

The Fishnet

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



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

We have now entered the fall season. It does not seem possible, but time marches on. Yet, we live in grace and gratitude. Thanks be to God! Both words, in their origins, are loosely connected to each other. Grace is none other than God’s unexpected, undeserved, and unconditional love for us. Gratitude is our response to that grace.

The Prayer of the Day for the first Sunday in October walks the line between grace and gratitude: *Benevolent, merciful God, when we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

Grace we humbly receive, and gratitude we graciously offer to others in loving service.

Looking Ahead to October

Saturday, **October 4**, is a momentous day in the life of our church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. **The Reverend Yehiel Curry will be installed as the fifth Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America** at 3:00 EDT (2:00 CDT) at Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis. The former bishop of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod, Presiding Bishop Curry began his term on October 1. Please keep Presiding Bishop Curry in your prayers. You may watch a live video stream of the installation at www.elca.org.

Isn’t it interesting that both Pope Leo XIV and Presiding Bishop Curry were elected this year and both are from Chicago?

Sunday, **October 5**, is our annual **Blessing of the Animals**. A highlight of the service will be a video stream of pet and animal photos, previously submitted by St. Peter's members, accompanied by a series of Biblical and non-Biblical readings, all appropriate for the occasion.

The **Congregational Picnic** will follow the worship service. Join us for this time of food and fellowship.

On Sundays, **October 12 and 19**, we continue our adult study of ***Making Sense of the Christian Faith***. Our topics for these respective Sundays will be *Missing the Mark: Sin and East of Eden: Law, Covenant, and Community*. All are welcome.

Sunday, **October 26**, is **Reformation Sunday**, which marks the day (October 31, 1517, All Saints Eve) when Martin Luther posted 95 theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany, challenging practices within the church of his time and calling for reform.

The color of the day is red, so wear something red to worship.

Looking ahead to early November! Sunday, **November 2**, is **All Saints Sunday** on which the church recalls the promise of resurrection through our Lord Jesus Christ and remembers its faithful departed. We will light candles and remember by name those who entered eternal life since the last All Saints Sunday.

Pastor Miller

Upcoming Dates (please mark your calendar)

September 28	9:00 am	Service
"	10:30 am	Adult Study
October 5	9:00 am	Service: Blessing of Animals
"		Congregational picnic
October 12	9:00 am	Service
"	10:30 am	Adult Study
"	12:30 pm	Pennridge CROP Walk
October 13	7:00 pm	Worship & Music meeting
October 14	7:00 pm	Church Council mtg (date change)
October 19	9:00 am	Service
"	10:30 am	Adult Study
October 26	9:00 am	Service: Reformation Sunday
November 2	9:00 am	Service: All Saints Sunday
November 9	9:00 am	Service
"	10:30 am	Adult Study
November 16	9:00 am	Service
"	10:30 am	Adult Study
November 17	7:00 pm	Church Council meeting
November 23	9:00 am	Service: Christ the King Sunday
"	10:30 am	Adult Study
November 30	9:00 am	Service
December 7	9:00 am	Service
"		Congregational mtg after Service

Congregational Picnic

The Annual Congregational Picnic will be held on **Sunday, October 5th** (the same day as our *Blessing of the Animals*).

Hotdogs and cheeseburgers will be provided by the church. Please go to the signup sheet on the bulletin board and signup for what you will provide (salad or dessert or other).

We look forward to seeing you there.

Pennridge CROP Walk for Hunger

The annual Pennridge CROP Walk for Hunger will be held Sunday, October 12.

Two routes are featured. Registration for both the five (5) mile route and the short "Golden Mile" route begins at 12:30 pm at St. Andrews Lutheran Church, 20 Dill Avenue, Perkasié. Canned goods for Pennridge FISH will be collected at registration.

The Walk will be held rain or shine and begins at 1:00 pm.

25% of all proceeds go to Pennridge FISH for local hunger use. The remaining funds will be used by Church World Service and its partner agencies for hunger and disaster relief in the United States and globally. Online donations are encouraged.

For more information, visit crophungerwalk.org/perkasiepa or contact Nancy Buckner (nbuckner@comcast.net), Walk coordinator.

Newsletters

The fall newsletters will be sent October and November.

December/January will be a combined newsletter.

The weekly announcement page in the bulletin is always your "go to" source of upcoming events.

Church office hours

The Parish Administrator is in the office on Monday and Wednesday from 9am to 2pm and Tuesday and Thursday from 9am to 11:30am.

Animal Blessing

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed pictures, so that we can make the Blessing of the Animals all inclusive.

If you want to watch the Blessing on October 5th and cannot attend church in person, you can go online at: <https://sp1church.net/online-worship/>. There are two links there, one for Facebook and one for YouTube. Either link can be used to access the livestream and if you miss it, the recording will also be available.

Love and Purrs, Max

Wreath orders for Christmas

Skip Davenport is taking orders for gorgeous Christmas wreaths for your home or on a gravesite.

Please see him to see the styles of wreaths available and to place an order. Beat the rush and place your order early!

FISH continues to need canned and dry goods

Canned and dry goods donations continue to be needed by FISH. Please help our local food pantry.

More than ever, with Federal funding cut to many nonprofits and the ever-increasing rise of simple grocery items, food pantries are challenged to assist those who need additional food and dry goods items.

Activities in the local area sponsored by area churches

October 18, 2025 - Trunk or Treat

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Trinity Lutheran Church; 1000 W. Main St., Lansdale

Sponsored By Liberty Lutheran and Lutheran Congregational Services

October 21, 2025 - Youth Hayride

2:00 pm

AGA Farms, 1333 Elephant Road, Perkasio

Organized by Christ's Lutheran Church, Trumbauersville

RSVP to Kayla Wulffleff: 1kwulffleff@gmail.com or 215-536-3193



PEACE *Craft Show & Marketplace*

*Proceeds to Benefit
Pennridge RamPacks*

**Saturday, Sept 27th
10 AM to 3 PM**

Rain or Shine!

We're excited to showcase the works of Bucks County and eastern PA's talented artists, artisans, and local businesses.

Bring the whole family!

Crocheted Creations • Embroidery • Pet Gifts
Home Decor • Jewelry • Macrame • Photography
Pottery • Woodworking • And More!



Visit our website for more info: <https://peace-tohickon.org/craft-show/>

Scan the QR code with your mobile phone camera:



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PRAYER CONCERNS as of September

(* = 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: Leroy Gladfelter, Bill Gottshall, 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:

Brian Blackburn, Sr., 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 Hollingsworth (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), 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).

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

Michael Hardy, +Janet Owens, Dave Yarns (brother of Tammy Daubert), 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.

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

October 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 9 am Blessing of Animals 10:30 Congregational picnic	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 9 am Worship Service 10:30 am Adult Study	13	14 Newsletter input due	15	16	17	18
19 9 am Worship Service 10:30 am Adult Study	20 7 pm Council meeting	21	22 Newsletter mailed	23	24	25
26 Reformation Sunday 9 am Worship Service	27	28	29	30	31	

Monthly Assisting Ministers Calendar – October 2025

Date	Time	Usher(s)	Acolyte	Crucifer	Scripture/ Prayer	Server	Altar Guild	Counters
Sept 28	9:00 am Service	D & S Texter	D Seward	J Seward	L Ertel	L Groves	P Dowse & E Rebnegger	D & S Texter
Oct 5 Blessing of Animals	9:00 am Service	S & E Rebnegger	J Snyder	D Gall	T Daubert	S Fischer	P Abaza & D Detweiler	
Oct 12	9:00 am Service	J & D Snyder	Emma Park	Faith Park	K Rebnegger	P Tackett	D & S Texter	J Snider & S Davenport
Oct 19	9:00 am Service	J & J Gerhart	Lisa Bell	D Gall	Lou Bell	Lou Bell	R Bixler & D Detweiler	
Oct 26 Reformation Sunday	9:00 am Service	D Detweiler	D Texter	N Driscoll	T Daubert	L Groves	L Ertel & K Park	R Bixler & J Smith
Nov 2 All Saints Sunday	9:00 am Service	D & S Texter	D Seward	J Seward	L Ertel	P Tackett	P Dowse & E Rebnegger	