess (Donna Blackburn's brother-in-law), , 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), Kay Moyer (Hope Garrett's friend), Danni Tyrrel (Kim Jerasa's great-niece), Terri Lewis (Lori Lombardo cousin), Terri Jewett-Larkin (Patti Dowse's sister), Aidan Drakeley (Carol Barringer's grandson), Beverly Goheen (Maureen Simpkins' sister), Pat Daubert (Rick Daubert's sister).

God's Comfort & Peace:

For our homebound members: **Esther Saylor** (Hidden Meadows on the Ridge), **Ethel Geist** (Arden Court, King of Prussia), **Catherine Truesdell** (Lansdale), **Mary Long** (Park Manor, Quakertown), and **Gene Gurger** (Bridges at Warwick, Jamison).

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

Bill Treichler (Hope Garrett's brother), Nancy Payne (sister-in-law of Laurel Tackett), +Joan Johnson, Jim Fryling (Jerry & Joan Gerhart's cousin), Ken and Shirley Stover (cousins of Jerry & Joan Gerhart), +Leroy Gladfelter, Rochelle Fly (friend of Rita Bixler), +Tillie Kister Murray, +Eleanor Peitzman, Kathy Shea (cousin of Lori Lombardo), +Joe Haenn, Harold Shisler and Leroy Hagey (John Snyder's cousins), Michael Hardy, +Janet Owens.

June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 1 pm- Payers	6
7 10 am Outdoor Worship Service 11 am – Church picnic	8	9	10	11	12 1 pm- Payers	13
14 9 am Worship 10:30 am-Adult study pm – 4H mtg	15 Church office closed 7 pm Council mtg	16 Church office closed	17	18	19 1 pm- Payers	20
21 9 am Worship pm – 4H mtg	22	23	24	25	26 1 pm- Payers	27
28 9 am Worship	29	30				
July 5 9 am Worship						

Monthly Assisting Ministers Calendar – June 2026

Date	Time	Usher(s)	Acolyte	Crucifer	Scripture/ Prayer	Server	Altar Guild	Counters
May 31	9:00 am Service	E & S Rebnegger	D Texter	P Abaza	J Smith	P Abaza	D & S Texter	N Driscoll & K Rebnegger
June 7	10:00 am Outdoor Service	D & S Texter	E Park	F Park	Lou Bell	S Fischer	R Bixler & D Detweiler	
June 14	9:00 am Service	D Detweiler	D Seward	J Seward	K Rebnegger	P Abaza	L Ertel & K Park	J Smith & R Bixler
June 21	9:00 am Service	J & J Gerhart	Lisa Bell	N Driscoll	L Ertel	Lou Bell	E Rebnegger	
June 28	9:00 am Service	E & S Rebnegger	D Texter	D Gall	J Snider	P Tackett	P Abaza & D Detweiler	N Driscoll & K Rebnegger
July 5	9 am Service	D Detweiler	Lisa Bell	N Driscoll	P Abaza	P Tackett	D & S Texter	