

The Fishnet

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

On Easter Sunday, we entered the 50 days of the Easter season. I wish you again a very Happy and Blessed Easter! May the good news of Jesus' resurrection fill our lives with joy and hope. Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

May and June this year are full of church celebrations. The Ascension of Our Lord is Thursday, May 29. The Day of Pentecost is Sunday, June 8, marking the coming of the promised Holy Spirit. The Festival of the Holy Trinity is Sunday, June 15, when we celebrate the gracious One-in-Three and the eternal Three-in-One. While we invite you to observe the Ascension in your personal devotions, we will observe Pentecost and Holy Trinity as a community of faith on their appropriate Sundays.

Of course, we observe Mother's Day on Sunday, May 11, and Father's Day on Sunday, June 15. On both of those Sundays I have prepared special messages: on Mother's Day, "Mary's Easter Letter," a sequel to a previously written "Mary's Christmas Letter," and on Father's Day, "Happy Father's Day,

Saint Joe,” a follow-up to a Wednesday Lenten message. In addition, we will remember in prayer those who have died in service to our nation on the Sunday closest to Memorial Day, May 25.

The Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod Assembly is May 30-31 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Lansdale. Voting members from the synod’s 141 faith communities will gather for fellowship, business, and learning. Elected at last year’s assembly, this assembly will be the first one for Bishop Brian Penman as bishop. St. Peter’s voting members are Laurel Tackett, Phil Tackett, and me.

I am truly grateful for all who participated in our Bonhoeffer study in February, March, and April, marking the 80th anniversary of his martyrdom. I learned a lot, and I believe our participants did too. As requested, we will continue the study on Sundays, May 18 and June 1. We will meet in the Apostles Room from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. On May 18, we will review the themes from the 4th session, which focused on the question, “Is This a Bonhoeffer Moment?,” and begin a discussion of “Reading Bonhoeffer against Christian Nationalism.” On June 1, our topic is “Life Together: Building Community,” based on the title of a Bonhoeffer book.

St. Peter’s annual Concert on the Hill is Saturday, June 14. Watch for more information.

Watch also for a schedule of outdoor services.

There is much for us to anticipate at St. Peter’s in May and June. I have often found these months to be some of the busiest of the year. I look forward to gathering with you in worship and fellowship. I am grateful for our partnership in the gospel.

Yours in the Joy of Easter,
Pastor Raymond Miller

Upcoming Dates (please mark your calendar)

April 27	9:00 am	Sunday Service
May 4	9:00 am	Sunday Service
May 11	9:00 am	Sunday Service & Mother’s Day
May 18	9:00 am	Service
May 18	10:30 am	Bonhoeffer discussion
May 18	3 – 4 pm	Recital
May 25	9:00 am	Sunday Service
June 1	9:00 am	Service
June 1	10:30 am	Bonhoeffer discussion
June 8	9:00 am	Sunday Service
June 15	9:00 am	Sunday Service & Father’s Day
June 22, 29	9:00 am	Service
June 14	3 - 6 pm	Concert on the Hill
July 6, 13, 20, 27	9:00 am	Service

Summer newsletters

There will be a change in the newsletters for the summer.

This newsletter combines two months: May and June. The next summer newsletter will be sent the latter part of June for July and August.

The weekly announcement page in the bulletin is always your “go to” source of upcoming events. Please read the weekly announcements carefully.

The outdoor Service dates will be sent as a separate announcement later.

Music treats

Two special musical events will take place here in the coming weeks. We hope that you will come enjoy the wide variety of musical styles on display. The organization hosting the concerts, Musicality Youth Ensembles, is an ongoing educational partnership between student musicians and professional stage performers, directed by our church musician and new member of St. Peter's Lutheran, Bill Gottshall.

On Sunday afternoon, May 18, 3:00–4:00 PM, Bill's students will give their spring recital. The musical selections performed that day will range from delicate piano solos by Haydn and Chopin to the lively, discordant sounds of jazz legend Charles Mingus and the techno dance beat of the theme song from the movie, "Beverly Hills Cop." There will truly be something for everyone!

The recital will take place in the sanctuary. Admission is open to the general public. Free-will donations received that day will go to St. Peter's, to help defray the utility costs when Musicality Youth Ensembles students are learning music within the walls of our building.

On Saturday afternoon, June 14, 3:00–6:00 PM, the 3rd annual outdoor concert, Classic Rock on the Hill, will be held here, again showcasing Musicality Youth Ensembles student musicians, who will sing and play as members of Bill's classic rock band, The Time Travelers. In addition, two award-winning musicians from New York City will be featured guest stars.

Broadway & Pop/Rock vocalist Shani Neilsen Sherman will front The Time Travelers Band that day, opening and closing an unforgettable show. A former finalist in the Miss America Pageant (Miss Indiana, 1996), Shani toured the US as one of the stars of the Broadway musical, "Jekyll and Hyde." After completing that national tour, Shani and Bill worked together for more than 10 years, as colleagues in the Arts for Anyone program. Bill was a staff composer and Shani was a featured performer in this innovative arts education program which brought Broadway singers into local school districts, ranging from Southampton, Long Island, NY, all the way down to Washington, DC.

Two-time Grammy Award winner Bob Schott will also share the stage with Shani, Bill, and the members of The Time Travelers, here on June 14. Though a lifelong musician, playing both keyboard and electric bass, Bob made his name professionally in the recording studio. During his long career, Bob has twice won the Grammy Award for Sound Editing, both times for his work on *Sesame Street*, the legendary children's TV show.

Because the performance fees for the two guest stars and the members of The Time Travelers need to be covered by ticket sales, all concert attendees will be required to purchase a ticket at the gate (\$19). After the performers are compensated, 100% of the remaining funds will go to St. Peter's Lutheran, to support the building & grounds maintenance. (*NOTE: Neither Bill Gottshall nor his students will receive any compensation for either concert.*)

Please mark your calendar and save these two dates!

Skip Davenport's Special Tribute

Please see the full page spread at the end of the newsletter about St. Peter's own Skip Davenport's tribute from the local Boy Scout Council. Even if you're unable to attend, you can send a donation in support of Scouting.

Skip has been involved in the Boy Scouts of America for decades. Thank you, Skip, for being such a wonderful presence and role model for boys and young men.

Thanks from the Gladfelters

To St. Peter's and Pastor Miller:

Many thanks for the good wishes sent our way over the past few months that we've been here at Hidden Meadows.

At this time, Leroy is at Phoebe Health Care in Richlandtown, where he is receiving physical therapy for his hip.

Thanks to Pastor Miller for the visits he made to us at Hidden Meadows and for visiting Leroy at Phoebe Health Care.

Sheryl and Leroy Gladfelter (April 23)

Church office hours in May

Due to personal conflicts, the Parish Administrator will not be in the office on the following Thursdays: May 8, 15, and 22. She will be working from home those days.

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!

Used books now being accepted

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, just up the road at Hilltown Pike and Rte 152, is accepting books for their June used book sale. You may drop them off anytime at their outdoor table, under the protective roof.

Their annual Used Book Sale is Saturday, June 7 through Monday, June 9. Your purchase of summer reading material support a local church.

PRAYER CONCERNS as of April 27, 2025

(* = 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: Ed Hardy, John Snyder, Leroy and Sheryl Gladfelter, Spencer Butterwick, Kim Jerasa, Dave Reice, Heather Jerasa, Eleanor Peitzman, June Bair, Reed Jerasa, Don Jerasa, Jim Lynch, Mary Ettore.

God's Healing:

Friends and family:

Brendan Rush (grandson of Norm Driscoll), Vicki Matott (Deb Detweiler friend), The Rev. John Heidgerd (Emmanuel Lutheran, Souderton), Charlotte Hacker (sister-in-law of Jerry & Joan Gerhart), Franz Grove (friend of Donna Blackburn), Jean Mood (friend of Janet Owens), Robyn Gulick (granddaughter of Janet Owens), Jim Fryling (Jerry & Joan Gerhart's cousin), Tom Korbas (Jerry & Joan Gerhart's brother-in-law), Marlon Cortolean (Deb Detweiler's friend), Emily Kuykendall (Bev Gottshall's daughter), Heidi Beason, Rochelle Fly, and Ruth Miller (friends of Rita Bixler), Shirley Treichler (Hope Garrett's sister), Rich Welsh and John Moll (Wally Simpkins' friends), 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), David Yarns (Tammy Daubert brother), Kay Moyer (Hope Garrett's friend), Danni Tyrrel (Kim Jerasa's great-niece), Terri Lewis (Lori Lewis' cousin), Terri Jewett-Larkin (Patti Dowse's sister), Aidan Drakeley (Carol Barringer's grandson), Beverly Goheen (Maureen Simpkins' sister), George Yarns (Tammy Daubert's father), Pat Daubert (Rick Daubert's sister).

God's Comfort & Peace:

For our homebound members: **Joe Haenn** (Lutheran Community at Telford), **Esther Saylor and Tillie Murray** (Hidden Meadows on the Ridge), **Ethel Geist** (Arden Court, King of Prussia), **Catherine Truesdell** (Lansdale), **Mary Long** (Park Manor, Quakertown), **Janet Owens** (Liberty Point, Doylestown)

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

Susan Smolin (daughter of Joan Johnson), Gary Nemec (father of Kelly Florentino, Katie Poust, and Kristine Martin), Paul Hershey (Chris Fellman's father), +Marie Slack, +Lorraine Leslie, Joseph Ferry, Richard Bair (June Bair brother-in-law), +Ron Beerkircher, Chase Yarns (Tammy Daubert's nephew), Amos Good (Joan & Jerry Gerhart's nephew); Helene Bell (Lou Bell's mother).

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

Builders of Scouting, Builders of Community!

Scouting America

Washington Crossing Council
of Central and Upper Bucks County
HONORS

**Tuesday,
May 20, 2025
6 pm to 9 pm**

**Bishop Estate
Vineyard & Winery**
2730 Hilltown Pike
Perkasie, PA 18944



Charles 'Skip' Davenport

at a
Wine & Banquet Hors d'oeuvres Reception



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Includes 8 tickets and full-page ad

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\$500 – Life Scout Sponsorship

Includes 4 tickets and quarter-page ad

\$250 – Star Scout Sponsorship

Includes 4 tickets and program listing

Individual Tickets: \$50

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2025 Tohickon District Reception

Tuesday, May 20, 2024

Scouting America

Washington Crossing Council

One Scout Way | Doylestown, PA 18901 | 215.348.7205

giving@wccscouting.org

Full Name: _____

Billing Address: _____

City: _____

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Event Contacts:

Tom Martin- rotojo41@gmail.com, 215-431-5689

Caitlin Balshi- caitlin.balshi@scouting.org
215-348-7205, ext 308

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**If the listed event is canceled, all ticket purchases & donations will be used to support our Annual Appeal

The official registration and financial information of Washington Crossing Council, Boy Scouts of America may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 9 am Worship Service	5	6	7	8 Parish Admin working from home	9	10
11 9 am Worship Service Mother's Day	12	13	14	15 Parish Admin working from home	16	17
18 9 am Worship Service 3-4pm:Recital	19 7 pm Council meeting	20	21 Newsletter input due	22 Parish Admin working from home	23	24
25 9 am Worship Service	26 Memorial Day Church office closed	27 Newsletter mailed	28	29	30	31

June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9 am Worship Service	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 9 am Worship Service	9	10	11	12	13	14 3 – 6 pm: Concert on the Hill
15 9 am Worship Service Father's Day	16 7 pm Council meeting	17	18	19 Newsletter input for July & August due	20	21
22 9 am Worship Service	23	24	25 Newsletter mailed	26	27	28
29 9 am Worship Service	30	27	28	29	30	31

Monthly Assisting Ministers Calendar – May/June 2025

Date	Time	Usher(s)	Acolyte	Crucifer	Scripture/ Prayer	Server	Altar Guild	Counters
May 4	9:00 am Service	J & J Gerhart	D Seward	J Seward	J Smith	P Tackett	K Park & L Ertel	D & S Texter
May 11	9:00 am Service	D & S Texter	Lisa Bell	D Gall	Lou Bell	Lou Bell	P Dowse & E Rebnegger	
May 18	9:00 am Service	S & E Rebnegger	E Park	F Park	K Rebnegger	P Abaza	P Abaza & D Detweiler	R Bixler & J Smith
May 25	9:00 am Service	D Detweiler	D Seward	J Seward	J Snider	P Tackett	D & S Texter	
June 1	9:00 am Service	J & J Gerhart	D Texter	P Abaza	P Abaza	S Fischer	R Bixler & L Lombardo	J Snider & S Davenport
June 8	9:00 am Service	D & S Texter	L Lombardo	N Driscoll	L Ertel	P Tackett	L Ertel & K Park	
June 15	9:00 am Service	D Detweiler		Lisa Bell	T Daubert	Lou Bell	P Dowse & E Rebnegger	K Rebnegger & N Driscoll
June 22	9:00 am Service	S & E Rebnegger	E Park	F Park	J Smith	P Abaza	P Abaza & D Detweiler	
June 29	9:00 am Service	J & J Gerhart	D Seward	J Seward	J Snider	L Groves	D & S Texter	D & S Texter