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Peace-Tohickon Lutheran Church Newsletter



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- Thank You Notes

A Message from Pastor Gary ...



Church Words

The church has its own jargon that may not be recognizable to the general public. We use words like lectionary, liturgy, evangelism, and stewardship. It may be the case, that we are not always sure what we mean, when we're talking to each other about these things.

Stewardship for instance, is a word we don't hear very much outside the church. As a simple or basic definition, it can be the responsible upkeep and care of something that has been entrusted to us. Where the church is concerned, this not only falls on the pastor, the council, and the committees, but it falls on all of us. Stewardship quite simply is taking care of our house, our ship, and all that is required to make it the best it can be. There are fixed costs, maintenance costs, and various projects and plans.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of America has often broken down the funding of such things by dividing them into categories called time, talent, and treasure. When we give of our time we participate in the life of the church as owner or members, rather than visitors or guests. When we share our talents, we provide necessary services to our church community, and although the church is not of the world it is in the world, and it needs our treasure. It is no surprise that the church actually needs money just like any other household does.

“Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together running over, will be put in your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.” (Luke 6:38) “Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you and overflowing blessing.” (Malachi 3:10)

Please know that God is fully capable of blessing you, even in an inflated economy. Continue being generous people of God, “for He can do exceedingly and abundantly more than we could ever ask or think.” (Ephesians 4:20)

Pastor Gary

Important upcoming dates ...

| June 2023 | | | | | | |
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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|  | | | | 1 Peace Education Scholarship Application Due | 2 9am to 12noon- WELCA Bake Sale Items delivered @Peace | 3 9am to 4pm-Craft Show; -WELCA Bake Sale @Peace Pavilion |
| 4 8:15am+10:15am Worship Service The Holy Trinity 9am-Sunday School 9&11:15am-Coffee&Talk 12pm-10pm-Private Party@Pavilion 7pm-NA | 5 | 6 D-Day | 7 7pm-Senior Choir 7:30pm-New Spirit Rehearsals | 8 | 9 4pm-Private Party @Pavilion | 10 1:30pm-Peace Phillies Game Trip |
| 11 8:15am+10:15am Worship Service 9am-Sunday School 9&11:15am-Coffee&Talk 7pm-NA | 12 7pm-Zoom Music & Worship Committee Meeting | 13 1pm-WELCA Picnic @Pavilion | 14 Flag Day 7pm-New Spirit Rehearsal | 15 7pm-Executive Council Meeting via Zoom | 16 | 17 |
| 18 Father's Day 8:15am Worship 10:15am New Spirit Worship Service @Pavilion (weather permit) 9am-Sunday School 9&11:15am-Coffee&Talk 12noon-3pm Food,Fellowship @Pavilion 7pm-NA | 19 Juneteenth Federal Holiday | 20 7pm-Church Council via Zoom | 21 First Day of Summer 2023 | 22 | 23 July Newsletter Deadline | 24 |
| 25 9am-Worship 9am-Sunday School 7pm-NA | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | |

Peace Bulletin Board ... Announcements

Upcoming Meeting/Events @ a Glance

- Thursday, June 1 – Peace Ed Scholarship app due
- Friday, June 2 – WELCA-deliver bake items to Peace
- Saturday, June 3 - Craft Show & WELCA Bake Sale – 9am-4pm @Pavilion
- Saturday, June 10 – Phillies Game Bus Trip – 1:30pm
- Tuesday, June 13 – WELCA Picnic @Pavilion – 1:00pm
- Thursday, June 15 – Executive Council Meeting via Zoom – 7:00pm
- Sunday, June 18 – Father’s Day – Food, Fellowship Picnic @Pavilion – 12:00n-3:00pm
- Tuesday, June 20 – Council Meeting via Zoom – 7:00pm
- Sunday, June 25 – Summer Worship Services Begin @9:00am

Peace Education Scholarship Fund



- Peace Education Scholarship applications are available in the narthex.
- For students who are planning to attend college or a vocational school in Fall 2023.
- To qualify must be a voting, active and contributing Peace Church member.
- Applications must be submitted to the Faith & Fellowship Committee Chairperson, Mrs. Dottie Ritter, by June 1, 2023.



Peace Clean-Up Sale

Peace has a couple of items needing a new home. They are:

- Classroom wooden chairs (9)
- A church pew

Don't miss out on these bargains. If interested, contact Mrs. Randi Schaeffer – ranschaeff@verizon.net

Peace Bulletin Board ... Announcements Continue



Peace Craft Show & Marketplace

- Saturday June 3rd – 9:00am to 4:00pm
- Talented artists, artisans and local businesses
- Shop, browse and give back all in one event!
- Bake Sale sponsored by WELCA
- All proceeds to benefit the Disaster Relief Ministry
- Peace volunteers are welcomed to help with setup, at the event and cleaning up after the show. Signup sheet in narthex.



Peace Fellowship Project for June is to Help Pennridge F.I.S.H. by supplying summertime healthy friendly foods for kids.

Please place non-perishable foods and snacks in the grocery cart located in the narthex.

Friendly healthy foods items could be:

- Snack pack crackers
- Ravioli packs or canned
- Mac & Cheese packs/cups
- Jello cups
- Pudding cups
- Applesauce cups
- Fruit in plastic cups
- Granola bars


(Exclude peanut butter items and nuts)



Philadelphia Phillies Game – Saturday, June 10th

- Bus departs Peace Church at 1:30pm
- Destination: Citizens Bank Park
- Return approximately at 9:00pm
- Price: \$85.00/person/ticket
- Sign-up sheet in the narthex
- Questions: Contact Grace Lloyd – 610-972-3172 or gracelloyd@yahoo.com
- Feel free to invite friends or neighbors

Peace Bulletin Board ... Announcements Continue

|  | | June Birthday Calendar at Peace |
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| 4 | Harry Grim | |
| 6 | Amanda Pollick | |
| 8 | Nancy Cygan Becki Strouse | |
| 9 | Catherine May David Woods | |
| 10 | William Markland Daniel Putnick | |
| 11 | Christine Baysinger Colton Grim Nicole Sparango Ruth Stranick | |
| 13 | Susan Barnes Wanda Renshaw Ralph Scholl | |
| 14 | Beth Hartman | |
| 15 | Natalie Bartosiewicz | |
| 17 | Emily Bast | |
| 20 | Taylor Grim Randi Schaeffer | |
| 22 | Ann Grim | |
| 23 | Cheryl Hilinski Dawn Link William Morris | |
| 24 | Bill Brackman | |
| 27 | Kathy Mitman David Thomas | |
| 28 | Thomas Steiner | |
| 30 | Linda Gonet | |
| <i>Happy Birthday to you!</i> | | |

We apologize for any names that may have been missed.
Please notify the church office for any additions or corrections.

Peace Bulletin Board ... Announcements Continue

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| Date Savers for the Summer ... |
| Summer Worship Services will be from Sunday, June 25 th to Sunday, September 3 rd starting at 9:00am. |
| Sunday, September 10 th will resume the regular worship services times (8:15am and 10:15am). |
| Peace Outdoor New Spirit Services will be held in the Peace Pavilion on the following dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sunday, June 18th @10:15am• Sunday, July 16th @9:00am• Sunday, August 20th @9:00am• Sunday, September 17th @10:15am |
| Chairs will be provided; however, if you have your own chair (i.e., camper chair), please feel free to bring it with you on these days. |
| Vacation Bible School – Peace and St Michael’s will be hosting VBS at Peace. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dates: Monday, July 17th to Thursday, July 20th• Time: 6:00pm to 8:15pm• Children ages 3yrs to 12yrs |
| Watch for additional information about registration. VBS helpers are needed. Contact Mrs. Dottie Ritter at dmritter4@gmail.com |



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



April 14, 2023

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

Dear Pastor Costa,

Thank you for your generous gift in support of Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries.

Because you cared enough to make a difference in the lives around us, Diakon is able to continue delivering critical charitable services such as quality care for senior adults and their families.

We are most grateful for your recent gift of \$25.00 on 3/28/23. By supporting Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries, your gift will have a **meaningful impact on services provided by our senior living communities**. On behalf of our seniors, and their families who benefit from these services, we thank you.

Please follow the latest news and information about Diakon on our website at www.diakon.org.

Gratefully,

Stacy M. Klann
Director of Advancement



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May 22, 2023

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 \$185.00 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



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May 22, 2023

Thank You

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Dear Peace-Tohickon Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$21.00 to ELCA Global Mission.

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 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
Interim Director, ELCA Global Mission Funding