

The Fishnet

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Hilltown, PA
March 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.

This year March completes Lent, moves us through Palm Sunday and Holy Week, and finishes with Easter. Whew! That's a lot of ground to cover. I especially invite you to join us in worship during this most holy and blessed time.

The consideration of Jesus' passion and death at this time of the year often leaves us feeling uncomfortable, and rightly so. Jesus' passion and death exposes a darker side of human existence and brings to the surface aspects of our lives that many times we would prefer to avoid; for example, the things that frighten us, our vulnerabilities and failings, the complicated web of sin in which we find ourselves, the desperation that we feel when we are in too deep and unable to find our way out, and so on.

Yet, we know the end of the story; that is, Jesus' story! Jesus ultimately defeats the forces that hung him on a cross by rising from the dead. His story then becomes our story. In his early morning Easter appearances, the risen Christ assured Mary Magdalene and the other women, and then his disciples, that his resurrection was no mere figment of their imaginations. Jesus is alive and, because Jesus lives, we live. In his rising, Jesus does not deny the suffering of his people but transforms and blesses it. The darker side of human existence gives way to the brilliant, life-giving, and life-affirming light that only the risen Christ can bring. Because nothing was able to hold Jesus back, nothing holds us back.

May God's grace surround us and bring us peace as we journey in March from Lent to Easter!
Pastor Raymond Miller

Worship in March

Join us for worship in March on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. (except for Easter Sunday, March 31, when we worship at 7:00 and 10:00 a.m.) and on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m., either in person or by livestream. Livestream worship is now easily accessible through the church's new website.

Here is our concluding schedule for the **Wednesday Services of Evening Prayer** with the topics listed:

March 6: Why do bad things happen?

March 13: Why did Jesus have to die on a cross?

March 20: What is heaven like?

Palm Sunday is March 24. Join us at 9:00 a.m. for the Blessing and Distribution of Palms.

We worship on **Maundy Thursday**, March 28, and **Good Friday**, March 29, at 7:00 p.m.

We offer two worship services on **Easter Sunday**, March 31: the Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m. in the old cemetery and the Festive Service at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.

The old cemetery is a short walking distance from the Pavilion. Parking is available at St. Peter's Covenant Church. In the event of rain or very cold temperatures, the Sunrise Service will be held in the sanctuary.

Upcoming Dates (please mark your calendar)

February 28, March 6, 13, 20	7:00pm - Midweek Lenten Evening Prayer
March 11	7:00pm – Worship & Music meeting
March 18	7:00pm – Council meeting
March 24	9:00am – Palm Sunday
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

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.

Lenten Midweek Evening Prayer Services

Beginning with Ash Wednesday, Pastor Miller will follow the theme “Questions We Dare to Ask.” Some questions will be: Why does God put us in community? Why do bad things happen? Why did Jesus have to die on a cross? What is heaven like?

Do you dare to listen and learn? Come out, join Wednesday evening Lenten Services in the sanctuary or via livestream on the church website, and be challenged by the daring questions Pastor will pose.

Easter Flowers

It's that time of year if you wish to donate to the Easter decoration fund. The donation/order form is toward the back of this newsletter. Tulips and lilies are offered. Order forms are also in the Narthex.

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.

Palm Sunday	March 24	9:00 am
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)



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.

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!

Congregational Staff

- **Rev. Raymond Miller, Sr. Pastor** 215-822-9108
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 - **Sue Fellman Jacob, Parish Administrator** 215-822-9108
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 - **Laurel Tackett, Organist**
 - **Bill Gottshall, Keyboard**
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St. Peter's Congregational Council

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

Lisa Bell, Vice-President (term ends December 2024) 1st Term

Linda Ertel, Secretary (term ends December 2026) 1st Term

Karin Rebnegger, Financial Secretary (term ends December 2024) 1st Term

Tammy Daubert (term ends December 2026) 1st Term

Lori Groves (term ends December 2025) 1st Term

Evelyn Miller (term ends December 2024) 1st Term

Dave Reice (term ends December 2025) 1st Term

Judy Smith (term ends December 2024) 1st Term

Ken Shanks, Treasurer (non-voting position)



PRAYER CONCERNS as of February 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. 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 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:

*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]

LILIES AND TULIPS FOR EASTER

Help us decorate St. Peter's for Easter. Please complete this form and return it to the church office by Thursday, March 14th.

Name(s) _____

In memory / honor of (circle one)

Donation amount (circle one) \$12 \$20 other \$_____

I would like to take a lily home with me _____Yes _____No

I would like to take a tulip home with me _____Yes _____No

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P.O. Box 9, Perkasio, PA 18944

02/05/2024

St. Peter's Lutheran Church
1530 Augsburg Drive
Hilltown, PA 18927

Dear St. Peter's Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your donation of food to the Pennridge FISH Organization.

According to our records you donated 584 pounds of food during the year 2023.

It is with your support that FISH is able to continue its outreach to those in the Pennridge Community who are in need. The entire amount of your gift represents a charitable donation, as no goods or services were provided to you in return for your donation.

Thank you again for your generosity.

Sincerely,



Harry Tucker
President

March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9 am Worship Service	4	5	6 7 pm - Lent Evening Prayer Service	7	8	9
10 9 am Worship Service	11	12	13 7 pm - Lent Evening Prayer Service	14 Newsletter input due	15	16
17 9 am Worship Service	18 7 pm Council meeting	19	20 7 pm - Lent Evening Prayer Service	21 Newsletter mailed	22	23
24-Palm Sunday 9 am Worship Service-Palm Sunday	25	26	27	28 7 pm – Maundy Thursday Service	29 7 pm – Good Friday Service	30
31-EASTER 7 am Sunrise Worship 10 am Service						

Monthly Assisting Ministers Calendar – March 2024

Date	Time	Usher(s)	Acolyte	Crucifer	Scripture/ Prayer	Server	Altar Guild	Counters
Mar 3	9:00 am	J & D Snyder	D Texter	L Lombardo	J Smith	K Shanks	P Abaza & E Rebnegger	J Snider & S Davenport
Mar 10	9:00 am	G & E Miller	J Seward	D Seward	J Snider	S Fischer	D & S Texter	P Dowse & N Driscoll
Mar 17	9:00 am	E & S Rebnegger	Lisa Bell	P Dowse	T Daubert	Lou Bell	R Bixler & L Lombardo	D & S Texter
Mar 24 Palm Sunday	9:00 am	D & S Texter	L Groves	L Lombardo	P Abaza	P Tackett	K Park & L Ertel	R Bixler & J Smith
Mar 31 Easter	7 am Sunrise Service	N/A					N/A	N/A
Mar 31 Easter	10 am Service in Sanctuary	Please	volunteer	on bulletin board	outside Dorcas Hall	K Shanks	E Rebnegger & P Dowse	D & S Texter
April 7	9:00 am	J & J Gerhart	E Park	F Park	L Ertel	P Abaza	P Abaza & 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.