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Peace-Tohickon Lutheran Church Newsletter



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Peace-Tohickon Evangelical Lutheran Church

OUR HISTORY



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A Message from Pastor Gary ...

“The Times They Are a-changin,” wrote Bob Dylan. This was a song and album released in 1964. The 1960s were considered the most tumultuous decade of the twentieth century.

What will the history writers say about the times that we are living in? A pandemic of Biblical proportions, political unrest, new socially acceptable norms, economic concerns, and AI highlight some of the things that might cause us to echo the landmark song by one of the greatest folk/rock singers of all time, “the times they are a-changin.”

Some of the changes we are experiencing seem to have happened all at once and they are shocking; some of the changes we are experiencing have been gradual. In either case, many are seeking the reliable and the predictable.

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.” (Heb.13:8) With so much going on around us it’s easy to forget that the God we worship is the God that our parents worshiped and their parents before them. With so much going on around us it’s easy to forget that Jesus was with us in the 1960s and He is with us now. With so much going on around us it’s easy to forget that Jesus is with us for all time. “In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God.” (John 1:1)

The key to our comfort may rest in asking our eternal Lord three fundamental questions. What are you saying Lord? Where are you going Lord? What are you doing Lord?

I want to hear from you. I want to follow you. I want to know you.

Pastor Gary

Important upcoming dates and information

October 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:45pm-Peace Choir Rehearsal 7:45pm-New Spirit Rehearsal	2 7:30pm – Confirmation Classes for 2025-2026 Resume via Zoom	3	4
			5 Harvest Home 8:15am+10:15am Worship Service 9am-Sunday School 9:30am-Peace Choir Rehearsal 7pm-NA	6	7 1:00PM - WELCA Meeting	8 6:45pm-Peace Choir Rehearsal 7:45pm-Bells Rehearsal
12 8:15am+10:15am Worship Service 9am-Sunday School 9:30am-Music Rehearsal 12:30pm- Pennridge Hunger Crop Walk 7pm-NA	13 Columbus Day (federal holiday)	14 7:30pm-Music & Worship Meeting via Zoom	15 6:45pm-New Spirit Rehearsal 7:45pm-Bells Rehearsal	16 1pm-Exec Council Meeting via Zoom	17	18
19 8:15am Worship Service 9:00am-New Spirit Rehearsal +Sunday School 10:15am-New Spirit Worship 7pm-NA	20	21 November Newsletter Deadline 7pm-Church Council Meeting via Zoom	22 6:45pm-Peace Choir Rehearsal 7:45pm-Bells Rehearsal	23	24	25 9am-Setup for Trunk or Treat 11:00am-1:00pm- Trunk or Treat @Peace 3:00pm-5:00pm- Wedding for Brianna Ponente & Robert Carregal
26 Reformation Sunday 8:15am+10:15am Worship Service 9am-Sunday School 9:15am-Peace Choir & Bells Rehearsal 7pm-NA	27	28	29 6:45pm-Peace Choir Rehearsal 7:45pm-New Spirit Rehearsal	30	31 Halloween 	

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Peace Bulletin Board ... October

Upcoming Meeting/Events @ a Glance

- Wednesday, 10/1 – 6:45PM Peace Choir Rehearsal + 7:45PM New Spirit Rehearsal
- Thursday, 10/2 – 7:30PM Confirmation Classes Resume via Zoom
- Sunday, 10/5 – Harvest Home @Peace + 9:00AM Sunday School + 9:00AM Adult Discussion Group + 9:30AM Peace Choir Rehearsal
- Tuesday, 10/7 – 1:00PM WELCA Meeting @Peace
- Wednesday, 10/8 - 6:45PM Peace Choir Rehearsal + 7:45PM Bells Rehearsal
- Friday, 10/10 – Crop Walk Fellowship Project Ends
- Sunday, 10/12 – 9:00AM Sunday School + 9:00AM Adult Discussion Group + 9:30AM Music Rehearsal + 12:30PM Pennridge CROP Hunger Walk @St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, 20 Dill Avenue, Perkasie, PA
- Monday, 10/13 - Columbus Day
- Tuesday, 10/14 - 7:30PM Music & Worship Committee Meeting via Zoom
- Wednesday, 10/15 - 6:45PM New Spirit Rehearsal + 7:45PM Bells Rehearsal
- Thursday, 10/16 – 1:00PM Exec Council Meeting via Zoom
- Sunday, 10/19 – 9:00AM Sunday School + 9:00AM Adult Discussion Group + 9:00AM New Spirit Rehearsal
- Tuesday, 10/21 – November Newsletter Deadline + 7:00PM Church Council Meeting via Zoom
- Wednesday, 10/22 - 6:45PM Peace Choir Rehearsal + 7:45PM Bells Rehearsal
- Saturday, 10/25 – 9:00AM Setup for Trunk or Treat + 11:00AM-1:00PM Trunk or Treat + 3:00PM-5:00PM Private Wedding for Brianna Ponente and Robert Carregal
- Sunday, 10/26 – 9:00AM Sunday School + 9:00AM Adult Discussion Group + 9:15AM Peace Choir and Bells Rehearsal
- Wednesday, 10/29 - 6:45PM Peace Choir Rehearsal + 7:45PM New Spirit Rehearsal
- Friday, 10/31 - Halloween



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Adult Discussion Group **Held at Peace each Sunday morning at 9AM**

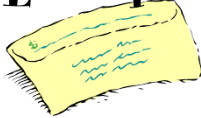
The Adult Discussion Group has chosen to study Peter and the two epistles he wrote to the early Christians who were struggling with pressures from without and doubts from within. Their faith was under fire. Join us as we hear and study his words of encouragement for them and for us. All are welcome. All perspectives are appreciated.



Altar Flower Sponsorships

The Altar Flower Chart is ready for your requests! The flower chart 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 2025. Thank you for your continued support!

Offering Envelopes



Special Designated Giving Envelopes

In the coming weeks, our special envelopes are designated for the following organizations:

- Harvest Home Envelope – Pennridge FISH – Sunday, October 5, 2025
 - Thanksgiving Envelope – Ken-Crest
 - Advent Envelope – Lutheran Settlement House
 - Christmas Envelope – Lutheran Disaster Relief
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Important upcoming dates and information...



Confirmation Classes for 2025-2026

Confirmation classes will begin on Thursday, October 2nd at 7:30PM via Zoom. The Confirmands are scheduled to be confirmed in the spring of 2026.



Peace Church Council Needs You!

Peace needs additional council members committed to forging a new chapter of our mission. There are many council openings available. We have inspiring preaching, sound leadership, adequate funds, and the most beautiful place in the county from which to spread the Good News. Listen for that small voice that comes in those quiet hours when you find yourself alone with Him. Two words can mean a great deal, "Yes, Lord". It may change your life and ours.

In Christ,
Gary Schaeffer,
Nominating Committee



Important upcoming dates and information...

Peace Church's Fall Fellowship Project September 15, 2025 to October 10, 2025

Pennridge CROP Hunger Walk 2025

The CROP Hunger Walk is a community-based fundraising event for Church World Services that brings together people of all ages to raise money and awareness to end hunger and poverty in local communities and around the world.

Date: Sunday October 12, 2025
Location: St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, 20 Dill Avenue, Perkasie, Pa.
Registration: 12:30PM
Walk start time: 1:00PM

Peace-Tohickon Lutheran Church has a CROP walk team. Here is how you can get involved:

1. Become a team member. You can walk the five-mile course, walk the one-mile Golden Mile, or participate in the CROP Rock, in a rocking chair.
To join the team and register, go to <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/team/peace-tohickon-lutheran-church>
2. Donate to support our team. You can make an online donation at the link above or give a check [Made out to CWS-CROP] or cash donation to any team member.
3. Pray for the team members, and for those who struggle with hunger and poverty.

25% of the money raised by walkers goes to Pennridge FISH. The remaining money is used to combat droughts globally, provide food and shelter for refugees, support survivors of natural disasters, and stock shelves in hundreds of food pantries across the United States.

Contact: Melissa Yates – yatesreads@gmail.com

CROP HUNGER WALK **MAKE A LIFE DIFFERENCE**
EACH STEP YOU TAKE MAKES A LIFE DIFFERENCE! THANK YOU FOR WALKING!

MY CROP HUNGER WALK IMPACTS: HUNGER

- \$18 provides a CWS garden starter kit for a community in Nicaragua to grow their own food
- \$22 provides 500 baby fish for a community fishery in Honduras
- \$75 provides a welcome home meal for a refugee family on their first night in the United States
- \$280 provides 2 acres of sweet potato vines in Kenya

25% of proceeds will benefit Local Hunger Fighting Agencies
75% of proceeds will benefit Church World Service

special thanks to the Cumberland County (NC) CROP Hunger Walk for developing this resource

Important upcoming dates and information...

Faith and Fellowship News:

As the summer comes to the end, the Faith & Fellowship Committee needs your help in decorating our all-season tree in the narthex. For the fall, we are asking the members of the congregation to select a leaf, on the table next to the tree, and write on it one thing for which you are thankful. God is so good to us! Let us share with each other his blessing in our lives. Thank you for contributing to our Thankfulness Tree!



Harvest Home – Sunday, October 5, 2025

At this time of year, we traditionally decorate our narthex and sanctuary to recognize the bounty of God’s blessings. Please thank the Altar Guild for the seasonal decorations.

Recognizing that not all in our neighbors are food secure, we will be donating nonperishable food items to Penridge FISH for our area’s needy. Between now and Sunday, October 5th, please bring nonperishable food items to church, and place them in the shopping cart in the narthex. Needed items are:

100% fruit and vegetable juice	Flour and sugar
Bath soaps and shampoos	Gluten free and diabetic foods
Cake mix and frosting	Gravy, broth
Canned chili and stew	Laundry detergent and cleaning products
Canned fish and tuna	Pancake mix
Canned fruits and vegetables	Pancake syrup
Canned meat, beans	Paper towels, toilet paper, tissues
Coffee, tea, hot chocolate	Pasta sides
Cold and hot cereals	Peanut butter and jelly
Condiments, spices, cooking oil	Rice and rice mix
Diaper wipes	Snacks
Diapers: sizes 5, 6; “Pull-ups”: all sizes	Soups, all kinds
Dried fruit	Spaghetti and other pasta
Dry potatoes	Spaghetti sauce
Feminine products, toiletries, shaving items, deodorant, toothpaste	

Important upcoming dates and information...



God's Work. Our Hands.

Please help us gather these items for our "God's Work. Our Hands" project. We will be making backpack care packages to be delivered to the Welcome Church. Please join us at 9:15am on Sunday, November 2, 2025, to put the backpacks together. Thank you!

The care packs will contain: (Refer to the poster in the narthex for more details.)

White tube sock	Small bottles of sanitizer
Small Lotion	Soft/Chewy Granola bars
Chapstick	New or gently used T-Shirts
Backpacks	Small pack Wet Wipes
Cracker Packs	Small tissue packs



DATE SAVER ... The next business WELCA meeting will be at Peace on Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at 1:00PM. The ladies will be bringing a house plant to exchange.

Please come and join the fun!



Important upcoming dates and information...



DATE SAVER ... Trunk or Treat – Saturday, October 25, 2025



Put on your best costume and come to Peace.



Come and enjoy treats, activities, games and snacks!



This is a FREE event. Everyone is welcome!



We will be collecting canned goods for Penridge F.I.S.H. food bank that assists those with food insecurities in our area.



Peace Helpers will assemble at 9:00AM to decorate the pavilion, assist trunk designers, and work with other members in preparing for the event.



Contact Gary Schaeffer, Outreach Chair, 267-517-1616 for more information.

Important upcoming dates and information...

Congregational Budget Approval & Elections Meeting



**A Congregational Meeting will be held
Sunday, November 9, 2025**

The purpose of the meeting will be to review details of the 2025 financial reports and approve a budget for 2026, as well as to nominate and elect new council members for the upcoming year. Both are important church business necessary to move Peace forward into 2026 and beyond.

Your input is important. Please plan to attend this congregational meeting & participate.

Peace-Tohickon Lutheran Church Council



Important upcoming dates and information...



DATE SAVER ... BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

Ed Bara and Friends will be having another concert at Peace Church on Saturday, November 29, 2025. It will be a Christmas Concert starting at 3:00PM.

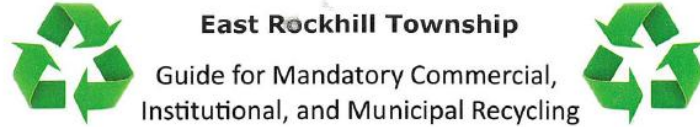
You won't want to miss this!

Please tell your friends and invite your neighbors!



Important upcoming dates and information...

A public service announcement from East Rockhill Township:



PA State Law and Local Ordinance require the recycling of the following materials:

- Aluminum Cans
- Office Paper
- Corrugated Cardboard
- Yard Waste

All commercial, institutional, and municipal facilities are required to have a recycling program.
If you need assistance setting up a recycling program or reporting your annual tonnage, please contact your waste hauler or property manager.

A GOOD IDEA IS NOW THE LAW.
PENNSYLVANIA BUSINESSES ARE REQUIRED TO RECYCLE.
LEARN WHAT IT TAKES TO KEEP YOUR BUSINESS IN COMPLIANCE.



A neighborhood announcement from Zwingli Church ...

Laymen Playmen Theatre

PRESENTS

SAVE THE DATE

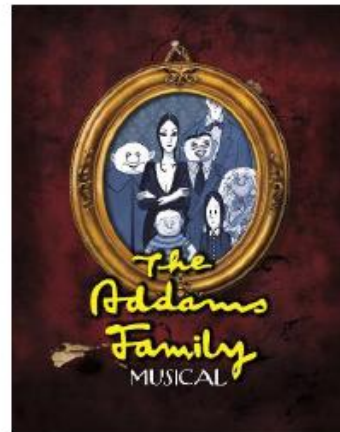
The **Addams Family**, the musical comedy, is coming to The Laymen Playmen for their 38th production.

Show dates are March 13-15 and 20-22nd 2026.


Auditions will be held at Lansdale United Methodist Church, 300 North Broad Street, Lansdale, PA 19446 on Wednesday, November 19th from 7-9pm and Saturday, November 22nd from 10am -1pm.

The Addams Family was created by Charles Addams, music and lyrics are by Andrew Lippa and book by Marshall Brickman and Rick Elise. The show explores the themes of love, family and growing up.

For more information, visit LaymenPlaymen.org



Peace Bulletin Board ... Announcements

	<p>October Birthday Calendar at Peace <i>Happy Birthday to you!</i></p>
1	Ed Bara Gary Schott
3	Susan Groff
8	Joseph O'Donnell
10	Christopher Thomas
11	Stephanie Krause
14	Derek Scholl
18	Tilghman Lick
19	Grace Grim
20	Agnes Allebach
21	Nancy Grace
22	Gabriella Powell
25	Erin Scholl
29	Cindy Miller John Shelly
<p><i>Happy Birthday to you!</i></p>	



Peace Bulletin Board ... Recent Thank You Letters:

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



August 27, 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 \$25.00 to KenCrest.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Russell Stewart". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Russell Stewart
Director of Community Philanthropy

WE APPRECIATE THE PEACE LUTHERAN
CONGREGATION SO MUCH - THANK YOU
FOR YOUR LOVE AND SUPPORT FOR
THE AMAZING FOLKS WE SERVE!

Peace Bulletin Board ... Recent Thank You Letters:



Evangelical
Lutheran Church
in America

September 5, 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 \$270.00 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,

Daniel Rift

The Rev. Daniel Rift
Director, Congregational Generosity

Gift date: 8/26/2025

Gifts are designated for:

U.S. Wildfires

\$270.00

Peace Bulletin Board ... Recent Thank You Letters:

"Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me"

Mark 9:37



Employment Opportunity

Pennridge Christian Academy is.....

FT & PT Assistant Teachers

*** NOW HIRING**

Do you have a passion for helping children learn & grow?

Are you searching for a strong, supportive team culture?

Do you want to make a difference in your community?

Pennridge Christian Academy is looking for you!

Requirements:

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- * 2 years documentable experience caring for children **or**
- * CDA +1 year of experience **or**
- * AA/ BA/BS in ECE **or** related field required

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