



# THE PEACE LUTHERAN

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## LIFE MINISTRY - BABY BOTTLE DRIVE



Baby bottles will be distributed this weekend after each service. The bottles are used to collect money for the Pregnancy Help Center of South County. All proceeds enable the center to reach mothers in need through a strong internet presence and to provide life-saving ultrasound services to women considering abortion. Please return Baby Bottles to the Commons Counter by the weekend of February 1/2. **Please note that if you include a check inside your bottle, please make check payable to Pregnancy Resource Center.**

## SANCTUARY REMEDIATION - WHAT TO EXPECT

Repairs will begin in our Sanctuary starting the week of January 20. We ask for your prayers and patience, as we navigate all the adjustments.

- ◆ Worship services moved to Sanctuary Hall.
- ◆ No Cry Room available.
- ◆ Sunday morning Bible Study will move to the gymnasium.
- ◆ Scheduled groups meeting in Sanctuary Hall will meet in the Kitchen Meeting Room.
- ◆ Coffee/Fellowship Hour relocated away from the entrance to Sanctuary Hall.
- ◆ Scheduled groups are using the gymnasium at half-court only. Please contact the church office prior to using the gym.

## NEWSLETTER CALENDAR UPDATE

Due to ever changing events in the life of our congregation, the monthly calendar will no longer be included in the monthly newsletter. To access the church calendar, please visit the church website, scan the QR code, or <https://73936888.view-events.com>.



## HOLY COMMUNION WEEKENDS



Holy Communion is offered on the first, third and fifth Sundays of each month. Dates for February include: February 1/2 and February 15/16

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## EARLY CHILDHOOD

# OPEN HOUSE

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4  
5:30-7:00PM**

Please join us for our annual open house! Tour the classrooms, meet our teachers, enjoy hot dogs, chips, and dessert. There will be slide shows of daily routines and children's artwork will be on display. For more information, please contact Susan Velten, 314-892-8844 or email to [earlychildhood@peacelutheranstl.org](mailto:earlychildhood@peacelutheranstl.org).



## VOTERS' ASSEMBLY REMINDER

Monday, February 10  
7:00PM - Sanctuary Hall

## AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



On Friday, February 21, from 1:00-5:00PM, the American Red Cross will be at Peace for a winter blood drive.

To register, please scan the QR Code or visit: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=PLC>.

If you need assistance with registration, please contact the Church office. Donations save lives!



## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Wednesday, March 5

11:00AM - Organ Recital

11:30AM - Service w/Holy Communion

5:00PM - Lenten Supper

6:30PM - Service w/Holy Communion



**See the full Lenten and Easter schedule inside this issue!**

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## FEBRUARY SCRIPTURE READINGS

February 2: **The Presentation of Our Lord**

1 Samuel 1:21-28; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40

February 9: **Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**

Isaiah 6:1-13; 1 Corinthians 14:12b-20; Luke 5:1-11

February 16: **Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany**

Jeremiah 17:5-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-20; Luke 6:17-26

February 23: **Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany**

Genesis 45:3-15; 1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42; Luke 6:27-38

## OFFICIAL ACTS

### FUNERALS

December 23, 2024 - Phyllis Huddleston, 79

December 23, 2024 - Mark Mullen, 68

January 17, 2025 - Bob Stine, 75



## 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 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 February, please call the Church Office at 314-892-5610. Baptism Classes will be offered March 30, June 8, September 7, and November 16.

*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 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.

## 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.

## 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, 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 Class** resumed January 8 at 7:00PM in Sanctuary Hall, with a study of the **Book of Acts**. Everyone is welcome!

**Mary Martha Bible Class** - A new year has come, Christmas has left us with the wonderful message, Emmanuel, God with us! Please join us on Thursday mornings as we study the book of Daniel, led by Pastor Furgeson and Pastor Brown. We meet at 9:00AM for fellowship, with Bible Study at 9:30AM, in the Kitchen Meeting Room. Please join us for a happier new year!

## **St. Trinity CEMETERY**

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



Kyle Rieger  
Superintendent

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

[www.sttrinitycemetery.com](http://www.sttrinitycemetery.com)  
Monday – Friday 7:30 – 4:00  
Saturday by Appointment Only

## ST.TRINITY CEMETERY - GRAVE & NICHE DECORATIONS

A common tradition when visiting a grave is to bring something...a balloon, pinwheel, or flowers are commonly seen in many cemeteries. At St. Trinity Cemetery, there are Rules & Regulations which govern how flowers and other decorations are managed. These can be seen at the website below, and are intended to keep the cemetery looking uncluttered and beautiful. Here are the highlights of section IV, pertaining to flowers, wreaths and decorations:

- ◆ Only one flower wreath or bouquet per grave or niche is permitted.
- ◆ Containers, potted plants, baskets, balloons and other such items are not allowed.
- ◆ Funeral flowers are removed 5-7 days after an interment.
- ◆ All decorations are removed three times per year, during the weeks of February 1, May 1, and September 1, contingent on staff workload and weather conditions.

It also bears mentioning that during high winds and other weather events, decorations can "take flight" and/or be damaged such that cemetery staff is unable to replace them in their original location. We appreciate your awareness and consideration of these guidelines when honoring your loved ones. Follow us on Facebook at St Trinity Cemetery or visit our website at [www.sttrinitycemetery.com](http://www.sttrinitycemetery.com).

# Super Subs

with  
Mama Luther's  
Special Sauce

## BOY SCOUT SUPER SUB ORDERS

Super Sub orders are underway. Subs include Ham, Salami

and Turkey, with Sharp Cheddar and Pepper Jack Cheese, and a side of "Mama Luther's Special Sauce." Boy Scouts and Leaders will be available before and after worship services to take your orders!

**Whole (16") for \$15 or Half (8") for \$10**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Whole Sub – \$15    \_\_\_\_\_ Half Sub – \$10  
(# subs ordered)                      (# subs ordered)

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_



Orders may be placed by visiting the church website under the "Opportunities" tab, scanning the QR code, or completing this form, attaching cash or check made payable to **Boy Scout Troop 584**.

Return your paper order to the church office. Online orders require debit/credit payment at the time your order is placed. Order deadline is February 2. Super Subs will be ready for pick up at Peace after services on February 8 and 9. All proceeds directly benefit Troop 584 camping and the scouting program at Peace. Questions? Please contact Katie Davis, at 920-246-1231 or email: katie.davis4144@aol.com.



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](mailto: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 needs:

### GREETERS

Greeters are needed for our Sunday morning services in 2025. This involves welcoming our families and visitors as they enter the sanctuary for worship services. Thank you for considering this valuable service!

### 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, please contact Barry Hammon at [barry.hammon@wwt.com](mailto:barry.hammon@wwt.com).

### OTHER CURRENT SIGN-UPS

- Boy Scout Troop 584 - Super Sub Sales
- Youth Retreat Registration
- Middle School Winter Olympics
- Youth Easter Egg Stuffing/Hunt and more

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

## ALASKA MISSION CHICKEN DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION



Join us Sunday, March 2, for our Alaska Mission Chicken Dinner and Silent Auction in the gymnasium at Peace. Doors open at 5:00PM, with dinner served at 5:30PM. Enjoy our fabulous fried chicken, delicious sides and desserts, along with a presentation of our continued mission work in Hooper Bay, Alaska! All proceeds from the event will fund our mission work. Tickets are available to purchase at the Commons counter in between services beginning February 15/16. Ticket prices are \$12 for adults, children ages 10 and under \$5. Tickets purchased at the door are \$14. Auction donation items are welcomed. We will once again offer credit card payments for the auction this year! For more information, please contact Jackie Hoeflerlin at 314-440-1693.



## 2025 LENTEN & EASTER SCHEDULE

### **Ash Wednesday**

March 5 11:00AM Organ Recital  
\*11:30AM Service  
5:00PM Lenten Supper  
\*6:30PM Service

### **Mid-Week Lent-2**

March 12 11:00AM Organ Recital  
11:30AM Service  
5:00PM Lenten Supper  
6:30PM Service

### **Mid-Week Lent-3**

March 19 11:00AM Organ Recital  
11:30AM Service  
5:00PM Lenten Supper  
6:30PM Service

### **Mid-Week Lent-4**

March 26 11:00AM Organ Recital  
11:30AM Service  
5:00PM Lenten Supper  
6:30PM Service

### **Mid-Week Lent-5**

April 2 11:00AM Organ Recital  
11:30AM Service  
5:00PM Lenten Supper  
6:30PM Service

### **Mid-Week Lent-6**

April 9 11:00AM Organ Recital  
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  
\*2:00PM 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*

Organ Recital schedule will be listed  
in the March Newsletter.

# Lent



## 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.***

## YEAR-END STATEMENTS AND OFFERING ENVELOPES

Year-end statements are in your mailbox. If you have any questions, please contact Denise Grant at 314-591-8207. In addition, 2025 offering envelopes are also in family mailboxes. If you didn't receive envelopes and would like to, please contact the church office.

**MARRIED COUPLES CLUB**

Couples Club February Event is Green Park Lutheran Schools "Dueling Pianos" on Saturday February 1, at Peace Lutheran Church. Doors open at 6:30PM and pianos begin at 7:30PM. Register online at Green Park's website: [greenparklutheranschool.schoolauction.net](http://greenparklutheranschool.schoolauction.net). Save the Date for our 2nd Annual Trivia Night FUNraiser Saturday, August 23.

**MEN'S CLUB**

Meets Tuesday, February 28, from 6:00-9:00PM. Please join us for 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**

In 1881, a woman was a self-taught nurse, teacher, government employee, and humanitarian! What's so great about her? She's the founder of the American Red Cross, a phenomenal charity that is still around today! Come find out more at Ladies Club, Tuesday, February 18, at 7:00PM, and listen to Clara's life through the retelling by Barb (*the woman who portrayed Katie Luther last 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**

Peace LWML meets on Thursday, February 20, at 10:45AM in Sanctuary Hall. We hope you join us! Mite Collection Sunday at Peace is the second Sunday of each month. Thank you for your continued donations of stamps and "Mites."

**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](mailto: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](mailto:liporccarman@gmail.com) or 314-856-5379.

**SURVIVING SPOUSES BREAKFAST**

Join us on Thursday, February 13, 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**



Please join us on Tuesdays from 9:00AM to 2:00PM. We will be quilting temporarily in the Brides Room during the work in the Sanctuary. For questions or more information, please contact Cheryl Turley at 314-223-0744.

***So much fabric, so little time.***



**PALMS AND EASTER FLOWERS**



Palm trees, Easter lilies, azaleas and tulips will decorate our Chancel for Palm Sunday, Junior Confirmation and Easter. If you would like to purchase a palm or flowering plant, please complete this form and return to the church office, with payment of cash or check payable to Peace. Orders are due by Monday, March 10. For questions or assistance, please contact Tami Behnke at 314-596-7350 or the church office.

I/We: \_\_\_\_\_

Attach \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for:

# \_\_\_\_\_ Easter lilies (\$12 each)

# \_\_\_\_\_ Azaleas (\$18 each)

# \_\_\_\_\_ Tulips (\$8 each)

# \_\_\_\_\_ \*Palms (\$20 each) for Palm Sunday

**(\*Limited to 6, please contact Tami in advance to check availability.)**

**Choose one:**

\_\_\_\_\_ To the Glory of God

\_\_\_\_\_ In Memory of Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ In Honor of Name: \_\_\_\_\_





**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@greenparklutheranschool.org](mailto:katie.gaeta@greenparklutheranschool.org).

**Chapel** - Please join us on Wednesday mornings for Chapel in the gym from 8:30-9:00AM. Join us to witness a vital piece of our students' Christian education as they hear the word of God. Please note, there is no Chapel on the first Wednesday of each month as Faith Families meet during that time.

**Open House** - Sunday, January 26, from 1:00-3:00PM. Looking for a school where your child can receive an unmatched faith-based Christian education? Come see what Green Park Lutheran School has to offer and what our students have been working on in their classrooms. Find out what makes us the best private elementary school in South St. Louis County where our students are known, loved, and valued.

**Dueling Pianos** - Saturday, February 1, 7:30PM at Peace! Get ready for an unforgettable night filled with music, laughter, and friendly competition! The GPLS Dueling Pianos Event is the perfect opportunity to enjoy live entertainment with friends while supporting a great cause. Here's what you can expect: Live Dueling Piano Performances, Delicious Appetizers and Dessert and Special VIP tables. Tickets on sale now on the GPLS website! Grab your friends and reserve a table before they sell out! Want to support the event and get your brand noticed? Check out our sponsorship packages and secure your spot as a partner.

**Stay-N-Play** - Thursday, February 13, 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! Our final Stay-N-Play date for the school year is Thursday, March 13.

**Eat and Earns** are scheduled all day on February 27, 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!

**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**

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. It is sure to be a fun evening as we raise money for the band to go on tour this spring! **Register at <https://www.lslancers.org/events>**

It's the night we've all been waiting for! **Come check out our new Jubel Center for the Arts and join us for the Grand Opening Celebration with Lusopaloozo on Thursday, February 27, at 7:00PM.** The night will include music by Ariel McMahon and Adam Countryman and feature a reunion of the alumni band, "The Rock." The Lutheran South Pep Band, Concert Choir, and some surprise guests will also make appearances. This event is open to the public. Tickets are \$30 each. **We can't wait to celebrate with you! <https://www.lslancers.org/events>**

Senior Ben Long broke a school record against Clayton, scoring 53 points in a single basketball game. The previous record was held by Lezoghia Member-Meneh, who scored 43 points in 2016 against Festus. Four varsity boys soccer players were selected to the All-American Team from among Lutheran high schools across the nation! Seniors Nathan Green and Aiden Greiner were named to the All-American First Team, junior Cooper DeSchryver earned All-American Second Team recognition, and senior Anthony Gonzalez received All-American Third Team honors.

Sophomore Mara Queen earned recognition as the top bassist in the state! She was selected as the solo bassist for the Missouri All-State Jazz Band, consisting of students from across Missouri.



The LuSo Robotics team finished first overall in their second meet of the year, with a 5-0-1 record at the Webster Groves competition. The results launched them into 3rd out of 31 teams in the St. Louis South League rankings.

We welcomed a wide range of guest speakers to chapel last semester. From a seminary professor to the Missouri District President, each of them inspired us in different ways. Thank you for bringing the Gospel to our community in your unique voice! We look forward to hosting more amazing speakers this semester.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

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

January was a bit snowy and icy to say the least. In fact, as our Sunday School parents know, we had to cancel classes on Sunday, January 5, due to the inclement weather. Unfortunately, that was the first Sunday of the month and the kids missed out on their visit to the Bible bucks store. Well, the children came back with a vengeance on January 12, and cleared out a HUGE supply of goodies. It's so much fun to watch them choose their items and count out their Bible bucks. May we continually thank Almighty God for the indescribable gift of our children.



# Growing In Faith Together



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 hear about some of the miracles of Jesus, including how He calmed a storm on the open sea, how He healed/raised from the dead the daughter of a well-known religious leader named Jairus, and how He fed 5,000 people with five small loaves of bread and two fish. The First and Second grade students will continue in the pages of the Old Testament and study about Moses, which will cover his birth, his encounter with God at the Burning Bush, the Plagues, as well as the Passover. The Third and Fourth grade students will continue their study on King David and end the month learning about his son Solomon. The Fifth-grade students will continue their study of the life of Martin Luther and his role in the Reformation of the church.

Are you familiar with the Church Year Calendar and the colors associated with it? The colors on the Altar and those worn by our pastors change throughout the year. A wonderful explanation of the calendar year and colors can be found on the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod website below. Give the page a visit if you like.

[www.lcms.org/worship/church-year/colors-of-liturgical-seasons](http://www.lcms.org/worship/church-year/colors-of-liturgical-seasons)

Please encourage your children to hide God's Word in their hearts through the memorization of scripture. *Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make straight your paths.* Proverbs 3:5-6

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

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



## PEACE EARLY CHILDHOOD

**FEBRUARY 2025**

*Let the children come to Me - Mark 10:14*

During the month of February, our academic skill focus is on letters Qq, Rr, Ss, and Tt. We are also working on letter sound identification, and recognizing the sight words "see" and "the." We will learn to sort and identify coins, continue writing numbers, and explore patterning with hexagons and trapezoids. The children love exploring and manipulating pattern blocks and foam shapes to create objects and designs!



Throughout the month, we will be learning about Jesus' ministry. We will marvel at how He fed the crowd of more than 5,000 people with just two fish and five loaves. We will see His kindness and mercy in the way Jesus blessed the children, and also in the story of the good Samaritan. As we learn about different types of coins, we will see how the widow gave all she had. What a wonderful time of year to focus on the love that God has for us!

Pastor Furgeson will lead our chapel on February 12, with an offering of baby items for Crisis Pregnancy Center.

## YOUTH NEWS

### All Youth Retreat

Middle School and High School Youth are invited to attend the Missouri District Youth Gathering on April 4-6, at Cross Pointe Retreat Center in Rocky Mount, MO.

During the weekend, there are four-session Bible studies led by Pastor Brian King from Webster Gardens Lutheran Church based on the Apostle's Creed. Our youth group will have time to play games. The middle school youth will participate in a service project to benefit the children our church ministers to each summer in Alaska. The high school youth will attend break-out sessions led by YouthLead that will help them learn how to help other hurting teens.

The cost to attend the retreat is \$135. Information packets can be found on the church website under the Opportunities tab. If you are interested in attending, please sign up on the website and submit the registration fee and paperwork to the church office by February 2. We will need parents to help drive and chaperone. If you can help, please contact Christina.

### High School Youth

The High School youth will help serve Lenten Dinner on Ash Wednesday, March 5. Please sign up on our website to help. We need both youth and their parents to help with the following:

4:00-5:00PM - Set up and food preparation

5:00-6:30PM - Serve food and clean up

### High School Small Groups

We will have High School Youth Group on the following Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00PM

January 22, 29

February 5, 12, 19, 26

### NYG Meetings

All youth attending the NYG. We will have group meetings on the following days.

Sunday, January 26 (11:30AM-2:30PM)

Sunday, March 2 (11:30AM-2:30PM)

*Please do your best to attend. Lunch will be provided.*

Saturday, March 29 (9:00AM-12:00PM) is Part Two of our envelope fundraiser. We will spend the morning serving the church in thanksgiving for the money raised.

### High School Lunch Dates

Mehlville/Oakville Students - Christina will meet with students on February 26.

LUSO Students - Christina will bring lunch on February 24, and April 28.

### 8th Grade Confirmation Banner Night

Confirmands and their parents will construct their Confirmation Banners on **Tuesday, February 25**, at 6:30PM. Check your email and family's church mailbox for more information.

## Middle School Youth - Winter Olympics

If you enjoyed watching the Summer Olympics, then you will enjoy even more participating in the Winter Olympics here at Peace Lutheran Church on **Sunday, February 23**, from 11:30AM to 2:00PM. Come prepared because your strength and endurance will be tested. We will break into Country teams and compete for the coveted Gold Medal. Grab your friends and sign up on the church website before Sunday, February 16. Here are just a few sports which will be included in the St. Louis 2025 Winter Olympics:

Cross Country Skiing | Bobsled  
Curling | Speedskating | Hockey

### 8th Grade Confirmation Parent Meeting

Please mark your calendars for a parent meeting on **Wednesday, March 12**, immediately following the Lenten worship service, (*at approximately 7:20PM*) in the Sanctuary. We will be discussing details about Confirmation Day, Sunday, April 13.

### 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 12: Annabelle Sanders, Keaton Schmitt, Hannah Stackle, Kaleb VanDenBerg, and Danielle Watson

March 19: Genevieve Castro, Aubrey Declue, Rain Dillender, and Madison Gersman

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





## LIFE MINISTRY - TWO MEN



On Wednesday morning, December 4, 26-year-old Luigi Mangione shot Brian Thompson multiple times in the back on a sidewalk in Manhattan. Thompson was CEO of the United Health Care insurance firm and Mangione intended to settle scores with a healthcare industry that he held responsible for his injured back. Meanwhile, another 26-year-old, Daniel Penny, was standing trial in a Manhattan court for the chokehold death of Jordan Neely. Neely was a mentally ill man who threatened to kill people on a subway car on May 1, 2023. Penny intended to protect the women and children who were terrorized by Neely's behavior.

The reaction to both incidents says something about our culture. Forty-one percent of young people under the age of thirty applauded Mangione as a Robin Hood hero for striking a blow against health insurance companies. Apparently, a significant portion of our population feels the ends justify the means. Murder became heroism. Penny, prosecuted for criminally negligent homicide, faced the possibility of fifteen years in prison. Fortunately, he was acquitted, but why was his heroism prosecuted as murder?

What does this have to do with the pro-life movement? Everything. These two examples illustrate the opposing world views by which people live. Mangione exemplifies a self-centered culture that applauds living life on your own terms regardless of the consequences to others. Penny's actions were guided by a conscience answerable to God. He later said that he would not have been able to live with himself if he had not intervened on behalf of the other passengers.

These competing world views have been dominating political debates for decades. It started with banning God in public schools, legalizing abortion, gay marriage, recreational drugs and now embracing transgenderism. In the name of "separation of church and state," Christianity has been removed from our culture. This void of goodness was replaced with a modern paganism. Many times, we failed to challenge these secular values, thinking it was easier to "not make waves."

But that's not how it worked. As our society divorced itself from God, it became increasingly dysfunctional: higher crime rates, more divorce, fewer marriages, more addiction, more pornography, more profanity, more depression, and more suicide. Sadly, many have accepted this dysfunction as the "new normal." The forty-one percent of young people who approved of Mangione's actions never knew a time when society was dominated by Christian values and traditions. Fully 28% of American adults are "nones": no religious affiliation.

In another New York subway, a woman was set on fire a few days before Christmas. Bystanders recorded her death on cellphones, but did nothing to help her. Two more people were stabbed in Grand Central Station on Christmas Eve. Again, no one even lifted a finger to call 911. Why? Has human life become so worthless?

Daniel Penny didn't think so and neither should we.

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