

The Fishnet

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



The new front entrance landscaping

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

The summer is quickly drawing to a close, and I hope that this season has given you the opportunity to step out of your normal routine and do some different things. Indeed, this is part of the refreshment and rejuvenation that sabbath-keeping in the Hebrew Scriptures sought to provide.

Many of us find ourselves struggling with the state of the world in which we currently live. The list of concerns and challenges that we face is a list too long, and I would rather focus our attention on how we respond. I subscribe to the *Daily Meditations* provided digitally by the Henri Nouwen Society. All these meditations have been written by the much revered Henri Nouwen. One in particular, entitled "Live in the World as a Child of God," caught my attention and I found it especially helpful. I share it with you:

There is no promise that everything will be rosy. The first thing is not to play savior of the world but to keep living in the world as a child of God. I see all these things happening, but I do not allow them to seduce me into the darkness. I live in the world but belong to God.

Yes, we live in the world, and may we find assurance that we belong to God!

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This is a short reminder that the **last outdoor service** for this season is Sunday, September 7. We worship at 10:00 a.m., one hour later than usual.

I am pleased to announce that **our next Adult Study** begins in September on designated Sundays around 10:30 in the Apostles Room. We will meet for about an hour and make use of a curriculum entitled *Making Sense of the Christian Faith* written by Pastor David Lose, onetime president of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, now United Lutheran Seminary. "If you're curious about God and the life of faith," the author claims, "then this study is for you." Here are the designated Sundays and the assigned topics:

September 21, *God Talk: Theology*
September 28, *Original Blessing: Creation*
October 12, *Missing the Mark: Sin*
October 19, *East of Eden: Covenant, Law, and Community*
November 9, *God con Carne: Incarnation*
November 16, *Life Wins: Atonement*
November 23, *The Body of Christ: Church and Holy Spirit*
December 7, *The End of All Things: Eschatology*

I hope you consider joining us for this insightful study!

Pastor Raymond Miller

Upcoming Dates (please mark your calendar)

August 24	9:00 am	Service
September 7	10:00 am	Outdoor Service
September 14	9:00 am	Service
September 15	7:00 pm	Council meeting
September 21	9:00 am	Service
"	10:30 am	Adult Study
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
October 13	7:00 pm	Worship & Music meeting
October 19	9:00 am	Service
"	10:30 am	Adult Study
October 26	9:00 am	Service: Reformation Sunday

Outdoor Services

This summer's last outdoor Services will be held Sunday, September 7.

The outdoor Service will start at 10:00 am.

Please bring your favorite lawn chair and a sun hat (if desired).

Should it rain on an outdoor Service Sunday or in the event of an excessive heat warning, we will worship indoors. The Service time remains at 10:00am if the Service is held indoors.

Congregational Picnic

Planning is currently under way for our Annual Congregational Picnic on **Sunday, October 5th** (same day as our *Blessing of the Animals*).

The sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board soon.

Hymn Sing

Don't worry if your favorite hymn wasn't sung in the August 3 Service. There will be a future hymn sing and the hymns not used in the August Service will be used at that later Service.

Newsletters

The fall newsletters will be sent September, 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

Happy September! Where did the summer go? 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://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 and Purrs, Max

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.

St. John's, Ridge Valley celebration

St. John's Lutheran, Ridge Valley will celebrate their 125th year on Sunday, September 14. Worship is at 11:00am with a luncheon to follow at 12:30pm.

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PRESENTS ★

BASKET BINGO

Saturday September 27th

The Lutheran Community at Telford's Auditorium

12 Lutheran Home Drive, Telford, PA 18969

Doors Open at Noon, Games Begin at 1PM

Admission: \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door if available.

Ticket includes 10 regular games.

Extras include: Cash 50/50, coverall game, food and drinks.

Everyone must have a paid ticket, those 14-17 must have a paid adult,
no one under 14 allowed.

For advance tickets please call Cindy Crouthamel 215-588-0282

Money raised will go towards the Capital Campaign for Grace Inspired Living





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10 AM to 3 PM**

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PRAYER CONCERNS as of August 24

(* = 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:

Arvil Erwin (friend of John & Donna Snyder), 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]

September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 LABOR DAY – Church office is closed	2	3	4	5	6
7 10 am Outdoor Worship Service	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 9 am Worship Service	15 7 pm Council meeting	16 Newsletter input due	17	18	19	20
21 9 am Worship Service 10:30 am Adult Study	22	23	24 Newsletter mailed	25	26	27
28 9 am Worship Service 10:30 am Adult Study	29	30				

Monthly Assisting Ministers Calendar – September 2025

Date	Time	Usher(s)	Acolyte	Crucifer	Scripture/ Prayer	Server	Altar Guild	Counters
August 24	9:00 am Service	J & J Gerhart	D Seward	J Seward	J Snider	L Groves	P Dowse & E Rebnegger	R Bixler & J Smith
August 31	9:00 am Service	D & S Texter	Lisa Bell	D Gall	Lou Bell	Lou Bell	P Abaza & D Detweiler	
Sept 7 outdoor	10:00 am Service	S & E Rebnegger		L Lombardo	P Tackett		D & S Texter	J Snider & S Davenport
Sept 14	9:00 am Service	D Detweiler	D Texter	N Driscoll	J Smith	P Abaza	R Bixler & L Lombardo	
Sept 21	9:00 am Service	J & J Gerhart	E Park	F Park	K Rebnegger	P Tackett	L Ertel & K Park	R Bixler & J Smith
Sept 28	9:00 am Service	D & S Texter	D Seward	J Seward	L Ertel	L Groves	P Dowse & E Rebnegger	
Oct 5	9:00 am Service	S & E Rebnegger	J Snyder	D Gall	T Daubert	S Fischer	P Abaza & D Detweiler	D & S Texter