

The Fishnet

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Hilltown, PA
September 2026



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

September is as good a time as any to remind ourselves of who we are as St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Hilltown Township, Pennsylvania. The preamble of St. Peter's constitution begins with these noble words: "We, baptized members of the Church of Christ, responding in faith to the call of the Holy Spirit through the Gospel, [desire] to unite together to preach the Word, administer the sacraments, and carry out God's mission ..." The cover of St. Peter's 2015 pictorial directory features a more concise mission statement: "Connecting with God, Sharing our Faith, United in Service." Do those words describe who we are today?

The church is always "a work in progress." When the Holy Spirit came to the disciples at Pentecost, they were not well-prepared for the work that lay before them. Yet the Holy Spirit empowered them to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ in word and deed, giving them the courage and confidence that they needed and providing opportunities for them.

The Holy Spirit is active in our lives today. There is much in the world around us that threatens to drive us to despair. I find reassuring comfort in Jesus' departing words to his disciples in Matthew 28:19-20: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations ... And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." The promise of Jesus' abiding presence fills me with hope. Only with that hope am I able to face the new day, and I trust that you are too!

Join Us for the Outdoor Service on Sept. 6

Join us for the final outdoor service of this summer season on Sunday, September 6, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the pavilion. (Please note that the outdoor services begin one hour later than the indoor services.) In the event of inclement weather, the service will be held in the sanctuary at 10:00 a.m.

Volunteers Needed for Rise Against Hunger on Sept. 13

Volunteers at Little Zion Lutheran Church, 267 Morwood Road, Telford, plan to pack 10,000 meals for *Rise Against Hunger* on September 13, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., as part of *God's Work Our Hands* Sunday. Volunteers from Upper Bucks Conference congregations are invited to participate. For more information, contact Pastor Madison DeLuca at Little Zion, 215-723-7404.

Adult Bible Study on Acts Resumes on Sept. 20

We resume our exploration of Luke's Book of Acts on Sundays, September 20 and 27, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., in the Apostles Room. We invite you to join us!

Upcoming Dates (please mark your calendar)

September 6	10:00 am	Outdoor Service
September 13	9:00 am	Service
September 20	9:00 am	Service
"	10:30 am	Adult Bible Study
September 27	9:00 am	Service
"	10:30 am	Adult Bible Study

Clothing bin reminder

When fall housecleaning don't forget that St. Peter's has a clothing bin at the top of the parking lot. Put your unwanted spring and summer clothes and shoes or sandals in a bag or two and drop them into the bin anytime – during the week, in the evening, or Sunday morning when you arrive for church.

St. Peter's receives a small monthly payment for our participation. Please use the bin – and tell your family, friends, and neighbors about this free way to clean out their closets.

Future music events

Bill Gottshall has announced the following music events. Mark your calendar!!

- The Concert on the Hill is Sunday afternoon, October 18. Music and food – the best!
- The annual Holiday Recital is Sunday, December 6 in the sanctuary.
- The Winter Recital will be held Sunday, February 7, 2027.
- Times will be announced in the near future.

Free reading available

Summer is "over" but there's still time for sitting on your deck or porch while reading a book. Or lay in a supply for fall weather. 😊

St. Peter's rolling cart of books in the Narthex outside Dorcas Hall offers a wide variety of fiction, nonfiction, religious, and children's books.

Take one or two that appeal to you. And, unlike the local library, there is no rush to return your book.

If you'd like to "take one, bring one," that's also appreciated.

Hymn Sing in August

The August 23 hymn sing was a joyous success. The congregation's input via the slips asking for your four favorite hymns were greatly appreciated by the Pastor, organist, and keyboard player.

Trinity Concert Series Fall-Winter 2026



The Trinity Concert Series proudly announces the 2026-2027 season with this exciting schedule! All events are open to the public and hosted at Trinity Lutheran Church, Fifth & Chestnut Streets, Perkasio.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY CONCERT BAND • SUNDAY, Sept. 20, 2026, 3:00 PM

The Montgomery County Concert Band was founded in 1995 by Stephen E. Frederick and Paul Ferla, two individuals whose vision helped spark what would eventually grow into an ensemble of nearly eighty volunteer musicians. Throughout its history, the band has earned significant recognition, including the prestigious Sudler Silver Scroll from the John Philip Sousa Foundation, which honors outstanding community bands across the nation. The band is currently under the leadership of Conductor Charles H. Neidhardt.



PHILIP CRUSH, ORGAN RECITAL • SUNDAY, October 18, 2026, at 3:00 PM

Trinity's Music Director will give a Halloween-themed organ recital exploring both classical and popular genres. Bring a friend and enjoy this spooky extravaganza of portentous pipes!

GENERATIONS CHAMBER ENSEMBLE, SUNDAY, November 22, 2026, at 3:00 PM

The ensemble directed by Jim Garcia is now in its 22nd season. The ensemble will be featuring music by Mozart, Bach, Stephen Foster and other composers. Medleys from the *American Revolutionary War* and *Scottish Folksongs* will also be performed.



VALLEY CHORAL SOCIETY SUNDAY, December 2026 Concert date to be announced

The Trinity Concert Series is financially independent and supported by its patrons and listeners. Concerts are open to the public and suggest a donation of \$10 per listener. Contact the Director of Music Ministries for any further information.

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Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church's

200th Anniversary

SEPT 19 2026

1:00 PM Service of Holy Communion

Guest Speaker: The Rev. Bryan J. Penman, Bishop

2:30 PM Congregational History Open House
with light refreshments

Nonperishable collection for Pennridge FISH | 200 pounds of food for 200 Years

Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church

733 Ridge Road

Sellersville, PA 18960

*Please let us know if you can attend by RSVPing
by Sunday, September 13, 2026*



Scan or visit www.jelchurch.com to RSVP.

Prayer Concerns as of August 23

[* - 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: Hope Garrett, Karin Rebnegger, Spencer Butterwick, Sheryl Gladfelter, Dave Reice, Heather Jerasa, Reed Jerasa, Don Jerasa, Jim Lynch, Mary Ettore.

God's Healing:

Friends and family:

*Jen Carelli (friend of Deb Detweiler), Don Campbell (Joan Gerhart's brother), LeeAnne Pompeii (friend of Deb Detweiler), George Yarns (Tammy Daubert's father), Ed & Jean Janisheck (friends of Rita Bixler), David Gottshall (Bill Gottshall's brother), Brian Blackburn, Sr., Brendan Rush (grandson of Norm Driscoll), Franz Grove (friend of Donna Blackburn), Robyn Gulick (granddaughter of Janet Owens), Emily Kuykendall (Bev Gottshall's daughter), Heidi Beason and Ruth Miller (friends of Rita Bixler), Shirley Treichler (Hope Garrett's sister), John Moll (Wally Simpkins' friend), Keith Lewis (Lori Lombardo's brother), Tessa Bair (June Bair's granddaughter), Butch Trucksess (Donna Blackburn's brother-in-law), , 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), 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), Pat Daubert (Rick Daubert's sister).

God's Comfort & Peace:

For our homebound members: ***Luise Scherffel** (Wesley Enhanced Living, Doylestown), ***June Bair** (Pine Run Rehab), **Esther Saylor** (Hidden Meadows on the Ridge), **Ethel Geist** (Arden Court, King of Prussia), **Catherine Truesdell** (Lansdale), and **Gene Gugger** (Bridges at Warwick, Jamison).

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

Shawn Lau (brother-in-law of Scott & Amanda Fischer), Keith Weiss (friend of John & Donna Snyder), +Kim Jerasa, Andrew Ferrone (son of Rev. Ferrone and friend of June Bair), Gunnar Pearson (Bill and Bev Gottshall's nephew), Bill Treichler (Hope Garrett's brother), Nancy Payne (sister-in-law of Laurel Tackett), +Joan Johnson, Jim Fryling (Jerry & Joan Gerhart's cousin), Ken and Shirley Stover (cousins of Jerry & Joan Gerhart), +Leroy Gladfelter, Rochelle Fly (friend of Rita Bixler), +Tillie Kister Murray, +Eleanor Peitzman, Kathy Shea (cousin of Lori Lombardo), +Joe Haenn, Harold Shisler and Leroy Hagey (John Snyder's cousins).

September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 1 pm- Payers	5
6 10 am Outdoor Worship Service	7 LABOR DAY Church office closed	8	9	10	11 1 pm- Payers	12
13 9 am Worship pm – 4H mtg	14	15	16	17	18 1 pm- Payers	19
20 9 am Worship 10:30 Bible Study pm – 4H mtg	21 7 pm-Council mtg	22	23	4	25 1 pm- Payers	26
27 9 am Worship 10:30 Bible Study	28	29	30			

Monthly Assisting Ministers Calendar – September 2026

Date	Time	Usher(s)	Acolyte	Crucifer	Scripture/ Prayer	Server	Altar Guild	Counters
August 30	9 am Service	E & S Rebnegger	N Driscoll	D Gall	Lou Bell	Lou Bell	E Rebnegger	
September 6	10 am Outdoor Service	J & J Gerhart	D Texter	Lisa Bell	Lou Bell	P Tackett	P Abaza & D Detweiler	J Smith & R Bixler
September 13	9 am Service	D Detweiler	D Seward	J Seward	S Fischer	S Fischer	D & S Texter	
September 20	9 am Service	D & S Texter	N Driscoll	P Abaza	Joan Snider	P Abaza	R Bixler & D Detweiler	N Driscoll & K Rebnegger
September 27	9 am Service	E & S Rebnegger	E Park	F Park	L Ertel	P Tackett	L Ertel & K Park	
October 4	9 am Service	J & J Gerhart	D Texter	D Gall	T Daubert	S Fischer	E Rebnegger	S Davenport & J Snider