

The Fishnet

**St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Hilltown, PA
May 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, at St. Peter's website and on St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Hilltown, PA YouTube page after the Service.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I begin my newsletter article for the merry month of May by wishing St. Peter's beloved and long-time member, Joe Haenn, a Most Happy and Blessed 107th Birthday. Joe's birthday is April 16. Joe's daughter Judy arranged for a birthday party for him on the Sunday following his birthday at the Lutheran Community at Telford, where Joe resides. I was privileged to join the many, many people who attended.

I visit Joe regularly and have learned some notable things about him. Joe is a proud veteran of the Second World War, having served as an Assistant Crew Chief Mechanic in a heavy bombardment group of the

United States Air Force, based in England. He fortunately sustained only a broken leg when the B-24 known as "The Wabbit," on which he was working, crashed on the runway as part of a training mission. While in military service, Joe was later able to travel to many parts of the world.

Joe and his wife Florence enjoyed 75 years of married life together. Joe and Florence were active members of the Chalfont Volunteer Fire Company. Joe is now the fire company's oldest member. Among Joe's interests are clockmaking and wood-carving. I recently learned that Joe built the tall clock located in St. Peter's Apostles' Room. In a recent interview for WFMZ-TV News, Joe reflected on his longevity and said, "I've had a lot of happy days." Happy Birthday, Joe!

In addition, I ask that you keep in your prayers the annual Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod Assembly, meeting May 3-4 in nearby Franconia. As I previously indicated, at this assembly, we will be saying good-bye to our retiring bishop, Patricia Davenport, who is completing a six-year term, and electing a new bishop. The election of the bishop is done by "ecclesiastical ballot," which means that the first ballot is a nominating ballot, on which all ELCA rostered ministers are eligible. Usually, however, one hundred or so nominees will emerge on the first ballot. That number will be reduced to seven on the third ballot, and eventually two on the fifth and final ballot, assuming that there are no ties. The process is cumbersome but fascinating, one in which, we believe, the Holy Spirit is carefully at work. St. Peter's Tammy Daubert, Scott Fischer, and I, along with 400 others, will serve as voting members at the assembly. I anticipate that I will be able to announce the name of the new bishop on Sunday, May 5. The new bishop will assume office on August 1. Come, Holy Spirit!

May the Risen Christ lovingly watch over and empower us for service this month and always!

Pastor Raymond Miller

Upcoming Dates (please mark your calendar)

May 12		Mother's Day
May 19	9:00 am	Pentecost Sunday
June 2	10:00 am	First outdoor Service
Mid-June		Concert on the Hill (date TBA)

Pentecost Geraniums

Pentecost Sunday is May 19. Red geraniums are offered for you to beautify the sanctuary. The order form is toward the end of this newsletter. Also, order forms and envelopes for your donation are on the Narthex table.

Orders are needed in the church office by Thursday, May 2.

Scrap Metal Recycling Event

St. Paul's Lutheran Church (107 W. Lincoln Avenue), Telford is conducting a scrap metal recycling event on Saturday, May 11 from 8am to 12 noon. Please see the lengthy list of acceptable items elsewhere in this newsletter and on the Narthex bulletin board.

This is a great opportunity to clean up and clean out and help a local congregation!

History of Menlo Park

The WELCA Ladies Group of Peace-Tohickon Lutheran Church is hosting a guest speaker, Rick Doll, from the Perkasio Historical Society. He will be doing a presentation on the History of Menlo Park. St. Peter's members are invited to attend this event which will be held on May 5, 2024 at 7:00 pm in Peace-Tohickon Lutheran Church. This is a free event, but there will be a free-will offering.

Outdoor Services

Outdoor Services will begin at 10:00am and be held on Sunday, June 2, July 7, August 4, and September 8. The Services will be held in the pavilion (unless inclement weather prevails). Please bring your favorite lawn chair.

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!



PRAYER CONCERNS as of April 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:

*Shirley Treichler (sister of Hope Garrett), The Rev. Nathan and Dana Good (niece of Joan & Jerry Gerhart), Edward McCormick (cousin of Pastor Miller), 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), 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 Hollingswoth (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:

Helene Bell (mother of Lou Bell), 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.

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

Pentecost Geranium Orders



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 19th or the following week, May 26th. Please return the forms to Sue in the church office no later than Thursday, May 2nd. Thank you!

Name(s) _____

In memory / honor of _____
(circle one)

Number of geraniums _____ @ \$5.00 each Total donation \$ _____



**ST. PAUL'S GREEN TEAM
ENVIRONMENTAL MINISTRY**

SCRAP METAL RECYCLING EVENT

SATURDAY, MAY 11th

8:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon

**PARKING LOT BEHIND ST. PAUL'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

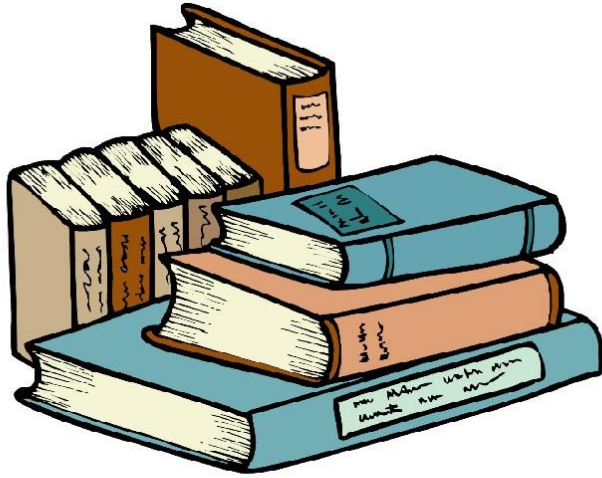
107 W LINCOLN AVE, TELFORD, PA

Drop off these items free of charge: All scrap metal including Steel, Iron, Brass, Copper, Aluminum, and products such as Lawn Mowers, Benches, Bicycles, Washers, Dryers, Water Heaters, Swing Sets, Car Batteries, Radiators, Insulated Wire, Christmas/Holiday Light Sets and much more!

We will also accept Room Air Conditioners and Dehumidifiers! No charge!

DO NOT BRING: Tin Cans, Paint Cans, Vacuum Cleaners, Microwaves, Refrigerators, Freezers, Hazardous Material or Electronics.





Good Shepherd Episcopal Church's annual book sale is June 1-3. They are accepting used books for that sale now through May 15.

Leave your carton(s) on the table by the side of the outside (parking lot) steps at Gppd Shepherd Church. It's a protected area and permits drop-off anytime, any day. Thanks for your support of a local church.

**USED BOOK DONATIONS ARE NOW
BEING ACCEPTED THROUGH MAY 15TH**

Joe Haenn, April 21, 2024 at the celebration of his 107th birthday

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JOE!!





Some of the attendees at Joe Haenn's 107th birthday celebration at the Lutheran Community, Telford

May 2024

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

Monthly Assisting Ministers Calendar – May 2024

Date	Time	Usher(s)	Acolyte	Crucifer	Scripture/ Prayer	Server	Altar Guild	Counters
May 5	9:00 am	J & J Gerhart	D Texter	N Driscoll	K Rebnegger	P Abaza	P Dowse & E Rebnegger	J Snider & S Davenport
May 12	9:00 am	G & E Miller	L Groves	J Snyder	J Snider	P Tackett	P Abaza & E Rebnegger	P Dowse & N Driscoll
May 19	9:00 am	E & S Rebnegger	J Seward	D Seward	J Smith	S Fischer	D & S Texter	D & S Texter
May 26	9:00 am	D & S Texter	Lisa Bell	N Driscoll	L Ertel	Lou Bell	R Bixler & L Lombardo	R Bixler & J Smith
June 2	10:00 am Outdoor Service	J & J Gerhart	E Park	F Park	P Abaza	P Tackett	K Park & L Ertel	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.