

The Fishnet

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

Pastor's Message

Welcome to October! This month offers us two very special worship services. The first is our annual **Blessing of Animals** on Sunday, October 6. We have a spectacular slideshow planned, consisting of the photos that you submitted. Thank you for sharing photos of your pets and other assorted God's creatures! The slideshow will be accompanied by a series of inspirational readings.

The second very special service is planned for **Reformation Sunday**, October 27, on which we will use an adaption of a **Colonial Liturgy** prepared in 1748 for North American Lutheran congregations by our patriarch, Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, then pastor of Augustus Lutheran Church in Trappe, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. Though Muhlenberg had the ability to lead worship in English, German, and Dutch, our service will be in English only. Some parts of the service will be familiar, while other parts will remind us how far we have come from the colonial era.

All our Sunday worship services in October begin at 9:00 a.m. We look forward to welcoming you!

All Saints Sunday is Sunday, November 3, when we remember our Faithful Departed of the past year. In many respects, All Saints Sunday is "a little Easter" as we celebrate with quiet joy the gift of new life that is ours through Jesus' resurrection.

Grace and peace to all at this spectacularly beautiful time of year!

Pastor Raymond Miller

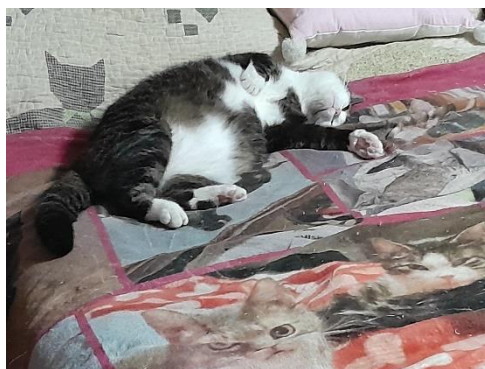
Upcoming Dates (please mark your calendar)

September 29	9:00 am	Service
October 6	9:00 am	Service w/Animal Blessing
October 13	9:00 am	Service
October 13	12:30 pm	CROP Walk (see below)
October 20	9:00 am	Service
October 27	9:00 am	Reformation Sunday with Colonial liturgy
November 3	9:00 am	All Saints Sunday
November 5		Election Day – church office not open

Blessing of the Animals update from Max

Hello again. Max here. I am so excited to announce that we received even more pictures this year than we did last year. I want to thank everyone who contributed. There are a wide variety of animals that have been included. I appreciate you all.

Love, Max 🐾



PS In order for you to view the blessing (if you're not in church), go online at: <https://splchurch.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.

Penridge CROP Walk

Penridge CROP Hunger Walk invites YOU to participate in our 41st annual walk to end hunger on Sunday, October 13, 2024. Two routes are featured, a Golden Mile and the Five Mile.

We are looking forward to getting back together and are excited to celebrate 41 years! Twenty-five percent of all proceeds go to Penridge 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 US and globally.

Registration will begin 12:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, 20 Dill Ave, Perkasio. The Walk, held rain or shine begins at 1 p.m. Please bring canned goods to donate to the Penridge FISH food pantry.

If you're interested in walking, please contact the church office for donation envelope, etc.

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 donation helps!

Church Sign Update Fund

The fundraiser to update the Hilltown Pike church sign is underway. The update replaced the LCA logo with the more colorful ELCA logo, added a fourth line for letters/announcements, and provided larger, 4" letters.

Please use one of the envelopes marked for this fund and place your donation in the offering plate.



Memorial Committee

The Memorial Committee has been designating a suggested area of interest or recipients for each quarter of the year to try to inspire ideas for Request for Memorial Funds. For this quarter of 2024, we have decided to focus on organizations that help the homeless, food banks and other groups that provide assistance with life's basic needs which many of us take for granted. With the cooler weather coming quickly, now is the time these organizations need to stock up on supplies and funds to handle the influx of clients they will see shortly. We often think of the homeless residents in Philadelphia and other large metropolitan areas but there are homeless people living in tents in Hilltown and our surrounding area. We also have people who struggle to provide three square meals a day for them and their families. Please forward any request for these groups or any other request for Memorial Funds to Judy Smith, Linda Ertel or Lou Bell.

Christmas Putz

For this year's Christmas season, we plan to begin a new tradition--a Moravian Christmas Putz (pronounced "poots") display. Please view the information below.

Please see Lori Groves if you wish to help set up this project in late November.

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church Invites You to Visit Our Christmas Putz



Christmas Putz:

The Putz (pronounced *pootz*), rooted in the Moravian tradition, is a depiction of the story of Jesus' birth. It is more than a nativity scene. It is the Gospel in miniature form from Mary's annunciation to the visits of the Shepherds and Wise Men to the flight into Egypt to save baby Jesus from King Herod's murderous soldiers. It tells the story of the Nativity through music and small illuminated scenes nestled among moss, rocks, sand, and driftwood.



The Putz will be open for viewing **every Saturday from Nov. 30 through Dec. 28 from 2:00-4:00 PM.** Free, light refreshments will be served. We will also have a craft for children to make.

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1530 Augsburg Drive, Hilltown, PA 18927 (near Hilltown Pike and Diamond St.)

Web page: <https://splchurch.net>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stpeterslchilltown>

PRAYER CONCERNS as of September 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, Mary Long, Norm Driscoll, Dave Reice, Heather Jerasa, Eleanor Peitzman, Dave Leslie, June Bair, Sheryl Gladfelter, Reed Jerasa, Janet Owens, Don Jerasa, Kim Jerasa, Jim Lynch, Mary Ettore.

God's Healing:

Friends and family:

Paul Hershey (father of Chris Fellman), Jim Friling (cousin of Jerry & Joan Gerhart), Tom Korbas (brother-in-law of Jerry & Joan Gerhart), Marlon Cortolean (friend of Deb Detweiler), Emily Kuykendall (daughter of Bev Gottshall), Joseph Ferry, Heidi Beason and Ruth Miller (friends of Rita Bixler), Shirley Treichler (sister of Hope Garrett), Rich Welsh and John Moll (friends 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), David Hallman (friend of Rita Bixler), Judy Johnson (daughter of Marv & Betty Rohrs), Tammy Owens (daughter-in-law of Janet Owens), 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), 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** (Lutheran Community at Telford), **Esther Saylor and Tillie Murray** (Hidden Meadows on the Ridge), **Ethel Geist** (Arden Court, King of Prussia).

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

+Lorraine Leslie, Richard Bair (brother-in-law of June Bair), Ron Beerkircher, Chase Yarns (nephew of Tammy Miskowski), Amos Good (nephew of Joan & Jerry Gerhart); 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).

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

October 2024

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

Monthly Assisting Ministers Calendar – October 2024

Date	Time	Usher(s)	Acolyte	Crucifer	Scripture/ Prayer	Server	Altar Guild	Counters
Oct 6 Blessing of Animals	9:00 am Service	J & J Gerhart	J Seward	D Seward	P Tackett L Ertel	P Tackett	D & S Texter	P Dowse & N Driscoll
Oct 13	9:00 am Service	D & S Texter	L Groves	N Driscoll	J Snider	L Groves	R Bixler & L Lombardo	
Oct 20	9:00 am Service	G & E Miller	D Texter	P Dowse	K Rebnegger	S Fischer	K Park & L Ertel	D & S Texter
Oct 27 Reformation Sunday	9:00 am Service	S & E Rebnegger	E Park	F Park	J Smith	P Abaza	P Dowse & E Rebnegger	
Nov 3	9:00 am Service	D & S Texter	L Lombardo	P Abaza	T Daubert	P Tackett	P Abaza & E Rebnegger	R Bixler & J Smith

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.