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# Peace-Tohickon Lutheran Church Newsletter

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# A Message from Pastor Gary ...

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## Creation Reflection

It rained all day yesterday, so much so that roadways that never flood were flooded. Today it is sunny and pretty hot, the perfect combination to dry the land. This is nature's way of correcting itself, the planet bringing itself back into harmony, the planet healing itself.

Our bodies do the same. How many cuts or bruises have you had in your life? There are too many to count, too many to remember? They are unremembered because there is no longer any evidence of the great majority of them.

The church or the body of Christ does the same thing, always correcting itself, healing itself, bringing itself back into harmony. One member is suffering, and the other members rush to her like white blood cells rushing to wound.

We usually think of creation as a completed project, but what was once spoken into existence by God continues to correct, repair, and rejuvenate itself. God's voice stills echoes throughout the universe. His words are Spirit and life.

Pastor Gary

# Important upcoming dates ...

August 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 7pm-New Spirit Rehearsal	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
		12pm-4pm Private Party @Pavilion	12pm-4pm Private Party @Pavilion	12pm-4pm Private Party @Pavilion	12pm-4pm Private Party @Pavilion	
<b>6</b> 9am-Worship 7pm-NA	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 7pm-Faith & Fellowship Committee Meeting via Zoom	<b>10</b> 7pm Exec Council Meeting via Zoom	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 9am-Worship 9am-RamPACKS Temple Talk w/Randy Swope 1pm-5pm-Private Party @Pavilion 7pm-NA	<b>14</b> 7pm-Zoom Music & Worship Committee Meeting	<b>15</b> 7pm Church Council via Zoom	<b>16</b> 7pm-New Spirit Rehearsal	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 9am- New Spirit Worship @Pavilion 7pm-NA	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> September Newsletter Deadline	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 9am-Worship 7pm-NA	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		

# Peace Bulletin Board ... Announcements

## Upcoming Meeting/Events @ a Glance

- Sunday, August 6, 13, 20, 27 – Summer Worship Services begin at 9:00am.
- Monday, July 31-Friday, August 4, 12pm to 4pm – Pavilion Rental
- Wednesday, August 2 – New Spirit Rehearsal
- Wednesday, August 9 – Faith & Fellowship Meeting via Zoom
- Thursday, August 10 – Exec Council Meeting via Zoom
- Sunday, August 13, 9am to 10am – Randy Swope, RamPACKS Temple Talk
- Sunday, August 13, 1pm to 5pm – Pavilion Rental
- Monday, August 14 – Music & Worship Meeting via Zoom
- Tuesday, August 15 – Church Council Meeting via Zoom
- Wednesday, August 16 – New Spirit Rehearsal
- Sunday, August 20 – New Spirit Worship @Pavilion

## Faith and Fellowship News:





The Faith and Fellowship community support project for August is to collect monetary gifts to support RamPacks. RamPacks' mission is to supply students in the Pennridge School District, who face food insecurities with breakfasts, lunches, and snacks on weekends during the school year. Approximately 1 in 4 students in elementary through high school receive free or reduced rate breakfasts and lunches during the week, but who are at risk to have little to eat over the weekends and holidays. Your gifts go directly to RamPacks to purchase foods for weekly distribution to the children throughout the school year.


Special RamPacks envelopes are available in the Narthex for your kind and much appreciated donations to this community outreach!


# Peace Bulletin Board ... Announcements Continue

## Faith and Fellowship News – Continues

	<p>A BIG thank you to everyone from Peace and St. Michael's who helped make this year's Vacation Bible School such a huge success. We had about 25 kids each evening hearing Bible stories, singing, making Super Hero crafts and costumes, playing games, and enjoying simple dinners and snacks. Thank you to Kristina Doherty, our Captain Shield, who gave us a good start and ending to our evening of activities. Our VBS offering of \$309 will be sent to RamPACKS to help fund weekend food insecurities for children in the Pennridge School District. A special thanks to Barb Nemecek from St. Michael's for being our organizer and leader during this community-wide time of learning and fun!</p>
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	<p>The Faith and Fellowship Committee plans the Christian Education activities for the children and adults of Peace; such as, Sunday School and VBS. This committee is also responsible for many of our fellowship activities; such as, the Easter breakfast, the Rally Day picnic, coffee hour, and any of our other social activities for our members and the community.</p> <p>We meet once a month on Zoom and discuss/plan activities for these special areas of ministry. We would love to have you join us! Please contact Dottie Ritter at 215-896-3095, if you would like to help our members grow in their faith and have fun through Christian fellowship!</p>
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	<p>The Sunday School classes will start its fall term on September 10<sup>th</sup>, Rally Day, at 9:00am. We are in need of preschool and teen (ages 12-18) teachers. All curriculum and materials are provided. This is a great way to get to know the children of Peace and help them grow in their knowledge and faith in our Lord! Contact Pastor Gary or Dottie Ritter for more information.</p>
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	<p>The next Faith and Fellowship Committee meeting is Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm on Zoom. Plans for this year's Sunday School, The Rally Day picnic, and fall Fellowship projects will be discussed and finalized. All are invited to attend our meetings! Call Dottie Ritter at 215-896-3095 for the Zoom link.</p>
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Dear Peace Lutheran VBS Staff,



VBS would not have been the same without all of the hard work from your church members! I feel blessed by their efforts in decorating, wearing costumes, cleaning up, & but most importantly working with the children who attended. THANK YOU!!!

I witnessed first hand your Super Powers! A special thank you to Dottie for being a wonderful VBS partner and for supplying food options for the child with food allergies.

I truly love working with the Peace Church family!

Blessings,

Barb Nemecek, St. Michael's

"Do good! Seek peace and go after it!"

Psalm 34:14b

## Peace Bulletin Board ... Announcements Continue



### Peace Garden Update!

The current amount of produce given to Pennridge FISH, as of Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, is **110.4 pounds**.

Thank you for your continued support and help.





## August Birthday Calendar at Peace

*Happy Birthday to you!*

2	Andrew Daley
3	Evan Hughes Barbara May
4	Allison Haberle Addelyn Link Billy Morris
6	Luke Daley
7	Robert Hilinski Cathleen Miller Nadine Scholl
8	Elaine Keckeissen
9	Jim Doherty Brandon Siples
10	Andy May
11	Georgia Renner Austin Shanley
12	Amanda Achepohl
13	Tamara Hawthorne
14	Linda Feldstein Jackson Flodin Richard Miller Gerald Schlosser Kate Schneider
15	Sarah Grim Jayne Kramer
16	Marian Engelmann
17	Amanda McKenzie Madison Wilfong
19	Allison Shannen B.J. Strouse
21	Seth Kerrigan
22	Evan Woods
23	Nancy Frank
27	Andrew Shanley Makenzie Wilfong
29	Michael Cygan Tom Hamilton Christopher Stranick
30	Dick Burkett
31	Herta Altner



## Peace Bulletin Board ... Recent Thank You Letters to Us:



Evangelical  
Lutheran Church  
in America

July 6, 2023

*Thank You*

Peace-Tohickon Lutheran Church  
100 Old Bethlehem Rd  
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Dear Peace-Tohickon Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift of \$100.00 to Lutheran Disaster Response.

*Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God (Romans 5:1-2).*

As a church, we believe that God's grace is freely given to us. This brings us peace and hope. It makes a difference in our lives. Through your gifts to the ministries of the ELCA you share this amazing grace with others and help people around the world feel the transformational 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,

Amanda White  
Director, Congregational Generosity

# Peace-Tohickon Evangelical Lutheran Church

## *OUR HISTORY*



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