

# The Fishnet

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



*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**

For us this year March marks **the beginning of Lent**. The word *Lent* is derived from an old English word for "the season of spring." After this long, unusually cold, and strange winter season, with its ups and downs of snow and ice, we look forward to this change of seasons.

Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, March 5**. We will offer the traditional Service of Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes at 7:00 p.m. Join us either in-person or by livestream as together we begin our Lenten journey.

Though Lent is a 40-day period, not counting Sundays, of self-examination, it also provides opportunities for nurture and renewal as we prepare ourselves to celebrate the mystery of Jesus' resurrection at Easter. Sometimes people give things up for Lent; others take things on. For example, a person may choose to modify their diet as a form of self-discipline during Lent. Another person may choose to commit a designated period of time to Bible reading, prayer, or meditation, or even take on a service project. In doing so, we seek to renew our relationship with God and to each other.

This year marks the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the martyrdom of German Lutheran pastor and theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who boldly took a stand for the Christian faith during the terror and brutality of Nazi Germany. In observance of this anniversary, we are offering an **interactive study of Bonhoeffer's life and ministry** on Sundays, March 9 and 23, and April 6, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Our **Wednesday Lenten Services of Evening Prayer**, with one exception, will offer additional reflections on Bonhoeffer's life and ministry:

March 12; Personal Reflections on Bonhoeffer  
March 19; Commemoration of Joseph, Guardian of Jesus  
March 26; Bonhoeffer's Life and Readings, Part 1  
April 2; Bonhoeffer's Life and Readings, Part 2  
April 9; Bonhoeffer: "I Made a Mistake"

All of these services begin at 7:00 p.m. Please join us in-person or by livestream for these services.

We continue to gather every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Again please join us in-person or by livestream.

Wishing you grace and peace in this Lenten season,  
Pastor Raymond Miller

### **Wait! There's More**

On Sunday, March 9, beginning at around 1:30 p.m., St. Peter's will host the annual **Upper Bucks Conference Assembly**. This year's assembly will be special because Bishop Bryan Penman of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod will be with us, talking about his vision for the church in our metropolitan area. We expect about 70 to 100 people. All are welcome. St. Peter's will be providing refreshments for our guests. We could use some volunteers to serve as greeters and refreshments helpers.

**Holy Week and Easter** are just around the corner. Join us for worship services on Palm Sunday, April 13, at 9:00 a.m.; Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 7:00 p.m.; Good Friday, April 18, at 7:00 p.m.; and Easter Sunday, April 20, at 7:00 and 10:00 a.m. Watch for more information.

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### Upcoming Dates (please mark your calendar)

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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### Special thanks for piano



Leroy and Sheryl Gladfelter donated a Yamaha spinet piano to St. Peter's. The piano is located in the Apostle's Room and is a wonderful addition for the music that St. Peter's loves. Thank you, Sheryl & Leroy!

## Installation of the Rev. Serena Sellers

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

Below is a photo of her special day.



## 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. The four-session curriculum is entitled *Lessons from Dietrich Bonhoeffer in a House Divided and a World on Fire*.

The first session, on February 16 had nine (9) in attendance. Come out and learn more about this extraordinary individual who defied the Nazis.

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, March 9 and 23 and April 6, following the worship service, 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. Food needs are really needed during the winter months. 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 has been posted on the bulletin board.

Please see the "poster" below 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**



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## March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>2</b> 9 am Worship Service 11-3 Mardi Gras lunch and game day	3	4	5  7 pm Ash Wednesday Service	6	7	8
<b>9</b> 9 am Worship Service 10:30 Bonhoeffer study 1:30 Upper Bucks Conference mtg	10	11	12  7 pm mdwk Lent Service	13	14	15
<b>16</b> 9 am Worship Service	17  7 pm Council meeting	18	19  Newsletter input due  7 pm mdwk Lent Service	20	21	22
<b>23</b> 9 am Worship Service  <b>30</b> 9 am Worship Service	26	25  Newsletter mailed	26  7 pm mdwk Lent Service	27	28	29

## Monthly Assisting Ministers Calendar – March 2025

Date	Time	Usher(s)	Acolyte	Crucifer	Scripture/ Prayer	Server	Altar Guild	Counters
<b>March 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 March 5 Ash Wed</b>	7:00 pm Service	See	separate	sign-up	on bulletin board		E Rebnegger	
<b>March 9</b>	9:00 am Service	S & E Rebnegger	Lisa Bell	N Driscoll	K Rebnegger	Lou Bell	P Dowse & E Rebnegger	
<b>March 16</b>	9:00 am Service	J & J Gerhart	Emma Park	Faith Park	S Fischer	S Fischer	D & S Texter	D & S Texter
<b>March 23</b>	9:00 am Service	J & D Snyder	L Groves	P Dowse	P Abaza	P Abaza	R Bixler & L Lombardo	
<b>March 30</b>	9:00 am Service	D & S Texter	D Seward	J Seward	J Snider	P Tackett	K Park & L Ertel	R Bixler & J Smith
<b>April 6</b>	9:00 am Service	J & J Gerhart	L Lombardo	N Driscoll	L Ertel	L Groves	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.