



February 1, 2024 | Volume 2024:2

# Peace-Tohickon Lutheran Church Newsletter

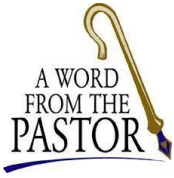
---



## Highlights:

- Peace Church Newsletter
- A Message from the Pastor
- Peace Calendar
- Peace Bulletin Board
- February Birthdays
- Peace Ministry Teams
- Thank you Notes

# A Message from Pastor Gary ...



## For Everything There is a Season

Time is relentless. I can hardly believe that it is February already, even though the stores are displaying the pink, white and red for Valentine's Day. February is also the month when Lent begins and this year Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday are the same day, the 14<sup>th</sup>.

Lent can be described as a time when we consider who we really are. Lent is the season of repentance. We think about our priorities, our shortcomings, and our general self-centeredness. Here's the interesting thing about repentance though, if we could change the way we are on our own, we would have done so by now. Therefore, we pray for the ability and the willingness to be more like Jesus, to be more selfless than selfish. God never asks anything of us without also giving us what we need to achieve it.

Time is relentless, but it is also a blessing. Time and time again we are presented with the opportunity to grow in our relationship with Christ. Lent is a great time to seize the opportunity once again.

Pastor Gary

# Important upcoming dates . . .

## February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 1st Day of Black History Month  1pm-Bible Study via Zoom	2 <b>Groundhog Day</b> 	3
4 8:15am+10:15am Worship Service 9am-Sunday School  9:30am-Peace Choir Rehearsal  7pm-NA	5	6	7 6:45pm-New Spirit Rehearsal 7:45pm-Bells Rehearsal	8 1pm-Bible Study via Zoom	9	10
11 8:15am+10:15am Worship Service 9am-Sunday School  9:30am-Peace Choir Rehearsal  7pm-NA  <b>Super Bowl LVIII in Las Vegas</b>	12	13 1pm-WELCA Meeting @Peace Fellowship Hall  7pm-Music & Worship Committee Meeting via Zoom	14 <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> <b>Valentine's Day</b>  6:45pm-Peace Choir Rehearsal  1:00pm + 7:30pm-Ash Wednesday Service	15 Exec Council Meeting via Zoom	16	17
18 8:15am Worship 10:15am New Spirit Worship 9am-Sunday School  9:00am-New Spirit Rehearsal  7pm-NA	19 <b>Presidents' Day</b> 	20 <b>March Newsletter Deadline</b>  7pm-Church Council Meeting via Zoom	21 6pm-Lenten Soup Supper 6:30pm-Holden Prayer Service  6:45pm-Peace Choir Rehearsal 7:45pm-Bells Rehearsal	22	23	24
25 8:15am+10:15am Worship Service 9am-Sunday School  9:15am-Bells Rehearsal  11:30am-Congregational Semi-Annual Meeting 7pm-NA	26	27	28 6pm-Lenten Soup Supper 6:30pm-Holden Prayer Service  6:45pm-Peace Choir Rehearsal 7:45pm-New Spirit Rehearsal	29		

## Important upcoming dates ...

### Peace Bulletin Board ...

#### Upcoming Meeting/Events @ a Glance

- Thursday, 2/1 – 1:00pm Bible Study via Zoom
- Sunday, 2/4 – 9:30am Peace Choir Rehearsal
- Wednesday, 2/7 – 6:45pm New Spirit + 7:45pm Bells Rehearsals
- Thursday, 2/8 – 1:00pm Bible Study via Zoom
- Sunday, 2/11 – 9:30am Peace Choir Rehearsal
- Tuesday, 2/13 – 1pm WELCA Meeting + 7:00pm Music & Worship Committee Meeting via Zoom
- Wednesday, 2/14 - 1:00pm and 7:30pm Ash Wednesday worship services + 6:45pm Peace Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday, 2/15 – Exec Council Meeting via Zoom
- Sunday, 2/18 – 9:00am New Spirit Rehearsal
- Tuesday, 2/20 – 7:00pm Church Council Meeting via Zoom + March Newsletter Deadline
- Wednesday, 2/21 – 6:00pm Lenten Soup Supper + 6:30pm Holden Prayer Service + 6:45pm Peace Choir + 7:45pm Bells Rehearsals
- Sunday, 2/25 – 9:15am Bells Rehearsal + 11:30am Congregational Semi-Annual Meeting
- Wednesday, 2/28 – 6:00pm Lenten Soup Supper + 6:30pm Holden Prayer Service + 6:45pm Peace Choir + 7:45pm New Spirit Rehearsals



#### **The Adult Discussion Group has been revived!**

All are welcome to join the Adult Discussion Group during the Sunday School 9 o'clock hour in the Fellowship Hall. These discussions focus on one of the daily devotionals that has sparked an interest in one or more of us. No prior knowledge or reading is required.

Please join us! It is always interesting to hear different points of view.

## Important upcoming dates ...

---



The WELCA meeting in February will be on **Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm** in Peace's Fellowship Hall. At 2:00pm, Krissy Desmond, CRNP, from the Grandview Health Cardiology Alderfer and Travis Group will present a program about women's heart health.

All women are welcome to attend this important program.  
Remember to wear your red and heart pins.

---



**RamPacks**

### Lenten Fellowship Project

The Sunday School Lenten Fellowship Project is to support RamPacks in their mission of supplying over 250 students in the Pennridge School District. RamPacks provides food on weekends and school holidays to children facing food insecurities. Each week RamPacks fill packs for hungry students with breakfast, lunches and snacks. The students in the elementary, middle, and high schools receive free or reduced rate breakfasts and lunches at school during the week, but are at risk of having little to eat over the weekends and holidays.

Through your monetary support, each of these children would receive a bag of food costing between \$8 and \$10 each weekend and holiday. RamPacks is also in need of donations of small individual-size bags of snacks; such as, Doritos, chips, and sandwich crackers.

Special RamPacks envelopes are available in the Narthex for your convenience; or checks can be mailed to Peace with RamPacks written on the note line for your kind and much appreciated donations to this community outreach project! Thank You!!

---

### Sending Some Love to Others



The Sunday School's February fellowship activity is to shower our shut-ins with Valentine wishes on February 14th, and we would like to invite the congregation to help us! We are asking you to make or buy one or two Valentines, write a short greeting inside, and sign them. Next bring them to church with their envelopes and decorate the giving tree with them on February 11th. Our Faith and Fellowship members will address and then mail them so that our shut-ins will receive about the same number of greetings on Valentine's Day. Thank you for your help in cheering up our shut-ins during this winter season!

## Important upcoming dates ...

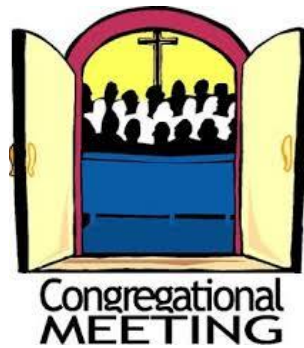
---



Join us Wednesday evenings, for Lenten Soup Suppers beginning February 21st at 6:00PM; followed by the Holden Evening Prayer Service at 6:45PM.

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 Wednesdays during Lent: February 21st, 28th, March 6th, 13th and 20th.



---


### UPCOMING NOTICE Peace Congregational Meeting

A Congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, February 25, 2024 at 11:30am in the sanctuary. The purpose of this semi-annual Congregational meeting will be to review and vote on the following:

- the 2023 Annual and Ministry Reports
- the annual congregational meeting minutes from December 17, 2023
- old and new business

Your input is important. Please save the date and plan to attend the Congregational meeting.

---

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>February Birthday Calendar at Peace</b>  <i>Happy Birthday to you!</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">4</p>	<p>Joseph Allebach Clayton Long</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">5</p>	<p>Eric Burkett Madison Lick William May</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">11</p>	<p>Sandra Hawthorne Cheryl Shanley</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">19</p>	<p>Suzy French Randy Lemon</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">22</p>	<p>Cheryl Moyer Anthony Sandor</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">23</p>	<p>Patricia Benson</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">25</p>	<p>Janet Hughes</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">27</p>	<p>Rylee Scholl</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">29</p>	<p>Sharon Sandor</p>





## Peace Ministry Teams ...

---

The Lunch Bunch Team, Peace's 55+ social group, visited the Pearl S. Buck House in December 2023.





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

---

A thank you note from ELCA:



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

**Gift date: 12/18/2023**

**Gifts are designated for:**

Thankofferings	\$352.00
<b>Total contribution:</b>	<b>\$352.00</b>

***Thank You!***  
*Peace Church Members*



January 11, 2024

The Reverend Gary Costa  
Peace Tohickon Lutheran Church  
100 Old Bethlehem Rd  
Perkasie, PA 18944

Dear Pastor Costa,

Thank you for thinking of the children and families of Gemma Services again this holiday season! We have received and appreciate your generous **donation of gifts cards totaling \$70 (received on December 6, 2023) and collection of toys, art supplies, and more** to help create lasting and joyful memories for youth and their families this year. We are grateful for your continued friendship and generosity.

Your support truly matters! With the help of friends like you, Gemma is able to accompany more than 3,000 youth and families each year as they navigate difficult times. We would welcome the opportunity to welcome you to visit with us at one of our three locations to see firsthand the programs you are helping us to provide. We also have volunteer opportunities available and would be pleased to explore these with you if you are interested.

Should you have any questions, wish to schedule a visit, or want to learn more about volunteering, please contact Lynn at 610-825-4440 ext. 3206 or [Lunipan@gemmaservices.org](mailto:Lunipan@gemmaservices.org). On behalf of all of us at Gemma, thank you and best wishes for a happy holiday season!

Sincerely,

Amanda Bryant  
Senior Development Officer

Lynn Lunipan, MSW, CFRE  
Chief Development and  
Communications Officer

*No goods or services were received in exchange for this gift. Gemma Services, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, was formed in 2019 by the merger of Silver Springs – Martin Luther School and theVillage. Our tax ID is #23-2310084 and corporate name is Silver Springs-Martin Luther School. Contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.*

**Main Campus** 512 W. Township Line Rd.  
Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462  
610.825.4440

**Mt. Airy** 7301 Germantown Ave.  
Philadelphia, PA 19119  
267.297.5170

**Preheim Center** 6517 Chester Ave.  
Philadelphia, PA 19142  
215.730.2240

[gemmaservices.org](http://gemmaservices.org)