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DECEMBER SCRIPTURE READINGS

November 30: **First Sunday in Advent**
Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 24:36-44

December 7: **Second Sunday in Advent**
Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

December 14: **Third Sunday in Advent**
Isaiah 35:1-10; James 5:7-11; Matthew 11:2-15

December 21: **Fourth Sunday in Advent**
Isaiah 7:10-17; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

December 24: **Christmas Eve**
Isaiah 7:10-14; 1 John 4:7-16; Matthew 1:18-25

December 25: **Christmas Day**
Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-12; John 1:1-18

December 28: **First Sunday after Christmas**
Isaiah 63:7-14; Galatians 4:4-7; Matthew 2:13-23

2025 ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

W - 12/3	5:00PM Advent Dinner 6:30PM Advent Service
W - 12/10	5:00PM Advent Dinner 6:30PM Advent Service
SU - 12/14	2:30PM German Christmas Service & Reception
W - 12/17	5:00PM Advent Dinner 6:30PM Children's Christmas Service
SU - 12/21	3:00PM - Christmas at Peace Candlelight Concert
W - 12/24	*12:00PM - Christmas Eve Candlelight *3:00PM - Christmas Eve Candlelight *5:00PM - Christmas Eve Candlelight *11:15PM - Christmas Eve Candlelight
TH - 12/25	*9:30AM - Christmas Day
TU - 1/6	*7:00PM - Epiphany

*Denotes Holy Communion

Advent Dinners hosted by Middle School Youth.



O Little Town of Bethlehem

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

Wednesday, November 26, 7:00PM

Thursday, November 27, 9:30AM

Both Services with Holy Communion



MEN'S CLUB CHRISTMAS TREE LOT



The Christmas tree lot opens Thanksgiving weekend, Friday, November 28, from 9:00AM to 9:00PM. Regular Tree Lot hours are Monday-Friday 2:00-8:00PM; Saturday, 9:00AM-8:00PM; Sunday, Noon-8:00PM. Shift volunteers are needed. If you would like to volunteer, please see the sign up sheet located on the Commons Counter.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SERVICE



Save the date for our Preschool through 5th grade Christmas Rehearsal and Service. Rehearsal date is Saturday, December 13, 8:00-10:00AM, and the Christmas Service is Wednesday, December 17, at 6:30PM.

UPCOMING CHANGES TO NEWSLETTER PRINTING

Beginning in January 2026, The Peace Lutheran Newsletter will no longer be placed in member mailboxes. The Newsletter will still be printed monthly for those who enjoy reading, with copies placed on the Commons Counter, to take if desired. For those who enjoy online reading, the newsletter is available on our website. Printing a limited number of copies each month will save time and money. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

GERMAN CHRISTMAS SERVICE



Please join us for Peace's annual German Christmas Service, **Sunday, December 14, at 2:30PM**, with Guest Preacher Rev. Dr. Robert Kolb. This festive service setting, including congregational singing, will be in German. A cookie reception will follow the service. The service will rebroadcast over KFUD, 850 AM Radio, Sunday, December 21, at 2:00PM.



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80 Years of Blessings at Peace



PEACE AT 80: A CONGREGATION CHANGING THE WORLD

"A Seminary student, a sexton, and a council member walked into a bar" sounds like the start of a joke, but this is, essentially, the start of our congregation. When second-year Seminary student Harold Johnson had too much time on his hands, he asked the Missouri District if there was a nearby place where evangelism could be done. They said that South St. Louis County was beginning to grow and it might be a good place to try.

He began along Lindbergh but wasn't finding any leads. One day, he headed up Lemay Ferry Rd. to return to the Seminary and saw the light on in the office at St. Trinity Cemetery. He talked to Mr. Bill Meyer, the sexton there, who was a member of Gethsemane. He, in turn,

connected Mr. Johnson with Mr. Charles Zalaudek, a leader at Gethsemane. So the Seminary student, the sexton, and the council member met (maybe at a bar) and agreed that there was real potential for a new church to be planted to the south of Gethsemane.

They began to find Lutherans not along Lindbergh, but along Telegraph in the new streets and subdivisions going up there. After months of building up area interest, they began to meet to figure out the logistics. A meeting with all interested families became a stalemate on where to plant a church. So, they decided to plant two instead: one congregation up in the Mehlville area and another one down in the Oakville area. On the night of October 19, 1945, two church plants were born. The northern one became Peace and the southern one became Faith.

- By December 2, 1945, services were held in the basement of the Zalaudek home led by Mr. Johnson. After he graduated, Peace called Harold Johnson out of the Seminary to be her first pastor
- On April 6, 1947, on Easter Sunday, we celebrated our first service in our Telegraph church building, built from 180 tons of stone donated by the Bussen Quarry. God blessed Peace to become a growing community such that after only a decade, we had to find new land for a larger campus
- In the meantime, we engaged with our local congregations to form Green Park Lutheran School, which opened on September 5, 1961
- The sanctuary (now Sanctuary Hall) was dedicated on February 9, 1964
- Coming full circle (in one sense), we were led by conversation with St. Trinity congregation and its cemetery board to accept oversight of St. Trinity Cemetery in the summer of 2010
- Our current sanctuary was dedicated on August 24, 2014

Those are highlights of the material history of our congregation. But let's look deeper, at the part of our past which really matters: The people of our congregation and the work of God among us over 80 years. Across 13 pastors, 3 DCEs, and at least three Directors of Music, we can note some highlights:

- The first year of Peace community averaged about 45 persons each Sunday at church
- The first recorded Baptism took place November 10, 1945, for Earl Paul Mugele
- The first recorded Marriage was between Vernon and Marianne Renwick on February 25, 1948
- Our first officially recorded funeral was on May 5, 1950, for Conrad Merk
- We have performed around 2,400 Baptisms, around 1,300 funerals, over 870 marriages, brought thousands into communicant fellowship with the Body of Christ, and supported thousands of children through our Early Childhood Program, Green Park, and Lutheran South
- Over 31 years, we are entering our 29th year of the Boar's Head production which brings in over a thousand people from within driving distance to Peace, and a few beyond that
- We have broadcast on KFJO for over a quarter-century, weekly for over a decade, reaching persons with the Gospel literally around the world
- We have been in Alaska for generations of their people and touched persons in Mexico, Peru, and Hong Kong
- We have been longtime partners with Feed My People, helping hundreds of families in need, and support life ministries including work on behalf of single mothers and the work to end sex and human trafficking
- We have helped to train dozens of Seminary students, sent our youth on to become Lutheran teachers, ministry leaders, and, as we have seen and heard from them over the past year, we have sent men to become pastors.
- We have supported men from foreign nations getting their advanced degrees to become Seminary professors in their respective nations and supported missionaries who have gone over to help, such as our brother now returned stateside, Dr. Cundiff, and our congregational son Pastor Nathaniel Jensen in Germany. We helped one student, Andrew Bartelt, get his requisite pastoral ministry under his belt so he could go on to finish his doctorate and teach Hebrew to two generations of pastoral students (including Pastor Furgeson)

As the people of God whom He has gathered in Lemay, in our humble corner of South County, we have been God's instruments for His glorious purpose to make for Himself a people. Through your faithfulness, your financial support, your prayers and, most of all, your commitment to community around Word and Sacrament, around Scripture and the Confessions, God has worked through you to bring the world to Himself. As we close out our 80th year observance, may God bless us to continue to love, trust, and heed Him. May we reflect Him and His salvation into our community and world for decades and generations yet to come. Thank you, Peace, for your faithfulness.

--Pastor Furgeson

SOCIAL MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



Social Ministry is hosting their annual Thanksgiving Day Food Drive. Collection bags will be available the weekend of November 22 and 23. 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!

2025 ADOPT A FAMILY



Thank you to our Peace families for adopting families through Feed My People Adopt A Family program. You should have received your family information in your church mailbox. As a reminder, gift card drop off dates are December 1-3, from 10:00AM to 3:00PM to Feed My People, 171 Kingston Drive. If you have any questions, please contact Joyce Sorth at 314-894-3773.

GIVING TREE



Beginning Sunday, November 23, two Christmas trees will be located at the front and back entrances at Peace. If you would like to participate, 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 to the Church Office by Sunday, December 14. 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!

***On behalf of the Social Ministry Team at Peace,
we thank you for your generosity and support!***

WHY STEPHEN MINISTRY?



As the weather gets colder and days get shorter, many people find that they feel more isolated and lonely, and struggle with low mood. Although holiday festivities are a joyful time for many, they can also be a painful reminder of grief for those who have recently lost loved ones or those who are facing family conflicts and division. We are bringing Stephen Ministry to Peace so that we, as a congregation, can "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2). Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who receive quality training to walk alongside those who are undergoing particular burdens, like grief, loss of a job, divorce, loneliness, illness, or other life difficulties.

Stephen Ministry is a ministry that involves the whole congregation. Through Stephen Minister training, members learn to carry each other's burdens. Stephen Leaders are trained members of the congregation who are equipped to lead and guide this ministry. And of course, care receivers are members of our community as well.

Even if you don't become a Stephen Minister or Leader, you are still a vital part of this ministry. Please pray for the Stephen Leader team as we work to establish this ministry here. Please pray for everyone in our congregation who needs extra care and support, especially those who struggle during the holidays and winter months. Please prayerfully consider whether you know anyone who could benefit from Stephen Ministry directly.

We would love to continue talking to you about Stephen Ministry! Reach out to Pastor Brown at pastor.brown@peacelutheranstl.org or Deaconess Intern Abby Reynolds at deaconess@peacelutheranstl.org with any questions. Or scan the QR code to submit a question!

Stephen Ministry



LIFE MINISTRY— CHRISTMAS CHARACTER



Merry Christmas! Who knew that such a traditional greeting could be a source of offense to so many in our secular society? But as Christian values have declined, they've been replaced by secular ones that are directly opposite. The Christmas story presents a picture of these opposing values, ones that are at the heart of the pro-life movement.

The liturgical church year begins quietly with the season of Advent, which starts at the end of November and culminates four weeks later with the celebration of Christ's birth. It's a time of quiet reflection on the lessons of love, trust and humility displayed in the Christmas message. What a stark contrast with our secular culture's designation of June as "Pride Month" with its cheap celebration of sexual immorality of all types and its denigration of traditional Judeo-Christian values.

Joseph and Mary display the qualities of humility and trust throughout the entire account. Mary's story of conceiving a child as a virgin certainly raised a few eyebrows and Joseph was treated with scorn as well. They faced homelessness and life on the run once Herod learned of the birth of this child. Their humility and trust in God preserved them and their precious child. The wise men also displayed humility and trust in their willingness to be led by God to a poor couple with a baby. What? No wealthy family or title? Yet they worshipped this child with precious gifts.

Herod shows the other side of the coin. His pride as king and his desire to control anything that could threaten his position resulted in the deaths of innocent children and the broken hearts of their parents. It's no different today. As people reject God, they naturally seek to control their lives outside of His commandments. Unplanned pregnancies can be aborted. People desiring "death with dignity" can choose euthanasia. Life is full of challenges and hard decisions. Having the humility to trust God in these circumstances isn't easy, even for Christians. Our secular society is legalizing and celebrating decisions and lifestyles contrary to God's word.

Sadly, our culture has reduced Christmas to a time of gifts and good times without any time for reflection on the miracle of God coming to earth as a baby. The ordinary people who were in the original Christmas are often reduced to characters in a play. We seldom take time to appreciate their inner qualities: humility, trust, faithfulness, perseverance and generosity. It's easy to overlook how important their inner character shaped the Christmas story.

Our culture glorifies the superficial: looks, wealth, power and fame, but our society thrives only to the degree that we cultivate character. We overlook how God uses ordinary people dealing with everyday problems as a means of pointing others to Him. May we develop the qualities of humility, trust, faithfulness, perseverance and generosity displayed in the Christmas story. May God use us as He did the people in the Christmas story, to reach His world.

"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

OFFICIAL ACTS



BAPTISMS

November 2, 2025 - Brayden Rose Anderson
November 16, 2025 - Henry Vinotali Wellen

WEDDING

November 7, 2025 - Anna Louise Renner and
Dylan Christopher Eaton

BAPTISM CLASS

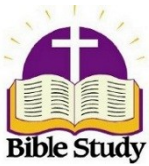
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 9:15 - 10:15AM
KITCHEN MEETING ROOM



Christina Stackle, our DCE, will lead the February Baptism Class and cover the basic teachings and logistics of baptisms at Peace. This class is designed for all expectant parents. To register, please see the "Baptism Class Signup" button on the homepage of our website. If you are unable to attend this class, but desire to have your child baptized prior to February 1, please call the Church Office at 314-892-5610.

2026 Future Class Dates: April 12 and June 7

BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION



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. The class continues its study of the **Large Catechism**. Upcoming class dates are December 4 and 18. Future Bible study dates can be found on our church website calendar, or watch the weekend News and Notes.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study meets at 7:00PM in Sanctuary Hall. They are currently studying the **Book of Acts**.

Mary Martha Bible Class - Let's celebrate the birth of Jesus! Join us each Thursday, at 9:00AM, in the Kitchen Meeting Room for fellowship, with class beginning at 9:30AM. Our reservation for Heaven is made in this life. 1 Peter 1:4 Make a decision to trust Jesus now - today and every day!

PEACE EARLY CHILDHOOD

Preschool Plus and Half Day Preschool
Helping the Church Grow by helping God's Children Grow



As we enter the month of December, we are excited to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Throughout the month, the children will explore the Christmas story - learning about Mary and Joseph, the shepherds, the angels, and the gift of baby Jesus!

The Preschoolers are busy preparing for their Christmas program on December 11, and are excited to share the good news of Jesus with everyone!

The Early Childhood Program is participating in the Adopt-A-Family program sponsored by our Peace Social Ministry to benefit Feed My People. We are collecting gift cards to share the love of Jesus with a family in need this Christmas.

To learn more about Peace Early Childhood program or employment opportunities please email Sara Watson at earlychildhood@peacelutheranstl.org or call the office at 314-892-8844.

As 2025 ends, we want to thank everyone for the ongoing support of the Early Childhood program! *May your Christmas be filled with PEACE, LOVE and JOY!*

Merry Christmas and blessings for a wonderful New Year!



PASTOR JENSEN TO LEAD SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY



Rev. Nathaniel Jensen, along with his wife, Emma and daughters, Agatha and Cecilia, will be back in the United States during the month of November for a network support tour. Pastor Jensen serves as Missionary Pastor in Kaiserslautern, Germany, and is a son of our congregation. Pastor and his family will join us on Sunday, November 30, to teach the 9:15AM Adult Bible Study. We welcome Pastor and his family back to Peace!



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

ROOTED IN CHRIST



The Season of Advent is upon us and this is a wonderful 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 states, "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. the 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.

"For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!" (Luke 2:11-14).

The students have been practicing their songs for the 2025 Sunday School Christmas Service, which will take place on Wednesday, December 17, at 6:30PM. Just a reminder that the official Sunday School Christmas Service rehearsal is on Saturday, December 13, from 8:00-10:00AM. May Almighty God give you and your loved ones a blessed Christmas and New Year.

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





THE 29TH ANNUAL BOAR'S HEAD CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

2025 Festival Service Dates and Times

Thursday, December 4, 7:30PM

Friday, December 5, 7:30PM

Saturday, December 6, 7:30PM

Sunday, December 7, 2:30 and 6:00PM

To reserve your tickets, please visit the Peace website, or scan the QR code below.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT FEED MY PEOPLE!

Feed My People is a Christian organization right down the road from Peace that strives to show God's love and compassion to all people, particularly those in need. Feed My People offers several services to help those in need - whether homeless or low-income - including a food pantry, several thrift stores, and assistance with finding and interviewing for employment. Our congregation continues to support and has been very generous with donations to Feed My People. Join us to volunteer in person, serving with our hands and feet to bring the love of Christ to those in our community. Pastor Brown and/or Abby Reynolds will be volunteering one Saturday morning each month and can bring a small group. Our 2026 volunteer opportunities include January 17, February 14, March 14, April 11, and May 16. Please consider joining us! Sign up through the opportunities page on the church website or through the QR code above.



COMING SOON - BOY SCOUT SUPER SUBS SALES

Super Subs

with Mama Luther's Special Sauce

Boy Scout Troop 584 Super Sub sales will begin in mid-January. Sub Sandwiches include three meats, two cheeses, and "Mama Luther's Special Sauce." Watch for order information in the January Newsletter and weekly News & Notes. Subs will be available for pick up after any service the weekend of February 7 and 8. All proceeds will directly benefit troop camping and the scouting program at Peace. Watch the bulletin and January newsletter for ordering information.

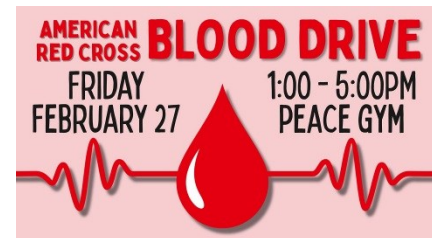
YOUR SENIOR PASTOR AND PHISHING FRAUD



A reminder that 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 or gift cards, claiming to be Pastor Furgeson, Pastor Brown, a good friend, or church member, please **DO NOT RESPOND**.

Our Pastors, staff, friends and church members will not reach out via text or email to anyone, asking for "a favor, assistance, cash or gift cards." Further, all real emails from our staff would come from our peacelutheranstl.org address. If 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.

SAVE THE DATE - BLOOD DRIVE AT PEACE



Registration information will be available in our weekly News & Notes. Donations save lives!



USE YOUR TAX DOLLARS TO SUPPORT LUTHERAN EDUCATION



Taxpayers in the state of Missouri—both individuals and businesses—have the unique opportunity to direct up to 50% of their state taxes to Lutheran Education. The

tax credit program, MOScholars, allows the Missouri District to convert tax dollars into scholarships for qualifying students attending LCMS schools throughout the state. Reserving these tax credits is easy and can be completed online in a matter of minutes. Head to <https://mo.lcms.org/mo-scholars/> to learn more about MOScholars and get the process started.

Questions can be directed to Leah Sieveking at 314-590-6211 or leah.sieveking@mo.lcms.org. Thank you for your participation in MOScholars through the Missouri District!

ONLINE PICTORIAL CHURCH DIRECTORY



Is it time to update your family picture in our church Pictorial Directory? If you have a current picture of your family, please consider updating your photo. You can upload your picture directly or email to the church office. Do you need our assistance with taking a new picture? If so, please contact 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.





Thanks be to God for his many gifts, and the woodworking talents of some of the members of our congregation! A very special **"Thank you" to Dave Decker, Rick Goodman, Alan Hopfer, and John Hooss** for the beautiful new Advent Wreath and Unity Candle they provided for the Chancel. They designed and built the wreath and unity candle that can be used with some of the furnishings we already have and now makes the wreath and candles look like it really belongs in the sanctuary. How blessed we are to have these workers in our midst!

The **Boy Scout Troop 584**, would like to thank all those that attended the Veteran's Day Pancake Breakfast last Sunday. Thank you for your ongoing support of our troop and St. Trinity Cemetery!

2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES



2026 Offering envelopes will be available for pickup in your church mailboxes the weekend of December 13/14. **Please note that only envelope numbers will be reassigned for 2026. Please discard all previous envelopes and begin using new envelopes after January 1, 2026. If you have a six-digit giving number, those numbers will not change.** If you don't receive your envelopes, or if you have any questions regarding your contribution records, please contact Denise Grant, Financial Secretary, at finance@peacelutheranstl.org.



KFUO 2026 PEACE BROADCAST SPONSORSHIPS



Live KFUE broadcasts of the 8:00AM service will air in February, March and April of 2026. Open dates include: **March 1, and April 5 and 12.** Each year we give our members the opportunity to sponsor the broadcasts in memory of a loved one, in honor of a special occasion, or just to the Glory of God.

Sponsorships are \$150.00 per Sunday. To sign up, please complete the following information and return to the church office. For more information, please contact Alan Hopfer at 314-846-4433.

(Place in offering plate, return to church office or mail)

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Would like to sponsor a service on: (choose date from above): _____

In honor of / In memory of / To the glory of God: (please circle choice and list name): _____

• Please attach check or cash payment of \$150, payable to Peace •

St. Trinity CEMETERY

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Kyle Rieger
Superintendent

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St. Louis, MO 63125
314-892-3662

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

ST. TRINITY MOURNS "OLD BLUE"

The St. Trinity Cemetery Board of Directors is sad to report that our faithful Ford tractor has reached the end of its life. Old Blue was born in 1987, and has been a faithful companion to the cemetery staff since the early 1990's. Whenever there were loads of dirt or concrete to pull, grass to cut, or snow to clear, Old Blue was happy to help. Many thanks to Wayne Schuessler, Jack Via and Jason Rainey for their valiant efforts to resuscitate our old friend. He will be missed.



The cemetery is looking at replacement options, and considering function and cost for various possibilities. Donations to help defer this large, unexpected expense would be most welcome.

Best wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving. Follow us on Facebook at St Trinity Cemetery or visit our website at www.sttrinitycemetery.com.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



Poinsettias will decorate the Chancel December 13-January 6, for the Christmas season.

Poinsettias are \$10.00 each. 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 1. Checks should be made payable to Peace. Please mark all payments "Poinsettia" on the envelope. For more information, please contact the church office. Orders may be placed in the offering plate or brought to the church office.

I/We: _____

would like to purchase _____ (1) Poinsettia for \$10.00 or
_____ (2) Poinsettias for \$20.00

To the Glory of God _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

HOLY COMMUNION WEEKENDS

Holy Communion is offered on the first and third Sundays of the month. December 6/7; 20/21; and Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

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.

MARRIED COUPLES CLUB

Couples Club will be decorating the church for Christmas on Monday, December 8, at 9:00AM. We would love to have you join us. Our Annual Christmas Party Saturday, December 13, at 6:00PM in Sanctuary Hall. Cost is \$10.00 per couple. Please bring a snack or dessert to share, beverages will be provided. Please also bring a wrapped "white elephant gift" to exchange. We will award a prize for most festive hat! RSVP to Gina Werkmeister 314-638-8268 by Thursday, December 11.

Thank you to everyone who supported Married Couples Club Annual Trivia Night. These are the organizations who benefited from your generosity: Alaska Missions, Concordia Seminary Student Fund, Feed My People-Adopt-A-Family, Green Park Lutheran School-General Fund, Missionary-Nathaniel Jensen, Boar's Head, Peace Field Workers, Renovation for the Next Generation, Social Ministry and St. Trinity Cemetery. Please save the date for our **Aloha Nights Trivia** on Saturday, August 22, 2026. We look forward to another FUN trivia night. Thank you for your support.

MEN'S CLUB

Men's Club will not meet during the month of December. Please join us Tuesday, January 27 at 6:00PM for our monthly meeting. Enjoy a great meal and fellowship, followed by our meeting. Men's Club is open to all men of Peace, age 21 and up! Questions? Contact John Hooss at 314-913-3072.

LADIES CLUB

Thanks for joining us this past year at our monthly meetings. We enjoyed getting to know you! Wishing everyone a wonderful holiday season, and pray you enjoy time with your families. We look forward to seeing you Tuesday, January 20, 2026 for our first Ladies Club meeting of the new year.

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

Please join us Thursday, December 18, from 10:45AM to noon, in Sanctuary Hall for our monthly meeting. All women are welcome to join us for fellowship and for support of our mission projects. Can't attend our monthly meetings? We invite you to become a Mailbox Member. This is an opportunity to understand and support LWML missions. Look for the invite in your mailbox.

ADULT CO-ED VOLLEYBALL AT PEACE

Co-Ed Volleyball plays on Tuesday evenings in the gym from 6:00-8:00PM. Anyone 18 years and older are welcome to join in the fun! For more information please contact Cameron Stinnett at 314-413-3412 or camstinn16@gmail.com.

NEWSLETTER SPONSORS

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

ALTAR FLOWERS

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

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. Please watch the church calendar for event conflicts to make sure we are playing. For more information please contact Jack Jeffcott at liporccarman@gmail.com or 314-856-5379.

SURVIVING SPOUSES BREAKFAST

Join us Thursday, December 11, 9:00AM at the Denny's on South Lindbergh. Our group meets on the second Thursday of each month. For more information, please contact Joyce Schutte at 314-267-7051.

QUILTERS CORNER

Please join us every Tuesday from 9:00AM to 2:00PM in Sanctuary Hall. Bring a sack lunch, we'll provide the fellowship and dessert! Please call Cheryl at 314-223-0744 if you have any questions. **Quilters know the angles!**

MISSIONARY NEWS

The current newsletter from Pastor Jensen serving in Germany can be found on our church bulletin board, or on our website, under Resources/Mission News. If you would like to support the missionary efforts of Pastor Jensen, please direct your contributions to "Synodical Missionary Support" at Peace, or directly through the LCMS website.

SUNDAY SERVICE ON KFEO

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

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ALASKA MISSION



The Alaska Mission Team collects items year-round to prepare for their summer mission trip. If you would like to help, please see the list of suggested items located on the Commons counter. All donations can be placed in the Alaska Mission Box in the Commons. Your donations are greatly appreciated. Stonie's Sausage sales continue. If you would like to purchase delicious beef and cheese sticks, please see the Alaska Mission team at the Commons Counter in between church services. Sales will continue through the end of the year. Christmas gift baskets will be available for purchase in the gym beginning Thanksgiving weekend. All proceeds help spread the word of Jesus in Hooper Bay, Alaska. Please mark your calendar for the annual Alaska Mission Chicken Dinner and Silent Auction Sunday, February 1, 2026. Your support of the Alaska Mission Trip is greatly appreciated.



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Huge Congratulations to the Lady Vikings A1 Volleyball team, including **Peace members, Seventh Grader Addi Noser, and Coach Sarah Baese**, took home the State Championship at the Lutheran Sports Association of Missouri the weekend of October 31 and November 1 in Jefferson City, Missouri! In the final game against Zion Harvester, the team started strong with a dominant 25-6 win in the first set. Despite a tighter second set the girls held their ground and clinched the victory with a 25-21 win! A huge shout-out to the players, Coach Baese and Coach Bond, and families for their hard work and support all season long. This victory is a true testament to their dedication and teamwork.



Our upcoming events include:

December 9: Eat & Earn at Culver's South County 5:00p-8:00PM

December 12: Geography Bee 8:30AM

JK-4th Grade Christmas Musical 2:00PM and K-4th Grade Christmas Musical 7:00PM

December 19: Christmas Assembly 9:00AM

January 8: Stay-N-Play 8:30-10:30AM in the gym. Free open gym play time for children 5 & under accompanied by an adult.



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Broadway's favorite carnivorous plant comes to the LuSo stage on December 4-6. This science fiction musical tells the tale of a timid floral worker named Seymour who discovers a strange, man-eating plant. The story, with music by Alan Menken and lyrics by Howard Ashman, follows Seymour as he navigates his increasingly dangerous secret while trying to win the love of his co-worker, Audrey. The show includes quirky characters, over-the-top performances and delightfully singable songs. Performances are Thursday, December 4, 7:00PM, Friday, December 5, 7:00PM, and Saturday, December 6, 2:00PM and 7:00PM. Join us at the matinee to honor Richard Reiss and his contributions to the Lutheran South theater program. Reception immediately following in

the school's Legacy Loft. Reserve your seats: <https://www.slancers.org/theater-tickets>

Congratulations to the LuSo Band students for making the Metro 8 District Honor Bands! These top musicians are now eligible to audition for the Missouri All-State Bands and Orchestra. Josephine Ray - 1st chair oboe - Concert Band, Nathan Burbank - 8th chair trombone - Concert Band, Nathan Becker - 2nd chair alto sax - Concert Band, Mara Queen - 1st chair bass - Jazz Band Way to go Lancer Musicians!



Join us for our Christmas Band Concert on Friday, December 12, at 7:00PM in the Duesenberg Theater to honor John and Ellen Miller for their dedication to the Lutheran South Band program. Band alumni are invited for a special performance of Sleigh Ride. A reception honoring the Millers will begin at 5:30PM in the Legacy Loft. This is a free event, but please RSVP below so we know to expect you. If you would like to join in the performance, please indicate so on the form. RSVP: <https://www.slancers.org/events>



Congratulations to our cross country runners who qualified for State! **Peace member and Senior, Jonah Glessner** finished 8th in Districts, and the girls team finished fourth, which qualified them as a team for the state meet in Columbia. Sophomore Kaitlin Naeger placed 17th at Districts, and senior Kaitlyn Solecki finished 20th, both medalizing individually.

Senior Grace Bollmeier qualified for the State golf tournament and was also recognized as All-District for her 4th place finish. She is the first female golfer in school history to qualify for state three times!



District Champs! Girls volleyball, including **Peace members, Junior, Marlee Michelsen and Freshman, Grace Robinson**, along with their teammates won the District Championship and advanced to the State Quarterfinals in November.

Join the Lutheran South Lancerettes for a Holiday mini camp on Sunday, December 14, with dancing, games, crafts, and more! Full-day and half-day options are available. Dance Mini-Camp: 1:00-2:30PM (\$30, Mini Camp only and includes routine and t-shirt); Holiday Camp: 2:30-5:00PM (\$50, includes the Dance Mini-Camp above, as well as activities so you can get your shopping done!) Register

at: <https://www.slancers.org/events>

Grade school athletes interested in playing football have the opportunity to join a tackle football team next year. The team will be made up of students entering 4th and 5th grade in 2026-27 school year. The season will run from August through October and practices will begin in July at Lutheran South. Contact Jeff Slinkard at jefferson.slinkard@gmail.com for more details.



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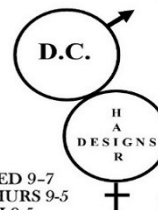
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