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Peace-Tohickon Lutheran Church Newsletter

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Our Mission at Peace:

Trusting in God's love, we grow in faith, celebrate His Word, care for His gifts, and serve others.

A Message from Pastor Gary …

Labor Day

We have devolved as a society in at least one very insidious way. We tend to celebrate many holidays in exactly the same way. Memorial Day is considered the unofficial beginning of the summer, and Labor Day is considered the unofficial ending of the summer. As we pause for a moment, we would all agree that these holidays are completely different, but what we do seems much the same. We take three-day weekends, we barbecue, and or we go to the movies. The movement of holiday observances to Mondays instead of having them on the day that they naturally occur contributes to our repetitious behavior. President's Day (Washington and Lincoln's birthdays combined into one observance), Columbus Day, and Veteran's Day are examples.

Of course, Labor Day is always the first Monday of September. It grew out of the late 19th century American labor movement as a campaign to recognize the social and economic contributions of workers during the height of the Industrial Revolution, when typical workdays averaged 12 hours and most working people worked seven days a week. The first Labor Day Celebration was on September 5, 1882, and it was declared a national holiday by President Cleveland on June 28, 1894.

Quite frankly I don't have a problem with our normal holiday behavior, but it does occur to me that in the midst of it we can fail to acknowledge the reason for the special days that we get to enjoy. I find Labor Day to be one of those days. As the saying goes, we stand on the backs of those who have gone before us, the 12 hour a day seven day a week worker.

Pastor Gary

Important upcoming dates and information…

September 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 12:00pm-WELCA Meeting @Peace	**2** 6:45pm-Peace Choir Rehearsal 7:45pm-New Spirit Rehearsal	**3**	**4** All Day-Rental of Pavilion- Private Party	**5** 1:00pm-Rental of Pavilion- Private Party
6 9am-Worship 7pm-NA	**7** **Labor Day** Church Office Closed	**8** 7:30pm-Music & Worship Meeting via Zoom	**9** 6:45pm-Peace Choir Rehearsal 7:45pm-Bells Rehearsal	**10** 1:00pm-Exec Council Meeting via Zoom	**11**	**12**
13 **Rally Day** Grandparents' Day 8:15am+10:15am Worship Service 9am-Sunday School+Adult Discussion Group 9:30am-Peace Choir Rehearsal 11:30am-Rally Day Picnic 7pm-NA	**14**	**15** 7:00pm-Church Council Meeting via Zoom	**16** 6:45pm- Peace Choir Rehearsal 7:45am- New Spirit Rehearsal	**17**	**18**	**19**
20 8:15am-Worship Service 9am-Sunday School+Adult Discussion Group 9:00am-NewSpirit Rehearsal 10:15am-New Spirit Worship+Animal Blessing@Pavilion 7pm-NA	**21**	**22** **1st Day of Autumn 2026** **October Newsletter Deadline**	**23** 6:45pm-Peace Choir Rehearsal 7:45pm-Bells Rehearsal	**24**	**25** 9am-12noon--Bake Sale Drop-Off @Peace	**26** 6:30am-10:00am-Bake Sale Drop-Off 7:00am-2:00pm Craft Show Setup 10:00am-3:00pm-Craft Show & Marketplace 3:00pm-4:00pm-Craft Show Clean-Up
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Peace Bulletin Board … September

Upcoming Meeting/Events @ a Glance

- Tuesday, 9/1 – 12:00PM WELCA Meeting @Peace
- Wednesday, 9/2 – 6:45PM Peace Choir Rehearsal + 7:45PM New Spirit Rehearsal
- Friday, 9/4 – All Day - Rental of Pavilion – Private Party
- Saturday, 9/5 – 1:00PM Rental of Pavilion – Private Party
- Monday, 9/7 – Labor Day – Church Office Closed
- Tuesday, 9/8 – 7:30PM Music & Worship Meeting via Zoom
- Wednesday, 9/9 – 6:45PM Peace Choir Rehearsal + 7:45PM Bells Rehearsal
- Thursday, 9/10 – 1:00PM Exec Council Meeting via Zoom
- Sunday, 9/13 – Rally Day 2026 and Grandparents' Day + 9:00AM Sunday School and Adult Discussion Group Resumes + 9:30PM Peace Choir Rehearsal + 11:30AM Rally Day Picnic
- Tuesday, 9/15 – 7:00PM Church Council Meeting via Zoom
- Wednesday, 9/16 – 6:45PM Peace Choir Rehearsal + 7:45AM New Spirit Rehearsal
- Sunday, 9/20 - 9:00AM Sunday School and Adult Discussion Group + 9:00AM New Spirit Rehearsal + 10:15AM Animal Blessing @Pavilion
- Tuesday, 9/22 - First Day of Autumn 2026 + October Newsletter Deadline
- Wednesday, 9/23 – 6:45PM Peace Choir Rehearsal + 7:45PM Bells Rehearsal
- Friday, 9/25 - 9:00AM to 12:00Noon Bake Sale Drop-Off @Peace
- Saturday, 9/26 – 6:30AM to 10:00AM Bake Sale Drop-Off @Peace + 7:00AM Craft Show Setups + 10:00AM to 3:00PM Craft Show & Marketplace + 3:00PM Craft Show Clean-Up
- Sunday, 9/27 - 9:00AM Sunday School and Adult Discussion Group + 9:15AM Peace Choir Rehearsal
- Wednesday, 9/30 – 6:45PM New Spirit Rehearsal + 7:45PM Bells Rehearsal

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Altar Flower Sponsorships for 2026

The 2026 Altar Flower Chart is up and ready for your requests! The 2026 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 Cheryl Saint-Pol at 267-664-8140 or email her at ccsaint@verizon.net to reserve your requests.

We have several open dates in September for altar flower dedications!
They are:

- September 13th and 27th

Thank you for helping beautify the Peace sanctuary and 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.

Friendly Reminder

On Sunday, September 13th, Peace Church will resume the regular services schedule:

❖ 8:15AM with Communion	Early Worship Service
❖ 9:00AM	Sunday School
❖ 9:00AM	Adult Discussion Group
❖ 10:15AM with Communion	Late Worship Service

Important upcoming dates and information…

Adult Discussion Group
Sunday, September 13th at 9AM

On Rally Day, September 13th, the Adult Discussion Group will resume their sessions. The group's discussion will take a closer look at the Beatitudes and what they mean for us in our daily lives. No prior knowledge or reading is necessary, but just an open mind and heart. We look forward to seeing you in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00AM. ~ Randi Schaeffer

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Outdoor Service:
Can you lend a hand?

During the warm months our church has an outdoor service in the pavilion on the third Sunday of the month. We all enjoy this service. However, setting up the equipment, chairs, tables, and altar requires some work.

We are looking for a volunteer or two who are willing to arrive early on an outdoor service Sunday, to help with the setup.

We will need volunteers on:

Sunday, September 20	Please arrive at 8:30am

There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex. Please sign up, if you are willing to help on any of these three dates. Thank you.

Women of the ELCA

DATE SAVER … WELCA invites the ladies of Peace to the 1st meeting of the season at Peace on Tuesday, September 1, 2026 at 12:00PM.
The ladies will enjoy a pizza lunch and make plans for their 2026-2027 activity year.

Please come and join the fun!

Important upcoming dates and information…

Faith and Fellowship News:

Church Picnic on Rally Day
Rally Day will be celebrated on Sunday, September 13, 2026. After the second service, the congregation and their friends are invited to Peace's Annual Church Potluck Picnic. Hot dogs, hamburgers and beverages are provided with our attendees bringing their favorite picnic food to share. Good food, fellowship, music and children's games will celebrate the beginning of this fall season of celebrating, growing, caring and serving here at Peace.
A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.
We look forward to seeing you there!

Blessing of the Backpacks
Please join us at the 10:15AM worship service on Sunday, September 13th for our annual Blessing of the Backpacks. As we begin the new school year and fall season, bring your school backpacks, your work briefcases, sports bags or satchels to be blessed.

Important upcoming dates and information…

Hi Children of Peace-Tohickon Lutheran Church, Ages 3 to 18 Years Old,

Hope you all have had a wonderful summer! I am writing to invite you to Sunday School, which begin Sunday, September 13, 2026. We will be meeting that day at 9:00AM in the Primary Room. We will have a short welcome, and opening, and then go to your classrooms with your teachers for a lesson! Your friends are always welcome to join us too!

September 13th is also Rally Sunday! During the 10:15AM worship service, Pastor Gary will bless your school backpacks. After that worship service, Peace will have our annual church picnic beginning at 11:30AM at the pavilion. Please bring your family and friends for food, fellowship, and fun! Please call Miss Dottie, the church office or sign up on the sheet in the narthex to let us know how many people will be coming and what side salad or dessert you can bring to help us plan for the food for the picnic by Wednesday, September 3th.

Hope to see you on September 13th to begin our year of learning about how much God loves us and how we can love and care for others and God's beautiful world!

Love,

Miss Dottie and the Sunday School Teachers

Peace-Tohickon Lutheran Church

Important upcoming dates and information…

Peace Church's Fall Fellowship Project
September 13th through October 11th

Pennridge Crop Hunger Walk 2026

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 11, 2026
Location:	St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, 20 Dill Avenue, Perkasie, PA 18944
Registration:	12:30PM (rain or shine)
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. Help Us Stop Hunger One Step At A Time!

   To join the team and register, go to –

   https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/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

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Upcoming Date Saver …
Peace Craft Show & Marketplace

Please mark your calendar for the Peace Craft Show & Marketplace – Saturday, September 26th from 10AM to 3PM. Please encourage your family, friends and neighbors to attend this special event.

You will find a sign-up sheet on the narthex table to offer your help on Friday, 9/25, to set-up for the show, and/or for event day helpers on Saturday, 9/26.

Your help and support are appreciated.

Important upcoming dates and information…

Baked Goods Needed
for the Peace Craft Show & Marketplace

The Peace Craft Show will be held on September 26, 2026.
The proceeds from Peace's bake sale will be donated to the Pennridge RamPacks, which provides meals to students with food insecurities in the Pennridge School District.

Please prepare one of your favorite baked goods; such as, an entire cake, an entire pie, breads, individually wrapped portions of cookies or brownies etc. Please bring your donations to the church kitchen on September 25, 2026 between 9AM and 12Noon, or to the pavilion on September 26, 2026 between 6:30AM and 10:00AM to help with this wonderful giving project.

You will find a sign-up sheet in the Narthex where you will be able to place your name and the choice of baked good you will be donating.

Thank you,
The Outreach Committee

Important upcoming dates and information…

Peace Bulletin Board … Announcements

	September Birthday Calendar at Peace *Happy Birthday to you!*
9/1	Barry Grim
9/2	Louis Long
9/3	Heidi Gerth
9/5	Earl Anders
9/9	William Groff Keri May
9/10	Matt Wrigley
9/16	Isabella Link
9/17	Brad Reiss
9/20	Chris Frasch
9/21	Michael Gonet
9/22	Tina Burkett
9/26	Susan French
9/27	Teresa Kramer
Happy Birthday to you!	

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

Peace Bulletin Board … Recent Thank You Letters:

Evangelical
Lutheran Church
in America

July 14, 2026

Thank Yo

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

Dear Peace-Tohickon Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous gift of $120.00 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

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OUR HISTORY

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