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APRIL SCRIPTURE READINGS

April 7: Acts 4:32-35; 1 John 1:1-2; 2; John 20:19-31

April 14: Acts 3:11-21; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36-49

April 21: Acts 4:1-12; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

April 28: Acts 8:26-40; 1 John 4:1-11; John 15:1-8

GOD'S BLESSINGS TO OUR 2024 CONFIRMANDS



We pray God's richest blessings on our fifteen young adults that are preparing to further step into our broken world as persons whose lives are to reflect that reality as they continue to grow in their faith. Confirmation Day is Sunday, March 24, at

2:30PM, and everyone is welcome to attend. We ask that you continue to pray for our Confirmands daily - for divine wisdom and guidance, as well as protection from harm and the fallen angels.

Joseph David Burgess

Avery Beth Caron

Bryce Allen Chitwood

Ava Gabrielle Gamayo

Vera Lynn Harrison

Theodore Thomas Herold

Erick Gregory Jacobsmeyer

Lydia Elizabeth Jurchen

Ashley Rose Kaul

Paige Renee Keiser

Rachel Elizabeth McElroy

Brock Daniel Orf

Sofia Catherine Palma

Blake Alexander Van Wyk

Lucie Elaine Wildman

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 23

10:00 - 11:30am

Infants to 3rd Grade

Egg Hunt ~ Games ~ Crafts ~ Holy Week Devotions



LIVING EASTER CROSS



A 7-foot cross (wrapped with wire) will be standing for our Easter services in the Commons. Everyone is invited to bring fresh flowers to the Holy Saturday and Easter morning services. As they insert the flowers, eventually (by the 10:30AM service) the cross will be entirely filled as a Springtime reminder of new life in Christ through the resurrection of our Lord and Savior on Easter.

PLEASE REMEMBER BRING FLOWERS

As families and children insert the flowers, they recite together John 3:16. This living cross also creates a beautiful background for family photos on Easter morning.

Easter Breakfast



Please join us for breakfast
Easter morning

Sunday, March 31

7:30 - 10:00AM (Gymnasium)

Sponsored by Men's Club

HOLY COMMUNION SCHEDULE



Holy Communion is offered on the first, third and fifth Sundays of each month.

REV. DR. JON FURGESON, SENIOR PASTOR

REV. ROBERT BROWN, ASSOCIATE PASTOR

MEN'S MORNING BIBLE STUDY



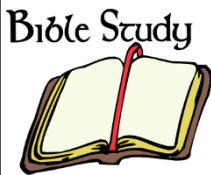
Join us for the Men's Morning Bible Study, held every other Thursday morning, (with the exception of holidays) at **7:00AM**, in Sanctuary Hall. Led by Pastor Brown, the class is studying the Large Catechism, with Annotations, and Contemporary Applications. Future Bible study dates can be found on our church website calendar or watch the weekend bulletin.

MARY MARTHA BIBLE CLASS



Ladies, please join us each Thursday morning at 9:00AM for fellowship, with Bible Study at 9:30AM, in the Kitchen Meeting Room. The Bible is our key to peace. It is a weapon against anxiety. The Bible gives a certain quietness to your heart. Isaiah 32:17. Please join us as we study God's word together; led by Pastor Brown and Pastor Furgeson, we are finishing the current study on Colossians.

PRAYER, A NEW SUNDAY MORNING SUMMER BIBLE STUDY



Pastor Gadeken will lead the Sunday Morning Bible Study in Sanctuary Hall, 9:15-10:15AM, while Pastor Furgeson is on sabbatical, from June 2 - September 1.

The first part of the summer we will study prayer itself: what it is and isn't, how to make prayer a conversation, what to pray for, special issues like healing, praying in a tongue, obstacles to prayer, and most importantly, how to make time for it and develop a practice you are comfortable with.

As Edmond Clowney said, "the Bible does not present the art of prayer; it presents the God of prayer."

The second half of the summer, we will get to know this God of prayer with a study of some of the famous prayers in the Bible, and then move into a study of some of the most famous Psalms (*Scripture's prayer book*).

2024 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday

March 24 5:00PM Service
March 24 8:00, 9:20, & 10:30AM Services
2:30PM Junior Confirmation Service*

Maundy Thursday

March 28 11:30AM Service*
7:00PM Living Last Supper*

Good Friday

March 29 11:30AM Service
7:00PM Service

Holy Saturday

March 30 5:00PM Service*

Easter Sunday

March 31 6:30AM Sunrise Service*
8:00, 9:20 & 10:30AM Services*

*Holy Communion

What if.....

You had traveled with Jesus for over three years.

Seen the miracles, heard the teachings,
Left everything important to you to follow Him.

Then He said,

"Tonight, one of you will betray me."

What would you say? What would you think?

THE LIVING LAST SUPPER

Maundy Thursday ~ March 28 ~ 7:00PM

Doors open at 6:30PM



A dramatic portrayal and worship service with imagery from Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece

"The Last Supper"

Choral Presentation by the Chancel Choir
Celebration of Communion

Please join us for this unique service here at Peace to learn more about Jesus and His journey to the Cross to insure our salvation. Invite your family and friends.



2024 - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - THE GREAT JUNGLE JOURNEY

AN EPIC CRUISE FROM GENESIS TO REVELATION

REGISTRATION IS OPEN AND SPOTS ARE FILLING QUICKLY!



We will take a "Jungle Journey" this summer from June 24-28. Join us for an epic adventure from Genesis to Revelation. We will sail along on a fun jungle cruise, stopping at seven ports of call (the 7 C's of History): Creation, Corruption, Catastrophe, Confusion, Christ, Cross, and Consummation, each day discovering how these events shape our world, while learning to reconnect the Bible to our everyday lives.

VOLUNTEERS ARE ESSENTIAL TO THE SUCCESS OF VBS!

The volunteer sign-up sheet is located on the Commons counter! We have different opportunities for you to help. We have games, music, crafts, registration, preschool, and photography. Some teams will need help prior to June, so even if you can't help during the week of June 24-28, you can still be part of this amazing week! Come join us on our **Great Jungle Journey!**

CONCERTS AT PEACE PRESENTS THREE EXCITING OFFERINGS IN APRIL!

Join us **Sunday, April 14, at 3:00PM**, as Peace musicians present a Chamber Music Concert. Chamber music is a form of classical music that is composed for a small group of instruments—traditionally a group that could fit in a palace chamber or a large room. Most broadly, it includes any music that is performed by a small number of performers.

On **Saturday, April 20, at 7:00PM**, The Wartburg Choir of Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa will present a concert in the Sanctuary. Founded in 1937, the internationally acclaimed Wartburg Choir performs sacred music from all historical periods and styles, often collaborating with contemporary composers. Choir members are chosen by audition and represent various academic disciplines on campus. The Wartburg Choir is a story of dedicated service and learning, told by scores of choir members who have truly learned what it means to be a servant leader. Their experiences create a rich testimony of the choir's ongoing purpose and passion over the past 85 years. Following the foundation started by F. Melius Christiansen and Dr. Edwin Liemohn, the Wartburg Choir honors America's Lutheran choral tradition. The Wartburg Choir celebrates the unaccompanied performance style on their annual tours, and maintains the importance of tradition by intentionally performing historical and modern masterworks, all while paving the way for the future of choral music through the performance of new compositions and uplifting emerging composers. The Wartburg Choir has appeared in many prestigious concert halls throughout the United States. The choir performed with opera star Simon Estes at Orchestra Hall, Minneapolis; Kennedy Center, Washington, D.C.; Lincoln Center, New York; and Orchestra Hall at Symphony Center in Chicago. Estes and the choir also performed two concerts with the Czech National Symphony Orchestra in Prague. The Wartburg Choir has performed solo concerts at Carnegie Hall on two different occasions.

On **Sunday, April 21 at 3:00PM**, join us for a concert by musicians of the St. Louis Musicians Union and funded by the Music Performance Trust Fund. In honor of Jazz Appreciation month the Big Band will play Jazz and Big Band Selections. Come and enjoy this **Free** concert by some of St. Louis' finest musicians.

Come and enjoy some GREAT music, and be sure to invite your family and friends!



ADULT CO-ED VOLLEYBALL AT PEACE



Co-Ed volleyball plays on Tuesday evenings from 6:00-8:00PM in the gymnasium. Co-Ed volleyball is open to anyone 18 years and older. For more information please contact Cameron Stinnett at 314-413-3412 or camstinn16@gmail.com.

PICKLEBALL OPEN PLAY AT PEACE



Adult, co-ed Pickleball plays on Sunday evenings, 6:00-8:00PM in the gymnasium. The group is open to all levels of experience, ages 17 and older, with equipment and training provided. For more information please contact Jack Jeffcott at liporccarman@gmail.com or 314-856-5379.

SURVIVING SPOUSES BREAKFAST

Join us on Thursday, April 11, at 9:00AM at the Denny's on South Lindbergh. Our group meets on the second Thursday of each month.

MENS CLUB

Join us for our upcoming meeting on Tuesday, April 23, from 6:00-9:00PM. Our evening begins with a meal and fellowship, followed by our regular meeting. Men's Club is open to all men of Peace, 21 and up!

QUILTERS CORNER



We are quilting a sea-themed baby quilt and would love to have you stop by to see it! Please call Cheryl Turley if you have any questions at 314-223-0744.

"Behind every quilter is a BIG pile of fabric!"

MISSIONARY NEWS



Newsletters from Pastor Jensen in Germany and Pastor Cundiff in Latvia are available on our Peace Website or the Bulletin Board in the Commons.

If you would like to support the missionary efforts of Pastor Jensen and Pastor Cundiff, please direct your contributions to "Synodical Missionary Support" at Peace, or directly through the LCMS website.

LADIES CLUB

Join us Tuesday, April 16, at 7:00PM for our April event. This will be a social evening, and everyone is asked to bring an appetizer, dessert or beverage to share. Come meet a new friend, and enjoy an evening of fellowship and laughter. Ladies Club is a social organization and open to female members of Peace, ages 18 and up. Come check us out!

PLASTIC MAT MAKING

Our mat-making group meets on the first and third Tuesdays each month, from 9:00AM to noon. We crochet plastic grocery bags into sleeping mats for the homeless. We would love to have more helpers! If you don't crochet, you can help fold, cut or loop the plastic bags. Anyone can handle these tasks, men, women, and children. Oh, and we also have a lot of fun while we work. If you're not available on Tuesdays, we can show you how to work from home. Please contact Anita Thomas at 314-200-6753 for questions or more information.

LWML-LADIES GUILD

Join the LWML Ladies Guild for their monthly meeting on Thursday, April 18, at 10:45AM in Sanctuary Hall. Ellyn Petrovic will share about her recent three month, short-term service in the Dominican Republic for LCMS World Missions.

Any woman 18 years and older is invited to attend the LWML Convention on June 7-9, 2024, in Independence, Missouri. Two delegates are needed and will be funded by our Guild. If interested in attending, please call Julia Petrovic at 314-809-5447.

RADA CUTLERY FUNDRAISING EVENT

Don't miss our upcoming Rada Cutlery Fundraising Event on Saturday and Sunday, May 4 and 5, before and after services. Rada has the best assortment of knives. All proceeds will be used for LCMS Mission Grants.

MARRIED COUPLES CLUB

Couples Club will be participating once again in the Shine Event on Saturday, April 13. Please watch for details on different ways to serve and sign-up information.

Save the Date: Saturday, August 24, for our Trivia Night FUNraiser. Watch the bulletin and newsletter for detailed information.

OFFICIAL ACTS



ADULT CONFIRMATIONS

March 3, 2024 - Janet Louis Burle
March 3, 2024 - Kaleb Duane Gregory
March 3, 2024 - Sarah Kathryn Gregory
March 3, 2024 - Judith Malana
March 3, 2024 - Shelley Renee Stark

BAPTISM

March 3, 2024 - Shelley Renee Stark

FUNERALS

February 23, 2024 - Dorothy F. Hurst, 91
March 14, 2024 - *Victor S. Chitwood, 79

*Non-Member

PEACE COMMUNICATION SIGN-UP



If you would like to receive text and/or email notifications when a beloved church member dies, or for emergency situations such as church event cancellations due to inclement weather, please contact the church office to sign-up. You may choose email and/or text.

ALTAR FLOWER ORDERS



Altar Flower orders are received through the Church Office. Arrangements are \$25 each. Please call the church office with your requests at least two weeks in advance.

CAMPING SERVICE EXCELLENCE AWARD



Congratulations to Peace Member Judy Mitchell for receiving the Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri, **AntRabbit Award for Camping Service Excellence** on March 23, 2024. Judy is the second person to receive this award from the Girl Scout organization. It honors a longtime volunteer who has made a lasting and measurable impact on the council's camping program and has encouraged more Girl Scouts to experience the outdoors.

SCOUT TROOP 584 - THANK YOU!



On behalf of Boy Scout Troop 584, we kindly thank everyone who purchased a Super Sub or made a private donation to help make this year's fundraiser a huge success. Boy Scouts will donate \$500 of our Super Sub proceeds to St. Trinity Cemetery. Thanks again!

PEACE 8:00AM SERVICE LIVE ON KFUE IN FEBRUARY, MARCH, AND APRIL

Thanks to all those who are sponsoring our KFUE radio broadcasts this February, March, and April. Your contributions make our 8:00AM broadcasts possible. The following are the Peace members that are sponsoring a Sunday this year:



February 4	Chuck and Judy Mitchell
February 11	Baese and Suedkamp Families
February 18	Carol Kohn
February 25	Ray and Ellen Fassold
March 3	Merrily Goldsmith
March 10	Ken and Carol Doering
March 17	Dave and Heather Carlson
March 24	Nancy Fischer
March 31	Jackie Schramm
April 7	Sharon Grisham
April 14	Wayne and Marilyn Schuessler
April 21	Terry and Debby Hutton
April 28	Lorin and Carol Dressel

We would like to also thank our broadcasters, audio engineers, and video engineers who make our broadcasts and live-streams possible. Broadcasters: Rick Goodman, Alan Hopfer, Kyle Hopfer, Janice McCreary, Jeanette Mattingly, Bob Mullen, Wayne Schuessler, Dean Seyfert, Christina Stackle, Matt Thiel, and Bob Uthoff. Audio engineers: Bryan Dressel, Dennis Gerfen, Terry Hutton, Alan Hopfer, Wayne Schuessler, Jeanette Mattingly, and Rick Goodman. Video engineers: Bill Hentchel, Luis Palma, Wayne Schuessler, and Bob Uthoff.

Just a reminder that Peace's Sunday service is rebroadcast on KFUE AM 850 every Saturday, from 4:00-5:00PM. Please share this information with your neighbors, friends, family, and especially our homebound members.

ST. TRINITY CEMETERY SPRING SPRUCE-UP
SATURDAY, MARCH 23

It's time to spruce-up St. Trinity for spring! Please consider helping us out on Saturday, March 23, from 9:00AM to 1:30PM, for our annual spring cleanup at the cemetery. Lunch and water will be provided. Please bring rakes, gloves, blowers and plastic trash cans. To sign up, please contact Tracey Roesch at 314-971-8430, or email jtroesch96@gmail.com.

EARLY CHILDHOOD PRESCHOOL
TEACHER NEEDED



Early Childhood is seeking a part-time Preschool Teacher for the 2024-2025 school year.

A detailed job description is posted on the church bulletin board, or you may contact the church office, or Early Childhood Director, Sue Velten at 314-892-8844 for more information.

WANTED - GENTLY USED BOOKS



Ladies Club is collecting gently used books for a Book Sale fundraiser to be held in the fall. A collection box is located in the Commons. Please ask your friends and check your house for books you can donate! If you have a significant amount of books and need assistance getting them to church, please call Betty Via at 314-616-1771 to arrange a pick up.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS
DEADLINE - MARCH 31, 2024

If you would like to direct your Thrivent dollars to Peace, please do so by March 31, 2024. To direct your contribution to Peace, please call Thrivent directly at 800-847-4836, or go online to thrivent.com/thriventchoice. After contacting Thrivent, please call the church office and inform us where to designate your dollars (such as budget, Special Music, Sunday School, Social Ministry, Boar's Head, etc.) so we can correctly apply the funds once received. Thank you!



2024 MISSOURI DISTRICT SHINE EVENT



Join us for this year's Missouri District SHINE event held at Peace, Saturday, April 13, from 8:00AM to 12:00PM! This once a year event is a great opportunity to volunteer and help support our community.

For more information about the Missouri District SHINE Event, visit: <https://mo.lcms.org/shine/>.

To volunteer for this year's event please sign-up at <https://tinyurl.com/2s4654hh>. Following the event, lunch will be served in the gym. We look forward to seeing you!. For more information please contact Pastor Brown or Heather Carlson.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - HELP NEEDED



Sunday School is looking for volunteer teachers in our preschool and 6th grade classes. Instruction and help

will be provided. Please contact Pastor Brown for more information.

USHERS NEEDED



We are still looking for men who are willing to serve on an usher team. This is one of the easiest ways to serve our congregation. Typical service is only one Saturday/Sunday per month, with the exception of months with special services, (e.g., Lent, Advent, Christmas, etc.) If interested, or for more information, please contact Barry Hammon at barry.hammon@wwf.com.

FELLOWSHIP TIME - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Help is needed with the coffee and pastry set-up and clean-up on Saturday evening and Sunday morning. If you would like to help, please contact

Ralph or Grace Truemper at 314-544-0233.

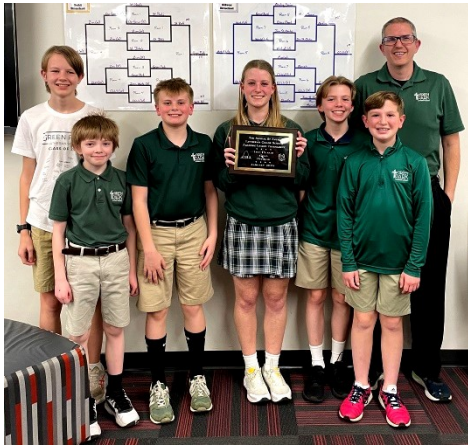
Join us for Fellowship Time

Every Sunday
at 9:00AM
in the
Commons





Congratulations to **Peace member, Lucie Wildman** for her nomination for the **"2024 Student Christian Leader Award"**, through the Lutheran Elementary School Association. Lucie was nominated by her school principal, Mrs. Lisa Waltenberger in recognition of her commitment to serving others. In her nomination letter, Mrs. Waltenberger wrote: **Lucie is a top notch student, winner of academic competitions at GPLS (most recently the geography bee), leader on our Academic Team, well behaved, Faith Family Leader, and member of the National Lutheran Jr. Honor Society. She has composure, care and empathy for others, and overall well-mannered nature. Lucie stands up for what she believes, whether that means putting herself last or defending a friend.** These actions speak to the values we share as Christians and servants of Christ. Lucie's nomination was considered among submissions by 32 LESA member Lutheran elementary schools in the bi-state area. Lucie is among an elite group of students and, she, her parents and school can be proud. A student from Word of Life was selected to receive LESA's 2024 Student Christian Leader Award.



Congratulations to the Green Park Academic Team for their first place finish in the St. Louis Area Lutheran League. City Playoffs began on January 11, at Christ Community Lutheran School, with pool play consisting of 20 teams from the St. Louis Area Lutheran League, split into four pools. At the end of pool play, Green Park was seeded 6th overall and headed to the Gold Bracket, played on January 16. Unfortunately, area schools closed on January 16, due to snow, and the City Playoffs bracket play was postponed to a date after the State Playoffs held in early February, with Green Park finishing 3rd in State. The City Playoffs resumed on March 4, with Green Park successfully defeating three very strong opponents. Green Park won City Playoffs for the first time since 2016, and it's the first Green Park team to win City Playoffs in any sport or activity since the boys volleyball won in 2017. **Peace's very own Lucie Wildman** and classmate, Caleb Dixon were also selected to the 2024 St. Louis Area Lutheran League All-Conference.

Part-Time Childcare worker needed. Hours are Monday-Friday, from 3:00-6:00PM. Qualifications would include a loving and caring personality, patience, and flexibility. Interested candidates should email April Baese, Child Care Director, at april.baese@greenparklutheralschool.org.

Join Erich Faulstich, former GPLS parent and School Board Member, on Wednesday, April 17, 9:00AM, at Green Park following chapel. Currently serving with the LCMS Foundation, he will present the facets of estate planning, such as wills, power of attorney, creating a Christian preamble, the impact of tax laws, and how to maximize your assets to provide for your family while also maximizing your generosity to the organizations and ministries that you care about.

In case you missed it, check out the featured article on February 26, in the St. Louis Post Dispatch, written by Green Park and Lutheran South Alum, Monica Obradovic. The article highlights the success of our St. Louis Area Lutheran Schools. We are proud of our school and we need your help! We no longer want to be "the best kept secret"! Spread the word that Green Park is the best JK-8 private elementary school in South County and encourage your friends to consider Green Park for their child's education. Enrollment continues for the 2024-2025 school year! Tours are scheduled year-round. Please contact Katie Gaeta at katie.gaeta@greenparklutheralschool.org or call 314-544-4248.

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The mission of Green Park is to welcome and care for all families with the love of Jesus and to academically prepare children in a challenging and enriching environment.





LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL SOUTH

Does your child enjoy shooting hoops? Love creating and drawing? Want to try a new sport like football or field hockey? LuSo Summer Camp offers a variety of athletic and enrichment activities with morning and afternoon sessions available. From playing tennis to the trombone, we have coaches and instructors who offer positive reinforcement. Your campers will have fun while learning a new skill. Register today at <https://bit.ly/LuSoEvents>.

LUTHERAN SOUTH 2024 SUMMER CAMPS



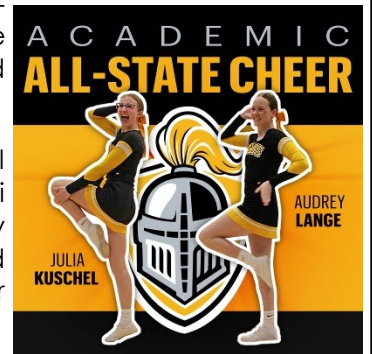
Join us for Lutheran Day at the Ballpark when the Cardinals take on the White Sox on Sunday, May 5, at 1:15PM. Tickets are \$25 (\$60 face value) in the Right Field Loge and include a free hot dog and soft drink. Fashionistas be ready, the first 25,000 fans 16 and older will receive the high-demand Cardinals purse giveaway. This tan handbag features a gold metal chain and a mystery bonus strap! Stick around following the game to watch the Lancers take on the Sullivan Eagles. Children ages 15 and under, get to run the bases between the games. Alumni are invited to join us at 11:30AM in Cunningham Corner for a pre-game party including food and drink. Entrance to the alumni party is free. Purchase your tickets at LSlancers.org/events

The Lutheran South Wind Symphony earned an unprecedented Exemplary (1) rating from all four judges in both performance and sight reading at the MSHSAA Large Ensemble Festival! The Concert Band earned a Satisfactory rating and an Outstanding rating on their sight reading. We are so proud of our LuSo musicians!



Junior Michael Lind was named Second Team All-Conference for the Metro League! Michael led the Lancers in three-pointers made and three-point shooting percentage. LuSo Basketball raised over \$6,000 at their annual Make-A-Wish basketball game to help send eight-year old, Eddie Frischer to Disney. Thank you to everyone who donated and helped make Eddie's wish come true!

Audrey Lange and Julia Kuschel were named Academic All-State Cheerleaders! The award, presented by the Missouri Cheerleading Coaches Association, recognizes varsity cheerleaders who have a cumulative 3.5 GPA or higher and have at least a 24 on the ACT or are in the top 20% of their class.



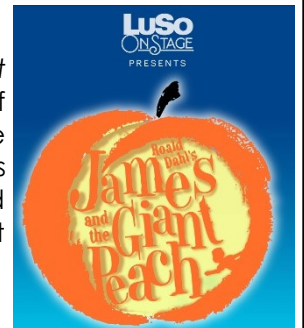
ACADEMIC ALL-STATE SOFTBALL



- LINDY FRENCH
- OLIVIA FLIEG
- ELLA ROBINSON
- SARAH BUSSEN
- WYATT HAINES
- KAYLA KING
- KATE RIETHMEIER

LuSo softball was named an Academic All-State Team! The girls earned an average 3.41 GPA as a team. Seven Lancers additionally were named individual Academic All-State players for earning unweighted GPA's of 3.7 or above. Congrats to senior Lindy French, junior Olivia Flieg, sophomores Sarah Bussen, and **Peace member, Ella Robinson**, and freshmen Wyatt Haines, Kayla King, and Kate Riethmeier.

Go on a zany adventure with *James and the Giant Peach*! The musical is a delightfully offbeat adaptation of the classic Roald Dahl book. Above all, it's about the meaning of home and family and the unconventional ways we find them. Join us for the productions on Thursday and Friday, April 11-12, at 7:00PM, and on Saturday, April 13, at 2:00 and 7:00PM. Purchase tickets at LSlancers.org/events.



The growth of Lutheran schools was highlighted on the front page of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch earlier this year. The newspaper noted the unusual number of transfers at Lutheran South which Head of School Jonathan Butterfield attributed to families seeking an education "that more closely resembles their family's morals and values." "Our core values are in stark contrast to the ways of the world," Butterfield said in the interview. "We are rather countercultural, and that is what many of our families are seeking in a Christian education." The article was published on February 25.

St. Trinity CEMETERY



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Superintendent

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ST. TRINITY NEWS

There have been a few changes recently to the Board of Directors for St. Trinity Cemetery. Larry Hinton has retired from the Board after serving in the Special Projects position since 2013. Larry was instrumental in the research, purchase and installation of our columbaria, and has assisted with many other efforts in his time with the St. Trinity Cemetery Board. Our thanks to Larry for his many years of service! Dan Prange has moved from his position as Member at Large into the Special Projects position vacated by Larry. Finally, the Board would like to welcome John Hooss as Member at Large. We are continually grateful for those who are willing to support St. Trinity Cemetery with their time and talents.

As a reminder, St. Trinity Cemetery increased the cost for all services approximately 10% effective March 1, 2024. Peace members can still take advantage of pre-increase pricing for the purchase of lots through April 30, 2024. Brochures are available on the brochure rack in the Commons, or feel free to contact the cemetery directly at 314-892-3662.

Best wishes from the St. Trinity Cemetery Board for a Happy Easter season! Follow us on Facebook at St Trinity Cemetery or visit our website at www.sttrinitycemetery.com.

BAPTISM CLASS

Sunday, May 5, 9:15 - 10:15AM
Commons Conference Room



Christina Stackle will lead the class and cover the basic teachings and logistics of baptisms at Peace. To register, please visit our website at www.peacelutheranstl.org. For more information please call the Church Office at 314-892-5610. If you are unable to attend this class, but desire to have your child baptized prior to May 5, please contact the church office. Future class dates include July 14, September 8, and November 10.

PEACE EARLY CHILDHOOD



Half Day Preschool

April 2024

*Jesus said, "I am with you always."
Matthew 28:20*



This is such a wonderful time of year, as we see our preschoolers skills continue to bloom and grow! Throughout the second half of our school year, the children have been looking forward to being "Kid of the Day," when it is their turn to bring three significant items from home to share with the group. The children love

having their turn to share, and we are so proud of their listening and speaking skills!

At this point in the year, many of our children have mastered alphabet letters and many letter sounds, and are working on beginning sight words. We are continuing to develop strong pre-reading skills, such as handling books correctly, looking at pictures to predict what is happening on the page, and even tracking words to "make it match" what the reader says. This month, we will continue building those important skills, while we focus on "teen" numbers, comparing quantities, and graphing. Our weekly themes in April are Weather (Rain and Storms), Seeds, Insects, and our Earth. During Jesus Time each day, we will be learning about the wise and foolish builders, the parable of the sower, the Ascension, Peter and Rhoda.

Our Children's Chapel with Pastor Furgeson will take place on Wednesday, April 17, with an offering of baby items for the Crisis Pregnancy Center. We wish you a joyous Spring!

To learn more about our programs, or to schedule a tour, please contact Sue Velten, 314-892-8844 or email to earlychildhood@peacelutheranstl.org. Visit our webpage at peacelutheranstl.org, and follow us on Facebook at Peace Early Childhood.



LUTHERAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION DINNER AUCTION

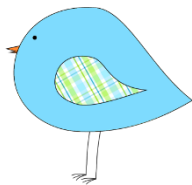


2024-25 marks the 20th year of the Lutheran Elementary School Association. The annual Auction will be Saturday, April 13, at Orlando's West from 6:00-9:00PM. Tickets are \$100 per person or \$750 for a table of eight, and includes a three-course dinner and an opportunity to purchase both silent and live auction items. This year's

items include tickets for St. Louis City games, Champions Club seating for Cardinals games and Busch Stadium seating, and Ozzie Smith autographed items. To purchase tickets, please contact Ameer Colvin at 314-200-0797 or email, acolvin@lesastl.org. **A Night for Kids Dinner Auction** is a celebration of Lutheran Education! The 2024 Theme is "20s for the 20th" Proceeds from the evening assist LESA in providing financial assistance for middle and lower income families attending LESA member schools, professional development for administrators and educators, including faith-based curriculum, and in providing marketing assistance and support.

During the 2023-24 school year, LESA has supported 665 students with over \$566,000 in financial assistance; **45 students were from Green Park, receiving a total of \$33,300 in financial aid.** The LESA Board is committed to increasing that support each year. In 2023-24, over 500 additional applications for assistance couldn't be considered because available funding had been depleted. **A Night for Kids-Dinner Auction** is a primary source of this funding. Did you know that more than 9,800 children attend LESA member Lutheran schools in the St. Louis Metro Area, making Lutheran schools the second-largest private school system in the Bi-State area. A Recognized Service Organization of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, LESA represents 36 elementary and high schools and five related agencies. For more information, visit <https://lesastl.org>.

AUXILIARY EVENTS HOSTED BY LUTHERAN CONVALESCENT HOME



You are invited to join us for our upcoming monthly meetings, Monday, March 25, at 11:30AM, with a brief meeting and presentation, "Gardens Around the World", hosted by the Missouri Botanical Gardens

Master Gardener, Mr. John Hensley, and Monday, April 22, at 11:30AM, with a presentation hosted by Dea Hoover, Tour Director and Author, titled, "Are We There Yet?" Auxiliary meetings include a light lunch and are held in the Auditorium of Laclede Groves Care Center, 723 S. Laclede Station Road.

To make reservations for these events, please call Ann Anderson, Hospitality Chair at 760-832-1287.

NEW CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PETITION SEEKS TO ENSHRINE ABORTION IN THE MISSOURI CONSTITUTION

Like in Ohio last year, advocates for killing children in the womb are seeking to make abortion a constitutional right in Missouri. The petition called "Relating to Reproductive Health Care, version 10" and "The Right to Reproductive Freedom" not only seeks to remove Missouri's current abortion laws, but that the government must fund programs which promote and perform abortions. It also seeks to prevent abortion providers from being prosecuted in any way related to their abortive work.

The best way to fight this now is the three-fold initial phase of:

- first, raising awareness that "reproductive health" here means "abortion,"
- second, to refuse to sign the petition so it does not get on the ballot for a vote at all (and encourage others to refuse) and,
- third, to look up your state representatives and start already to put into their minds this is a bad idea.

Please pray for our state as abortion advocates seek to enshrine the murder of children, (calling it murder is the only biblical stance on the subject).

For more information, you can visit the website for Missouri Right to Life, missourilife.org.

-Pastor Furgeson

2025 OFFERING ENVELOPE INFORMATION



If you give online or through another giving method and aren't using your offering envelopes, please call the church office with your name and current envelope number. We can then assign you a permanent giving number. This will save time and money as we make plans for 2025.

SAVE YOUR CANCELLED POSTAGE STAMPS



LWML Ladies Guild extends a great big thank you to our Peace families for saving cancelled stamps. All stamps are welcome, except the metered stamps and stamps from advertising bulk mail. Stamps may be placed in the container located on the Commons counter. All money earned benefits the Missouri District Mission Grant Projects.



ALL YOUTH NEEDED FOR EASTER EGG HUNT

Youth are needed at the Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 23, at 8:30AM to hide eggs, assist families around the building, and help with crafts and games. The Easter Egg Hunt will run from 10:00–11:30AM. Please sign up using the link emailed, or on Facebook.

PRAYERS FOR OUR YOUTH

Please keep our youth and adults in your prayers as they attend the Missouri District Youth Gathering on April 5-7. Our youth will gather with 300+ other teens for worship, sessions led by DCE Cassie Moore and poet

Tanner Olsen, topical break-out sessions, service projects, fun recreational activities, opportunities to build relationships centered around God's Word with others in Missouri, and more!

7TH GRADE CONFIRMATION STUDENTS & PARENTS

We need all 7th grade students and parents to help set-up and take down the gym for the 8th grade Confirmation reception. We will set up the gym on Saturday, March 23, from noon-1:00 pm. (Immediately after the Easter Egg Hunt.) Clean-up is needed on Sunday, March 24, from 2:15-3:15PM. It's not too late to sign-up. Please choose a day you can serve, and sign up using the link emailed, or on Facebook.

WELCOME TO HIGH SCHOOL EVENT FOR NEWLY CONFIRMED

Newly Confirmed youth are invited to attend the High School Bible Class in the youth room at 9:15AM, on Sunday, May 5, and at 11:30AM, for lunch and welcome event. Also, beginning Sunday, May 5, they are invited to attend all future high school activities.

WEDNESDAY EVENING - HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

The High School youth will meet on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:00 for snacks, fellowship, and devotions. Join us on the following nights: April 3, 10, 17, 24; May 1, 8, 15.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SEMINAR

Join us on Sunday, April 14, 11:30AM-3:30PM as we discuss the importance of continued faith formation as we live as children of God in the world away from our family, look at Myers/Briggs and other personality traits in regard to careers, learn skills to welcome and befriend new people, discuss how to get along with roommates and much more. Please register using the link that will be emailed soon.

SENIOR GRADUATION RECEPTION

A High School Graduation Reception honoring our Seniors and their families will be held during the 9:15AM Bible Class on Sunday, May 19, in the gym. We will send more info to each Senior about this special event.

HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER SERVANT EVENT

Youth currently in 8th-12th grades are invited to help restore hope within the community of Detroit, Michigan this summer during July 6-13. We will partner with LCMS Camp Restore and the community to help provide human care to people in need and engage in environmental and construction projects. We may help create a Spring Garden Haven that will house an amphitheater, flower gardens, pathways, benches, and more, work with children in tutoring programs, and help with home restoration projects. Registration cost for the week is \$200 and covers all expenses. If you have any questions, please contact Christina.

CHILDREN DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS

Parents are the primary faith formators for their children and Peace is excited to partner with them, providing resources to help them raise their children in the faith.

Our prayer is that these resources can help parents talk to their child about Jesus and guide them in their faith growth at home. These quarterly devotional magazines will be placed in families' mailboxes throughout the year. Preschool and Kindergarten

children receive a copy of "Happy Times," First and Second grade children receive "Living with Jesus," and Third through Sixth Grade children receive "My Devotions." A few extra copies will be available on the Commons counter each quarter for others to share Jesus with children they know.



EVANGELISM NEWS

**From Every One His Witness and Meaningful Outreach,
an Essential Guide for Churches
By Rev. Dr. Mark A. Wood**



Do you have family, friends, or co-workers who don't go to church? How do you find opportunities to talk to them about Jesus in a culture where people are scattered, isolated, and spend hours on their devices?

Although your relationship differs with friends, co-workers, and relatives, the solution remains the same. We should seek to intentionally create repeated interactions with them. This allows us not only to get to know them better, but to see where we could bring Jesus into their life. Not sure where to get started? Don't worry! The joys and challenges of everyday life provide many opportunities including, birthdays, holidays, marriages, births, funerals, anniversaries, sporting events, hobbies, graduations, dining out, school functions, setbacks, health crisis, exercising together, family update emails/photos, thank you notes, and many more! We recommend that you have updated contact information for all of you family, friends, and co-workers.

MEET THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN OUR PEACE NEIGHBORHOOD

Celebrate Summer Outdoor Concert! Join us on May 25, for our annual Summer kick-off concert in the west parking lot! The concert will begin at 6:45 PM. Food will be provided. Bringing a lawn chair is highly recommended. All west lot parking is reserved for the handicapped.

"This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth." 1 Timothy 2:3-4

LIFE MINISTRY - RESPECT



Kansas City Chiefs fans saw their victory celebration turn into a mass shooting with over twenty-two people shot, one killed and several suffering serious injuries. In a time when people fail to stand for the Star-Spangled Banner, tear down statues of great American heroes and treat people of accomplishment with open contempt, such behavior is merely shrugged off as just another headline. Unfortunately, it's a symptom of a major problem in our society. We no longer fear God and we don't respect each other.

The commandments begin by telling us to honor God and honor our parents. Our society is built upon stable families whose members treat one another with respect and kindness. Honoring one another should extend to the generations that preceded us as well as to the people we encounter every day.

But this respect is being undermined by the garbage our culture embraces. Violence is an entertainment staple. Smart-mouthed kids are portrayed as being funny and cute. Fathers are demeaned as clueless adolescents. Women are reduced to objects for sexual gratification. Alternative lifestyles and gender dysphoria are glamorized. Such "entertainment" has desensitized many people into acceptance of disrespectful and immoral behavior. If we feed our minds with garbage, it eventually results in behavioral sewage. As they say: "garbage in, garbage out."

Children are encouraged to hide their thoughts and feelings from their parents, especially anything that conflicts with Christian values. The elderly are often regarded as past their prime and less valuable. The unborn are regarded as "a woman's choice" to be discarded at will. Such values destroy a society because people without respect have no self-control. The result is chaos, and in a chaotic society, people can either return to God or they can turn to a tyrannical form of government to impose order.

Ask yourself. Does my life honor God? Do I consistently show respect to myself and others? What messages have I internalized through the music I listen to and the programs I watch? What occupies my thoughts? We all face this struggle every day as we decide how we spend our time, how we treat others and how we think. Philippians 4:8 encourages us to think on things that are pure, lovely, honorable, and commendable. Your choices impact many others in subtle but important ways. Make them count.

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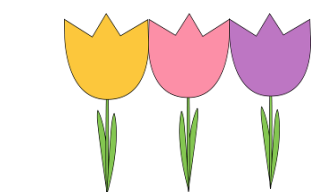
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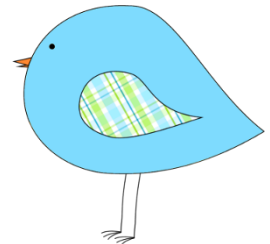
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