

The Fishnet

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

Christ is risen. Alleluia! The Easter season continues through the month of May. The emergence of plant and animal life in the spring after the long, cold winter reminds us that new life emerged for us from Jesus' dark, cold tomb at his resurrection. We rejoice not only that Christ is risen but that he is risen for us!

We invite you to join us for a special service on Sunday, May 17. Through the efforts of our musicians, Bill and Laurel, the Worship and Music Committee, and myself, we are seeking to develop an "alternative" worship service that is more upbeat and informal. This service is "a work in progress" and we encourage your feedback. We hope in the future to use this service on a more regular basis.

We celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples on Pentecost Sunday, May 24. The sanctuary will be decorated with bright red geraniums. We invite you to wear something red that day.

We celebrate Holy Trinity Sunday on May 31. More than merely a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith, the God of creation made known to us in Jesus Christ and always with us through the Holy Spirit.

Our worship services during May begin at 9:00 a.m.

The annual Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod Assembly is May 29 (evening) and May 30 (all day) at Trinity, Lansdale.

Our first outdoor service of the season is planned for Sunday, June 7, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the pavilion, weather permitting. You are welcome to bring a lawn chair or a blanket for your use.

Upcoming Dates (please mark your calendar)

April 26	9:00 am	4 th Sunday of Easter
May 3	9:00 am	5 th Sunday of Easter
“	10:30 am	Adult study of the Book of Acts
May 10	9:00 am	6 th Sunday of Easter
May 17	9:00 am	7 th Sunday of Easter
“	3:00 pm	Bill Gottshall’s Spring Recital
May 24	9:00 am	Pentecost Sunday
May 25	Memorial Day – church office closed	
May 31	9:00 am	Holy Trinity Sunday
“	10:30 am	Adult study of the Book of Acts
June 6	3 – 6 pm	Concert on the Hill
June 7	10:00 am	Outdoor Service
June 14	9:00 am	2 nd Sunday of Pentecost
“	10:30 am	Adult study of the Book of Acts
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	10:00 am	Outdoor Service

Join Us for Our Next Adult Study

Our next Adult Study is a short introduction to the Book of Acts. Written by the author of the Gospel According to Luke, Acts explores the beginnings of the early church. Join us following the worship service on May 3, May 31, and June 14, beginning at about 10:30 a.m.

Recital at St. Peter’s

Bill Gottshall’s music students will provide a wonderful, spring-like recital on Sunday afternoon, May 17 at 3:00pm.

If you haven’t attended one of Bill’s recitals, they aren’t to be missed! The music ranges from jazz to classical. And the young musicians are not playing *Chopsticks* on the piano!

The jazz group has incredibly talented brass. One of Bill’s vocal students often sings one or two upbeat and toe tapping Broadway tunes. And St. Peter’s grand piano gets a work out with a classical piece or two.

Bring Mom for an afternoon of enjoyment after her Mother’s Day celebration of the week before. Better yet, come yourself for science has proved that music triggers more than a dozen emotions and that 30 minutes of listening to music decreases anxiety, stress, and tension.

Pentecost Geraniums

Pentecost Sunday is May 24 and St. Peter’s will, again, have geraniums around the altar. The flower fund donation form is attached toward the end of this newsletter. Please return to the church office by May 18.

FISH request

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.

GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST



Please consider making a donation to purchase geraniums for Pentecost. On the form below, please indicate who the donation is in honor/memory of and your name(s). Please plan to take the geranium(s) home with you following the service on May 24th or the following week, May 31st. Please return the forms to Sue in the church office no later than Monday, May 18th. Thank you!

Name(s) _____

In memory / honor of _____

(circle one)

Number of geraniums _____ @ \$4.00 each Total donation \$ _____



4H news and notes

Two 4H groups meet at St. Peter's.

One group – Scales and Tails – focuses on reptiles and amphibians. The second group – Horsin' Around – learns about horses.

Following is their update along with photos.

Both 4H clubs have been very thankful to be able to meet at St. Peter's. We have been growing and thriving.

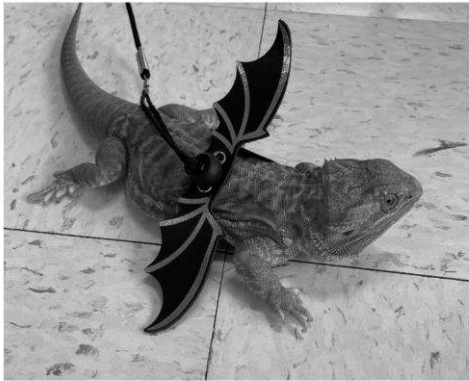
As the warmer months push forward we like to spend time in nature. Scales N Tails likes to look for reptiles in nature and splash in water and Horsin Around enjoys identifying plants, cleaning stalls and making fly spray for horse rescues.

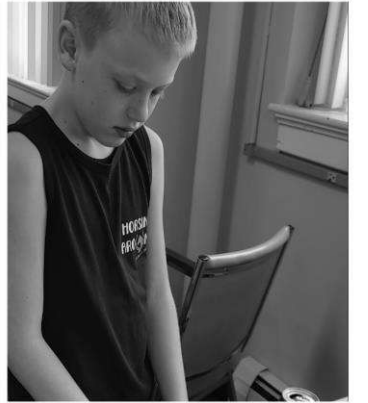
Scales N Tails has had fun with several photo shoots with their reptiles and enjoyed learning about safe reptile handling and about many different breeds of reptiles too. They embarked on a learning competition we like to call Reptile Bowl where members - like in Jeopardy - hear questions and need to ring in with the correct answer on buzzers. We have been learning and growing together.

Horsin Around had also participated in several competitions. Horse Bowl is similar to Jeopardy, asking horse knowledge questions and buzzing in with the correct answer. Hippology was another knowledge event they participated in as well challenging their skills at identifying horse anatomy, feed, poisonous plants and much more. They also participate in a Model horse show where they use plastic ponies to showcase their knowledge of the ability to identify horse breeds.

Both clubs are embarking on several service projects and community outreach plus they plan to attend the Grange Fair in August.









PRAYER CONCERNS as of April 26

(* = 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, Joan Johnson, Mary Long, Spencer Butterwick, Pam Abaza, Ed Hardy, June Bair, Sheryl Gladfelter, Kim Jerasa, Dave Reice, Heather Jerasa, Reed Jerasa, Don Jerasa, Jim Lynch, Mary Ettore.

God's Healing:

Friends and family:

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), 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), 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 Guggler** (Bridges at Warwick, Jamison).

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

*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, +Jacob Brombach, Dave Yarns (brother of Tammy Daubert).

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 1 pm- Payers	2
3 9 am Worship Service 10:30am Adult Study	4	5	6	7	8 1 pm- Payers NAFIS evening event	9 All day NAFIS event
10 Mother's Day 9 am Worship Service pm – 4H mtg	11	12	13	14	15 1 pm- Payers	16
17 9 am Worship 3pm Music recital pm – 4H mtg	18 7 pm Council mtg	19	20	21	22 1 pm- Payers	23
24 9 am Worship Service Pentecost Sunday	25 Memorial Day Church office closed	26	27	28	29 1 pm- Payers	30
31 9 am Worship Service 10:30 am Adult Study Trinity Sunday						

Monthly Assisting Ministers Calendar – May 2026

Date	Time	Usher(s)	Acolyte	Crucifer	Scripture/ Prayer	Server	Altar Guild	Counters
May 3	9:00 am Service	D & S Texter	N Driscoll	Lisa Bell	L Ertel	P Abaza	R Bixler & D Detweiler	S Davenport & J Snider
May 10	9:00 am Service	E & S Rebnegger	D Seward	J Seward	J Snider	P Tackett	L Ertel & K Park	
May 17	9:00 am Service	J & J Gerhart	E Park	F Park	T Daubert	P Tackett	E Rebnegger	J Smith & R Bixler
May 24	9:00 am Service	D Detweiler	N Driscoll	Lisa Bell	L Ertel	Lou Bell	P Abaza & D Detweiler	
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 Outdoor Service	10:00 am Service	D & S Texter	E Park	F Park	Lou Bell	S Fischer	R Bixler & D Detweiler	