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# Peace-Tohickon Lutheran Church Newsletter

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## Highlights:

- Peace Church Newsletter
- A Message from the Pastor
- Peace February 2026 Calendar
- Peace Bulletin Board
- February Birthdays
- Thank you Notes

# Peace-Tohickon Evangelical Lutheran Church

## *OUR HISTORY*



100 Old Bethlehem Road  
Perkasie, PA 18944  
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## **A Message from Pastor Gary ...**

### **Faith Healing**

The incarnated Jesus spent much of His time healing the sick. “The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.” (Matt.11:5) After Jesus was crucified, raised and ascended, the Holy Spirit is given to the church. Jesus promised, in John 14:16, to give another advocate when He ascends. This is the Holy Spirit or the same Spirit that was active in Jesus, the same Spirit that healed.

Some will say that God doesn't perform miracles anymore; that He only did that in the Bible. “Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end.” (1Cor.13:8) What is being spoken about here is the time in which Jesus returns. The gifts of the spirit continue even though the Bible is a closed canon. The Holy Spirit is still active with us.

Many of us in the Christian faith have operated as though all we have to rely on is the natural world with its medical advancements. However, the Holy Spirit is with us and wants to heal us from injury, disease, and affliction.

I have been at conferences where people have been healed from many different things. I have experienced supernatural healing myself.

There still remains some level of mystery though. That is to say, sometimes it doesn't happen. Even when it does happen sometimes it is not one hundred percent. God is other and we don't understand everything now. “For now, I see in a mirror dimly, but then I will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.” On our end, we simply need to trust, believe, and ask.

Pastor Gary

# Important upcoming dates and information

February 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 8:15am+10:15am Worship Service 9am-Sunday School 9:15am-Bells Rehearsal 7pm-NA	<b>2</b> <b>Groundhog Day</b> 	<b>3</b> 1pm-WELCA Meeting @Peace	<b>4</b> 6:45pm-Peace Choir Rehearsal 7:45pm-New Spirit Rehearsal	<b>5</b> 7:30pm – Confirmation Classe via Zoom	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 8:15am+10:15am Worship Service 9am-Sunday School+Adult Discussion Group 9:30am-Peace Choir Rehearsal 7pm-NA	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 7:30pm-Music & Worship Meeting via Zoom	<b>11</b> 6:45pm-New Spirit Rehearsal 7:45pm-Bells Rehearsal	<b>12</b> 1:00pm-Exec Council Meeting via Zoom  7:30pm – Confirmation Classe via Zoom	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>Valentine's Day</b> 
<b>15</b> 8:15am Worship Service 9am-Sunday School+Adult Discussion Group 9:30am-New Spirit Rehearsal 10:15am-New Spirit Worship 11:30am-Faith & Fellowship Committee Meeting 2:00pm-Peace Social 7pm-NA	<b>16</b> <b>Presidents' Day</b> 	<b>17</b> 7pm-Church Council Meeting via Zoom	<b>18</b> <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>  6:45pm-Peace Choir Rehearsal  1:00pm + 7:30pm-Ash Wednesday Service	<b>19</b> 7:30pm – Confirmation Classe via Zoom	<b>20</b> <b>March Newsletter Deadline</b>	<b>21</b> 9:00AM-12:00PM Grief & Loss: A Viewpoint @Peace
<b>22</b> 8:15am+10:15am Worship Service 9am-Sunday School+Adult Discussion Group 9:30am-Peace Choir Rehearsal 11:30am- Congregational Meeting 7pm-NA	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 6:00pm-Lenton Soup Supper  6:30pm-Holden Prayer Service  7:15pm-Peace Choir Rehearsal 8:00pm-New Spirit Rehearsal	<b>26</b> 7:30pm – Confirmation Classe via Zoom	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>

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## Peace Bulletin Board ... January

### Upcoming Meeting/Events @ a Glance

- Sunday, 2/1 - 9:00AM Sunday School + 9:00AM Adult Discussion Group + 9:15AM Bells Rehearsal
- Tuesday, 2/3 – 1:00PM WELCA Meeting @Peace
- Wednesday, 2/4 – 6:45PM Peace Choir Rehearsal + 7:45PM New Spirit Rehearsal
- Thursday, 2/5 – 7:30PM Confirmation Class via Zoom
- Sunday, 2/8 - 9:00AM Sunday School + 9:00AM Adult Discussion Group + 9:30AM Peace Choir Rehearsal Tuesday, 2/10 – 7:30PM Music & Worship Committee Meeting via Zoom
- Wednesday, 2/11 – 6:45PM New Spirit Rehearsal + 7:45PM Bells Rehearsal
- Thursday, 2/12 – 1:00PM Exec Council Meeting via Zoom + 7:30PM Confirmation Class via Zoom
- Sunday, 2/15 – New Spirit Sunday – 9:00AM Sunday School + 9:00AM Adult Discussion Group + 9:00AM New Spirit Rehearsal + 11:30AM Faith & Fellowship Committee Meeting @Primary Room + 2:00PM Peace Social (Remembrance of Travel with Beauty and the Beast)
- Monday, 2/16 – President's Day (Federal Holiday)
- Tuesday, 2/17 – 7:00PM Church Council Meeting via Zoom
- Wednesday, 2/18 – 1:00PM Ash Wednesday Worship Service + 6:45PM Peace Choir Rehearsal + 7:30PM Ash Wednesday Worship Service
- Thursday, 2/19 – 7:30PM Confirmation Class via Zoom
- Friday, 2/20 – March Newsletter Deadline
- Saturday, 2/21 – 9:00AM to 12:00PM Grief & Loss: A Viewpoint at Peace
- Sunday, 2/22 - 9:00AM Sunday School + 9:00AM Adult Discussion Group + 9:30AM Peace Choir Rehearsal + 11:30AM Congregational Meeting
- Wednesday, 2/25 – 6:00PM Lenten Soup Supper + 6:30PM Holden Prayer Service + 7:15PM Peace Choir Rehearsal + 8:00PM New Spirit Rehearsal
- Thursday, 2/26 – 7:30PM Confirmation Class via Zoom



# Important upcoming dates and information...

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## Altar Flower Sponsorships for 2026

The 2026 Altar Flower Chart is up and ready for your requests! The new flower chart for 2026 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 2026. Thank you for your continued support!

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## 2026 Envelopes Available for Pickup

You may pick up your 2026 Offering envelopes anytime during regular church office hours or by appointment. Call the church office at 215-257-3294.

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## Sending Some Love to Others



The Sunday School's February fellowship activity is to shower our shut-ins with Valentine wishes on February 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 by February 8<sup>th</sup>. 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!

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# Important upcoming dates and information...

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## WELCA ... DATE SAVER

Tuesday, February 3<sup>th</sup> @1:00PM @Peace. The day's theme will be "Garden Flowers". The ladies will be given a lesson to assemble garden flowers made from plates and saucers. Materials will be provided. There will be a slight cost for the materials.

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### DATE SAVER!



### **“Remembrance of Travel with Beauty and the Beast” Sunday, February 15, 2026 – 2:00PM – Fellowship Hall**

On Sunday, February 15th beginning at 2:00PM, Randi and Gary Schaeffer will host an afternoon social in the Fellowship Hall at Peace. Randi and Gary will present, “Remembrance of Travel with Beauty and the Beast”. It will include stories, photos and songs from their 8-month, 25,000-mile RV tour around the United States. They will highlight memorable people, places and National Parks on their trip of a lifetime.

Members, family, friends and neighbors are all welcome to share an afternoon of fellowship, entertainment, snacks and beverages. You are welcome to bring a snack or treat to share. Please use the sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

Gary & Randi Schaeffer

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## Important upcoming dates and information...

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**FYI**

### Blood Pressure Checks

For future blood pressure checks, Linda Gonet, Marcia Hunter and Dianne Steiner are available, on an as needed basis, for anyone that would like their blood pressure checked.

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### Summary of MLK Day of Service Project at Peace Church

A huge cheer and thank you to all who donated supplies and participated in helping with the projects for MLK Day at Peace. Their hard work produced:

- packed 20 feminine hygiene kits for the homeless at Open Church;
- made 10 no-sew fleece blankets for Project Linus;
- made 24 sensory bottles for people in memory care; and
- our Confirmation class assembled water purifier kits and solar light kits for needy communities.

Peace's MLK video slideshow, created by Dwight Dulsky, can be viewed at:

<https://youtu.be/cIYztinPdWM>



Martin Luther King Day of Service Project at Peace Church  
Monday, January 19, 2026  
(Photos by DDulsky, DRitter, MYates – Design by Dwight Dulsky)



## Important upcoming dates and information...

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Support RamPacks

Share the Love

# FOOD DRIVE

February 4-25

### About RamPacks:

The mission of RamPacks is to provide food on weekends and school holidays to children experiencing food insecurity in the Pennridge School District so they are able to come to school ready to learn.

Each week we will fill packs for hungry students with healthy breakfasts, lunches and snacks for the weekend and school holidays.

Donations go directly to students experiencing food insecurity at all Pennridge Schools.

### List of Accepted Food Items:

- 1 oz Chip Bags (Goldfish, Doritos, Takis, etc.)
- Clif Kid Z Bars
- Quaker Chewy Granola Bars
- Nutri-Grain Soft Baked Bars
- KIND Kids Gluten Free Chewy Bars
- Special K Pastry Crisps
- Snack Pack Pudding Cups
- Microwave Popcorn
- 4 oz Fruit and Applesauce Cups
- Kraft Mac-n-Cheese Boxes
- Canned Pasta (Pop Tops ONLY)
- Campbell's Chicken Noodle Soup (Pop Tops ONLY)
- Individual Boxes of Cereal

To learn more about RamPacks and the Share the Love Food Drive visit [www.RamPacks.com](http://www.RamPacks.com)

Thank you for your support!

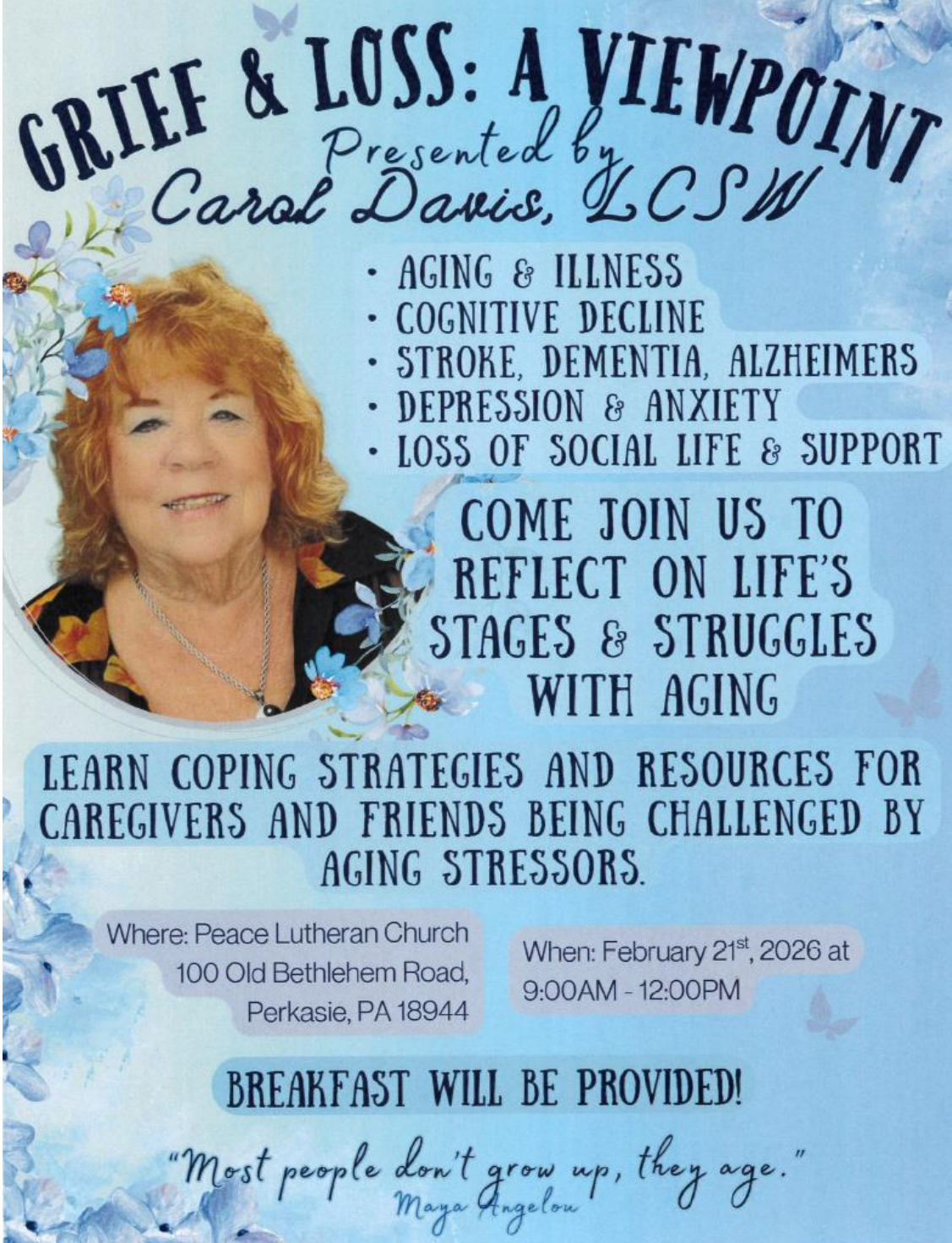


## RamPacks

## Important upcoming dates and information...

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**Grief & Loss: A Viewpoint**  
**Saturday, February 21, 2026 – 9:00AM to 12:00PM**



**GRIEF & LOSS: A VIEWPOINT**  
*Presented by*  
*Carol Davis, LCSW*

- AGING & ILLNESS
- COGNITIVE DECLINE
- STROKE, DEMENTIA, ALZHEIMERS
- DEPRESSION & ANXIETY
- LOSS OF SOCIAL LIFE & SUPPORT

**COME JOIN US TO  
REFLECT ON LIFE'S  
STAGES & STRUGGLES  
WITH AGING**

**LEARN COPING STRATEGIES AND RESOURCES FOR  
CAREGIVERS AND FRIENDS BEING CHALLENGED BY  
AGING STRESSORS.**

Where: Peace Lutheran Church  
100 Old Bethlehem Road,  
Perkasie, PA 18944

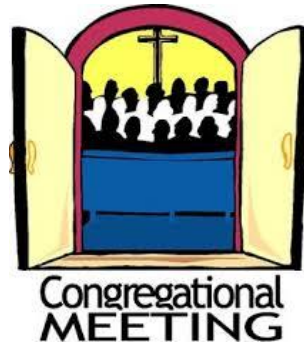
When: February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026 at  
9:00AM - 12:00PM

**BREAKFAST WILL BE PROVIDED!**

*"Most people don't grow up, they age."  
Maya Angelou*

# Important upcoming dates and information

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## **UPCOMING NOTICE** **Peace Congregational Meeting**

**Sunday, February 22, 2026**

A Congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, February 22, 2026 at 11:30am in the sanctuary.

The purpose of this semi-annual Congregational meeting will be to review and vote on the following:


- the 2025 Annual and Ministry Reports
- the annual congregational meeting minutes from November 9, 2025
- old and new business

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

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## Peace Bulletin Board ... Announcements

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	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>February Birthday Calendar at Peace</b> <i>Happy Birthday to you!</i></p>
2/4	Joseph Allebach Clayton Long
2/5	Eric Burkett Madison Lick William May
2/7	Weston Ritter Timothy Yates
2/11	Sandra Hawthorne
2/14	Harper Wrigley
2/15	Jordan Ritter
2/19	Suzy French Randy Lemon
2/22	Anthony Sandor
2/23	Patricia Benson
2/27	Rylee Scholl
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Happy Birthday to you!</i></p>	

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

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*Thank You!*

December 5, 2025

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

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your congregation's gift of \$1,675.60. I am so grateful for your generous support of Lutheran World Relief! It is because of caring congregations like yours that Lutheran World Relief has been able to serve our hurting world for 80 years, and it is because of your compassion that our ministry together will continue helping children and families who need it most.

I pray that one day, our work together will no longer be needed. I pray that one day, all our neighbors near and far will live in a world free of poverty, injustice and suffering. Until that day, I am grateful to count on your church to answer the call to help people in their time of need. It is no exaggeration to say your generosity truly saves lives and makes a brighter future possible.

Our team loves hearing from you. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 800 597 5972 or at [congregations@lwr.org](mailto:congregations@lwr.org). You'll also find inspiring stories and videos to share with your church at [lwr.org/congregations](http://lwr.org/congregations). And of course, please connect with us on Facebook and Instagram for the latest updates on your impact.

Yours always in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel Speckhard".

Ambassador Daniel V. Speckhard  
President and CEO

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

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Friday, December 5, 2025

Donation # 11935

Peace Lutheran Church  
100 Old Bethlehem Rd.  
Perkasie, PA 18944

Dear Donor,

We would like to acknowledge your donation of of \$251.34 on 12/4/2025. Thank you for your generous donation via the Slozer bequest!

Pennridge FISH currently serves about 700 families with limited resources in the Pennridge School district with food, clothing, and emergency financial assistance. This donation will help many struggling families in our community and is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Dr. Lori Zimmerman, President  
Pennridge FISH Organization, Inc.

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

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Thursday, January 8, 2026

Donation # 12185

Peace Lutheran Church  
100 Old Bethlehem Rd.  
Perkasie, PA 18944

Dear Donor,

We would like to acknowledge your donation of of \$100.00 on 1/7/2026.

Penridge FISH currently serves about 700 families with limited resources in the Penridge School district with food, clothing, and emergency financial assistance. This donation will help many struggling families in our community and is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Dr. Lori Zimmerman, President  
Penridge FISH Organization, Inc.

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

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December 19, 2025

*Thank You*

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

Dear Peace-Tohickon Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$251.34 to ELCA Global Mission.

*"[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 support enables ELCA Global Mission to send missionaries, including Young Adults in Global Mission, to serve in over 40 countries. It provides scholarships to international women leaders responding to God's call to ministry. And it funds investments in evangelism, education and church expansion.

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

With gratitude,

*Benjamin A. Hogue*

The Rev. Benjamin A. Hogue  
Director, Giving, Christian Community and Leadership

**Gift date: 12/10/2025**

**Gifts are designated for:**

ELCA Missionary Sponsorship

\$251.34

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

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Evangelical  
Lutheran Church  
in America

December 19, 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 \$502.36 to ELCA World Hunger.

*"From [Christ's] fullness we have all received, grace upon grace."*

-John 1:16

As a church, we are empowered to love and serve our neighbors as Christ first loved us. Your gifts to the ministries of the ELCA help people around the world feel the power and hope that flow from God's full, boundless love. Drawn together and guided by the Holy Spirit, we accomplish together what none of us could do alone, grace upon grace.

Your generosity is getting at the root causes of hunger and poverty in over 60 countries, including the United States. It provides access to clean water, health care, agriculture, livestock and education, and it advances peace and justice for all people. Through your gifts, you join the whole church in working toward a just world where all are fed.

Thank you for your gracious gifts. You make God's love real.

With gratitude,

*Daniel Rift*

The Rev. Daniel Rift  
Director, Congregational Generosity

**Gift date: 12/10/2025**

**Gifts are designated for:**

ELCA World Hunger

\$502.36

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

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Evangelical  
Lutheran Church  
in America

December 19, 2025

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

*Thank You*

Dear Peace-Tohickon Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift of \$1,340.48 to Lutheran Disaster Response.

*"From [Christ's] fullness we have all received, grace upon grace."  
-John 1:16*

As a church, we are empowered to love and serve our neighbors as Christ first loved us. Your gifts to the ministries of the ELCA help people around the world feel the power and hope that flow from God's full, boundless love. Drawn together and guided by the Holy Spirit, we accomplish together what none of us could do alone, grace upon grace.

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

Thank you for your gracious gifts. You make God's love real.

With gratitude,

*Daniel Rift*

The Rev. Daniel Rift  
Director, Congregational Generosity

**Gift date: 12/10/2025**

**Gifts are designated for:**

Lutheran Disaster Response

\$1,340.48

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

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December 23, 2025

Peace Lutheran Church  
ATTN: Randi Schaffer  
100 Old Bethlehem Rd  
Perkasie, PA 18944-3716

Dear Randi and Everyone at the Peace Lutheran Church,

On behalf of A Woman's Place staff, board, and thousands of survivors, I would like to thank you for your gift of \$470.00 to A Woman's Place received on 12/22/2025.

Your donation supports those in our community experiencing domestic violence and helps to transform the future of Bucks County into a community where all individuals are safe in their relationships. In 2026, we will celebrate 50 years of committed service to survivors of domestic violence in Bucks County. This is a milestone that we celebrate with you, as it could not have been accomplished without your support.

Last year with the help of supporters like you, we provided:

- 11,000 hours of counseling and therapy
- 5,000 nights of emergency housing
- 1,800 hours of court accompaniment
- 3,000 answered calls on our domestic violence

Your donation has taken us a step further in reaching our goal required to fill gaps in funding that will provide the life saving and life changing supports that are needed in Bucks County. The changing landscape of Federal funds makes private donations like yours even more important during this uncertain time.

If you have any questions about this letter, your gift, or anything AWP does, please don't hesitate to contact me by e-mail ([jlocker@awomansplace.org](mailto:jlocker@awomansplace.org)) or by phone at (215) 343-9241 ext. 106.

With Sincere Thanks,

*Jen Locker*

Jen Locker  
Executive Director

*We are so honored that you chose us to receive this offering. We also really enjoyed getting to meet some of you at the WELCA meeting. Thank you for your support!*

100% of your contribution to AWP is tax-deductible. AWP's federal tax identification number is 23-2034180. AWP's official registration and financial information may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, (800)732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

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

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January 2, 2026

Peace Lutheran Church  
ATTN: Randi Schaffer  
100 Old Bethlehem Rd  
Perkasie, PA 18944-3716

Dear Randi and Everyone at the Peace Lutheran Church,

On behalf of A Woman's Place staff, board, and thousands of survivors, I would like to thank you for your gift of \$555.00 to A Woman's Place received on 12/29/2025.

Your donation supports those in our community experiencing domestic violence and helps to transform the future of Bucks County into a community where all individuals are safe in their relationships. In 2026, we will celebrate 50 years of committed service to survivors of domestic violence in Bucks County. This is a milestone that we celebrate with you, as it could not have been accomplished without your support.

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With Sincere Thanks,

*Jen Locker*

Jen Locker  
Executive Director

*Dear Randi & Peace Lutheran Church,  
Thank you so very much for  
your continued and generous donation.  
We very much appreciate your  
support.*

*Wendy Rydard,  
Sharon Ross  
Director of Development (215-343-9241,  
ext 115)*

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

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Senior Communities  
*Artman*  
*Paul's Run*  
*The Hearth at Drexel*  
*The Manor at York Town*  
*The Village at Penn State*

Community Services  
*The Becoming Center*  
*LCFS West Philadelphia Senior Community Center*  
*Lutheran Congregational Services*

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December 30, 2025

Mrs Randi Schaffer  
Peace Tohickon Lutheran Church  
100 Old Bethlehem Road  
Perkasie, PA 18944-3715


Dear Mrs Schaffer,

Thank you for your gift of \$85.00 to Liberty Lutheran. With your support, you restore hope and bring opportunities to those facing challenging times. Seniors can live with confidence and security, knowing that they are receiving the best quality of care.

Liberty Lutheran is growing. We recently acquired Victorian Village at Hatboro, offering a unique residential community for people 55 and older. By expanding our footprint with care and purpose, we will continue to ensure that more seniors have access to compassionate care.

Thank you for your commitment to Liberty and for all that you do to make a difference.

With sincere gratitude,

  
John M. Barnum  
President and CEO

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

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Philanthropy Department  
960A Harvest Drive, Suite 100  
Blue Bell, PA 19422  
610-825-9360  
www.kencrest.org



December 31, 2025

The Rev. Gary Costa  
Peace Tohickon Lutheran Church  
100 Old Bethlehem Rd  
Perkasie, PA 18944-3715

Dear Pastor Costa,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$265.00 and \$30.00 to KenCrest, received via check numbers 4234658806 and 4234658807.

This year marks KenCrest's 120th anniversary, and you are part of the incredible community of supporters who have helped make our work possible over the years. Your generosity builds on the legacy of our founders to make the world a better place for every person we serve.

Each of KenCrest's programs and services for individuals from birth through adulthood are designed to improve quality of life based on their personal desires, preferences and goals. Your gift helps ensure that every person can reach the highest level of independence and success possible.

Thank you again for your support and the part you play in the KenCrest community.

Sincerely,

Russ Stewart  
Director of Community Philanthropy

THANK YOU TO THE ENTIRE  
PEACE LUTHERAN CONGREGATION FOR  
SO MANY YEARS OF AMAZING SUPPORT  
FOR THE KENCREST FAMILY! GOD BLESS  
AND STAY SAFE THIS WINTER!

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

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Dear Peace Lutheran Church,

DATE 1-10-26

Thank you for your contribution of \$ 502.48 to RamPacks in support of our mission to provide food on weekends and school holidays to children in the Penridge School District so they can come to school ready to learn. We truly appreciate your support of the children in the Penridge area.

Remember to check our website **RamPacks.com** and Facebook page to keep up with our progress toward the goal of serving all schools in the district.

*Thank you for your  
faithful giving !!*

Sincerely,



*Lubing Hellenback  
on behalf of*

**RamPacks**

Provided with love from the Penridge Community

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

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January 16, 2026

Dear friend,

Thank you for helping Gemma create holiday joy for hundreds of youth and families this year! Whether you made financial donations, contributed gifts or gift cards, or volunteered your time or talents, this holiday season was special for many kids and families because of **YOU**.

Your generosity had great impact! Please see the enclosed summary of how the Gemma community came together in recent months to ensure the youth and families who we accompany through our programs were able to have a memorable holiday season.

We are honored to have your friendship and support. If you have any questions, wish to visit Gemma to see first-hand the programs you are helping to make possible, or to explore becoming further involved with our work, please contact us. We would love to hear from you! Amanda can be reached at [Abryant@gemmaservices.org](mailto:Abryant@gemmaservices.org) or 610-825-4440 x3307 and Lynn at [Lunipan@gemmaservices.org](mailto:Lunipan@gemmaservices.org) or 610-825-4440 x3206. You can also visit Gemma's website at [www.gemmaservices.org](http://www.gemmaservices.org) at any point to see our latest happenings and updates.

All of us at Gemma wish you the best for a happy, healthy, and fulfilling 2026. Thank you again for joining Gemma to create a world where every person knows they matter!

With appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Amanda Bryant'.

Amanda Bryant  
Director of Donor &  
Volunteer Engagement

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Lynn Unipan'.

Lynn Unipan, MSW, CFRE  
Chief Development &  
Communications Officer

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



## Thank You!

Because of your kind generosity, hundreds of families experienced a joyful holiday season this year!



**More than 175 families** enjoyed a special Thanksgiving meal thanks to donations of "Everything but the Turkey" gift bags this fall.



Volunteers wrapped **500+ gifts**, stuffed **60 stockings**, and adorned the stair railings of the children's residence with more than **125 large stuffed animals**.



**500+ youth and families** participating in Gemma's programs received presents and gift cards.



**Close to 200 friends**, both individuals and groups, supported Gemma's annual holiday gift collection.



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

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Thank  
You!

21 January 2026

Dear Peace Lutheran Church Donors:

Thank you for your donation of \$251.34 from the Stoyer Request on 12/4/2025. This support is truly a blessing for FISH and the needy families in the Pennridge School District that we aid. Being remembered in a request is another blessing, for which we are very grateful.

May God bless you.

Sincerely,  
Barbara Faust  
"Retired" Pantry Chair

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# A Wintery 2026 Week at Peace Church

