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APRIL SCRIPTURE READINGS

April 6: **Fifth Sunday in Lent**

Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:4b-14; Luke 20:9-20

April 13: **Palm Sunday**

Deuteronomy 32:36-39; Philippians 2:5-11; John 12:12-19

April 20: **Easter**

Job 19:23-27; 1 Corinthians 15:51-57; John 20:1-18

April 27: **Second Sunday of Easter**

Acts 5:12-32; Revelations 1:4-18; John 20:19-31

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 12
10:00 - 11:30am

Infants to 3rd Grade

Egg Hunt ~ Games ~ Crafts ~ Holy Week Devotions



31ST ANNUAL PRESENTATION OF THE LIVING LAST SUPPER



In 1494, Leonardo da Vinci was commissioned to decorate the wall of the Church of Santa Maria Della Grazie in Milan, Italy. He chose the "Last Supper" as his topic portraying the moment just after our Lord said, "One of you will betray me." At that moment, the twelve apostles became men of twelve different moods and personalities.

On Maundy Thursday, "The Living Last Supper" will once again be presented here at Peace. The pose from da Vinci's painting will be recreated and one by one each disciple "comes to life" to share his thoughts and to wonder, "Is it I?" The Chancel Choir adds to the drama with various musical selections and the service culminates with the celebration of Holy Communion.

Come for an evening with the disciples as we begin the sacred three-day period recounting Jesus' last days - from the Upper Room to the borrowed tomb. Invite your family and friends for this unique opportunity to learn about our Savior and His disciples.

Maundy Thursday ~ April 17 ~ 7:00PM
Doors open at 6:30PM

I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."
Psalm 122:1

GOD'S BLESSINGS TO OUR 2025 CONFIRMANDS



We pray God's richest blessings on our nineteen 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, April 13, 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.

Cole McKinley Becker
Bella Sophia Blanc
Hailey Elizabeth Brawley
Hannah Dee Brawley
Genevieve Cajeles Castro
Edward Marvin Davis III
Aubrey Mariah DeClue
Aurora Rain Dillender
Madison Jane Gersman
Thaddeus Thomas Glessner
Lucas Zachary Hangge
Lyla Paige McCarty
Grace Elizabeth Robinson
Austin John Hann Rutledge
Annabelle Jean Sanders
Keaton Albin Schmitt
Hannah Grace Stackle
Kaleb James VanDenBerg
Danielle Rene Watson

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2025 LENTEN & EASTER SCHEDULE

Lenten recitals and mid-week services will be live-streamed on KFUD-850AM Radio beginning at 11:00AM

Mid-Week Lent-4

March 26 11:00AM Organ Recital
Kendra Ruesler, Associate Organist at Peace, St. Louis
11:30AM Service
5:00PM Lenten Supper
6:30PM Service

Mid-Week Lent-5

April 2 11:00AM Organ Recital
Kevin Huckshold, Organist at Holy Cross, St. Louis
11:30AM Service
5:00PM Lenten Supper
6:30PM Service

Mid-Week Lent-6

April 9 11:00AM Organ Recital
Rev. Arthur Eichhorn, Retired Pastor at St. Salvator, Venedy, IL
11:30AM Service
5:00PM Lenten Supper
6:30PM Jr. Confirmation Questioning

Palm Sunday

April 12 5:00PM Service
April 13 8:00, 9:20, & 10:30AM Services
*2:30PM Junior Confirmation Service

Maundy Thursday

April 17 *11:30AM Service
*7:00PM Living Last Supper

Good Friday

April 18 11:30AM Service
7:00PM Service

Holy Saturday

April 19 *5:00PM Service

Easter Sunday

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

**Indicates Holy Communion*



MISSOURI DISTRICT SHINE EVENT - SIGN UP NOW!



Join us at Peace on Saturday, March 29, from 8:00AM to noon as we participate in the 2025 Missouri District **SHINE Event**. This event is based on Matthew 5:16, encouraging groups of all ages and skillsets to serve their neighbors and be a witness for Jesus Christ. Our team at Peace will have the opportunity to volunteer in a variety of different areas of our community and church, using our God-given skills to bless others. If you would like to SHINE and participate on our team from Peace, please visit the **"Opportunities"** tab on our church website, and choose your area to serve. Lunch will be provided at Peace after the event.

Easter Breakfast



Please join us for breakfast Easter morning

Sunday, April 20

7:30 - 10:00AM (Gym)

Sponsored by Men's Club

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 FRESH 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.

MAY VOTERS' ASSEMBLY REMINDER

Don't Forget



Join us on Monday, May 12, at 7:00PM in Sanctuary Hall, for our quarterly Voters' meeting. All communicant members are welcome to attend and speak at a Voters' meeting. Attending two meetings and signing our Constitution allows members to become a Voting member.

CONGRATS TO OUR NEWEST EAGLE SCOUTS



The Eagle Scout Award is the highest achievement in the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) program, requiring Scouts to demonstrate leadership, service, and completion of a significant community project after earning 21 merit badges. To earn the Eagle Scout award, a Scout must:

- Earn at least 21 merit badges.
- Demonstrate Scout Spirit, service, and leadership.
- Complete a challenging service project that they plan, organize, lead, and manage.

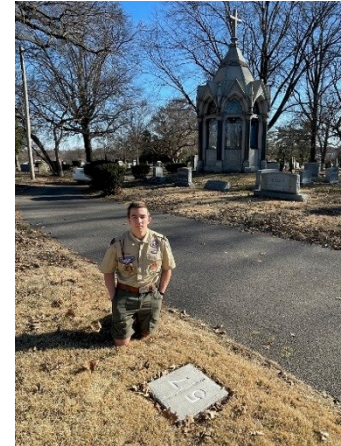
The Eagle Scout rank represents years of dedicated effort and a long process, starting when the young man became a Boy Scout.

The Eagle Scout award is a recognition by the National Court of Honor, presented through the local council and a local court of honor.

Kyle Rainey collaborated with Christina Stackle on identifying a service project that could be utilized by the church. The need identified was making crosses that would be placed in front of church during October to represent the number of fetuses aborted during the year. Kyle led the construction of 37 blue and 38 pink crosses. The new crosses were constructed with better material for easier ground installation. The new crosses were first used in October 2024. On, June 27, 2024, Kyle participated in and passed his Eagle Board of Review to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout.

For his Eagle Project, Jonah Glessner led a team to create section markers in the historic Concordia Cemetery. He would like to thank the congregation of Peace Lutheran for their support in his journey to receiving his Eagle Scout. Jonah attended five summer camps, National Youth Leadership Training, and Philmont High Adventure Camp.

We congratulate Kyle and Jonah on receiving their Eagle Scout Awards.



THE PEACE GROUNDS CREW IS FORMING!



Do you like to work in the yard? Would you be interested in helping keep the outside of Peace looking as nice as the inside? The Peace Grounds Crew might just be the place for you! This volunteer group will assist with maintenance of the landscaping around the building and in the parking lots. Work days will be announced weekly, bi-weekly or monthly depending on the time of year and tasks at hand. Stay tuned for more information, and the opportunity to join the crew, in the April weekly News & Notes. Questions? Contact John Roesch at 314-630-8377 or Ed Stackle at 314-520-2992.



NOW
FAITH
is the
Substance
of things
Hoped
for,
THE
Evidence
of THINGS **NOT SEEN.**

HEBREWS 11:1



LESA - DINNER AUCTION

You're invited to "A Night for Kids" Dinner & Auction, a Luau on Saturday, April 5, 6:00-9:00PM, at Orlando Gardens South. Tickets are on sale now: \$100 per person, or \$750 for a table of eight. Register at: <https://ow.ly/T2nv50UYTQk>. This annual event benefits Lutheran students in the St. Louis Metro Area. Enjoy a live auction, scholarship fund-a-need, and tributes to our Teacher & Student Christian Leaders of the Year.

If you can't make it to the LESA auction, please consider a donation to the LESA Scholarship Fund. Go to the LESA website, www.lesastl.org, to donate.



TICKETS ON SALE NOW!
A Night for Kids
LUAU
Tickets are \$100
\$750 for a Table of 8
Saturday, April 5, 2025

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Serving Lutheran Elementary Schools Across the Community

NEWSLETTER CALENDAR QR CODE



Due to ever changing events in the life of our congregation, the monthly calendar will not be included in the monthly newsletter. To access the church calendar, please visit the church website, scan the QR code, or type this address into your web browser.
<https://73936888.view-events.com>.

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.

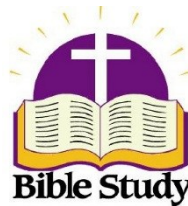
NEW MEMBER CLASSES



A six-week, new member class begins on Sunday, April 27, from noon to 1:30PM in Sanctuary Hall. A light lunch will be provided each week. To sign up, please visit our website and click on the "OPPORTUNITIES" tab on the top banner

of the homepage. For more information, please contact the church office.

BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION



Bible Study

Men's Morning Bible Study meets every other Thursday morning (with the exception of holidays) at 7:00AM in Sanctuary Hall. Led by Pastor Brown, they are 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 News and Notes.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study is on a short break during the Lenten season. Class resumes on Wednesday, April 30, at 7:00PM in Sanctuary Hall, and continues with a study of the **Book of Acts**. Everyone is welcome!

Mary Martha Bible Class - Philippians 4:4 - Rejoice in the Lord always! What God desires for us, He provides for us. Join us each Thursday morning in the Kitchen Meeting Room for fellowship at 9:00AM, followed by Bible Study at 9:30AM. Seize your tomorrow today!

BAPTISM CLASS

SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 9:15 - 10:15AM
KITCHEN MEETING ROOM



Abby Reynolds, our Deaconess Student will lead the Baptism Class and cover the basic teachings and logistics of baptisms at Peace. This class is highly encouraged for all new and expectant parents. To register, please see the "Sign-Up for Baptism Class" tab on the homepage of our website. If you are unable to attend this class, but desire to have your child baptized prior to March 30, please call the Church Office at 314-892-5610. Future class dates offered include June 8, September 7, and November 16.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS **DEADLINE - MARCH 31, 2025**

If you would like to direct your Thriver dollars to Peace, **please do so by March 31**. You can contact our new Thriver Representative, Peace member, Andy Reinitz at 314-578-7005, or go online to thriver.com/thriverchoice. After directing your Thriver dollars, please call the church office (or complete the form found on the Commons counter) to tell us where to designate your dollars (Budget, Special Music, Social Ministry, Boar's Head, St. Trinity Cemetery, etc.) so we can correctly apply the funds once received. Thank you!

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OFFICIAL ACTS



FUNERALS

March 5, 2025 - Jane Gleue, 85
March 17, 2025 - Doris Woehr, 71
March 21, 2025 - Doug Miller, 59



THANK YOU



LIFE MINISTRY - BABY BOTTLE DRIVE



Wow! Many thanks to everyone who generously supported our Baby Bottle drive, supporting South County Pregnancy Center. Our collection was an estimated total of \$2,550.00.

ALASKA MISSION DINNER - A LETTER FROM THE TEAM

Alaska Missions would like to thank everyone who supported our Dinner Auction. With your support we raised almost \$4,000.00. All proceeds from our event will be used towards our shipping cost. We will begin packing boxes for shipping in April. Please pray for our team as we serve in Hooper Bay this summer, June 23-July 6. God's Blessings and thank you for your generosity.

NEWSLETTER SPONSORS

Many thanks to our members and friends for their sponsorship. If you would like sponsorship information, please contact the church office.

Join us for Fellowship Time

**Every Sunday
at 9:00AM
in the
Commons**



FELLOWSHIP TIME - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



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

or Grace Truemper at 314-544-0233.

Interested in...

ONLINE GIVING?

Scan this QR code or click on "Online Giving" on our Peace website.



Questions? Contact
Denise Grant @ 314.591.8207
or email finance@peacelutheranstl.org



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.

VOLUNTEER & SIGN-UP OPPORTUNITIES



Looking for ways to volunteer and get involved? Please visit our Peace website and click on the "OPPORTUNITIES" button on the top banner of the homepage. It will take you to our Portal Page which details all of our upcoming events and sign-ups that we have available.

CURRENT SIGN-UPS AVAILABLE

- **New Member Class**
- **Youth Easter Egg Stuffing/Hunt**
- **VBS Volunteers**
- **Missouri District Shine Event**
- **Greeters**
- **Altar Guild:** What is Altar Guild? The Altar Guild plays an important role in making sure the chancel area of our Church sanctuary is beautiful and ready to go for any given Church service. The Altar Guild Members take turns setting up, resetting, and cleaning up at services with Holy Communion. Members are scheduled every 6-8 weeks during the year. Two members of the guild will help serve the entire weekend. Member duties include: set up of the elements for Holy Communion, carrying the trays of wine up and down stairs, attention to the chancel area to ensure the paraments and other appointments are correct for the Church season, and cleaning of all the communion ware following the last service of the weekend. Altar Guild leaders will provide training for all of the tasks related to being a member of Altar Guild.
- **Ushers:** We need men of our congregation who would be willing to serve on an usher team. This is one of the easiest ways to serve our congregation. A typical service is only one Saturday/Sunday per month, with the exception of months with special services, (e.g., Lent, Advent, Christmas, etc.) For more information, contact Barry Hammon at barry.hammon@wwt.com.

If you have any questions or need assistance with sign-ups, please contact the church office.



St. Trinity CEMETERY



Kyle Rieger
Superintendent

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Owned and Operated by Peace Lutheran Church

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314-892-3662

www.sttrinitycemetery.com
Monday – Friday 7:30 – 4:00
Saturday by Appointment Only

ST. TRINITY CEMETERY - SPRING SPRUCE-UP AT SHINE

This year, St. Trinity Cemetery will be one of the “SHINE” service sites for the morning of March 29. Help is needed to spruce-up the grounds by raking leaves and gumballs, picking up sticks, and other general cleanup tasks. Sign up on the “Opportunities” page on the church website <https://peacelutheranstl.org> using the “SHINE” event file. Participants are asked to bring work gloves, rakes, leaf blowers and plastic trash cans. Water will be provided at the cemetery, and participants are invited back to the church for lunch.

We are still seeking a volunteer to assist us with updating the cemetery website. More information is available in the weekly New and Notes. Interested? For more information, contact Wayne Schuessler at 314-277-3451 or weschue@swbell.net.

Follow us on Facebook at St Trinity Cemetery or visit our website at www.sttrinitycemetery.com.

PREGNANCY HELP CENTER

URGENT NEED - BABY SUPPLIES RUNNING LOW

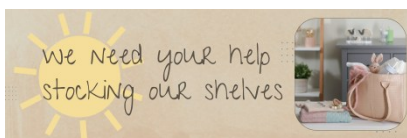
Calling All Friends of Life!

Did you know? Our Earn While You Learn program continues to grow and serve more families in St. Louis? While this is excellent news, it also means the shelves of our Baby Boutique have been growing bare faster than we can replenish them. Right now, we are running critically low or out of stock on some important items and we need your help! If you are able, please consider visiting our Amazon Shopping List to purchase a few supplies, we have narrowed the list down to our urgent needs.

On behalf of our clients and their beautiful children, I humbly thank you in advance for your support!

Laura Brandt
Executive Director, PHC

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Ephesians 3:2-21



MISSIONARY NEWS



Current 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.

PEACE 8:00AM SERVICE LIVE ON KFUE

IN FEBRUARY, MARCH, AND APRIL



Many thanks to the following Peace members who are graciously sponsoring our live KFUE radio broadcasts in February, March, and April of 2025. Your contributions make our 8:00AM broadcasts possible.

February 2	Charles and Susie Zalaudek
February 9	Linda Baese and Laura Suedkamp
February 16	Carol Kohn
February 23	Ray and Ellen Fassold
March 2	Bob and Mary Lou Mullen
March 9	Ken and Carol Doering
March 16	Alan and Sara Hopfer
March 23	Nancy Fischer
March 30	Christine Beutler
April 6	Terry and Debby Hutton
April 13	Wayne and Marilyn Schuessler
April 20	Merrily Goldsmith
April 28	Dan Dukesherer

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, Bob Uthoff, and Mike Wilke.

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.

HOLY COMMUNION WEEKENDS



Holy Communion is offered on the first, third and fifth Sundays of each month. Dates for April include: April 5/6 and April 19/20, along with Maundy Thursday, April 17.

MARRIED COUPLES CLUB

Join us for our Couples Club April Event! We will be participating in the Shine Event at Green Park Lutheran School, Saturday, April 12, spreading mulch on the playground and courtyard from 8:30AM-noon.

Save the Date for our 2nd Annual Trivia Night FUNraiser on **Saturday, August 23**. We hope you will join us.

MEN'S CLUB

Did you know Peace Men's Club is a service organization for Peace Lutheran Church and performs various fundraising activities? Our activities include the October Sausage Dinner, the Christmas Tree Lot, and other events.

Peace Men's Club thanks everyone that has helped and participated in our fundraising events.

Since 2012, Men's Club has donated \$218,253.00 to various organizations within the LCMS and other outside service organizations. This year we have donated \$19,200.00 to these following groups: Feed My People-Adopt-a-Family, Boar's Head Festival, Boy Scout Troop 584, Memorials for former club members, Concordia Seminary Food Bank, Green Park Lutheran School General Fund, Green Park Lutheran School Tuition Assistance, KFUD Radio, LHSS Project Graduation, LHSS Scholarship Fund for Peace members, LASE (Lutheran Association For Special Education), Lutheran Convalescent Home Auxiliary, Lutheran Family And Children's Services, Orphan Grain Train, Peace Alaska Mission, Peace Concordia Student and Seminary Scholarship Fund, Peace Early Childhood, Peace Youth Group, Peace Seminarians, Peace Social Ministry, St. Trinity Cemetery, and our African Seminarians. We thank you again for your continued support!

Please join us for our monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 29. Enjoy a great meal, followed by our monthly meeting. Men's Club is open to all men of Peace, 21 and up! For more information, please contact John Hooss at 314-913-3072.

LADIES CLUB

We are happy to announce that Barbara Kay will join us on Tuesday, April 8, at 7:00PM to bring to life Clara Barton, Founder of The American Red Cross. Clara Barton was a self-taught nurse, teacher, government employee, and humanitarian! *(Please note, the April 8 meeting is one week earlier than our normal meeting, due to Holy Week.)*

Membership dues of \$12 are due at this time. If you are joining us for the first time, you can attend for two months before becoming a paying member.

PLASTIC MAT MAKING

Our group meets on the first and third Tuesdays each month, from 9:00AM to noon in Sanctuary Hall. We would love to have more helpers. If you don't crochet, you can help fold, cut or loop the plastic bags. Can't make it on Tuesdays? We can show you how to work from home! For more information, please contact Anita Thomas at 314-200-6753.

LWML-LADIES GUILD

LWML South Zone will hold its Spring Rally Saturday, April 5, at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Fenton. Registration is free beginning at 9:30AM, with the program beginning at 10:00AM. Please call Julia at 314-809-5447, for more information.

Please note, LWML Ladies Guild will not have a monthly meeting in April, but will resume on May 15.



Our annual Rada Cutlery fundraiser is Sunday, May 4, in the gymnasium before and after all services. Come and see the excellent knives they have. All proceeds will go towards LWML Mission Projects.

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 10, at 9:00AM at the Denny's on South Lindbergh. Our group meets on the second Thursday of each month. For more information on Surviving Spouses, please contact Joyce Schutte at 314-267-7051.

QUILTERS CORNER



We have returned to Sanctuary Hall for our weekly quilting. Please join us each Tuesday from 9:00AM-2:00PM. Bring a sack lunch, and we'll provide fellowship and dessert! For questions please contact Cheryl Turley at 314-223-0744.

We turn thread and fabric into quilts. What's your superpower?



Happy Retirement

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION FOR SUE VELTEN

After serving in our Peace Early Childhood for 38 years, Sue Velten is retiring at the end of May! Sue began her ministry in 1987, working in the Early Childhood Parent's Day Out Program, and in 1992, became the Early Childhood Director.

In celebration and recognition of her retirement, we will be honoring Sue on Sunday, May 18. Please join us for a reception at 9:00AM in the gymnasium during Fellowship Hour, followed by a Retirement Blessing Send-off during the 10:30AM service.

If you would like to contribute towards a Congregational Gift, a collection box will be in the Commons beginning Sunday, April 13, through Sunday, April 27, with cash and checks accepted, checks payable to Peace. If you would like to get a card for Sue, there will be a collection box in the Commons from Monday, April 28, through Sunday, May 11. Donations and cards may also be dropped off to the church office. The Congregational gift and cards will be presented to Sue on Sunday, May 18, during her reception.

Sue is looking forward to retirement, with plans to take an extended vacation to some of her favorite places with her son, Steven.

We give thanks to God for Sue's ministry at Peace, and look forward to celebrating her retirement. We hope you will join us!

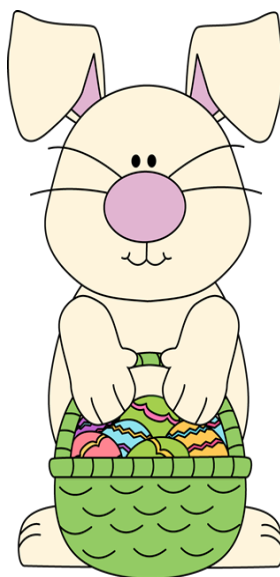


PEACE EARLY CHILDHOOD

Preschool Plus and Half Day Preschool

Helping the Church Grow by helping God's Children Grow

APRIL 2025 - I am with you always. Matthew 28:20

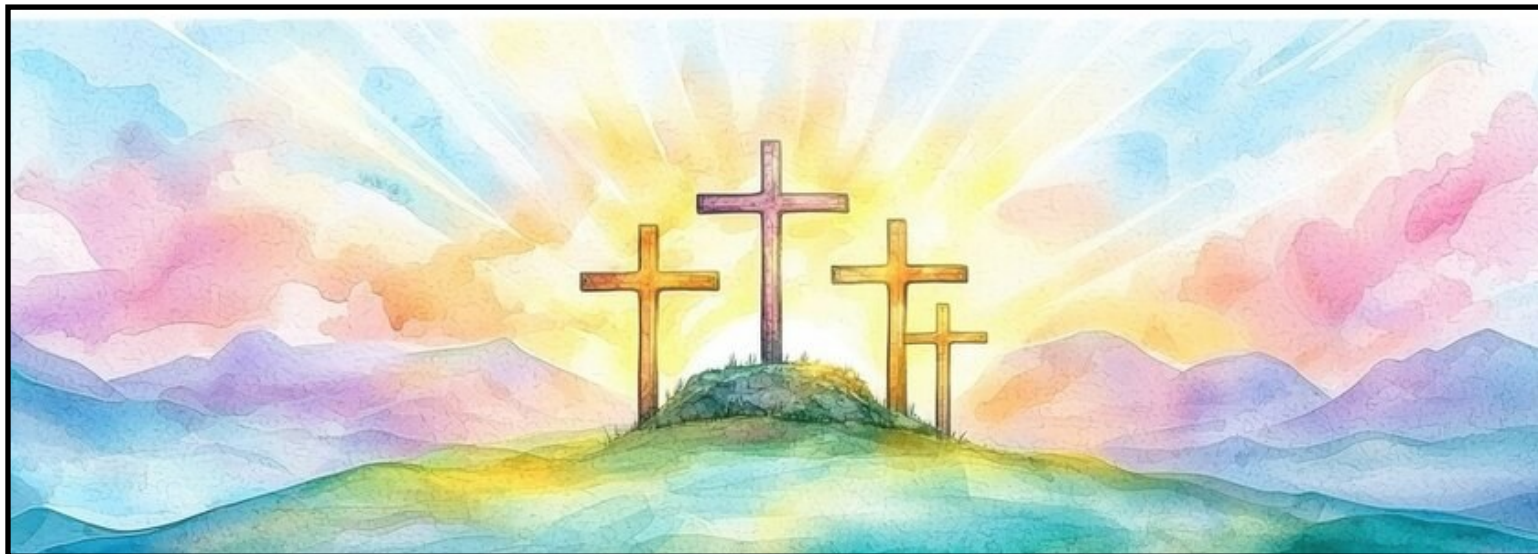


This is such a wonderful time of year, as we see our preschoolers' abilities continue to bloom and grow! The children look forward to being the "Star Student," where they will create a poster with their families and bring it to share with their classmates. The children enjoy learning new things about each other, and we are so proud of how their speaking skills have developed!

At this point in the year, many of our children have mastered alphabet letters and many letter sounds and are working on building simple sentences with 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 exploring numbers in the teens and building graphing skills in our math activities. Our themes will be springtime, rocks, weather, and Easter. The biggest focus this month will be on Jesus's Death, Resurrection and Ascension into Heaven.

Our Children's Chapel with Pastor Furgeson will take place on Thursday, April 10, with an offering of non-perishable food items for Feed My People.

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.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Greetings to our Sunday School parents and fellow parishioners at Peace.

The season of Lent is upon us, and it is a perfect opportunity to reflect on the sacrifice that our Redeemer has made for us sinners. *"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life"* (John 3:16). The death of Christ on the cross for our sins and His subsequent Resurrection on Easter Day is often scoffed at by the unbelieving world. *"For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God"* (1 Corinthians 1:18). It is never too late for anyone to come to repentance while still having breath in their bodies. Just read about a persecutor of the early Christian church named Saul and his miraculous conversion. His name was later changed to Paul and his conversion story can be found in Acts 9:1-31.

This month, our Parents and Me class (0-3-year-old students) will continue learning about God and His ways. Preschool and Kindergarten students will begin the month with a look at the Triumphal Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem; otherwise referred to as Palm Sunday. They will also learn about the crucifixion and Resurrection of our Savior, which corresponds with the events of Holy Week. The First and Second grade students will continue in the pages of the Old Testament studying about Moses, which will cover the bronze serpent, the 12 spies in Canaan, and the ultimate entry into the Promised Land. The Third and Fourth grade students will continue their study on how God works through prophets and kings. They will begin the month with Hezekiah and end with Jeremiah. The Fifth-grade students will continue their study of the life of Martin Luther and his role in the Reformation of the church.

On April 13, Palm Sunday, our Sunday School students and their parents/guardians will be meeting in the lower-level Sunday School area to participate in fun and games. In addition, there will be a parade around the interior of the church building wherein the children will shout Hosanna and be given palms to wave, just like the people did upon Christ's entry into Jerusalem. Plan on joining your children at the lower level at 9:15AM instead of dropping them off in their classrooms.

Please encourage your children to hide God's Word in their hearts through the memorization of scripture. *"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him"* (Colossians 3:17).

God's continued blessing on you and your loved ones.

Robert Wolff, Sunday School Superintendent
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MEET & HEAR LCMS SEMINARY PRESIDENTS

Dr. Jon Bruss, President of Concordia Theological Seminary-Fort Wayne, Indiana and Dr. Thomas Egger, President of Concordia Seminary-St. Louis, Missouri will be speaking at the 2025 Issues, Etc. "Making the Case" Conference Friday, July 18, and Saturday, July 19, at Concordia University Chicago. CNN Political Commentator Scott Jennings will also be speaking. We will be announcing the rest of the speaking lineup in the next few weeks.

Early bird registration is \$140, and includes three meals. Attendance is limited. For more information please visit their website at issuesetc.org.



Pregnancy Help Center
cordially invites you to their
Annual Fundraising Banquet

Thursday, April 24

Check-in at 6:00PM

Program begins promptly at 6:30PM

Orlando's Banquet Center
4300 Hoffmeister Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63125
I-55 at Union & East Outer Road

Complimentary dinner provided
with a cash bar available.

An opportunity to make a financial
gift will be extended.

Business attire appropriate, adults only please.



Enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year is currently open. For questions regarding admissions and enrollment, or to schedule a tour, contact Marketing and Admissions Director, Katie Gaeta at katie.gaeta@greenparklutheralschool.org.

We're Hiring in Child Care! Do you know someone looking for part time work or know a college or high school student looking for a job after school? Qualifications include a loving and caring personality, willingness to share Christ with students. Interested

candidates, please email April Baese, Director of Child Care, at april.baese@greenparklutheralschool.org.

GREEN PARK LUTHERAN SCHOOL

THE ONE AND ONLY
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Order By: Monday, April 7
Pick Up (April 17-20):
Not purchasing from a GPLS student?
No problem! We will deliver directly to Peace.

40% of each item goes toward school events, staff appreciation & more! Thank you for your support.

Our **Butter Braid Fundraiser** is underway! A Butter Braid is a flaky, hand-braided pastry made with butter and often filled with fruit OR cream cheese. Great for holidays, brunches or desserts when last minute guests come over! 40% of every item sold goes directly back to the school! Order Pickup will be arranged at Peace with Gina Werkmeister (April 17-20). If not ordering from a student please select PEACE (scroll to bottom or search) and the order will be delivered directly to the church. Questions please contact Gina Werkmeister 314-638-8268. Order deadline is Monday, April 7. No changes can be made after orders are submitted. Thank you for your support!

An **Eat and Earn** is scheduled all day on April 24, from 9:30AM to 11:30PM at Papa John's Pizza on Union Rd. Use code SG007 when placing an order.

Visit the website where you can find news, schedule tours, view the weekly Green Sheet newsletter, see sports schedules, sponsorship opportunities, and more! Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram to see frequent updates about Green Park students and staff.

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.



MOTHER'S DAY FOOD DRIVE



Social Ministry is hosting a Mother's Day Food Drive to benefit Feed My People.

Grocery bags will be handed out the weekend of May 4, following services. Inside the bag is a flyer with a suggested list of items most needed.

Please consider filling the bag with food items, and return to church Mother's Day weekend, May 11. Thank you for your continued support!

PICTORIAL CHURCH DIRECTORY APP



It's time to update your picture in the Church Directory. This Easter, when you have your family altogether, please consider updating your photo, or sending us a picture for the first time. You can upload your picture directly or email to the church office. Our church directory is a wonderful resource tool to get to know your church family better! If



you haven't downloaded the App, simply visit the App Store on your phone and search for Instant Church Directory, and download the free app to begin. If you don't use the App, you can still access Instant Church Directory online. To login for the first time, you will use your email address listed in the directory to create a login and password. If you're not listed in the directory, OR, if you have trouble logging into the app, please contact the church office.

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**LUTHERAN
HIGH SCHOOL
SOUTH**

Lutheran South received a Beautification Award from the Affton-Lemay Chamber of Commerce for enhancing the community. Myron Koehn, our director of facilities, accepted the award on LuSo's behalf. Mr. Koehn put in countless hours overseeing the \$20 million addition.

Alumni, donors, and community members joined us for the celebratory Ribbon Cutting of the Jubel Center for the Arts! Melissa Markwort, niece of Darren Jubel, who helped fund the project, spoke

about the impact that Lutheran South had on her uncle's life, so much so that he named the school as the beneficiary of his estate. Thanks to the Jubel family and hundreds of donors like them, we celebrated this huge milestone in Lutheran South history!



Join us for Lutheran Day at the Ballpark for the Cardinals vs. the Mets on Sunday, May 4, at 1:15PM. Tickets are \$30 (\$60 face value) in the Right Field Loge and include a free hot dog and soft drink. Stick around following the game to watch the Lancers take on the Cougars from Lutheran St. Charles. Kids, 15 & 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. Entrance to the alumni party is \$10 and includes food and drinks.

We raised over \$5,000 at our annual Make-A-Wish basketball game to send five-year-old, Hudson to Disney! Thank you to everyone who donated and helped make Hudson's wish come true!

Sophomore Aubrey Yancey crushed it at State! She placed third in the 100 butterfly with a time of 57.45, breaking her own school record! She also took fourth in the 200 free with a personal best of 1:56.10.



Saxophone player Nathan Becker received a gold rating at the MSHSAA District Solo & Small Ensemble Festival, qualifying for the state competition in April at the University of Missouri. Violinist Molly Hill, drummer Ryan Price, and horn player Sarah Eatherton received silver ratings, and sax player Daniel Kirschner received Bronze. In the ensemble competition, the saxophone quartet of Kallista Nguyen, Nathan Becker, Daniel Kirschner, and Grant Maxfield received a silver rating as did the trumpet trio of Luke Holland, Julian Rutledge, and David Steingraber. At the MSHSAA Large Ensemble Festival, which included prepared selections as well as sight reading, the wind symphony earned a gold rating and the concert band a silver.

The LuSo hockey team took home the Gateway Hockey League Championship recently with a 4-1 win over Chaminade High School.



Registration is Open for Lutheran South Summer Camps. 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. Registration is now live! 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. This year we are offering all-day performance and technical camps in our new theater! Participate in a month-long camp that culminates with a production of Schoolhouse Rock Live! Grades 4-8. This year we are offering all-day performance and technical camps in our new theater! Participate in a month-long camp that culminates with a production of Schoolhouse Rock Live! Grades 4-8.



YOUTH NEWS

NYG Service Day at the Shine Event

On Saturday, March 29, from 9:00AM-12:00PM, we will serve our church during the Shine Event, giving thanks and gratitude to our congregation for their generosity and support, with our envelope fundraiser.

High School Lunch Dates

LUSO Students - Christina will bring lunch on April 28.

Youth Help Needed- Easter Egg Stuffing

Join us on **Sunday, March 30**, as we stuff over 1500 Easter Eggs. Meet down in the youth room at 11:30AM. We will start with a pizza lunch, stuff eggs with candy, and prepare activities for the Egg hunt. When we finish we will play Pickleball or Volleyball in the gym. We will finish by 1:30PM. If you can help, please sign up on the church website.

Youth Help Needed - Easter Egg Hunt

We need youth help leading the children's egg hunt on **Saturday, April 12**. Youth will help hide eggs, lead families around the campus, and help with crafts and games. We will need youth from 8:30-11:30AM. Please sign up on the church website if you can help.

Attention 7th Grade Families

Each year, the 7th grade Confirmation students and their families help set up and clean up the 8th Grade Confirmation reception. Because the 7th grade class is so small, we need each youth, along with their parents, to help with set-up on **Saturday, April 12**, from 11:45AM to 12:45PM AND take down on **Sunday, April 13**, from 2:00-3:00PM. No sign up required. If you have any questions, please talk to Christina.

8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION TESTIMONY DATES

March 26: Thaddeus Glessner, Lucas Hangge, Lyla McCarty, Grace Robinson, and Austin Rutledge



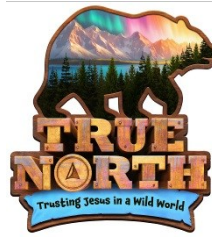
April 2: Cole Becker, Bella Blanc, Hailey Brawley, Hannah Brawley, and Ward Davis

April 9: Confirmation Pictures, Questioning and Hand Ceremony

SAVE YOUR CANCELLED POSTAGE STAMPS



LWML Ladies Guild is very thankful to Peace members and friends for saving their cancelled postage stamps. All stamps are welcome, except 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.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

TRUE NORTH

TRUSTING JESUS IN A WILD WORLD

It's time for kids to hit the trail for a True North Wild VBS adventure! **June 23-27, 2025 from 9:00AM to 12:00PM.**

Registration is open now, and will close when we reach capacity. Don't miss out on the adventure. Sign your kids up today at <https://vbspro.events/p/5c13bd>.



At True North, kids discover that they can trust Jesus in a wild world! True North is filled with awesome Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, and touch! Hands-on science experiments, team-building games, unforgettable Bible songs, crafts and tasty treats. Parents, grandparents, and friends are invited to join us at Compass Closing each day at 11:45AM, as we celebrate our rock-solid faith in Jesus! On Friday we will have a closing program and BBQ for the whole family. Peace VBS offers three different programs for the different aged children.

Preschool-3rd Grade

Students participate in our traditional VBS program.

4th and 5th grade

In this advanced program, students will have the opportunity to participate in handbells, woodworking and painting, swordplay, and much more.

6th Grade Adventure Camp

Students have the opportunity to go on daily field trips to KFUD radio, Concordia Publishing House, Concordia Seminary, and Perry County-Lutheran Heritage Museum & Saxon Memorial.

VBS Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are essential to the success of our VBS program. If you would like to volunteer for our "True North" adventure this summer, we have places to serve for both adults and youth! To sign-up, visit our church website and click on the "**Opportunities**" tab.

2026 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 2026.



LIFE MINISTRY - IF I WERE THE DEVIL



In 1965, the legendary radio personality Paul Harvey, aired a classic piece called "If I Were the Devil." His words warned how America's culture would be gradually eroded as it strayed from basic moral standards. In 2025, ChatGPT was asked: "If I were the devil, how would I make women despise motherhood?" Here was the answer given by ChatGPT.

Promote the idea that motherhood is a trap. Convince women that having children will ruin their dreams, limit their potential, and chain them to a life of servitude. Frame it as a loss of identity rather than a transformation.

Glorify career over family. Elevate professional success as the only true path to fulfillment while portraying motherhood as menial and unimportant. Make women believe that their worth is measured only by their productivity in the workforce, not by the love and guidance they give to their children.

Make children seem like a burden. Emphasize the hardships of motherhood—sleepless nights, financial strain, loss of freedom—while downplaying the joys, rewards, and purpose that come with raising a family.

Encourage self-centeredness. Promote a culture of hyper-individualism where personal pleasure, convenience, and self-fulfillment take priority over sacrifice, duty, and love.

Redefine feminism. Shift the feminist movement from advocating for equal rights to rejecting traditional femininity and motherhood. Convince women that true empowerment means rejecting their natural ability to nurture life.

Normalize childlessness. Push the idea that having children is just one of many equally valid lifestyle choices, and then go further—frame it as an outdated, unnecessary, or even irresponsible choice in light of environmental and economic concerns.

Destigmatize abortion while promoting contraception as the default. Make abortion seem like an easy, normal solution to an "unwanted" pregnancy, and encourage widespread contraception use in ways that separate sex from its natural consequences.

Undermine family structure. Promote unstable relationships, divorce, and casual sex while discouraging marriage and commitment. If families break down, women are less likely to see motherhood as part of a meaningful, stable life.

Mock traditional motherhood. Portray stay-at-home moms as weak, unambitious, or oppressed. Fill media with images of unhappy mothers and "cool," child-free women who are living their best lives.

Exploit the power of media and entertainment. Use movies, TV shows, and social media to glorify independence, partying, and career-driven lifestyles while making motherhood seem outdated or exhausting.

Looks like the devil has been busy. Many of the above values were promoted by radical feminists from the late sixties. A few generations later, we're seeing the consequences. Nearly forty percent of the younger generation in the United States is embracing childlessness. Most nations of the world are experiencing drastic drops in birthrates. Some countries are trying to encourage couples to have more children through economic incentives, but to no avail. It's time to stop listening to the father of lies and return to the Word of God. Our society depends on it.

"Through the love of Jesus Christ the Life Ministry Team exists to equip Peace Lutheran Church to sanctify life at all stages"

Peace Life Ministry Team

TRIVIA NIGHT TO SUPPORT EVE'S RESTORATION

Join us for a evening of 90's Trivia to support Eve's Restoration, on Thursday, March 27, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Columbia, IL. Doors open at 5:30PM and Trivia begins at 6:00PM. Hotdogs, snacks, and beverages will be available for purchase. There will be prizes after each round and a grand prize at the end of the evening. Cost is \$25 per person or \$100 for a table of five. Register at:

<https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/90s-theme-trivia-night>

All proceeds will benefit Eve's Restoration Ministries in their efforts to open a home for mothers seeking to reunify with their children in foster care. The goal is to open the home in 2028.

TRIVIA NIGHT & SILENT AUCTION TO SUPPORT CHRISTIAN FRIENDS OF NEW AMERICANS


Don't miss your chance to support Christian Friends of New Americans while enjoying a night of entertainment. Come ready to bid, compete, and have a blast!

Join us on Saturday, March 29, at Abiding Savior Lutheran Church. Doors open at 6:00PM, and Trivia begins at 6:45PM. Cost is \$30 per person or \$200 for a table of eight. Please bring snacks and non-alcoholic drinks. To register, please visit:

<https://cfna.schoolauction.net/trivia2025/>

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