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Peace-Tohickon Lutheran Church Newsletter

May

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Peace-Tohickon Evangelical Lutheran Church

OUR HISTORY



100 Old Bethlehem Road
Perkasie, PA 18944
215-257-3294



A Message from Pastor Gary ...

National Day of Prayer

Some years ago, on a particular day, I became aware in the spirit that my prayers were being fortified beyond what I anticipated. It was as if the energy was beyond that which I could have generated myself. Of course, this could be for a number of reasons. “The Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.” (Rom. 8:26) This is one example, but it wasn’t that.

It turns out that it was the National Day of Prayer. What I was experiencing was collectivity. It was the unified intention and petition of the body of Christ. Over time in our relationship with God and our prayer life, we become sensitized to the specific nature of what we are experiencing in the spirit realm. There have been times when I have discerned that my sense of wellbeing, and my hope have been bolstered by others praying for me. Of course, we believe this to be true in theory but I’m not talking about theory, I’m talking about actually experiencing the effects of others intercessory prayer on my behalf.

National Day of Prayer is not generally related to the well-being of a specific individual but more focused on the needs of the nations or the world. It will more likely be focused on the well-being of humanity as a whole. This year National Day of Prayer is May 7th. It is a Thursday. It might show up in your life as an ordinary Thursday, but I promise you it is not. It is an opportunity to pray for those things that the nations, the world, and humanity as a whole need. In so doing, you will align yourself with countless believers around the globe who are doing the same.

“If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.” (2 Chronicles 7:14)

I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.” (John 14:3) The word you in this verse is you plural not you singular. It speaks of the body of Christ being unified and of one mind and one voice.

National Day of Prayer dates back to 1952. In an environment of separation of church and state presidents have supported this and in 1983 it was signed into law. On May 7th let us align ourselves with believers around the globe.

Pastor Gary

Important upcoming dates and information

May 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 8:15am+10:15am Worship Service 9am-Sunday School+Adult Discussion Group 9:15am-Bells Rehearsal 7pm-NA	4	5 Cinco de Mayo 1:00pm-WELCA Meeting	6 6:45pm-Peace Choir Rehearsal 7:45pm-New Spirit Rehearsal	7 7:30pm – Confirmation Class via Zoom	8	9
10 Mother's Day 8:15am+10:15am Worship Service 9am-Sunday School+Adult Discussion Group 9:30am-Solo Rehearsal 7pm-NA	11	12 7:30pm-Music & Worship Meeting via Zoom	13 6:45pm-New Spirit Rehearsal 7:45pm-Bells Rehearsal	14 1:00pm-Exec Council Meeting via Zoom 7:30pm – Confirmation Class via Zoom	15	16 Armed Forces Day 
17 8:15am Worship Service 10:15am-New Spirit Worship 9am-Sunday School+Adult Discussion Group + New Spirit Rehearsal 7pm-NA	18 9:00am-Peace Garden Planting	19 7pm-Church Council Meeting via Zoom	20 6:45pm-Peace Choir Rehearsal 7:45pm-Bells Rehearsal	21 7:30pm – Confirmation Class via Zoom	22 June Newsletter Deadline	23
24 Pentecost Sunday 8:15am+10:15am Worship Service 9am-Sunday School+Adult Discussion Group 9:30am-Peace Choir Rehearsal 7pm-NA	25 Memorial Day  Church Office Closed	26	27 6:45pm-Peace Choir Rehearsal 7:15pm-New Spirit Rehearsal 7:45pm-Bells Rehearsal	28 No Confirmation Class	29	30
31 8:15am+10:15am Worship Service 9am-Sunday School+Adult Discussion Group 9:30am-Peace Choir Rehearsal 10:15am- Confirmation Ceremony						

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Peace Bulletin Board ... May

Upcoming Meeting/Events @ a Glance

- Sunday, 5/3 – 9:00AM Sunday School + Adult Discussion Group + 9:15AM Bells Rehearsal + **Geranium Plant Sale Deadline**
- Tuesday, 5/5 – 1:00PM WELCA Meeting @Peace
- Wednesday, 5/6 – 6:45PM Peace Choir Rehearsal + 7:45PM New Spirit Rehearsal
- Thursday, 5/7 – 7:30PM Confirmation Class via Zoom
- Sunday, 5/10 – **Mother's Day 2026** + 9:00AM Sunday School + Adult Discussion Group + 9:30AM Solo Music Rehearsal
- Tuesday, 5/12 – 7:30PM Music & Worship Meeting via Zoom
- Wednesday, 5/13 – 6:45PM New Spirit Rehearsal + 7:45PM Bells Rehearsal
- Thursday, 5/14 – 1:00PM Exec Council Meeting via Zoom + 7:30PM Confirmation Class via Zoom
- Sunday, 5/17 – 9:00AM Sunday School + Adult Discussion Group + New Spirit Rehearsal
- Monday, 5/18 – 9:00AM Peace Garden Crop Planting
- Tuesday, 5/19 – 7:00PM Church Council Meeting via Zoom
- Wednesday, 5/20 – 6:45PM Peace Choir Rehearsal + 7:45PM Bells Rehearsal
- Thursday, 5/21 – 7:30PM Confirmation Class via Zoom
- Friday, 5/22 – **June Newsletter Deadline**
- Sunday, 5/24 – **Pentecost Sunday** + 9:00AM Sunday School + Adult Discussion Group + 9:30AM Peace Choir Rehearsal
- Monday, 5/25 - **Memorial Day** – Church Office Closed
- Wednesday, 5/27 – 6:45PM Peace Choir Rehearsal + 7:15PM New Spirit Rehearsal + 7:45PM Bells Rehearsal
- Thursday, 5/28 – No Confirmation Class
- Sunday, 5/31 – **Holy Trinity Sunday** + 9:00AM Sunday School + Adult Discussion Group + 9:30AM Peace Choir Rehearsal + 10:15AM Confirmation Ceremony and Reception



Wishing all the lovely mothers a peaceful, happy Mother's Day!

Important upcoming dates and information...



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 Cheryl Saint-Pol at 267-664-8140 or email her at ccsaint@verizon.net reserve your requests for 2026.

Thank you for your continued support!



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.

Vacation Bible School ... DATE SAVER ...

July 13, 14, 15, 16, 2026 ~ 6:00PM to 8:30PM @Peace



Important upcoming dates and information...

2026 *Easter Egg Hunt*

(Design by Dwight Dulsky ~ Photos by Cheryl Saint-Pol and Randi Schaeffer)



Important upcoming dates and information...



WELCA ... DATE SAVER

The WELCA May meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 5th beginning at 1:00PM in Fellowship Hall. The group will learn how to make their own “Garden Flowers” using plates and saucers.

Please come and join the fun!



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 2026.
- 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, 2026.



May's Fellowship Project



The Fellowship Project for May is to support Gemma Services, formerly Silver Springs-Martin Luther Home by donating monetary gifts to help foster children in their care attend summer camp. Camperships for one child runs between \$250 and \$300. With your help, one or two children will be able to experience the fun and joy of summer camp!

Special campership envelopes are available in the narthex for your generous donations.

Thank you!

Sunday School and Faith & Fellowship Committee



Geraniums for Pentecost

We invite you to order a geranium in honor of or remembrance of loved ones for Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2026.

The price is \$4.50 per plant.

Please make checks payable to "Peace Lutheran Church".

Place orders in the offering plate clearly marked, Pentecost Geraniums, or place in the church secretary's mailbox.

Deadline for Orders is Sunday, May 3, 2026

Your Name: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Number of Plants: _____

Total Paid: _____

_____ I wish to leave the geranium(s) to be planted on the church property.

Paid Check # _____

Paid Cash: _____

Important upcoming dates and information...

The National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 7, 2026

"Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples."

1 Chronicles 16:24

Join us from 12 to 1 pm in our historic Irish Meeting House located at 16 Irish Meeting House Road on the corner of Elephant Road, Perkasie, PA 18944.

We will gather for prayer, song, silent reflection, and fellowship.

Our entire community is invited to join us!

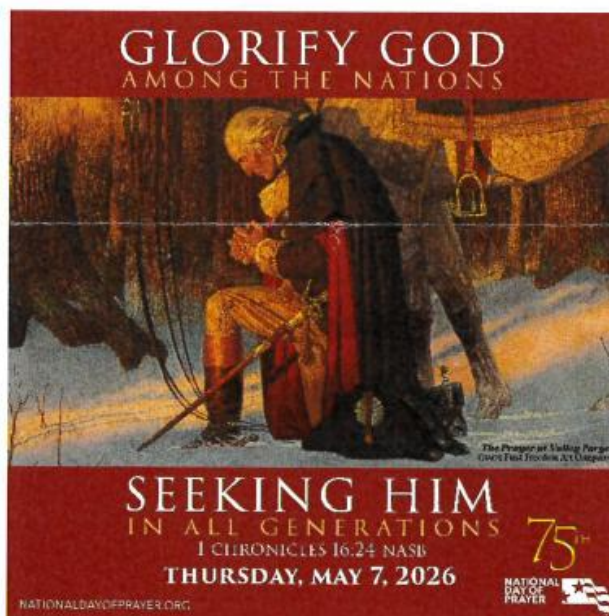
In 1952 the Senate passed

"The President shall set aside and proclaim a suitable day each year, other than a Sunday, as a National Day of Prayer, on which the people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and meditation at churches, in groups, and as individuals."

In 1983 the first ever National Day of Prayer was held at Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C. with V. P. George H. W. Bush as one of the featured speakers.

In 1988 President Reagan signed the National Day of Prayer recognition into law.

The 2026 theme is "The Prayer at Valley Forge" in honor of our nation's 250th birthday



The Presbyterian Church of Deep Run 215-249-3689 pcdeeprun.org

Important upcoming dates and information...

A free concert at Zwingli Church, Souderton, PA

TOP BRASS QUINTET 5/17 2PM



TopBrass
QUINTET

Join Us for a
Recital May 17, 2026
2pm

Zwingli Church
350 Wile Avenue, Souderton, PA
www.zwingli.org office@zwingli.org



*Featuring many different styles of entertaining music, including Jazz,
Ceremonial, Broadway Show and Folk music.*

FREE CONCERT

Peace Bulletin Board ... Announcements



May Birthday Calendar at Peace

Happy Birthday to you!

5/2	Sydney Bara
5/3	Doris Renner
5/4	Sue Keen Tom Neary
5/7	Michael Miller
5/8	Ruth Cook
5/9	Alex Bara Brenda Grim Denise Wrigley
5/11	Jen Bara Kristina Doherty Carol Heverly
5/12	Brian Gonet
5/13	Diane Stump
5/15	Emily Scholl
5/16	David Bryde
5/18	Sandy Miller
5/19	Daniel Bryde
5/22	Jayden Rivera
5/24	Diana Long
5/27	Joyce Schneider
5/29	Erik Schneider

Happy Birthday to you!

Peace Bulletin Board ... Recent Thank You Letters:



MISSION SUPPORT 2025

THANK YOU

To the members of
Peace-Tohickon Lutheran Church

from the
Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod

of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
In grateful appreciation for giving

\$13,091

for Mission Support beyond the congregation for synod and
churchwide ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

*Thanks for
your support
this year!*

Synod Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

ID 675

Peace Bulletin Board ... Recent Thank You Letters:



March 27, 2026

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 \$235.00 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,

The Rev. Daniel Rift
Director, Congregational Generosity

Gift date: 3/18/2026

Gifts are designated for:

Lutheran Disaster Response

\$235.00

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March 27, 2026

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Director, Congregational Generosity

Gift date: 3/13/2026

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Lutheran Disaster Response

\$85.00

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EVERTRUE™

One South Home Ave.
Topton, PA 19562
EverTrueLiving.org

April 9, 2026

Peace Lutheran Church
100 Old Bethlehem Rd
Perkasie, PA 18944-3716

Dear Peace Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your recent gift to EverTrue. We received your gift of \$75.00, Check #4406925670, to EverTrue East-Greatest Need on 4/9/2026. Your generosity helps to improve the lives of the older adults who rely on us for care, comfort, and dignity.

Your commitment helps ensure that we can meet the growing needs of older adults and support them in living as independently and joyfully as possible.

Every day, we witness the impact of your generosity through the smiles, the improved well-being, and the brighter futures of those we serve. The difference you are making is immeasurable, and we are so grateful to count you as part of our family of supporters.

Thank you for your devotion to our Christian mission – Older Adults Living Life to the Fullest.

Blessings,

Stacy Klann
Executive Director of Development
717-440-9855

Peace Bulletin Board ... Recent Thank You Letters:

Dear *Peace Lutheran Church*

DATE

Thank you for your contribution of \$110.- to RamPacks in support of our mission to provide food on weekends and school holidays to children in the Pennridge School District so they can come to school ready to learn. We truly appreciate your support of the children in the Pennridge 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!!

Sincerely,

Lebby Hollenbach
on behalf of
RamPacks
Provided with love from the Pennridge Community



Peace Garden Preparations on Earth Day

Wednesday, April 22, 2026

