

The Fishnet

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

Driving on the New Jersey Turnpike while on vacation in August reminded me of the many trips I took along that route when I was a college student. When September rolled around, the New Jersey Turnpike inevitably led me back to my alma mater and another school year. Later, with kids in tow, September meant school shopping, going from store to store for a multitude of school supplies and children's clothing that would not embarrass my kids but that my wife and I would find acceptable. September also meant the completion of the required school forms, one huge pile of paper for each kid.

Those days are over. Do I miss them? A little. Today those old recollections of September represent fond memories. The present moment offers an abundance of opportunities for new memories. What does September mean for you?

I am looking forward to the last outdoor Sunday worship service of this season on September 8, and the return of our congregational picnic on that same day. How about you? The service begins at 10:00 a.m. Have you signed up to bring a food item?

I am looking forward to the installation of our synod's new bishop, Bryan Penman, on September 14, 2:00 p.m., at the Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral, 19 South 39th Street. ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton will officiate. All are welcome. We will share information on livestreaming when it becomes available.

I am looking forward to my 45th seminary class reunion on September 17 when I will gather with classmates, many of whom I have not seen for a long time.

I am looking forward to cooler weather, some day trips, a slightly fuller calendar of events, and the chance to re-connect with friends and colleagues.

As always, I wish you God's grace and peace!

Pastor Raymond Miller

Upcoming Dates (please mark your calendar)

August 25	9:00 am	Service
September 1	9:00 am	Service
September 8 note the time change	10:00 am	Service
September 8	11:00 am	Congregational picnic
September 15	9:00 am	Service
September 21	12noon to 6pm	Wines on the Hill
September 22	9:00 am	Service
September 29	9:00 am	Service
October 6	9:00 am	Service w/Animal Blessing
October 13	TBA	CROP Walk

Outdoor Service and Picnic

The final Outdoor Service will begin at 10:00am on September 8. The Service will be held in the pavilion (unless inclement weather prevails). There will be sufficient chairs for all attendees.

Following the September outdoor Service, the annual Congregational Picnic will be held. Hotdogs and hamburgers will be provided by the church. The congregation is asked to provide side dishes (salads, baked beans, etc) and desserts.

"Garden abundance – Give & Take"

The Fellowship Committee announces a new program for the Summer

Are you a gardener with an abundance of produce? Let's share it!

Every Sunday from July thru September, bring in your excess garden delights to the dedicated table in Dorcus Hall and exchange with others - Give & Take.

Any unwanted leftovers will be dropped off at a local food bank.

An Alternate volunteer will be needed who can drop off the excess bounty when I am not there.

Fellowship Committee: Please let us know if you wish to join this committee.
Lori Groves 215-361-9340 lagroves2340@gmail.com

Wines on the Hill volunteers needed

Planning is currently under way for Hilltown Fire Company's *Wines on the Hill* event on Saturday September 21 from 12:00noon to 6:00pm. Saint Peter's will once again host a tent for advertising our church, handing out free water, and answering any questions visitors may have about our church. We will offer printed brochures to aide in this task. We will need volunteers to man our tent. Please see the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board.

Bishop-elect for Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod

The Rev. Bryan Penman was elected in May as the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod's next bishop.

Bishop-elect Penman will assume office on September 1, succeeding The Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Davenport. He will be installed on Saturday, Sept. 14 at the Episcopal Cathedral, Philadelphia.

(information courtesy of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod email, May 7, 2024)

Blessing of the Animals update from Max



Max here. All of this supervising has exhausted me. I just want to thank all of you that have sent me pictures.

The deadline to get your pictures in is quickly approaching. I have not received very many, so I wanted to take this opportunity to remind you to turn those pictures of your sweet animal friends in to me. My email address is BlessingswithMax@gmail.com.

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.

Love, Max 

"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated" ~Mahatma Gandhi

Church Sign Update Fund

The fundraiser to update the Hilltown Pike church sign is underway. The update will replace the LCA logo with the more colorful ELCA logo and add a fourth line for letters/announcements.

Please use one of the envelopes marked for this fund and place your donation in the offering plate. The goal is to have the update finished by Thanksgiving.

Christmas Putz

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

A Moravian Christmas putz is more than a nativity scene. It is a depiction of the whole story of Jesus' birth.

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

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 animals, shelters and rescue organizations. Many of these groups operate on shoestring budgets based largely on donations and we have the ability to help these stewards of God's creatures. As always, we look at each request for Memorial Funds and appropriately vet (no pun intended) the organization who will receive the funds to determine if their funds go to the work of the organization or to salaries of executives or advertising campaigns. Please

forward any request for these groups or any other request for Memorial Funds to Judy Smith, Linda Ertel or Lou Bell.

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!



PRAYER CONCERNS as of August 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: Mary Long, Norm Driscoll, 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:

*Richard Bair (brother-in-law of June Bair), 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), Edward McCormick (cousin of Pastor Miller), The Rev. Erika Wesch (Conference Dean), 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), 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), 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:

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), +Janet Nebhut, Elsie Stoud (Deb Detweiler's sister).

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

Do you enjoy acting? Have you wanted to act? Here's your opportunity to participate in a local presentation of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. Go for it!

Audition Notice for Churches
The Laymen Playmen 2025 Show
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Auditions will be held on:

Wednesday November 6, 2024 at 7:00 pm

Saturday November 9, 2024 at 10:00 am

The audition form is available online and may be printed off and filled out before you arrive.

Looking for children ages 8-11 for children's choir and teens/adults of all ages for the show

Auditions and Performances will be held at:

Lansdale United Methodist Church

300 N. Broad St.

Lansdale, PA 19040 (parking behind the church off 4rth St)

Show Dates for 2025 :

Friday March 21 7:30 pm

Saturday March 22 2:00 pm (matinee)

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Sunday March 23 2:00 pm (matinee)

Friday March 28 7:30 pm

Saturday March 29 2:00 pm (matinee)

Saturday March 29 7:30 pm

Sunday March 30 2:00 pm (matinee)

Rehearsals:

Rehearsals will be held on Sundays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at Lansdale United Methodist Church

First Rehearsal/Readthrough: Wednesday November 20 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Detailed information regarding auditions and the show may be found on:

www.laymenplaymen.org

September 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9 am Worship Service	2 Church office closed for Labor Day holiday	3	4	5	6	7
8 10 am outdoor Worship Service & Congregational Picnic	9 7 pm Worship & Music Committee	10	11	12	13	14
15 9 am Worship Service	16 7 pm Council meeting	17	18	19 Newsletter input due	20	21
22 9 am Worship Service	23	24	25 Newsletter mailed	26	27	28
29 9 am Worship Service	30					

Monthly Assisting Ministers Calendar – August 2024

Date	Time	Usher(s)	Acolyte	Crucifer	Scripture/ Prayer	Server	Altar Guild	Counters
Sept 1	9:00 am Service	S & E Rebnegger	D Texter	N Driscoll	L Ertel	P Tackett	D & S Texter	D & S Texter
Sept 8	10:00 am Outdoor Service & picnic	D & S Texter	N/A	N/A	S Fischer	S Fischer	R Bixler & L Lombardo	
Sept 15	9:00 am Service	J & J Gerhart	E Park	F Park	J Snider	L Groves	K Park & L Ertel	R Bixler & J Smith
Sept 22	9:00 am Service	G & E Miller	Lisa Bell	P Dowse	T Daubert	L Bell	P Dowse & E Rebnegger	
Sept 29	9:00 am Service	D & S Texter	L Groves	N Driscoll	P Tackett	P Abaza	P Abaza & E Rebnegger	J Snider & S Davenport
Oct 6	9:00 am Service	J & J Gerhart	J Seward	D Seward	S Fischer	P Tackett	D & S Texter	P Dowse & N Driscoll

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.