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2024 ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

- W - 12/4 5:00PM Advent Dinner
*6:30PM Advent Service
- TH-SU - 12/5-8 28th Annual Boar's Head Festival**
- W - 12/11 5:00PM Advent Dinner
6:30PM Advent Service
- SU - 12/15 2:30PM German Christmas Service
- W - 12/18 5:00PM Advent Dinner
6:30PM Children's Christmas Service
- TU - 12/24 *12:00PM - Christmas Eve
*3:00PM - Christmas Eve
*5:00PM - Christmas Eve
*11:15PM - Christmas Eve Candlelight
- W - 12/25 *9:30AM - Christmas Day
- M - 1/6 *7:00PM - Epiphany

*Denotes Holy Communion
Advent Dinners hosted by Middle School Youth.




GERMAN CHRISTMAS SERVICE

 Join us for Peace's annual German Christmas service, **Sunday, December 15, at 2:30PM.** The festive setting, including congregational singing, will be in German. A cookie reception will follow the service. The service will be rebroadcast over KFUE, 850 AM Radio, Sunday, December 22.

Frohe Weihnachten

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SERVICE

 Mark your calendar for our PK-5th Grade Christmas Service. Rehearsal is Saturday, December 14, 8:00-9:45AM. The children's Christmas Service is Wednesday, December 18, at 6:30PM.

REV. DR. JON FURGESON, SENIOR PASTOR

314-601-1039

pastor.furgeson@peacelutheranstl.org

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



Social Ministry is hosting their annual Thanksgiving Day Food Drive. Collection bags will be available the weekend of November 23 and 24. Inside the bag you will find a list of suggested items. Please fill and return your bag on Thanksgiving Day or the weekend after. All food collected benefits Concordia Seminary Food Bank and Feed My People. Thank you for your continued generosity!

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP



Wednesday, November 27, 7:00PM

Thursday, November 28, 9:30AM

Services with Holy Communion

BLESSED BEYOND MEASURE



Dear brothers and sisters,

As we enter a new church year, Judy, Anna, and I want to share with you some amazing news! That's right! We are expecting our 2nd child! "Baby Tutu" as we call them (he/she - we don't know) is expected to arrive on April 22, 2025. Only two days after Easter! We are excited for their arrival and look forward to learning how to operate as a family of four.

In addition, I also want to say thank you to each and every one of you for your support this past summer while Pastor Furgeson was on Sabbatical. I could not have done it without you.

We have an amazing congregation and staff here at Peace! I am proud to be a Pastor at Peace and to have the opportunity to serve all of you. I look forward to another amazing church year of growing in the faith and receiving God's gifts with you.

As God has truly blessed my family and me beyond measure this year, may God also bless you and your family in the year ahead.

-Pastor Brown

REV. ROBERT BROWN, ASSOCIATE PASTOR

618-580-8817

pastor.brown@peacelutheranstl.org

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



Poinsettias will decorate the Chancel December 14 through January 5, for the Christmas season. When you submit your poinsettia order form, we kindly request that the order be for only **one** poinsettia per family. This will help with the weekly maintenance of the poinsettias during the four weeks they are displayed on the Chancel. Your name, along with your remembrance or honorarium, will be listed in the Christmas Day bulletin and on a display on the Commons counter. Please complete the order form, include your payment of check or cash, and return to the church office or place in the offering by Monday, December 2. Checks should be made payable to Peace and marked "Poinsettia." For more information, please contact the church office.

Clip and place in offering or bring to church office.

I/We: _____

would like one (1) Poinsettia:

To the Glory of God _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

PLEASE ATTACH \$9.00 FOR ONE POINSETTIA PER FAMILY

2025 LUTHERAN WITNESS

If you would like to **renew** or **subscribe** to The Lutheran Witness for the 2025 calendar year (**subscription renewal begins April 2025**), please complete the slip and return to the church office with your payment of \$21.00, or you may **use the special envelope included in your 2025 offering envelopes**. Checks payable to Peace. Deadline to place your order through church is February 3.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Attached: \$ _____



THE 28TH ANNUAL BOAR'S HEAD CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

2024 Festival Service Dates and Times

Thursday, December 5, 7:30PM

Friday, December 6, 7:30PM

Saturday, December 7, 7:30PM

Sunday, December 8, *2:30PM and 6:00PM

Visit the Peace website or call the church office to reserve your tickets!

**Waitlist Only*

SOCIAL MINISTRY - 2024 ADOPT A FAMILY



Thank you to our Peace families for your many years of faithfully adopting families! Your support of this program makes the holiday season bright by giving many a chance to acquire needed items and gifts for Christmas. Just a reminder that gift card drop off dates are November 25-27, and December 2-3, 9:00AM to 2:30PM to Feed My People, 171 Kingston Drive.

SOCIAL MINISTRY - ANGEL GIVING TREE



GIVING TREE

Beginning **Sunday, November 24**, two Christmas trees will adorn the front and back entrances at Peace. If you would like to participate in the Angel Giving Tree project, please take an ornament from one of the trees. Purchase the gift noted on the ornament, and return the **unwrapped** gift to the Christmas tree nearest the Church Office by **Sunday, December 15**. The gifts will be distributed by Feed My People to families in need during the Christmas season. We appreciate the support received by our Peace families!

-Peace Social Ministry

LET'S TALK ABOUT SEX!

Middle School Parents and students,

You are invited to join our DCE, Christina Stackle, and Pastor Brown for a four-week class about sex and our sexuality. The class will be centered on how we as God's children can live sexually pure and decent lives. Each class will focus on a different aspect of sex and our sexuality. Session one is called, "God and our Sexuality (Adopted in Christ)." Session two is called, "Redeeming Puberty (Redeemed in Christ)." Session three is called, "Sanctifying our Sexuality (Sanctified in Christ)." Session four is called, "Living of Sexual Integrity."

We understand that having conversations about sex and our sexuality can often be difficult and uncomfortable, but if we are to live as Christians in all areas of our lives then it's important that we have those harder conversations too. Especially as we live in a culture that is constantly bombarding our children with messages about sex and their sexuality. So, Let's Talk About Sex, as God intended it to be in our lives.

The class dates are as follows: January 5, 12, 19, and 26 (*all four Sundays in January*). If you are a Middle School student, your class will meet in your usual Sunday School classroom from 9:15-10:15AM. If you are a parent of a middle school student, then your class will meet in the Kitchen Meeting Room from 9:15-10:15AM.

To register for the class, please visit the church website, on the "Opportunities" page under the "Family Discipleship" tab. We hope you'll join us for this journey in learning about one of the greatest gifts God has given to us. If you have any questions or want more information, please contact Christina or Pastor Brown.



MEN'S MORNING 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 bulletin.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Our Wednesday evening Bible Study will break December 4 through January 1. Class will resume on Wednesday, January 8 at 7:00PM in Sanctuary Hall. Pastor Furgeson will begin the new year, with a study of the **Book of Acts**. Everyone is welcome!

MARY MARTHA BIBLE CLASS

Please join us on Thursday mornings for Bible Study. We meet at 9:00AM for fellowship, Bible Study at 9:30AM, in the Kitchen Meeting Room. Our study continues with **Spiritual Warfare**, led by Pastor Furgeson and Pastor Brown. We hope to see you there!

DECEMBER SCRIPTURE READINGS

- December 1: **First Sunday in Advent**
Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 19:28-40
- December 8: **Second Sunday in Advent**
Malachi 3:1-7b; Philippians 1:2-11; Luke 3:1-20
- December 15: **Third Sunday in Advent**
Zephaniah 3:14-20; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 7:18-28
- December 22: **Fourth Sunday in Advent**
Micah 5:2-5a; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45
- December 24: **Christmas Eve**
Isaiah 7:10-14; 1 John 4:7-16; Matthew 1:18-25
- December 25: **Christmas Day**
Isaiah 9:2-7; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20
- December 29: **First Sunday after Christmas**
Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:22-40
- December 31: **New Year's Eve**
Isaiah 30:8-17; Romans 8:31b-39; Luke 12:35-40

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The Season of Advent is upon us, and it is time to reflect on the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We are doing just that in our Sunday School classes.

This month, our students will hear about the birth of John [the Baptist], and his role as a prophet, ordained by God, to prepare the people for the coming of the Savior. They will then hear the story of the virgin Mary who received God's message that she would conceive and give birth to the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ. This news was so wonderful that when Mary later told her cousin Elizabeth, who was pregnant with John [the Baptist] at the time, the baby leapt with joy in Elizabeth's womb. Our students ultimately see the birth of Jesus in scripture and end the month with the visit of the Magi, who brought to Jesus gifts of Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh.

The Book of Isaiah 7:14 says, **"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son and shall call His name Immanuel."** The name Immanuel means, "God with us." The entirety of Holy Scripture points to Christ and His ultimate death [for the sins of mankind] and Resurrection. After Adam and Eve sinned, Almighty God revealed in His Word what is commonly referred to as the First Gospel, i.e. protoevangelium. Speaking to the serpent God said, **"I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."** Genesis 3:15. Please encourage your children to hide God's Word in their hearts through the memorization of scripture.

The students have already begun singing practice for the 2024 Sunday School Christmas Service, which will take place on Wednesday, December 18 at 6:30PM. Just a reminder that the official Sunday School Christmas Service practice/rehearsal is on Saturday, December 14, at 8:00AM. May Almighty God give you and your loved ones a blessed Christmas and New Year.

Robert Wolff, Sunday School Superintendent
314-374-8044(Cell)

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. Play resumed October 1. 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.

QUILTERS CORNER



Thanks to all who visited our table at the Sausage Dinner! We appreciate your support. If you know someone who likes to quilt or would like to learn to quilt, please tell them about our group.

Everyone is welcome, Peace membership is optional! Join us each Tuesday at 9:00AM to 2:00PM in Sanctuary Hall. If you have any questions, please call Cheryl Turley at 314-223-0744.


Quilting is painting with needles and thread!

MARRIED COUPLES CLUB

Please join us as we decorate the church for Christmas, Monday, December 9 at 9:00AM. We would love to have extra helping hands.

Our annual Christmas Party is Saturday, December 14 at 6:00PM in Sanctuary Hall. Cost is \$5 per couple. Please bring a main dish, side dish or dessert to share. Beverages will be provided. Everyone is asked to bring a "white Elephant gift." Please RSVP to Rick or Tammy Goodman at 314-546-9943.

SURVIVING SPOUSES BREAKFAST

 Join us on Thursday, December 12, 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.

LADIES CLUB

Are you a 21+ woman that wants to get out of the house on the third Tuesday of every month? Maybe you enjoy fellowship, appetizers and desserts? Want to meet new friends? Come check us out two months (for free, after that \$12 dues), and decide for yourselves. Here's just an example of activities we are doing in 2025! Self care, Christmas in July, and painting, among other things. Be on the lookout for January's newsletter! Enjoy your holidays and we look forward to seeing you!

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

Inviting all ladies from Peace to join LWML Ladies Guild for our Christmas lunch on Thursday, December 19, 11:00AM at Bill Giannino's Restaurant, 4571 Chestnut Park Plaza, off of Telegraph Road. If you would like to join us, please RSVP to Julia at 314-809-5447. Come for a festive time together to celebrate the Birth of Jesus!

MEN'S CLUB



Men's Club will not meet in December. Please join us for our January meeting on Tuesday, January 28, from 6:00 -9:00PM. Men's Club is open to all men of Peace, 21 and up!

The Christmas tree lot opens on Friday, November 29, from 9:00AM to 8:00PM. Stop by to see the best selection of live trees! Our regular tree lot hours are Monday-Friday, 2:00-8:00PM, Saturday, 9:00AM-8:00PM, and Sunday, Noon-8:00PM.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Help is always needed with the coffee and donut 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.

OFFICIAL ACTS

BAPTISMS

November 9, 2024 - Palmer Corren Schaefer
November 9, 2024 - Kinsleigh Tatum Shaner
November 17, 2024 - Elliot Henry Deichmann

ADULT CONFIRMATION

November 17, 2024 - Christopher R. Michel
November 17, 2024 - Erin K. Michel
November 17, 2024 - Anthony J. Patrick
November 17, 2024 - Colleen F. Patrick
November 17, 2024 - Michael E. Patrick
November 17, 2024 - Christian K. Ntochibwa
November 17, 2024 - Bahati L. Kibiswa

FUNERAL

November 4, 2024 - John T. Ryan, 83



Join us for Fellowship Time

Every Sunday
at 9:00AM
in the
Commons



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.

BAPTISM CLASS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 9:15 - 10:15AM
KITCHEN MEETING ROOM



Christina Stackle 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 visit our website at www.peacelutheranstl.org. If you are unable to attend this class, but desire to have your child baptized prior to February, please call the Church Office at 314-892-5610. 2025 Baptism Classes will be offered March 30, June 8, September 7, and November 16.

SUNDAY SERVICE ON KFUO



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

Wishing KFUO God's Richest Blessings on their 100th Anniversary this month!

2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES



2025 Offering envelopes will be available for pickup in your church mailboxes the weekend of December 14/15.

Important Note: Envelope numbers will be reassigned for 2025. Please discard all previous envelopes and begin using new envelopes after January 1, 2025.

If you don't receive envelopes, please contact the church office. If you have any questions regarding your contribution records, please contact Denise Grant, Financial Secretary, at 314-591-8207.

USHERS NEEDED

**JOIN
OUR
TEAM**

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, please contact Barry Hammon at barry.hammon@wwt.com. Interested? Please sign up on our Website under the "Opportunities" tab.



THANK YOU



MARRIED COUPLES CLUB THANK YOU

A BIG THANK YOU from Peace Married Couples Club to everyone who has attended our 2024 events. Through your help, Couples Club was able to raise funds to help several area organizations such as, Missionaries (Jensen/Cundiff), Concordia Seminary Student Fund, Deaconess & Fieldworkers, Green Park Lutheran School, Three Adopt-A-Families, St. Trinity Cemetery, and Peace Childcare. Your support at our events makes a difference. Blessings to all, and we look forward to seeing everyone in 2025 with more exciting events.

SCOUT PANCAKE BREAKFAST THANK YOU

Boy Scout Troop 584 would like to thank the veterans for their service and our Peace members for their attendance at the Scout Pancake Breakfast. All proceeds support St. Trinity Cemetery, Scout recharter fees and camping. We appreciate your continued support!

ALASKA QUARTER AUCTION THANK YOU

Alaska Missions would like to thank everyone for the successful Quarter Auction held on November 8. A total of 98 attended the event, with 12 vendors, and \$2,154.25 raised! Good fellowship and fun for a wonderful cause.

We are currently collecting toothpaste and all winter glove sizes. If you would like to donate, please place in the Alaska Mission collection box in the Commons.

Stonie's Sausage Sales continue through January 5, between services at the Commons counter.

Christmas Basket sales begin in the gymnasium in the weekend of November 24. All proceeds will benefit our Alaska mission work. We are grateful for the generous support of our wonderful church family. For more information, please contact Jackie Hoeflerlin at 314-440-1693.



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.

PEACE WEBSITE - SIGN-UP SYSTEM



We have a new online system for signing up for events, volunteering, and RSVPs. Using Sign-Up Genius, we now have easy access for our members to see the details of upcoming events and to have a convenient and easy way to sign up to volunteer.

To see the new system, click on the "OPPORTUNITIES" button on the top banner of the Peace website. It will take you to our Portal Page which details all of our upcoming events and sign-ups that we have available. If you have any questions about our new system, please call the Church Office.

and his name shall be called
Wonderful,
Counsellor,
The mighty God,
The everlasting Father,
The Prince of Peace.

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.



Green Park is looking for an exceptional Administrative Assistant to join their team. If you or someone you know has a passion for Lutheran Christian education and embodies qualities like flexibility, patience, strong communication skills, initiative, and top-notch customer service, we'd love to hear from you. This role reports directly to Principal, Mrs. Lisa

Waltenberger. Full details on qualifications and responsibilities are available on the website. Interested candidates, please send your resume and cover letter to Mrs. Waltenberger at lisa.waltenberger@greenparklutheralschool.org. Applications will be accepted through December 1.



Kindergarten and First Grade classes joined forces for a fun STEM project! They worked in teams and built bridges out of plastic cups, masking tape, and yarn to see how many spiders each bridge could hold. **Pictured are Peace members Georgia Cervera, Trevor Wiesehan and Ollie Bullard.**

The next Stay-N-Play is scheduled for Thursday, January 9, from 8:30-10:30AM. Stay-N-Play is a free open gym for little ones ages 5 and under accompanied by an adult. The morning of fun includes a bounce house, hula hoops, scooters, a ball pit, and more for the kids, and coffee and tea for the adults. Parents and grandparents, bring your little ones so they can burn off some energy! Future Stay-N-Play dates are on the second Thursdays of the month, February 13, and March 13.



The girls volleyball team crushed it and became City Champs and placed 3rd in State! **The Lady Vikings are coached by Peace member, Sarah Baese, and include Peace members, Maddie Gersman and Grace Robinson.** Congrats to the team and their ever-supportive coaches.



SAVE THE DATE!

Dueling Pianos

Music, laughter, & song requests all while supporting our school

**SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 1ST
7:30P
PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Don't miss this interactive, high-energy event where entertainers battle it out behind the pianos!

GREEN PARK LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Save the Date for Dueling Pianos, Saturday, February 1, 7:30PM at Peace! For more information and registration, please visit our website.

Visit the website where you can find news, schedule tours, view the weekly Green Sheet newsletter, see sports schedules, sponsorship opportunities, and more! For questions regarding admissions and enrollment, or to schedule a tour, contact Marketing and Admissions Director, Katie Gaeta at katie.gaeta@greenparklutheralschool.org.

LSAM **2024 3RD PLACE** **LSAM**

GREEN PARK, ST. LOUIS VIKINGS



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**

LuSo Onstage put on a fantastic performance of the musical, *Godspell!* Congratulations to the cast and crew who spent countless hours making the show the absolute best it could be. We are beyond proud of your talent, creativity, and dedication. We can't wait to see what's in store for the next production that will take place in our new Center of the Arts in a few months!



Teachers, coaches, and role models. The Lutheran South staff does so much more than educate. They inspire our students whether it is in the classroom, in the hallways, or on the court or field. One example is our head soccer coach, Kirk Halveland, who, in addition to his finance job, coaches at SPENSA, a non-profit soccer program for young people with disabilities. And he encourages his players to get involved, as well. *"I just love watching them realize what they're doing for these individuals,"* Halveland said. *"Just being with them, just being their friends and kicking the ball around, it's just so exciting to see them kind of realize that these kids are just like them."* Read the article in The Call at <https://bit.ly/4fPtYkP>.

The LuSo girls tennis team took fourth in State! This was the fourth trip to the State Final Four for the Lancers after finishing third in 1999 and fourth in 2010 and 2011.



District Champs! The boys varsity soccer team beat Bayless for the District title. Additionally, the entire starting eleven were named to the All-District Team. Congratulations to Aiden Greiner, Cooper DeSchrivver, and Anthony Gonzalez for receiving First Team recognition. Ethan Gonzalez, Nathan Green, and Travis Luhning made the Second Team. Brayden Buss, **Peace Member, Evan Caron**, Josh Fabbiano, Max Gravette, and Alex Reis each earned honorable mentions. Well done, Lancers!

Three varsity cross country runners placed at Districts, advancing to the State meet at the University of Missouri. Congrats to Dean Craig-Meyer, James King, and Steven Sutton!



Do you have a daughter in grades K-8 that would love to perform with the Lutheran South Lancerettes? Here's your chance! This is a great way to introduce your girls to an amazing team and school, not to mention they get to show off their skills and perform their routine at the Boys Basketball game on December 12, at Lutheran High School South.



The Lutheran South bands will host *Big Band Swing* on Friday, February 7, from 6:00-10:00PM. The night will feature the local professional big band "The Ambassadors of Swing." Tickets are available for \$30 each and include beer, wine, and hors d'oeuvres. Free swing dance lessons will be offered at 6:30PM. Register at LSlancers.org/events.

\$30
INCLUDES T-SHIRT


Performance between JV and Varsity Basketball game at 6:45 p.m. on Thursday, December 12

SCAN TO REGISTER

REGISTER AT LSLANCERS.ORG/EVENTS



MOSCHOLARS TAX CREDIT PROGRAM



SUPPORT LUTHERAN EDUCATION BY DIRECTING YOUR TAX DOLLARS WITH MOSCHOLARS



MOScholars is a tax credit program that provides scholarships for students attending Missouri LCMS schools. To date, more than \$1.25 million has been awarded by the Missouri District through the program. With no additional cost and minimal effort, being a part of this opportunity is easy. Begin the process today:



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 660 Mason Ridge Center Dr., Suite 100
 St. Louis, MO 63141

or

Contact us to send funds electronically!



Questions? Contact Leah: 314-590-6211
leah.sieveking@mo.lcms.org

It's a win for taxpayers, students, families, and LCMS schools in our state. Thank you for your participation!



MOScholars Checklist:

Simply follow the quick steps below. Thank you for making a difference in Lutheran education!

- Head to mo.lcms.org/mo-scholars to learn more about the credit reservation system.
- Begin the online form and select "Missouri District" for the fund organization.
- Write your unique reservation number in the space below or print the confirmation email sent to you by the state.
- Make your check out to "Missouri District" in the amount of your credit reservation. Look for the link on our website to send funds electronically!
- Use enclosed envelope to send check and confirmation number to the District.

Name: _____ Reservation Number: _____

Contact Leah at the District office with questions: leah.sieveking@mo.lcms.org or 314-590-6211.



MOScholars enables the cost of tuition at Lutheran schools to be defrayed by your tax dollars. There's no additional cost and minimal effort.

mo.lcms.org/mo-scholars



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.

CHILDREN DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS

JESUS LOVES ME

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 receive "Living with Jesus," and Third through Fifth Grade receive "My Devotions." A few extra copies will be available on the tract rack near the church office each quarter for others to share Jesus with children they know.

Christmas Begins with Christ

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE CARDS

There's still time to turn in your 2025 pledge card. As you look to the year ahead, we ask you to consider Peace as an integral part of your financial planning. Toward that end, as we plan ourselves, we ask you to complete a pledge card so we can anticipate giving for the year, and plan our mission work and programs accordingly.

Pledge cards can be found on the Commons counter through the end of November and in the church office after December 1. Pledge cards may be dropped off in the collection box located near the church office. Your pledge can also be entered online on our website.

GIVE THANKS WITH A

Grateful Heart

St. Trinity CEMETERY

Non-Sectarian – Endowed Care
Owned and Operated by Peace Lutheran Church



Mark McDaniel
Superintendent

2160 Lemay Ferry Road
(Lemay Ferry at Reavis Barracks)
St. Louis, MO 63125
314-892-3662

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

ST. TRINITY CEMETERY - FULLY STAFFED!

The St. Trinity Cemetery Board of Directors is pleased to announce that in addition to hiring Kyle Rieger as the new Superintendent of St. Trinity Cemetery, we have also filled the full-time Groundskeeper position. Luke Dodson joined the cemetery staff on November 18. Look for more information about Luke in the January 2025 newsletter.

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



BOY SCOUT SUPER SUBS - COMING SOON

Super Subs



Beginning January 18, Boy Scout Troop 584 will again be selling Super Sub sandwiches with

three meats, two cheeses, and "Mama Luther's Special Sauce." Subs will be available for pick up after any service the weekend of February 8 and 9. All proceeds will directly benefit troop camping and the scouting program at Peace. Watch the bulletin and January newsletter for ordering information.

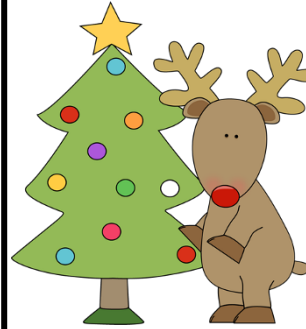
PEACE EARLY CHILDHOOD



DECEMBER 2024

"Glory to God in the highest!"

Luke 2:14



We are ready to celebrate the birth of our Savior! In December, our preschoolers will see how the good news of the birth of Jesus was spread by angels and shepherds. Throughout the season of Advent, we will be learning that God keeps His promises. God leads us to worship Him, as the Wise Men were led to the infant Jesus.

Our academic skills this month focus on uppercase and lowercase letters through M, rhyming words, shape identification, comparing groups to say "more" or "less," and counting objects using one-to-one matching.

Our December chapel with Pastor Furgeson will take place Wednesday, December 11, with an offering of gift cards for our Adopt-A-Family. We are especially looking forward to our preschool Christmas programs, which will be held Monday, December 16, (Miss Tammy & Miss Peggy) and Tuesday, December 17, (Mrs. Kaiser). It has been so much fun to learn songs to celebrate the season! Our preschool Christmas party will be on Friday, December 20.

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

We wish everyone a joyous holiday season!

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GROWING NUMBER OF NONAGENARIANS

Did you know that among our members, there are over 25 nonagenarians ranging between the ages of 90-98?

We have additional members turning 90 in 2025, and, once added to our current list of nonagenarians, we will exceed 30!

Over fifty percent of our nonagenarians are in worship each weekend. Their diligent participation in the life of our congregation is an example for us to join with the Psalmist in saying, "I was glad when they said, 'let us go to the House of the Lord.'" (Psalm 122:1)

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***over 95**



Christmas Tree Lot

On Saturday, November 30, our middle school and high school youth, along with a few parents, are needed to help sell Christmas trees. We need youth and parents to sign up for a 3-hour shift. Sign up through the church website.

High School Youth Group Notes

No Youth Group in December.

Advent Dinners - 4:00-6:30PM

Our **Middle School Families** will be helping serve Advent dinners in December. Please sign up for one night. Parents will work together to set up the dinner while students are in Confirmation class. Class will end at 5:00PM, students will join their parents in the gymnasium to help serve and clean up the dinner. Sign up for a dinner shift on the church website.

December 4: Soup and Salad

December 11: Pasta and Salad

December 18: Nachos/tacos.

Youth Christmas Parties

Middle School Youth will have their Christmas party on Sunday, December 15, from 11:30AM-2:30PM. Youth will enjoy a Christmas lunch, engage in some fun minute-to-win-it Christmas-themed games, and have a gift exchange. (Bring a \$5 wrapped gift.) Sign up on the church website by December 8.

High School Youth will have their Christmas party on Saturday, December 14, from 5:00-10:00PM. Youth will enjoy a nice Christmas dinner, shop for gifts for our adopt-a-family (**please bring \$10**), play Christmas games, and participate in Advent prayer stations. A special prize will be awarded for the Ugliest Sweater! Friends are welcome. Please sign up on the church website by December 8.

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Live KFUO broadcasts of the 8:00AM service will air in February, March, and April of 2025.

We are thrilled that all dates have been sponsored and grateful to our families for their continued support!

LIFE MINISTRY - ALL SAINTS DAY



Friday, November 1, All Saints Day, was a sunny, beautiful fall day: perfect weather to stand in line for early voting in the 2024 election. The line at Grant's View library was long, with wait times estimated at one to two hours, but people accepted the inconvenience without grumbling or rudeness: those looking for parking places not so much.

It was also one final opportunity to present voters with the actual language of Amendment 3 if it were written into the Missouri constitution. Believe me, as a dyed-in-the-wool introvert, the last thing I wanted to do was face the line of voters and offer them my simple flyer with the actual wording. The questionable parts were circled with comments in the margins. But I knew I had to do my part in protecting the unborn, children and parental rights, so I gritted my teeth and moved on.

I never mentioned the trigger word "abortion" as I asked people if they wanted the actual wording of this amendment. Actually, this amendment included so much more than abortion that many will be shocked at what flows out of it. Many showed me their sample ballots and said they had it already. No, they had the ballot language, not the actual amendment, but most did not want to take the time to read it for themselves even though they had at least another hour standing in line. A few said they supported abortion, as if that was the only issue in this amendment. Most already had their minds made up. After all the advertising, that was no surprise. Let's face it, people were tired of all the election hoopla, they wanted to be done with all of it, including me.

One man asked me if I thought I was going to change anyone's mind. Good question, but God doesn't call us to be successful, just faithful, so it didn't really matter. The hardest part was seeing women's faces that had sheer hatred when I approached them. Abortion must really be an integral part of their identity. How sad. What kept me going was meeting a few friendly faces of saints, Christian friends of mine who brought light to me when I needed it. Christians, saints, really are light in the face of darkness and I experienced that while working the line.

All Saints Day should inspire us to keep being a light in a very broken, hurting world. The line of people I met represented a cross-section of our culture. Many were ill-informed about the issue on which they were voting, but they assumed they were right. In the same way, many think that if they are "good people" or "spiritual" that they have no need of Jesus. They're wrong. As Christians, we may feel uncomfortable in presenting God's truth to them, but they still need to hear it through our words and actions. You are a saint. Keep shining your light.

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AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross will be at Peace on Friday, February 21, from 1:00-5:00PM for a winter blood drive. Watch the bulletin for your opportunity to schedule a time to sign-up! Donations save lives!



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Phishing scams continue with people posing as Pastor Furgeson and other church members. Please be alert when receiving such text messages or emails. Should you receive a text message and/or email from someone asking for assistance, money, gift cards, claiming to be Pastor Furgeson, Pastor Brown, a good friend, or church member, please **DO NOT RESPOND**. Our Pastors, friends and church members will not reach out via text or email to anyone, asking for "a favor, assistance, cash or gift cards." Should you receive a suspicious text or email, please reach out to the church office, family member or good friend for advice and clarification before taking any action.

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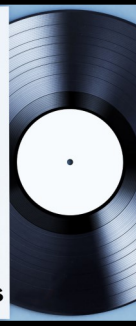
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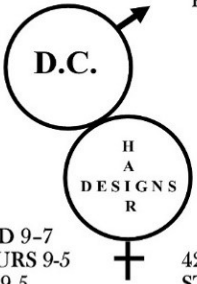
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