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Peace-Tohickon Lutheran Church Newsletter



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A Message from Pastor Gary ...

Until Next Month

There are people you talk to everyday, and some you talk to every week. Still others you may only talk to approximately once a month. As I write to you, I feel like the monthly newsletter affords me the opportunity to talk to you once a month. Of course, I talk to many of you in-person, on the phone, in sermons, in emails, and in text messages.

For some reason though, I am mindful of the possibility that there are some of you who will only hear from me in my newsletter publication this month. That being the case, it seems important to speak about things that really matter. Here's what comes to mind.

Keep praying for others during this season of Lent. Your prayers matter and they bring healing.

Give yourself a rest from the news. The state of things in the world and in the nation, related to the political and social arenas can have an effect on us. For some it may feel like we are going through a challenging time, but we are headed for a good place. For others it may feel like we are going through a very concerning and disturbing time. In this case, make sure you are feeding your mind, spirit, and soul with the word of God and with the love of God.

The church is like a boat. That's why the sanctuary is often referred to as the nave. A boat floats and rides on water. Ironically, if too much water gets inside of it, it will sink. The church is in the world, but not of the world. If too much of the world gets inside of you, children of God, you may start to sink. Take care of yourself.

Easter is coming. We are the voices of hope and faith. We are the voices of those who dare to believe in the one who rose from the dead and still lives to bring us life.

The enemy wants to rob, steal, and destroy but Jesus is with us to give us life abundantly. Receive what Jesus has for you. Learn to find your peace in the middle of the storm. Let His resurrection power fill you. Keep on believing. Hope is the joyful expectation that circumstances deny.

Well, I'm a little all over the place with this article. Seems more like a one-sided conversation. I guess if you only get to talk to someone once a month, you want to use the time to say things that may really matter. Talk to you next month.

Pastor Gary

April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 1:00pm-WELCA Meeting @Peace	2 6pm-Lenten Soup Supper 6:30pm-Holden Prayer Service 7:15pm-Peace Choir Rehearsal 8pm-Bells Rehearsal	3	4	5
6 8:15am+10:15am Worship Service 9am-Sunday School 9:30am-Peace Choir Rehearsal 7pm-NA 7:30pm-ConfirmClass	7	8 7:00pm-Music & Worship Meeting via Zoom	9 6pm-Lenten Soup Supper 6:30pm-Holden Prayer Service 7:15pm-Peace Choir Rehearsal 8pm-Bells Rehearsal	10 1pm-Exec Council Meeting via Zoom	11	12 9:30am-Palm Cross Workshop@Peace
13 Passion/Palm Sunday 8:15am+10:15am Worship Service 9am-Sunday School 9:15am-Bells Rehearsal 7pm-NA 7:30pm-ConfirmClass	14	15  7pm-Church Council Meeting via Zoom	16 6:45pm-Peace Choir Rehearsal 7:45pm-Bells Rehearsal	17 7pm-Peace Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm-Maundy Thursday Service	18 10am-Egg Stuffers @Peace 7pm-Peace Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm-Good Friday Service	19 8am-Setup for Easter Egg Hunt 10am-Easter Egg Hunt@Peace Pavilion
20 Easter Sunday 7:30am-Peace Choir and Kids' Bells Rehearsal 8:00am+10:15am Easter Worship Service 7pm-NA No ConfirmClass	21	22  May Newsletter Deadline	23 NO Music Rehearsals	24	25 4pm-Folk Jam and Barbeque@Peace Pavilion	26
27 8:15am+10:15am Worship Service 9am-Earth Day Celebration@Peace 9:30am-Solo Rehearsal 11:30am-Faith&Fellowship Meeting@Peace 7pm-NA No ConfirmClass	28	29	30 6:45pm-Peace Choir Rehearsal 7:45pm-New Spirit Rehearsal			

Important upcoming dates and information...

Peace Bulletin Board ... April

Upcoming Meeting/Events @ a Glance

- Tuesday, 4/1 – 1:00PM WELCA Meeting @Peace
- Wednesday, 4/2 – 6:00PM Lenten Soup Supper + 6:30PM Holden Prayer Service + 7:15PM Peace Choir Rehearsal + 8:00PM Bells Rehearsal
- Sunday, 4/6 – 9:00AM Adult Discussion Group + Sunday School + 9:30AM Peace Choir Rehearsal + 7:30PM Confirmation Class via Zoom
- Tuesday, 4/8 – 7:00PM Music & Worship Meeting via Zoom
- Wednesday, 4/9 - 6:00PM Lenten Soup Supper + 6:30PM Holden Prayer Service + 7:15PM Peace Choir Rehearsal + 8:00PM Bells Rehearsal
- Thursday, 4/10 – 1:00PM Exec Council Meeting via Zoom
- Saturday, 4/12 – 9:30AM Palm Cross Workshop @Peace
- Sunday, 4/13 – Palm Sunday + 9:00AM Adult Discussion Group + Sunday School + 9:15AM Bells Rehearsal + 7:30PM Confirmation Class via Zoom
- Tuesday, 4/15 – 7:00PM Church Council Meeting via Zoom
- Wednesday, 4/16 – 6:45PM Peace Choir Rehearsal + 7:45PM Bells Rehearsal
- Thursday, 4/17 – Maundy Thursday + 7:00PM Peace Choir Rehearsal + 7:30PM Worship Service
- Friday, 4/18 – Good Friday + 10:00AM Egg Stuffers @Peace + 7:00PM Peace Choir Rehearsal + 7:30PM Worship Service
- Saturday, 4/19 – 8:00AM Setup for Egg Hunt + 10:00AM Easter Egg Hunt @Peace Pavilion
- Sunday, 4/20 – Easter Sunday + No Sunday School + 7:30AM Peace Choir Rehearsal + 9:00AM to 9:45AM Easter Sunday Breakfast @ Fellowship Hall + NO Confirmation Class
- Tuesday, 4/22 - May Newsletter Deadline
- Wednesday, 4/23 – NO Music Rehearsals
- Friday, 4/25 – 4:00PM Folk Jam & Barbeque @Peace Pavilion
- Sunday, 4/27 – 9:00AM Adult Discussion Group + 9:00AM Earth Day Celebration @Peace for the Sunday School Students + 11:30AM Faith & Fellowship Committee Meeting @Peace Primary Classroom + No Confirmation Class
- Wednesday, 4/30 - 6:45PM Peace Choir Rehearsal + 7:45PM New Spirit Rehearsal



Important upcoming dates and information...



Adult Discussion Group

Join this Sunday's Adult Discussion Group at 9AM in the Fellowship Hall. We will be investigating the many names and titles of God and how they reflect His relationship with His people.


We have had many lively and interesting discussions in the past. Come join us. All are welcome. No prior knowledge or reading is needed, just an open mind. ~ Randi Schaeffer



Altar Flower Sponsorships

The 2025 Altar Flower Chart is up and ready for your requests! The new flower chart for 2025 is hanging up outside the coat room. If you are interested in sponsoring flowers on a specific date in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please sign up on the date you'd like to reserve or contact Elva Groff at 215-453-9005 or email her at pennridge45@yahoo.com to reserve your requests for 2025. Thank you for your continued support!

Spring Special Offering Envelope Designations

	Ash Wednesday	Fostering Hope
	Mid-week Lent	Lutheran World Relief California Wildfires
	Maundy Thursday	F.I.S.H.
	Good Friday	RamPacks
	Easter	Peace Lutheran Church

Important upcoming dates and information...



Join us Wednesday evenings, for Lenten Soup Suppers on April 2nd and April 9th at 6:00PM; followed by the Holden Evening Prayer Service at 6:30PM.

A sign-up sheet is in the narthex, if you can bring a soup or bread dinner to share.

Looking forward to seeing you on the following April Wednesdays during Lent: April 2nd and 9th.



Easter Sunday Breakfast Sunday, April 20th – 9:00AM to 9:45AM

A continental style Easter Breakfast will be available on April 20th from 9:00AM to 9:45AM in Fellowship Hall, which is between our worship services.

We are looking for a few people to provide egg casseroles, Danish muffins, colored eggs and fruit for the Easter breakfast.

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for food and volunteers to setup and clean-up after the breakfast until Sunday, April 13th. If you have questions, contact Dottie Ritter at dmritter4@gmail.com or 215-896-3095.

Important upcoming dates and information...



Easter Egg Hunt at Peace Pavilion

Message to All Children ... you are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19th beginning at 10:00AM. Have fun hunting for eggs with candy and win prizes. See you there and remember your basket!

Attention Adults: We are asking for donations of small, wrapped candy to fill the eggs and for small, inexpensive children's prizes. Collection box is in the narthex. We appreciate your help in making this year's Easter Egg Hunt a success!



Earth Day Celebration Sunday, April 27, 2025 - 9:00AM

The Sunday School teachers of Peace will lead a celebration of Earth Day on April 27th during the Sunday School hour beginning at 9:00AM. Our theme is "The Importance of Plants". Activities will include planting pansies at the front of the church and cold crops in the Peace Garden, a craft and a snack. All are welcome to attend.



Important upcoming dates and information...

An Important Message from the Peace Garden Crew . . .

Cardboard Again???

Yes, folks we're collecting cardboard again, but this time it is for a new project. We spend a lot of time weeding our bountiful Peace Veggie Garden. One task we are hoping to lessen is the weeding we need to do on our walkways between the beds. An eco-friendly way to do this is to line our paths with a layer or two of cardboard, then cover with woodchips. This technique is actually quite effective at holding back the weeds. Another bonus is that it breaks down naturally and uses no harmful weed killer near our precious plants.

We just want plain cardboard boxes that are free of packing tape and labels. You can easily remove tape and labels using heat from a hair dryer. No shiny plastic-coated cardboard. Please flatten your cardboard before you bring it in to leave in the Fellowship Hall for collection.

Thank you!
The Garden Crew

Deadline to bring in the cardboard is Sunday, April 13, 2025.



Important upcoming dates and information...

RamPack News for Spring 2025

RamPacks is holding their Food Fest Fundraiser on Sunday, May 4th from 12:00PM to 4:00PM at the Pennridge High School. The event will offer children's games, raffles, a corn hole tournament and food trucks. Join us for the 2nd Annual Food Festival and celebration 6 years of feeding students in Pennridge! This is a rain or shine event, and our main fundraiser for 2025.



The poster features a bright blue sky with a yellow sun and white clouds. The text '2ND ANNUAL FOOD FESTIVAL' is prominently displayed in large, red, outlined letters. Below this, 'to benefit' is written in a cursive font, followed by a ram's head logo and the word 'RamPacks' in a bold, green font. A yellow food truck is the central illustration, with a red circular badge on its side that says 'FEEDING STUDENTS JOIN US TO CELEBRATE 6 YEARS! IN PENNRIDGE'. A QR code is located in a red circle to the left of the truck. The bottom section of the poster has an orange background and contains the event details in bold black text.

**2ND ANNUAL
FOOD
FESTIVAL**

to benefit  **RamPacks**

SUNDAY, MAY 4
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
PENNRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL | 1228 N 5TH ST, PERKASIE

**FOOD TRUCKS • BEN'S BALLOON ANIMALS • DJ • BAKE SALE
KIDS GAMES • FACEPAINTING • RAFFLES • 50/50**

NO TICKET NEEDED TO ATTEND
WWW.RAMPACKS.COM

Important upcoming dates and information...



WELCA 2025 Spring Banquet
Sunday, May 4, 2025 at 5:00PM

WELCA will host a “Birthday Bash Banquet” on Saturday, May 4th at 5:00PM in Fellowship Hall. Tickets will be \$15.00 for adults; and \$5.00 for children under 10 years old. Tickets will be available to purchase on the following Sundays: April 13th, 20th and 27th. Tickets can also be purchased by contacting a WELCA member, if unable to make one of the April dates.

Please plan on joining us for an evening of good food, fellowship and fun. Birthday cake and ice cream will be served for dessert. Join us in some fun games and activities. Looking forward to seeing you there and Happy Birthday!





Easter Flower Order Form

Orders Due by Sunday, April 6, 2024

Our sanctuary is adorned each Easter with the beauty of fresh flowers, which symbolize new life and the power of the resurrection. We invite you to order a plant in honor or remembrance of loved ones. **Please print names clearly.**

Quantity		
_____	Tulips (5-6 blooms)	\$10.00
_____	Tall Daffodils (6" pots)	\$10.00
_____	Mini Daffodils (4 1/2" pot)	\$6.00
_____	White Easter Lily (4-5 blooms)	\$12.00
	TOTAL	_____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Sponsor's Name: _____

_____ I wish to leave my flowers to be planted on the church property.

Please make checks payable to "**Peace Lutheran Church.**" All orders will be handled by the church. Place orders in the offering plate clearly marked or place in the church secretary's mailbox or on the desk.

Paid Check: # _____

Paid Cash: _____

April Birthday Calendar at Peace <i>Happy Birthday to you!</i>	
7	Judy Hamilton Cyanna Penn
8	Barbara Bachman
10	Joelle Doherty Nicole Wilfong
13	Kolby Kramer
14	Brianna Gerth
15	Lily Neary
16	Mary Snyder Courtney Steiner
20	Julia Erney
21	Madeline Barnes
23	Yvonne Thomas
24	Herb Laird
25	Curt Gerth



Peace Bulletin Board ... Recent Thank You Letters:



Evangelical
Lutheran Church
in America

February 26, 2025

Thank You

Peace-Tohickon Lutheran Church
100 Old Bethlehem Rd
Perkasie, PA 18944-3715

Dear Peace-Tohickon Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift of \$125.00 to Lutheran Disaster Response.

"[Jesus said,] 'Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' [The lawyer] said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'"
(Luke 10:36-37)

As a church, we are freed by the transformative life of Christ, and this freedom emboldens us to love and serve our neighbors just as Christ has shown us. Your gifts to the ministries of the ELCA help people around the world feel the power of God's love.

Your Spirit-filled generosity helps families and communities reeling from disasters. No matter the variety of disaster, no matter the variety of need, your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response enable people to rebuild their lives and livelihoods now and far into the future.

Thank you for your gracious gifts. The glory of God shines through you.

In Christ,

Daniel Rift

The Rev. Daniel Rift
Director, Giving, Service and Justice
ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response

Gift date: 2/18/2025

Gifts are designated for:

Lutheran Disaster Response

\$125.00

Peace Bulletin Board ... Recent Thank You Letters:

Making lasting, meaningful change in people's lives and in our community

Check out the full report online at www.lutheransettlement.org or by scanning the QR code.



Lutheran Settlement House
1340 Frankford Ave,
Philadelphia, PA 19125

*Thank you for all
you've done for
the people we serve!
Dana*



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