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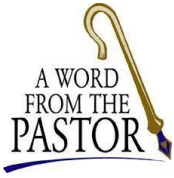
Peace-Tohickon Lutheran Church Newsletter



Highlights:

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

A Message from Pastor Gary ...



“The Christian in the World”

We are just four weeks away from Palm Sunday and five weeks away from Easter. Before the month of March is over, landscapers will be treating yards with pre-emergent products; and yet, another snow storm could develop in that same time frame.

Life can sometimes be a compilation of contrasts. It can lack stability and predictability. The world around us can even reach the level of chaos. How are we to navigate through the madness of the world?

The wisdom writer says, “three things are too wonderful for me, four I do not understand: the way of an eagle in the sky, the way of a snake on a rock, the way of a ship on the sea, and the way of a man and a maiden.”(Prov. 30:18-19) I suppose we are like ships on the sea. Sometimes the water is calm. Other times it rages and foams; the waves are rocky. In the midst of it all, like a ship, we can ride it out as long as what is outside of us doesn’t get inside of us. The very thing a ship rides on, the thing that it floats on can also destroy it. If the water gets inside the ship it will sink it.

There is so much we can’t control in life like what goes on outside of us. We do however have some control over what goes on inside of us. We can feed our minds with healthy thoughts; we can feed our bodies with healthy foods; and we can feed our spirits with the truth, wisdom, and love of God. Still in Lent and approaching Easter, let us make good use of this time to feed ourselves well.

Pastor Gary

Important upcoming dates . . .

March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 8:15am+10:15am Worship Service 9am-Sunday School 9:30am-Peace Choir Rehearsal 7pm-NA	4	5 1pm-WELCA Meeting @Peace Fellowship Hall RESCHEDULED @2pm- Women's Heart Health Presentation	6 6pm-Lenten Soup Supper 6:30pm- HoldenPrayer Service 7:15pm-New Spirit Rehearsal 8pm-Bells Rehearsal	7	8	9
10 <i>Daylight Saving Time Starts</i> 8:15am+10:15am Worship Service 9am-Sunday School 9:15am-Bells Rehearsal 11:30am-Faith & Fellowship Meeting 7pm-NA	11	12 7pm-Music & Worship Committee Meeting via Zoom	13 6pm-Lenten Soup Supper 6:30pm-Holden Prayer Service 7:15pm- Peace Choir Rehearsal 8pm-New Spirit Rehearsal	14 Exec. Council Meeting via Zoom	15	16
17  8:15am+10:15am Worship Service 9am-Sunday School 9am-New Spirit Rehearsal 7pm-NA	18	19 <i>First Day of Spring</i> 7pm-Church Council Meeting via Zoom	20 6pm-Lenten Soup Supper 6:30pm-Holden Prayer Service 7:15pm- Peace Choir Rehearsal 8pm-Bells Rehearsal	21	22	23 8:30am-Altar Guild decorates Peace 9:30am-Palm Cross Workshop@ Peace
24 Passion/Palm Sunday 8:15am+10:15am Worship Service 9am-Sunday School 9:30am- Peace Choir Rehearsal 7pm-NA	25 April Newsletter Deadline	26	27 6:45pm-Peace Choir Rehearsal 7:45pm-Bells Rehearsal	28 Maundy/Holy Thursday 7:30pm-Worship Service w/Senior Choir	29 Good Friday 7:30pm-Worship Service w/Senior Choir	30 10am-11:30am- Easter Egg Hunt @Peace Pavilion
31 <i>Easter Sunday</i> 8am-Bells & Peace Choir Rehearsal 8:15am+10:15am Worship Service 9am-Sunday School 9-10am-Easter Breakfast- 7pm-NA						

Important upcoming dates ...

Peace Bulletin Board ...

Upcoming Meeting/Events @ a Glance

- Sunday, 3/3 – 9:30am Peace Choir Rehearsal
- Tuesday, 3/5 – 1:00pm WELCA Meeting @Peace Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday, 3/6 – 6:00pm Lenten Soup Supper + 6:30pm Holden Prayer Service + 7:15pm New Spirit Rehearsal + 8:00pm Bells Rehearsal
- Thursday, 3/7 – 1:00pm Bible Study via Zoom
- Sunday, 3/10 – 9:15am Bells Rehearsal + 11:30am Faith & Fellowship Meeting @Primary Rm
- Tuesday, 3/12 – 7:00pm Music & Worship Meeting via Zoom
- Wednesday, 3/13 - 6:00pm Lenten Soup Supper + 6:30pm Holden Prayer Service + 7:15pm Peace Choir Rehearsal + 8:00pm New Spirit Rehearsal
- Thursday, 3/14 – (Time TBD) Exec Council Meeting via Zoom
- Sunday, 3/17 – 9:00am New Spirit Rehearsal
- Tuesday, 3/19 – 7:00pm Church Council Meeting via Zoom
- Wednesday, 3/20 - 6:00pm Lenten Soup Supper + 6:30pm Holden Prayer Service + 7:15pm Peace Choir Rehearsal + 8:00pm Bells Rehearsal
- Thursday, 3/21 - 1:00pm Bible Study via Zoom
- Saturday, 3/23 – 9:30am Palm Sunday Cross Workshop @ Peace
- Sunday, 3/24 – 9:30am Peace Choir Rehearsal
- Monday, 3/25 – April Newsletter Deadline
- Wednesday, 3/27 – 6:45pm Peace Choir Rehearsal + 7:45pm Bells Rehearsal
- Thursday, 3/28 – Maundy/Holy Thursday
- Friday, 3/29 – Good Friday
- Saturday, 3/30 – 10am-11:30am Easter Egg Hunt @Peace Pavilion
- Sunday, 3/31 – Easter Sunday + 8:00am Bells and Peace Choir Rehearsal + 9:00am-10am Easter Breakfast @Peace Fellowship Hall



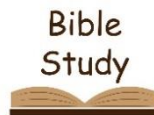
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The Adult Discussion Group has been revived!

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.



Join Us For Bible Study ...

You are invited to attend a Bible Study session on the following Thursdays at 1:00PM during Lent – March 7th and 21st. Pastor Gary Costa will send a Zoom link closer to each event.



Join us Wednesday evenings, for Lenten Soup Suppers beginning February 21st 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 Wednesdays during Lent: March 6th, 13th and 20th.

Important upcoming dates ...



The WELCA March meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 5th at 1:00pm** in Peace's Fellowship Hall. **RESCHEDULED:** 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 with food on weekends and school holidays who face food insecurities. These 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 to RamPacks, each of these children would receive a bag of breakfast, lunch and snack foods costing between \$8 and \$10 each weekend and holiday. RamPacks is also accepting 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!!



Easter Egg Hunt at Peace Pavilion

Message to All Children ... you are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30th at 10:00AM. Hunt 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!

Important upcoming dates ...



Easter Sunday Breakfast

A continental style Easter Breakfast will be available on March 31st from 9:00AM to 10:00AM, 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 until Sunday, March 24th. If you have questions, contact Dottie Ritter at dmritter4@gmail.com or 215-896-3095.



Spring Special Offering Envelope Designations

Ash Wednesday	Fostering Hope
Mid-Week Lent	World Hunger
Maundy Thursday	F.I.S.H.
Good Friday	RamPacks
Easter	½ for Peace Lutheran Church ½ for Welcome Church, Philadelphia, PA



Palm Cross Workshop

Everyone is invited to fold Palm crosses on Saturday, March 23rd at 9:30AM in the church's kitchen. Help to keep this tradition alive. It is great fellowship! Please bring scissors.

Contact Carole Brackman if you have questions – carolebrackman62@comcast.net

	<p align="center">March Birthday Calendar at Peace <i>Happy Birthday to you!</i></p>
3	Dennis Krause
4	Dottie Ritter Kristin Ritter
5	Jacob Shanley
7	Judy Schott
9	Sherian Krause
10	Kallan Liskowacki
12	Dylan Lloyd Barbara Michener
13	James Link
15	Analise Doherty Peter Moyer
16	Bruce Bachman
17	Blair Eisenhart
18	Dwight Dulsky
20	Krystie Kramer
25	Joseph Kramer
26	Nathaniel Barnes



Peace Bulletin Board ... Recent Thank You Letters:



January 15, 2024

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

Dear Pastor Costa,


We have received and thank you for your generous **donation of \$20 (check dated January 2, 2024)** to support Gemma's vital behavioral health, prevention, and child welfare programs, and the holistic education provided through our Martin Luther School. Your support truly matters! We are grateful for your continued friendship and generosity to Gemma Services.

With the help of partners like all of you, Gemma continues to accompany more than 3,000 people each year as they face life's challenges. Should you want to learn more about our mission or programs, please visit www.gemmaservices.org. We would be pleased to welcome any of our friends from Peace-Tohickon to visit with one of our three locations so we can show you first-hand the programs you are supporting. We also have volunteer opportunities available for groups or individuals, and would be pleased to explore ways your congregation might engage in volunteering with Gemma.

Thank you for being part of our community; together, we are working to create a world where every person knows they matter. Should you have any questions or wish to schedule a visit, please contact either of us. Lynn can be reached at 610-825-4440 ext. 3206 or Lunipan@gemmaservices.org and Amanda at 610-825-4440 ext. 3307 or Abryant@gemmaservices.org. On behalf of all at Gemma, thank you and best wishes.

Sincerely,

*We are grateful
for your friendship
and support!*


Amanda Bryant
Senior Development Officer


Lynn Unipan, MSW, CFRE
Chief Development and
Communications Officer



January 19, 2024

Dear Friend,

Thanks to YOU, Gemma helped to create a magical holiday season for more than 500 youth and families from our local communities this year! This would not have been possible without your partnership, and we are grateful. We write today to share with you the impact of your kind generosity. Please see the enclosed information that details about the ways that so many people joined hands – including you – to make sure that the youth and families of Gemma were able to enjoy a memorable holiday season this year.

As always, should you have any questions, please reach out to us. Amanda can be reached at abryant@gemmaservices.org or (610) 825-4440 x3307, Betty at efwu@gemmaservices.org or (610) 519-1615, and Lynn at Lunipan@gemmaservices.org or (610) 825-4440 x3206.

We send our very best wishes for a happy and healthy 2024. Thank you for joining Gemma, this holiday season and throughout the year, to create a world where everyone knows how much they matter!

Most sincerely,

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

Amanda Bryant
Sr. Development Officer

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lynn W. Unipan".

Lynn W. Unipan, MSW, CFRE
Chief Development
& Communications Officer

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Betty Wu".

Betty Wu
Development Officer



Evangelical
Lutheran Church
in America

February 1, 2024

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 \$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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in America

February 14, 2024

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 \$150.00 to ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) through ELCA Good Gifts.

"[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 Good Gift is a very good gift indeed. Through resources such as seedlings and seminary courses, vaccinations and vegetable gardens, Bibles and blankets, you equip God's people — around the world and around the corner — with what they need to live abundant lives.

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

With gratitude,

Rachel Wind

Rachel Wind
Executive for Development

Gift date: 2/5/2024

Gifts are designated for:

Share of a cow
Goat

\$50.00
\$100.00



Evangelical
Lutheran Church
in America

February 16, 2024

Thank You

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

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In Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amanda White".

Amanda White
Director, Congregational Generosity

Gift date: 2/7/2024

Gifts are designated for:

U.S. Wildfires

\$150.00

PENNRIDGE FISH
FELLOWSHIP IN SERVING HUMANITY
FOOD ♦ CLOTHING ♦ RESOURCES

P.O. Box 9, Perkasie, PA 18944

02/12/2024

Peace Lutheran Church
100 Old Bethlehem Rd.
Perkasie PA 18944

Dear Peace Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous support of the Pennridge FISH Organization.

According to our records, in 2023, you donated \$206.00

and

According to our records, in 2023, you donated \$110.00

It is with your support that FISH is able to continue its outreach to those in the Pennridge Community who are in need. The entire amount of your gift represents a charitable donation, as no goods or services were provided to you in return for your donation.

Thank you again for your generosity.

Sincerely,



Harry Tucker
President



January 17, 2024

Peace Lutheran Church
100 Old Bethlehem Road
Perkasie, Pennsylvania 18944-3716

Dear 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 \$50.00 to A Woman's Place received on 1/16/2024.

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.

Because of you, our compassionate, trauma-informed services for our clients in crisis are possible. We continue exciting new community outreach and education programs in Bucks County schools reaching almost 6,000 students last year. With support like yours, we can empower survivors to get back on their feet, out in their communities, into new jobs, and on to new adventures through programs that heal and inspire.

Your generosity provides safety for those in crisis, empowerment for the marginalized, education for the future, and puts our whole community on the road to flourishing. Thank you for supporting our vision of a community where all people are safe in their relationships and can flourish.

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) or by phone at (215) 343-9241 ext. 106.

With Sincere Thanks,

Jennifer Locker
Interim Executive Director

Thank
you!

Thank You!

Peace Church Members

Peace-Tohickon Evangelical Lutheran Church

OUR HISTORY



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