



THE PEACE LUTHERAN

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JUNE/JULY SCRIPTURE READINGS

June 1: **Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Acts 1:12-26; Rev. 22:1-6, 12-20; John 17:20-26

June 8: **The Day of Pentecost**

Genesis 11:1-9; Acts 2:1-21; John 14:23-31

June 15: **The Holy Trinity**

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Acts 2:14a, 22-36; John 8:48-59

June 22: **Second Sunday after Pentecost**

Isaiah 65:1-9; Galatians 3:23-4:7; Luke 8:26-39

June 29: **Third Sunday after Pentecost**

1 Kings 19:9b-21; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62

July 6: **Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

Isaiah 66:10-14; Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18; Luke 10:1-20

July 13: **Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

Leviticus 19:9-18; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37

July 20: **Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

Genesis 18:1-14; Colossians 1:21-29; Luke 10:38-42

July 27: **Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

Genesis 18:17-33; Colossians 2:6-19; Luke 11:1-13

WELCOME EARLY CHILDHOOD DIRECTOR, SARA WATSON



I am very excited for my new role as Director of the Early Childhood Center. I have a degree in early childhood education and have worked in the field for 20+ years. I have been a

member at Peace since 2005 and have participated in the Boars Head Festival, helped with Vacation Bible School and various Youth events. In my free time I enjoy spending time with my family, going for walks/hiking and reading. I am looking forward to working with the staff, getting to know the families and sharing the love of Jesus with the children.

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION THANK YOU FROM SUE VELTEN

"Thank you for the wonderful retirement celebration. The well wishes from everyone, the love of my family and friends, and the amazing congregational gift were so thoughtful and very much appreciated. Thank you for adding to the joy of my retirement."

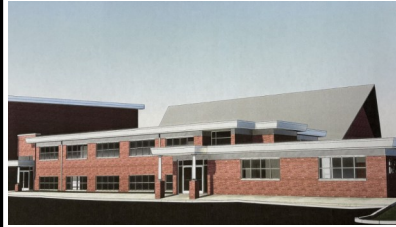


REV. DR. JON FURGESON, SENIOR PASTOR

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RENOVATION FOR THE NEXT GENERATION



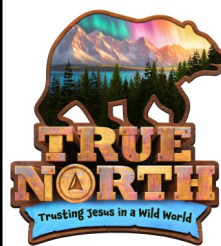
For nearly 80 years, our congregation has faithfully partnered with families to proclaim Christ to the next generations. Over the past two years, plans for our campus were

formulated to carry that legacy forward into the future. Peace's Voters Assembly, at its May 12 meeting, voted to move forward with detailed plans to renovate our older spaces dedicated to Sunday School, the Early Childhood Program, and other ministries to our children and families. These plans include updating, renovating, and modestly adding to our oldest campus spaces for safety and best use. Among many aspects of needed work:

- Properly removing asbestos
- Adding fire response systems
- Updating old systems (kitchen, bathrooms, lighting, etc.)
- ADA compliance
- Cleaning up the floor plan
- A secure, dedicated entryway to the Early Childhood Program

Our current campus has served us well for nearly 70 years, and these spaces are some of the earliest. **We hope you will join us in prayer and in giving to this worthwhile project** so that our campus is ready for the faithful work of God for the generations to come! **Giving to this project may be earmarked as "RFNG" or "Renovation for the Next Generation."**

VBS SNACK DONATION SIGN-UP



Snack donations are needed for our True North adventure this summer. The sign-up sheet is located on the Commons Counter. The items are listed, along with the quantities or sizes needed. The sheet will also let you know the best place to purchase the items. Thanks in advance for any donations you can provide!



REV. ROBERT BROWN, ASSOCIATE PASTOR

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DISASTER RELIEF FOR STORM VICTIMS

After the storms on Friday, May 16, the Missouri District is supporting affected congregations and families in the days ahead—sharing the “peace that passes all understanding” to ease their burden, as well as their financial resources. The path forward will be long and difficult to walk for many. Each new stage of recovery will bring its own set of challenges. Would you please prayerfully consider walking alongside those impacted by this disaster with a financial gift? You can give through the mail, checks may be made payable to the Missouri District LCMS (with “Disaster Relief” added to the memo) and returned to: Missouri District LCMS, 660 Mason Ridge Center Drive, Suite 100, St. Louis, MO 63141. For more information please see the flyer located on the bulletin board in the Commons.

Join us for Fellowship Time

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



THE PEACE GROUNDS CREW



Clean Up Crew

Do you like to work in the yard? Would you be interested in helping keep the outside of Peace looking as nice as the inside? The Peace Grounds Crew might just be the place for you! This volunteer group will assist with maintenance of the landscaping around the building and in the parking lots.

Work days will be announced weekly, bi-weekly or monthly depending on the time of year and tasks at hand. To join the crew, visit the “Opportunities” page on the church website. For more information, please contact John Roesch at 314-630-8377 or Ed Stackle at 314-520-2992.

USED EYEGLASS COLLECTION



From May 31-July 13, LWML Ladies Guild will be collecting gently used adult and children prescription eyeglasses and non-prescription sunglasses to benefit MOST Ministries, a Michigan based, non-profit, short-term mission sending agency and a RSO of the LCMS. All donated glasses will be reconditioned and distributed to individuals living in undeveloped nations who cannot afford eyecare. Donations can be placed in the collection box located in the Commons. Contact Julia Petrovic at 314-809-5447 with questions. For more information on MOST Ministries, please visit www.mostministries.org.

BSA TROOP 584

ANNUAL AMERICAN FLAG RETIREMENT



In commemoration of Flag Day, Boy Scout Troup 584 will have their annual Flag Retirement Ceremony Monday, June 2, at 7:00PM, in the parking lot behind the kitchen. If you have any American flags that are torn, faded or tattered (unserviceable), please bring them to church and place in the designated box in the Commons. Any questions? Please contact Julie Hake at 314-210-9103 or Katie Davis at 920-246-1231.

80TH ANNIVERSARY: PREACHERS OF PEACE

As part of our observation of the 80th Anniversary of Peace Lutheran Church this year, we are inviting guest preachers connected to our congregation. Peace has a long history of producing pastors from our community and forming pastors through our fieldwork program. As such, we have a preacher each month who you have helped to shape for their life of service to God:

- Commander Matthew Prince, Navy Chaplain, kicked off our guests in February
- April 27: Mr. Zak Kreittler, son of the congregation, Concordia Theological Seminary Student
- May 10/11: Mr. Ryan Milbrath, current fieldworker at Peace, Concordia Seminary Student
- June 21/22: Pastor Steven Andrews, son of the congregation, St. Matthew, Lee's Summit, Missouri
- July 12/13: Pastor Nathan Nelson, son of the congregation, Trinity, Leavenworth, Kansas
- Aug 16/17: Pastor Jeff Carlson, former fieldworker, Our Redeemer, Eau Claire, Wisconsin

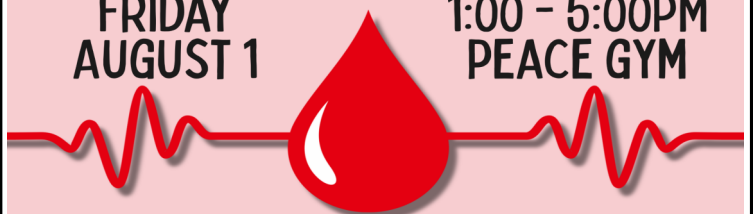
We rejoice in the work God does through them, shaped in part by your faithfulness as God's people of Peace Lutheran Church!

SAVE THE DATE - BLOOD DRIVE AT PEACE

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

**FRIDAY
AUGUST 1**

**1:00 - 5:00PM
PEACE GYM**



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



AFRICAN PASTORS THANK PEACE FOR OUR SUPPORT

Peace has supported these three pastors from the African countries of Ghana and South Sudan for at least the past two years. They left everything behind at home—families, churches, ministries—to come to our Seminary here in St. Louis to gain their Masters in Theology so they can go back and teach pastors at their own respective seminaries. Your generosity is the seed which will bear much fruit in the decades to come for these central African regions. Below are their letters to you as they prepare to depart for home and begin the new trajectories of their work in Christ.

To God be the Praise!
Pastor Furgeson

Greetings to you in the name of the risen Lord and Savior.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Peace Lutheran Church for the family support that we have received since the time we came. That has been so helpful to both our families and the church because when you help us you have involved yourselves in the mission work of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in South Sudan and Sudan (ELCSS/S).

When I return home, I will serve in our Seminary as the principal trainer of pastors who will go and preach God's word to the people who have not received Christ as their Savior. As our church is young, there is a great need for pastors and other church workers.

It is my hope that you will keep me, my family, and the church in your daily prayers as I go to serve in that challenging situation.

Thank you very much!

In Christ,
Pastor Nicholas Kumbo Louis Jacinto

I am a Pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in South Sudan/Sudan (ELCSS/S). I am married and have four kids. My family still lives in South Sudan while I have been here in St. Louis for studies at Concordia Seminary. I thank God for protecting and guiding me throughout all my studies since June 2022 and I have completed my program of Masters of Arts in Theology this Spring 2025. My sincere thanks go to all the brothers and sisters who have been so helpful to me on this journey of my studies. I thank especially all the members of Peace Lutheran Church for prayers and financial support for me and the family in South Sudan.

I have now finished my studies and I am going back home soon to serve God and His people. I will be teaching at our Seminary and preaching the Gospel in some of our congregations. I will be engaged also in peace-building programs because of conflict between Christians and Muslims; even among different tribes.

Sudan, as a young country, has experienced civil war for many years and this has led the people to live a difficult life. I am asking you to continue praying for me, my family, and for the work of God in South Sudan where people need really the word of God. I will never forget our fellowship with you and will always keep you in my prayers. May God Almighty keep you in true faith in Jesus Christ as you serve him till He comes again to take us to be with Him in Heaven forever.

In Christ,
Pastor Celestino Kaka

By God's grace, I will graduate from Concordia Seminary on May 16, 2025, and return to my home country, Ghana. My heart is deeply burdened for the unreached, especially those in remote villages where the Gospel of Jesus Christ has not yet been proclaimed. I am committed to evangelism and church planting in these areas, trusting the Holy Spirit to open hearts and build His Church.

Occasionally, I will also be called upon to teach at our local seminary, helping to prepare faithful men for pastoral ministry and ordination. This is a sacred responsibility I embrace with humility and joy, knowing that sound theological training is vital for the health of Christ's Church.

I earnestly ask for your prayers that the Lord would use me as His vessel to reach many with the saving message of Christ crucified and risen. My extended family members are Muslims, and it is my deep desire to lovingly share the gospel with them as well, that they too may come to know the grace and truth found in Jesus.

As a husband and father of four children, we are thankful to Peace Lutheran Church for their support for two years now. I pray that God will strengthen me to lead my family faithfully while serving the Church boldly. May the Lord of the harvest send forth laborers and bless this mission for His glory.

Soli Deo Gloria,
Pastor Cletus Alale Mumuni
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ghana



From the left: Pastor Celestino Kaka, Pastor Cletus Alale, and Pastor Nicholas Jacinto.

OFFICIAL ACTS

FUNERALS

April 26, 2025 - Claire Fleiss, 97
April 28, 2025 - Louise Akers, 93
May 2, 2025 - *Claude Lamprecht, 66
May 3, 2025 - Ray Bodicky, 86
May 23, 2025 - Fred Kaestner, 87



BAPTISMS

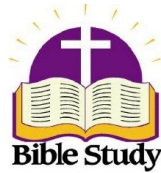
May 3, 2025 - Alessia Magdalena Castagnoli
May 11, 2025 - Natalie Esther Brown
May 18, 2025 - Calvin Edmond DeClue
May 24, 2025 - *Mabel Rae Kathleen Boatright

WEDDINGS

April 25, 2025 - *Megan Elizabeth Knoernschild and
*Samuel Andrew Hainline
May 3, 2025 - Caitlyn Rose Argint and Kyle Benjamin Eaton

*Non-Member

BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION



Bible Study

Men's Morning Bible Study meets every other Thursday morning (with the exception of holidays) at 7:00AM in Sanctuary Hall. Led by Pastor Brown, they are studying the **Large Catechism**. Future Bible study dates can be found on our church website calendar, or watch the weekend News and Notes. Please note our Men's Morning Bible Study will break for the month of August.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study meets on Wednesdays at 7:00PM in Sanctuary Hall, and is currently studying the **Book of Acts**. Everyone is welcome!

Mary Martha Bible Class - Our weekly Bible study will break for the summer months and resume on Thursday, September 4.

BAPTISM CLASS

SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 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 June 8, please call the Church Office at 314-892-5610. **Future class dates offered include September 7 and November 16.**

SUNDAY SERVICE ON KFUD



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

HOLY COMMUNION WEEKENDS



Holy Communion is offered on the first, third and fifth Sundays of each month. Dates for June and July include: May 31/June 1, June 14/15, June 28/29, July 5/6, and July 19/20.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

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

What a wonderful 2024-25 school year it has been. I pray that the children enjoyed their time in Sunday School and learned much about God through His word. May they have the strength and courage to speak His word boldly in a world that desperately needs to hear it. As Saint Peter said through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, *"but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame."* (1 Peter 3: 15-16)

During the Summer months, the Parents and Me class will be continuing their study of God's word using ways applicable to our youngest students. Our Preschool and Kindergarten students will learn about the Ascension of Christ, the gift of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost), the Holy Trinity, Peter's escape from prison, Lydia, as well as Paul (including his conversion on the road to Damascus). The First through Fifth grade students will study the Ten Commandments and their meanings. We intend to keep First and Second graders together while the Third, Fourth, and Fifth grade will be combined during their study.

Please encourage your children to hide God's Word in their hearts through the memorization of scripture. *Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flows the springs of life.* (Proverbs 4:23).

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

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



I am a
CHILD
of God.



FOOD DRIVE

On behalf of our Peace Social Ministry Team, we thank our members and friends for the overwhelming response to our Mother's Day Food Drive to benefit Feed My People and Concordia Seminary. We are blessed by your continued support and generosity!

NEWSLETTER SPONSORS

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

LUTHERAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Please join us for the following LESA Special Experience. Visit www.lesastl.org and click the EVENTS tab to sign up!

Cookie or Cupcake Decorating with Laura Mielenz-Barton, a Professional Pastry Chef, on July 26, 9-10:30AM or 11-12:30PM at the Fireside Room at Christ Memorial Lutheran Church. Only 20 tickets available for each session.

LASE SPECIALIZED EDUCATION JOB OPPORTUNITIES



LASE Specialized Education has full time and part time positions available in the St. Louis region for 2025-26 in early childhood, elementary, and secondary levels for special educators who are able to provide smaller group individualized instruction and support for students with mild to moderate special needs along with consultation and support for teachers and parents within a partnership Lutheran school. Salary is based on years of experience and educational degree.

Qualifications include:

- Bachelor's degree with certification in special education
 - Demonstrated Christ-centered lifestyle.
 - Strong communication and collaboration skills.
 - Experience working with students with special needs is preferred.

Contact LASE today for more information about competitive pay and strong benefits in a Christ-centered educational ministry. Send resume to info@lutheranspecialied.org or complete application online lutheranspecialied.org.

ALTAR FLOWER ORDERS



Altar Flower orders are received through the Church Office. Arrangements are \$25 each. Please call the church office with your requests.



VOLUNTEER & SIGN-UP OPPORTUNITIES

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

CURRENT SIGN-UPS AVAILABLE

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

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

BOOT SCOOTIN'

Trivia Night & Silent Auction

Saturday August 23rd
IN THE GYM

DOORS OPEN @ 6:00PM - TRIVIA BEGINS @ 6:30PM
\$20/Person in Advance - \$25/Person at the Door
Tables of 8 - 10

Bring your own snacks & beverages
Tickets go on sale July 26th before and after church services
Questions? Contact Gina @ 314.638.8268 or Barb @ 314.541.5898
Sponsored by the Peace Married Couples Club

ATTENDANCE PRIZES

DRESS UP JUST FOR FUN

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
Monday – Friday 7:30 – 4:00
Saturday by Appointment Only

ST. TRINITY CEMETERY - HONORING OUR VETERANS



Thank you to Boy Scout Troop 584 for conducting a moving service to recognize our Veterans on Thursday, May 22. After the service, the Scouts placed flags on the graves of Veterans

buried at St. Trinity Cemetery. Those in attendance enjoyed fellowship and refreshments after the program. Follow us on Facebook at St Trinity Cemetery or visit our website at www.sttrinitycemetery.com.

CONGRATULATIONS PASTOR BROWN



On Saturday, May 17, Pastor graduated from Concordia Seminary with his Master of Sacred Theology. Years of hard work went into this degree, all while having two children! Pastor was happy to finally be able to wear the cap and gown and actually walk in a graduation at the Sem, as he previously graduated with his Master of Divinity in 2020 when the pandemic cancelled the actual graduation ceremony. God's blessings on his accomplishment!

80th Anniversary Concert and Hymn Sing

Sunday, September 28, 2025

3:00 pm



The **Music Ministry of Peace Lutheran Church** will host a Concert and Hymn Sing on Sunday, September 28. The Concert will begin at 3:00PM and feature the Chancel Choir, Bells of Peace and Orchestra of Peace under the direction of Burnell Hackman. Part of the program will be devoted to hymns you would like to sing. An online poll is located at <https://peacestlmusic.org> and will help us select hymns which will be sung during the Concert. If you have a favorite hymn, please visit the website and tell us why this hymn is meaningful to you. Music has been a part of Peace's Ministry for the last 80 years. Let's continue the tradition!

CANDIDATES OF THEOLOGY PLACEMENTS



Candidate of Theology Placements were announced in late April at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis and Ft. Wayne.

Zachary Kreittler has been called to serve as Pastor at St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Beloit, Wisconsin.

Joshua Kastens, grandson of Pastor and Alice Kastens, will return to Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, this summer after serving his vicarage at Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Ryan Milbrath will serve his vicarage at Zion Lutheran Church in Linn, Kansas.

Peace member, Abby Reynolds will be serving her Diaconess Internship here at Peace.

VETERAN INFORMATION REQUESTED



Calling all Active and Retired Military Servicemen and women. We are updating our member database with information on those who have served or are currently serving in the military. In honor of Memorial Day and Veteran's Day, we would like to update our list of individuals. If you have served in the military in any capacity, and joined Peace after 2014, please fill out the form below and either place it in the offering plate or drop it off to the church office. This will allow us to personally recognize those who have given so much for the freedom of our country. THANK YOU for your service to our country and thank you, in advance, for completing this form.

NAME _____

RANK _____

BRANCH OF SERVICE _____

DATES SERVED _____

MARRIED COUPLES CLUB

Join us for our annual BBQ on Saturday, June 21, at 4:00PM, at the home of Rick and Tammy Goodman. Cost is \$10 per couple, and the main course will be provided by Couples Club. If attending, please bring a snack, side dish or dessert to share. Each family should bring their own drinks and lawn chairs. Please RSVP to Tammy Goodman at 314-546-9943.

Our July event is planned at Grants Farm. Watch the News & Notes for more information.

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

MEN'S CLUB

Please join us for our meetings this summer, Tuesday, June 24 and Tuesday, July 22. Enjoy a great meal and fellowship, 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

If you like a beautiful serene setting listening to the mild sounds of a waterfall, come join us for a short field trip, *Tuesday, June 17*, at the home of Lisa Santiago. Lisa has graciously invited us to her backyard to enjoy their Koi Pond and waterfall. While we are there she will tell us a bit about how she and Joe decided to add a Koi Pond, the fish in it, and of course, the general maintenance. It will be a nice time of socialization with plenty of beverages and snacks. If you would like to join us, please RSVP to Lisa via text or phone to 314-623-0675 by June 11. Space is limited to the first 20 people that respond. Meet at church by 6:45PM to carpool together to eliminate too many cars in the neighborhood. We hope you will join us for a unique evening.

Are you into stealing, but know it's wrong? Come join Ladies Club on Tuesday, July 15 at 7:00PM for Christmas in July. Please bring a \$20 gift and prepare to steal from others and be stolen from! We look forward to our evening of fun with Christmas games, snacks, and drinks.

PLASTIC MAT MAKING

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

LWML-LADIES GUILD

LWML 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.

ADULT CO-ED VOLLEYBALL AT PEACE

Co-Ed volleyball will take a break for the months of June-August. Play will resume in September on Tuesday evenings from 6:00-8:00PM in the gymnasium. Co-Ed volleyball is open to anyone 18 years and older. For more information please contact Cameron Stinnett at 314-413-3412 or camstinn16@gmail.com.

PICKLEBALL OPEN PLAY AT PEACE

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

SURVIVING SPOUSES BREAKFAST

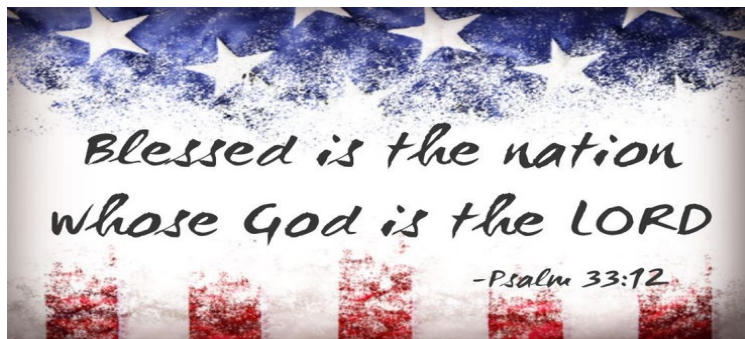
Join us for our summer dates, Thursday, June 12 and Thursday, July 10, at 9:00AM at the Denny's on South Lindbergh. Our group meets on the second Thursday of each month. For more information on Surviving Spouses, please contact Joyce Schutte at 314-267-7051.

QUILTERS CORNER



Please join us each Tuesday from 9:00AM-2:00PM. Bring a sack lunch, and we'll provide fellowship and dessert! If you are interested, please contact Cheryl Turley at 314-223-0744.

Every Quilter has a Masterpiece inside



ALASKA MISSION UPDATE



Our Mission Team is finishing up preparations for their mission work in Hooper Bay, Alaska this summer and will depart St. Louis on June 23.

Everything is packed and mailed. Please pray for our team members, Art and Jackie Hoeflerlin, John Hooss, Louise Mullen, Sandi Akers, Luke Akers, and Kelley and Holly Powell, as well as the village we will be serving. Our main focus will be sharing the love of Jesus.

Our blessing and send-off from Peace is scheduled for Sunday, June 22, at the 10:30AM service.

We are so very grateful and thank our congregation for their continued support! We can't wait to report back on our trip.



Find out what makes us the best private elementary school in South St. Louis County where our students are known, loved, and valued. Interested in a Christian education for your child? Private tours are scheduled year-round. Please contact Katie Gaeta at katie.gaeta@greenparklutheralschool.org or call 314-544-4248 to schedule a tour today.

Our summer office hours for May 27 - July 31, are Monday through Thursday, 9:00AM to 1:00PM.

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

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



SIGN UP NOW FOR TIP-OFF BASKETBALL CAMP AT PEACE

Tip Off Camp, a week long camp, led by Jacob Stackle and Brady Susic, is filled with exciting drills and games used to build the campers' strengths and challenge them all while having a great time playing the sport they love! Two camps to choose from: June 9-13 or July 7-11. Each camper is provided with daily snacks and drinks as well as a t-shirt! Tip Off Camp is a great time and we hope to see you and your boys this summer! **To sign up, go to the Peace website Opportunities Page.** (An evening camp July 7-11 for middle school aged girls will be offered if there is enough interest.) For more details, see the flyer on the Commons bulletin board.

2026 OFFERING ENVELOPE INFORMATION



If you give online or through another giving method and aren't using your offering envelopes, please call the church office with your name and current envelope number. We can then assign you a permanent giving number. This will save time and money as we make plans for 2026.

PICTORIAL CHURCH DIRECTORY APP



It's time to update your picture in the Church Directory. If you have a current picture of your family, please consider updating your photo, or sending us a picture for the first time. You can upload your picture directly or email to the church office. Our church directory is a wonderful resource tool to get to know your church family better! If you haven't downloaded the App, simply visit the App Store on your phone and search for Instant Church Directory, and download the free app to begin. If you don't use the App, you can still access Instant Church Directory online. To login for the first time, you will use your email address listed in the directory to create a login and password. If you're not listed in the directory, OR, if you have trouble logging into the app, please contact the church office.

CHILDREN DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS



Parents are the primary faith formators for their children and Peace is excited to partner with them, providing resources to help them raise their children in the faith. Our prayer is that these resources can help parents talk to their child about Jesus and guide them in their faith growth at home. These quarterly devotional magazines will be placed in families' mailboxes throughout the year. Preschool and Kindergarten children receive a copy of "Happy Times," First and Second grade children receive "Living with Jesus," and Third through Sixth Grade children receive "My Devotions." A few extra copies will be available on the book rack each quarter for others to share Jesus with children they know.

Peace Lutheran Church "TIP-OFF" BASKETBALL CAMP

- Shooting
- Finishing
- Growing in God's Word
- Ball Handling
- Rebounding
- 5v5 Scrimmages

Camp Location:
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COACHES



Jacob Stackle & Brady Susic

Senior Varsity players at Lutheran South. Jacob attends Peace Lutheran and Brady attends St. Paul Lutheran Church

JUNE 9-13 ; JULY 7-11 9 AM-12

****NEW****

More Information:

Rookie All Star Camp:
Boys age 7-10 (June Camp)
All Star Camp:
Boys age 10-13 (July Camp)

Middle School Girls
Lady All Star Camp
July 7-11 (6:30-8:30 pm)
125\$

314-347-9087 Brady
314-714-8324 Jacob

Registration Link

Peacelutheranstl.org – under opportunities tab



**LUTHERAN
HIGH SCHOOL
SOUTH**

Congratulations to the Class of 2025! Lutheran South's 134 seniors were accepted to 239 universities and earned more than \$4.7 million in scholarships. LuSo graduates will be attending college in 16 different states, from New York to Texas. About 60% are attending school in Missouri. Twenty students signed to continue their athletic careers in college. We can't wait to see what they will accomplish!



Dean of Students Dan Harms threw out the first pitch at the Cardinals game in honor of his 52 years of ministry with Lutheran South.

Senior Ben Long was named the St. Louis Post-Dispatch Scholar Athlete for Lutheran South! Ben played quarterback for the Lancers, was a lead scorer on the basketball team, and is a school record holder in the triple jump. He additionally maintained a 4.05 GPA and is a member of the National Honor Society. He will continue his academic and athletic career at Washington University.



LUTHERAN SOUTH BASEBALL ACADEMIC ALL-STATE TEAM



The Lutheran South varsity baseball team was recognized as an Academic All-State Team for earning an average 3.27 GPA. Senior Jacob Cody and junior Chris Heinlein individually received All-State Academic honors for earning a minimum 3.5 GPA and playing in at least 75% of the games this season.

Sophomore Nathan Becker earned a gold medal rating at the State Solo & Ensemble Festival at the University of Missouri. He performed movements from

Sonata for Alto Saxophone by Garland Anderson for the competition.



After winning a National Guard competition at school, four LuSo students earned a ride in a Black Hawk helicopter! The crew flew in from Fort Leonard Wood to the Farmington Regional Airport, where they instructed the students on safety protocols, including throwing up in their shirts if they got sick. After they toured the cockpit, the captain took them through the helicopter's paces, hovering, diving, and pitching from side to side.

Modern Language Honor Society inducted 76 French, German, Spanish, and ASL students, including Peace members, Marlee Michelsen, **Will Sanders**, and Lauren Truemper. Our apologies for omitting Will's name in our last issue. To be eligible for this distinction, students must be recommended by a teacher, meet minimum GPA requirements, and be dedicated to pursuing their chosen language through the highest level offered at Lutheran South.

LS CALLING ALL FUTURE LUTHERAN SOUTH HOCKEY STARS

HOCKEY PROSPECT CAMP

JULY 19
USA RINK AT CENTENE COMMUNITY ICE CENTER

GRADES K-4
8:30-9:30 a.m.
(FIRST HOCKEY EXPERIENCE)
\$25

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REGISTER AT
LSLancers.org/Events

Lutheran South is hosting two events for hockey players this summer.

Middle schoolers are invited to a fun 3v3 tournament! Teams will be assigned based on skill levels. Five games are guaranteed. Winners will move on to the playoff rounds. Jerseys are included in the cost! Saturday, July 19 in the USA rink at Centene, games will run 9:45AM-1:15PM, and on Sunday, July 20, in the NHL rink at Centene, games will run 11:30AM-1:45PM. Cost is \$100 for skaters and \$50 for goalies.

3v3 Hockey TOURNAMENT

HOSTED BY LUTHERAN SOUTH

INCOMING 5TH, 6TH AND 7TH GRADERS
JULY 19 & 20
CENTENE COMMUNITY ICE CENTER

5 GUARANTEED GAMES

Skater: \$100 | Goalie: \$50
(INCLUDES JERSEY)

Scan the code for more info and to sign up!

Children in grades Kindergarten through fourth grade can join current LuSo players and coaches for an hour of fun on the ice prior to the 3V3 tournament! Saturday, July 19, 8:30-9:30AM in the USA Rink at Centene (students must have skating experience), Cost: \$25.

Registration for both events can be found at: <https://www.lslancers.org/events>.





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JUNE/JULY 2025

The children in Early Childhood are looking forward to the upcoming summer months. The children will be enjoying the outdoors and spending time on the playground. The classes will continue to hear Bible stories, sing songs and enjoy craft projects. Early Childhood offers opportunities for children beginning at six weeks.

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



SAXON LUTHERAN MEMORIAL DONATION UPDATE



The campaign for donations to the Saxon Lutheran Memorial continues. The center was completely destroyed by fire and all of the historical artifacts inside are also gone. Please consider donating to help with the initial clean up, planning

and rebuilding of a new structure. The GoFundMe page still exists, but donations can also be made directly to the Memorial with **checks made payable to "Saxon Lutheran Memorial, Inc." (with "PLCM" on the memo line)** and either mailed directly to them at: Saxon Lutheran Memorial, Inc., 296 Saxon Memorial Drive, Frohna, MO 63748, or by placing in Dan Prange's mailbox at church. Any help is appreciated! **Note: Do NOT include any donations with your regular church offering.** If you need more information, contact Dan Prange, (314)540-2017, Grace Truemper, (314)544-0233, or Wayne and Marilyn Schuessler, (314)293-0303.

LIFE MINISTRY - A CONVERSATION



I took a friend to a doctor's appointment recently. While sitting in the waiting room, another woman sat near me and struck up a conversation. At one point, she mentioned that on her way home, she was stopping by her daughter and son-in-law's to give her three-year-old granddaughter an Easter basket. This child was a "miracle baby." Her father has a rare genetic disease that impacts the nervous system, so the couple resorted to in-vitro fertilization (IVF) and genetic testing to determine whether the resulting embryos carried the unwanted gene. Out of six embryos, three had the bad gene, two had an extra chromosome and one was "perfect." That one became the "miracle baby."

As a Christian, this woman had many questions about the ethics of all of this. What about the other five embryos? Those were babies as well, in fact, they were the grandchildren she would never know. Her daughter has dismissed all this by saying the embryos are merely cells in a dish. But if that's the case, why did this couple go through all the effort and expense to create them and get them tested to see how they would turn out? One of those embryos is a much-cherished little girl. The other ones weren't perfect enough to get a chance at life. Grandma prays for these embryos and avoids the subject with her daughter and son-in-law.

Many families are dealing with infertility and using IVF to have a baby. Still others are dealing with genetic questions that previous generations had no way of "correcting." The father of this child deals with mobility issues, but he has a thriving career and a wife that saw past his disability and became his life partner. If one of the other embryos had been their child before IVF, would they have been any less delighted with him? Would they have blamed themselves for having a child with a disability?

On the drive home, my friend sided with the couple because she couldn't imagine knowingly going through a pregnancy with a disabled child. She attends church on Easter and Christmas, weddings and funerals; so, it's not surprising that she has a different view of life. In fact, her first question was: "When does life begin?" I pray for her every day.

Medical technology has brought us countless blessings in terms of improved health, but it has also brought a lot of moral and ethical questions as well. One big question is simply, what about all the embryos that are never given a chance at life? I have to say that it hurts me to feel that they weren't wanted. They were viewed as a commodity to be weighed, measured and found wanting in some way. Are they merely discarded or kept frozen forever? They're still babies even though they haven't developed enough for us to think of them in that way.

How has technology affected our thinking about life? When did we decide to become God?

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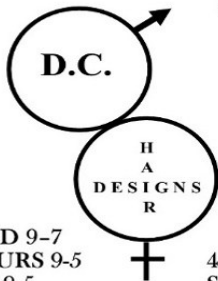
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