

# The Fishnet

**St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Hilltown, PA**  
**January 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 and on St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Hilltown, PA YouTube page after the Service.*



The owner of a small estate wished to sell the building and grounds where he had made his home for many years. He asked a real estate agent to write an ad describing the estate. When the agent completed the ad, she took it to the owner and read it to him. "Read that again," insisted the owner. The agent read the ad a second time. "I don't want to sell my estate after all," said the owner. "I've been looking for a home like that all my life, and I didn't know I owned it."

Like the owner of that small estate, sometimes we don't know what we have until we have had the opportunity to step back and take an objective look at it. As we begin this new year, may we step back

and take note of the many ways that God continues to love and care for us. I invite you to make this new year one of gratitude for the many gifts with which God has blessed us – our lives, our families, our friends, our homes, our communities, and our church. May we wake up each morning with the joy that God is present among us through the people, events, and places around us. In that spirit, I wish all of you a happy and blessed new year!

*Eternal God, you have placed us in a world of space and time, and through the events of our lives you bless us with your love. Grant that, in the new year, we may know your presence, see your love at work, and live in the light of the event that gives us joy forever – the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

Prayer for New Year's Eve, Evangelical Lutheran Worship, p. 63.

## **Coming in January!**

One of the ways that God has blessed St. Peter's over the past year is the re-decorating and re-furnishing of the room off the narthex between the sacristy and the entrance to Dorcas Hall. We have re-named this space *Hannah's Room* after the mother of the prophet Samuel, known for her faithfulness and prayerfulness. This room is open for your use as a place of gathering, meeting, prayer, reflection, and quiet conversation. We plan to dedicate Hannah's Room on Sunday, January 7, as part of the worship service. Many thanks to those who brought this project to fruition!

Also, on Sunday, January 7, at our worship service, we will install our newly elected Congregation Council members, Tammy Daubert, Linda Ertel, and Evelyn Miller. We deeply thank you for your willingness to serve. In addition, we express our profound thanks to those who are completing council terms: Rick Daubert, Diane Gall, and Ken Shanks. The Congregation Council will meet again on Monday, January 15, at 7:00 p.m.

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### **Upcoming Dates (please mark your calendar)**

December 24	3:00 pm -	Christmas Eve Service
December 31	9:00 am -	Lessons and Carols Service
January 7	9:00 am -	Incoming Council members installation. Dedication of Hannah's Room.
February 14		Ash Wednesday

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### **Memorial Committee**

In the last quarter of 2023, the Memorial Committee began the idea of offering an area of general interest for the congregation to submit requests for the use of Saint Peter's Memorial Funds. The first category suggested was Military and Veterans. The committee received several requests from congregants and the Committee recommended to the Council all the requests be given to the various organizations. The Council also approved all of these requests.

The Memorial Committee would like to build on this momentum and for the first quarter of 2024, we have decided on the category of Youth and Children. One of the yearly recipients of Memorial Funds is the Bucks County Children's Advocacy Center which provides a child friendly environment to assist in the investigation and prosecution of child abuse and provide advocacy and counseling for child victims and witnesses of crime. Please give serious consideration and submit any requests for Memorial Funds for any Child or Youth based organization or program that you know of which can use financial support.

Thank you. Let's keep working to make thoughtful use of our resources for the betterment of our Church, Community and World.

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### **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.

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## **Congregational Staff**

- **Rev. Raymond Miller, Sr. Pastor** 215-822-9108  
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  - **Laurel Tackett, Organist**
  - **Bill Gottshall, Keyboard**
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## **St. Peter's Congregational Council**

**Rick Daubert**, President (term ends: December 2023) 2<sup>nd</sup> Term

**Diane Gall**, Vice-President (term ends: December 2023) 2<sup>nd</sup> Term

**Scott Fischer**, Secretary (term ends: December 2025) 2<sup>nd</sup> Term

**Ken Shanks**, Treasurer

**Lisa Bell** (term ends: December 2024) 1<sup>st</sup> Term

**Lori Groves** (term ends: December 2025) 1<sup>st</sup> Term

**Karin Rebnegger** (term ends: December 2024) 1<sup>st</sup> Term

**Dave Reice** (term ends: December 2025) 1<sup>st</sup> Term

**Judy Smith** (term ends: December 2024) 1<sup>st</sup> Term



## PRAYER CONCERNS as of December 17, 2023

(\* = 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:** Sandie Driscoll, Wally Simpkins, 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:**

\*Tessa Bair (granddaughter of June Bair), \*Butch Trucksess (brother-in-law of Donna Blackburn), Bishop Patricia Davenport, Bill Treichler (brother of Hope Garrett & Shirley Treichler), Diana Christianson (niece of Elaine, BBLC), Helene Bell (mother of Lou Bell), Denise Sanders (friend of Deb Detweiler), Patti Stover (coworker of Deb Detweiler), David Hallman (friend of Rita Bixler), Judy Johnson (daughter of Marv & Betty Rohrs), Tammy Owens (daughter-in-law of Janet Owens), Rev. Erika Wesch, Adele Hodgman (cousin of Pastor Miller), Rhelda Warriner (sister of Rita Bixler), Sue Warfield (friend of Donna Blackburn), Lindsey Hollingswoth (niece of Lori Groves), Rochelle Fly (friend of Rita Bixler), Caitlin(Cate) Fishman (relative of Lori Groves), Jean Scull (Rev. June Bair's future mother-in-law), 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:**

Larry Donis (uncle of Lori Lombardo), +Janet Nebhut, Elsie Stoud (Deb Detweiler's sister), +Norman Geist, Herb Brenner (brother -in-law of Laurel Tackett), Melanie Lewis (sister-in-law of Lori Lombardo), +Julia Detweiler, Mary A Reice (mother of Dave Reice), Robert Bell (father of Lou Bell), **[+indicates a member of St. Peter's. Names will stay on the printed list for 1 year]**

# January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Year's Day Church office closed	2	3	4	5	6
7 9 am Worship Service	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 9 am Worship Service	15 7 pm Council meeting	16	17	18 Newsletter input due	19	20
21 9 am Worship Service	22	23	24	25 Newsletter mailed	26	27
28 9 am Worship Service	29	30	31			

## Monthly Assisting Ministers Calendar – January 2024

Date	Time	Usher(s)	Acolyte	Crucifer	Scripture/ Prayer	Server	Altar Guild	Counters
Dec 24	3:00 pm	D & S Texter	J Seward	D Seward	J Snider	K Shanks	P Dowse & E Rebnegger	D I & S Texter
<b>Dec 31</b>	9:00 am	S & E Rebnegger	J Snyder	L: Groves	T Daubert	S Fischer	D & S Texter	D & S Texter
<b>Jan 7</b>	9:00 am	J & D Snyder	Lisa Bell	D Gall	Lou Bell	Lou Bell	R Bixler & L Lombardo	J Snider & S Davenport
<b>Jan 14</b>	9:00 am	J & J Gerhart	E Park	F Park	J Snider	P Tackett	K Park & L Ertel	P Dowse & N Driscoll
<b>Jan 21</b>	9:00 am	D & S Texter	L Lombardo	P Abaza	K Rebnegger	P Abaza	P Dowse & E Rebnegger	D & S Texter
<b>Jan 28</b>	9:00 am	S & E Rebnegger	P Dowse	J Snyder	S Fischer	K Shanks	P Abaza & E Rebnegger	R Bixler & J Smith
<b>Feb 4</b>	9:00 am	J & D Snyder	J Seward	D Seward	J Smith	S Fischer	D & S Texter	J Snider & S Davenport

**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.