



# THE PEACE LUTHERAN

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## MAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

- May 5: **The Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 10:34-48; 1 John 5:1-8; John 15:9-17
- May 9: **The Ascension of Our Lord**  
Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53
- May 12: **The Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 1:12-26; 1 John 5:9-15; John 17:11b-19
- May 19: **Pentecost**  
Ezekiel 37:1-14; Acts 2:1-21;  
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
- May 26: **The Holy Trinity**  
Isaiah 6:1-8; Acts 2:14a, 22-36; John 3:1-17



## ASCENSION DAY SERVICE

Join us for our Ascension Day Service, with Holy Communion on Thursday, May 9, at 7:00PM.

**Don't Forget**

## VOTERS' ASSEMBLY REMINDER



Please join us for our upcoming Voters' Assembly, Monday, May 13, 7:00PM, in **Sanctuary Hall**.

## MOTHER'S DAY FOOD DRIVE



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

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

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

~Social Ministry Team

## SIXTH GRADE CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING

Parents of incoming sixth grade students are asked to attend a brief meeting on **Thursday, May 9, at 6:30PM, in Sanctuary Hall** to share information about our Sixth Grade Confirmation program. Last year we adjusted the scope of our program to include all sixth graders, whether attending Green Park or another school. This was a theological decision that aligns better with the purpose of partnering with our families to help their youth begin to learn what it means to be a Christian adult. The meeting will be led by both Pastors, and our DCE, Christina Stackle. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

## NEW MEMBER CLASSES

A six-week, new member class begins on Sunday, May 19, from noon to 1:30PM in Sanctuary Hall. Please note the class dates for this session are May 19, and June 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30. Class will not meet Memorial Day weekend, May 26. A light lunch will be provided each week. To register, please sign up on our website by Friday, May 17. For more information please contact the church office.

**W E L C O M E !**

## HAPPY RETIREMENT JACKIE HOEFERLIN



After 30 years of service in our Peace Early Childhood Program, Jackie Hoeflerlin retired this past December. Jackie began working in the Parent's Day Out Program, and went on to work as a Preschool Teacher Aide, daycare when needed, and finally served as the Art Director for the Parents Day Out, Preschool, Daycare and Summer program. God's blessings to Jackie on her retirement, and giving thanks to God for sharing her talents with the many children over her 30 years of service, and for her devotion and love to our Early Childhood Program. She will be greatly missed!

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## FREE LARGE-PRINT MATERIALS AVAILABLE



Lutheran Braille Workers, an LCMS Recognized Service Organization, produces high-quality, large-print materials and can provide them, free of charge, to people who are visually impaired. Available large-print materials include Bibles, Chapel Talks, Disaster Response devotionals, and various CPH publications, such as Lutheran Service Book and Portals of Prayer. If you know someone in our congregation that might need large-print materials, please contact the office.

## PRAYER - A NEW SUNDAY MORNING SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Gadeken will lead the Sunday Morning Bible Study in Sanctuary Hall, 9:15-10:15AM, while Pastor Furgeson is on sabbatical, from June 2 - September 1. The first part of the summer we will study prayer itself: what it is and isn't, how to make prayer a conversation, what to pray for, special issues like healing, praying in a tongue, obstacles to prayer, and most importantly, how to make time for it and develop a practice you are comfortable with. As Edmond Clowney said, "The Bible does not present the art of prayer; it presents the God of prayer." The second half of the summer, we will get to know this God of prayer with a study of some of the famous prayers in the Bible, and then move into a study of some of the most famous Psalms (*Scripture's prayer book*).

## SAVE YOUR CANCELLED POSTAGE STAMPS



LWML Ladies Guild extends a great big thank you to our Peace families for saving cancelled stamps. All stamps are welcome, except the 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.

## BAPTISM CLASS

**Sunday, May 5, 9:15 - 10:15AM**  
**Commons Conference Room**



Christina Stackle will lead the class and cover the basic teachings and logistics of baptisms at Peace. To register, please visit our website at [www.peacelutheranstl.org](http://www.peacelutheranstl.org). If you are unable to attend this class, but desire to have your child baptized prior to May 5, please call the Church Office at 314-892-5610.

Future class dates include July 14, September 8, and November 10.

## MARY MARTHA BIBLE CLASS

Ladies, please join us each Thursday morning at 9:00AM for fellowship, with Bible Study at 9:30AM, in the Kitchen Meeting Room. Please note that we will not meet during the summer months of June-August, and will resume our study in September. The Bible is our key to peace. It is a weapon against anxiety. The Bible gives a certain quietness to your heart. Isaiah 32:17. Please join us as we study God's word together; led by Pastor Brown and Pastor Furgeson, we are finishing the current study on Colossians.

## MEN'S MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Join us for the Men's Morning Bible Study, held every other Thursday morning, (with the exception of holidays) at **7:00AM**, in Sanctuary Hall. Led by Pastor Brown, the class is studying the Large Catechism, with Annotations, and Contemporary Applications. Future Bible study dates can be found on our church website calendar or watch the weekend bulletin.

## 2025 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 2025.

**SO LOVED**  
john 3:16



### ADULT CO-ED VOLLEYBALL AT PEACE

Co-Ed volleyball plays on Tuesday evenings from 6:00-8:00PM in the gymnasium. Co-Ed volleyball is open to anyone 18 years and older. For more information please contact Cameron Stinnett at 314-413-3412 or camstinn16@gmail.com.

### PICKLEBALL OPEN PLAY AT PEACE

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

### SURVIVING SPOUSES BREAKFAST

Join us on Thursday, May 9, at 9:00AM at the Denny's on South Lindbergh. Our group meets on the second Thursday of each month.

### MENS CLUB

Join us for our upcoming meeting on Tuesday, May 28, from 6:00-9:00PM. Our evening begins with a meal and fellowship, followed by our regular meeting. Men's Club is open to all men of Peace, 21 and up!

### QUILTERS CORNER



Immanuel Lutheran Waterloo Quilters are donating 75 tied quilts to our Alaska Mission. They invited us to lunch and to quilt with them on April 7. It was exciting to tie quilts

bound for Alaska! We thank God for bringing us together with such an awesome group!

If you are interested in joining us, we meet every Tuesday, from 9:00AM to 2:00PM in Sanctuary Hall. If you have any questions, please call Cheryl Turley at 314-223-0744.

***"Creative people don't have a mess,  
they have ideas lying around everywhere."***

### MARRIED COUPLES CLUB

Please check your mailbox for information regarding our May Event. If you have any questions, please contact Gina Werkmeister at 314-638-8268. **Save the Date** for our Trivia Night FUNraiser, on Saturday, August 24. Watch the bulletin and newsletter for detailed information.

### LADIES CLUB

Join us Tuesday, May 21, at 7:00PM, in Sanctuary Hall for our May event. We are collecting personal care items for ladies in shelters that may have had to leave everything behind. We ask that you bring a gently used purse, filled with toothpaste, toothbrush, floss, deodorant, soap, shampoo, hair products, brush, comb, lotions, etc. If you don't have a purse to donate, please consider bringing some of the items listed above.

Don't forget to bring your own purse for a fun-filled game! Come meet a new friend, and enjoy an evening of fellowship and laughter.

Ladies Club is a social organization and open to female members of Peace, ages 18 and up. Come check us out!

### PLASTIC MAT MAKING

Our mat-making group meets on the first and third Tuesdays each month, from 9:00AM to noon. We crochet plastic grocery bags into sleeping mats for the homeless. We would love to have more helpers! If you don't crochet, you can help fold, cut or loop the plastic bags. Anyone can handle these tasks, men, women, and children. Oh, and we also have a lot of fun while we work. If you're not available on Tuesdays, we can show you how to work from home. Please contact Anita Thomas at 314-200-6753 for questions or more information.

### LWML-LADIES GUILD

Join the LWML Ladies Guild for their monthly meeting on Thursday, May 16, at 10:45AM in Sanctuary Hall.

If you are interested in attending the LWML Convention, June 7-9, in Independence, Missouri, please contact Julia Petrovic at 314-809-5447.

Any woman 18 years and older is invited to attend the convention, and two delegates are needed and will be funded by our Guild.

### MISSIONARY NEWS

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.

## OFFICIAL ACTS

### BAPTISM

March 24, 2024 - Theodore Thomas Herold



## 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.

## RADA CUTLERY FUNDRAISING EVENT

LWML Ladies Guild will host a Rada Cutlery Fundraising Event on Saturday, May 4 and Sunday, May 5, before and after services, in the gymnasium. Rada has a great assortment of knives and we hope you will stop by and check them out. All proceeds will be used for LCMS Mission Grants.

## HOLY COMMUNION SCHEDULE



Holy Communion is offered on the first, third and fifth Sundays of each month.

## 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.

*Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.*

Psalm 51:10

## PEACE 8:00AM SERVICE LIVE ON KFUO IN FEBRUARY, MARCH, AND APRIL

Thanks to all those who sponsored our KFUO radio broadcasts this February, March, and April. Your contributions make our 8:00AM broadcasts possible. The following are the Peace members who sponsored a Sunday this year:



February 4	Chuck and Judy Mitchell
February 11	Baese and Suedkamp Families
February 18	Carol Kohn
February 25	Ray and Ellen Fassold
March 3	Merrily Goldsmith
March 10	Ken and Carol Doering
March 17	Dave and Heather Carlson
March 24	Nancy Fischer
March 31	Jackie Schramm
April 7	Sharon Grisham
April 14	Wayne and Marilyn Schuessler
April 21	Terry and Debby Hutton
April 28	Lorin and Carol Dressel

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, and Bob Uthoff.

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

## EARLY CHILDHOOD PRESCHOOL

### TEACHER NEEDED



Early Childhood is seeking a part-time Preschool Teacher for the 2024-2025 school year.

A detailed job description is posted on the church bulletin board, or you may contact the church office, or Early Childhood Director, Sue Velten at 314-892-8844 for more information.

## LASE SPECIALIZED EDUCATION

### JOB ANNOUNCEMENT



Are you passionate about making a difference in the lives of children with special learning needs? Do you thrive in a collaborative team environment? If so, LASE Specialized Education wants you to join their team for the 2024-2025 school year.

Qualifications include holding a Missouri teaching certificate in special education, experience in working with children with special learning needs, as well as, strong communication and collaboration skills.

Some responsibilities include providing instruction and support to students with special learning needs, assessing student progress and adjust instruction as needed and communicating regularly with parents/guardians and other members of the education team.

If you meet these qualifications and are eager to make a positive impact, please send your resume to [info@luthranspeciald.org](mailto:info@luthranspeciald.org). We look forward to hearing from you.

At LASE Specialized Education, we are dedicated to providing high-quality education and support to students with special learning needs. Join us in our mission to build life changing success for students, schools and communities through Christ-Centered, innovative specialized education.

## WANTED - GENTLY USED BOOKS



Ladies Club is collecting gently used books for a Book Sale fundraiser to be held in the fall. A collection box is located in the Commons. Please ask your friends and check your house for books you can donate! If you have a significant amount of books and need assistance getting them to church, please call Betty Via at 314-616-1771 to arrange a pick up.

## BSA TROOP 584

### ANNUAL AMERICAN FLAG RETIREMENT



In commemoration of Flag Day, Boy Scout Troup 584 will have their annual Flag Retirement Ceremony Thursday, June 13, 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 to church beginning Memorial Day weekend of May 26/27, and place in the designated box on the Commons counter. Any questions? Please contact Ralph Truemper at 314-609-5829.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL - HELP NEEDED



Sunday School is looking for volunteer teachers in our preschool and 6th grade classes. Instruction and help will be provided. Please contact Pastor Brown for more information.

## USHERS NEEDED



We are still looking for men who are willing to serve on an usher team. This is one of the easiest ways to serve our congregation. Typical service is only one Saturday/Sunday per month, with the exception of months with special services, (e.g., Lent, Advent, Christmas, etc.) If interested, or for more information, please contact Barry Hammon at [barry.hammon@wwf.com](mailto:barry.hammon@wwf.com).

## FELLOWSHIP TIME - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Help is needed with the coffee and pastry 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.

*Join us for Fellowship Time*

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





We have a couple Eat and Earns over the summer months. Join us at Freddy's in South County on Wednesday, June 8, from 4:00-8:00PM, and at Oberweis, on Thursday, July 11, all day. Green Park earns a percentage of total sales from these businesses when you eat there during the specified dates and times.

The end of May brings our closing programs for our Junior Kindergarten on Tuesday, May 21, and Kindergarten on Wednesday, May 22. Graduation for the Class of 2024 is scheduled for Thursday, May 23, and includes Peace members, **Avery Caron, Bryce Chitwood, Ashley Kaul, Sofia Palma and Lucie Wildman**, along with their classmates, Drew Auer, Harlow Badalamenti, Katelyn Bond, Caleb Dixon, Mark Hudson, Matthew Hudson, Alex Reis, Jasper Rolan, Tyler Ronshausen, Emily Simpson, and Riona Stanish. Congratulations and God's richest blessings to our graduates as they move onto their high school careers. Wishing all our students a wonderful summer break.

Part-Time Childcare worker needed. Hours are Monday-Friday, from 3:00-6:00PM. Qualifications would include a loving and caring personality, patience, and flexibility. Interested candidates should email April Baese, Childcare Director, at [april.baese@greenparklutherschool.org](mailto:april.baese@greenparklutherschool.org).

We appreciate your support of our school! Enrollment is open for the '24-25 school year and new families are encouraged to schedule a tour and apply early. We give tours throughout the school year and over the summer months as well. Contact Katie Gaeta at [katie.gaeta@greenparklutherschool.org](mailto:katie.gaeta@greenparklutherschool.org) to set yours up today. Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram to see frequent updates about Green Park students and staff. .

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***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.***



Congratulations  
to our 2024  
Grade School, High School,  
and College Graduates!

FOR I KNOW  
— THE —  
plans  
I HAVE FOR  
YOU

JEREMIAH 29:11



# LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL SOUTH

Does your child enjoy shooting hoops? Love creating and drawing? Want to try a new sport like football or field hockey? LuSo Summer Camp offers a variety of athletic and enrichment activities with morning and afternoon sessions available. From playing tennis to the trombone, we have

coaches and instructors who offer positive reinforcement. Your campers will have fun while learning a new skill. Register today at [Register at LSlancers.org/summer](http://Register at LSlancers.org/summer).

## LUTHERAN SOUTH 2024 SUMMER CAMPS



Join us for Lutheran Day at the Ballpark when the Cardinals take on the White Sox on Sunday, May 5, at 1:15PM. Tickets are \$25 (\$60 face value) in the Right Field Loge and include a free hot dog and soft drink. Fashionistas be ready, the first 25,000 fans 16 and older will receive the high-demand Cardinals purse giveaway. This tan handbag features a gold metal chain and a mystery bonus strap! Stick around following the game to watch the Lancers take on the Sullivan Eagles. Children ages 15 and under, get to run the bases between the games. Alumni are invited to join us at 11:30AM in Cunningham Corner for a pre-game party including food and drink. Entrance to the alumni party is free. Purchase

your tickets at [LSlancers.org/events](http://LSlancers.org/events)

The LuSo Mock Trial team made it to the Final Four in State! Francis Howell North, the team that ultimately won the state title, edged the Lancers out by a razor-thin margin in the semifinals.



Lutheran South musicians performed incredibly well at the MSHSAA District Solo and Ensemble Festival! The saxophone quartet of Kallista Nguyen, Maddie Holland, Nathan Becker, and Grant Maxfield earned an outstanding rating. Nathan was additionally recognized for his sax solo, as was Ethan May. Eliana Jaffe and Nathan Burbank received outstanding ratings for their solo performances on the clarinet and trombone respectively. Well done, Lancers!

Junior Ben Long broke a school record in the triple jump with a jump of 47 feet, beating the previous record of 43 feet, 10.5 inches held by John Laningham, LS '01.



# St. Trinity CEMETERY

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



Mark McDaniel  
Superintendent

2160 Lemay Ferry Road  
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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 ALL SPRUCED UP!

THANK YOU to the group of 21 volunteers who participated in this year's Spring Spruce-Up on March 23. It was a cold, windy morning, but the group went to work and filled two large dumpsters with gumballs, sticks, and limbs. St. Trinity looked GREAT for Easter weekend.



Peace members can still take advantage of pre-March 1 pricing for the purchase of lots through April 30, 2024. Brochures are available on the brochure rack in the Commons, or feel free to contact the cemetery directly at 314-892-3662.

Follow us on Facebook at St Trinity Cemetery or visit our website at [www.sttrinitycemetery.com](http://www.sttrinitycemetery.com).

## ST. TRINITY CEMETERY & BOY SCOUT TROOP 584 TO HONOR OUR VETERANS



**ALL ARE INVITED** to join Boy Scout Troop 584 and the St. Trinity Cemetery Board of Directors on Thursday, May 23, at 6:00PM for a Memorial Day Ceremony at St. Trinity Cemetery to honor all Veterans.

After the ceremony, our Scouts will place flags at the graves of the many Veterans buried at St. Trinity Cemetery. Refreshments will be served and we ask attendees to please bring a lawn chair.



## PEACE EARLY CHILDHOOD



### Half Day Preschool

May 2024

**"Create in me a clean heart, O God."  
Psalm 51:10**

Our preschoolers have made so much wonderful progress during our school year together! It has been a joy to build relationships with each child, and watch their skills develop! The children are filled with pride in their accomplishments, and it's a blessing to see their confidence.

Our Jesus Time focus during the month of May will be God's people share His word, (*Philip and the Ethiopian*); the Holy Spirit makes your life new, (*Paul is changed*); God's people share hope, (*Tabitha and Lydia*), and the Holy Spirit keeps us faithful, (*Paul and Silas*).

Our academic themes will include a study of hiking and camping, ocean, bubbles, and summer fun. We will use our knowledge of letter sounds to begin reading three-letter words, and continue to build a base of sight words. We will review number sense, and work on telling time to the hour.

Our final school Chapel will be Wednesday, May 15, with Pastor Brown, and our offering of canned and packaged food items will benefit Feed My People.

Our closing preschool programs will be Monday, May 20, for Miss Kelley's class, and Tuesday, May 21, for Mrs. Kaiser's class. Both programs will begin at 6:30PM. (*Children should arrive in the classrooms by 6:00PM.*) Following our closing program, we are looking forward to an art show and reception held in Sanctuary Hall. We are excited to hold our annual picnic on May 24.

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





## CONCERTS AT PEACE PRESENTS APRIL & MAY OFFERINGS!



On **Saturday, April 20, at 7:00PM**, The Wartburg Choir of Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa will present a concert in the Sanctuary. Founded in 1937, the internationally acclaimed Wartburg Choir performs sacred music from all historical periods and styles, often collaborating with contemporary composers. Choir members are chosen by audition and represent various academic disciplines on campus. The Wartburg Choir is a story of dedicated service and learning, told by

scores of choir members who have truly learned what it means to be a servant leader. Their experiences create a rich testimony of the choir's ongoing purpose and passion over the past 85 years. Following the foundation started by F. Melius Christiansen and Dr. Edwin Liemohn, the Wartburg Choir honors America's Lutheran choral tradition. The Wartburg Choir celebrates the unaccompanied performance style on their annual tours, and maintains the importance of tradition by intentionally performing historical and modern masterworks, all while paving the way for the future of choral music through the performance of new compositions and uplifting emerging composers. The Wartburg Choir has appeared in many prestigious concert halls throughout the United States. The choir performed with opera star Simon Estes at Orchestra Hall, Minneapolis; Kennedy Center, Washington, D.C.; Lincoln Center, New York; and Orchestra Hall at Symphony Center in Chicago. Estes and the choir also performed two concerts with the Czech National Symphony Orchestra in Prague. The Wartburg Choir has performed solo concerts at Carnegie Hall on two different occasions.

On **Sunday, April 21, at 3:00PM**, join us for a concert by musicians of the St. Louis Musicians Union and funded by the Music Performance Trust Fund. In honor of Jazz Appreciation month the Big Band will play Jazz and Big Band Selections. Come and enjoy this **Free** concert by some of St. Louis' finest musicians.

On **Thursday, May 2, at 7:00PM**, the Waldorf University Choir will present a concert. Under the direction of Dr. Emilie Bertram, the Waldorf Choir is the second oldest collegiate a cappella choir in the United States. Founded in 1916 by Oscar Lyders, and strengthened under the long tenure of Odvin Hagen, the choir has maintained a professional standard for excellence throughout its history. An enthusiastic music critic praised the choir for a performance in which "...the singers, conductor, accompanist, and audience members all but danced in the pews." Past seasons have included a wide variety of acapella repertoire, major works, spirituals, and performances that have included the Lincoln Center, the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) and for university academic and festival ceremonies. The Choir has been recently invited to be a headliner at Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center, and Disney Hall in Los Angeles, while providing the voices for premiere performances of newly composed works.

**Sunday, May 19, at 3:00PM**, The Bach Society of Saint Louis will present a concert titled *The Heart of Bach*. The Bach Society of Saint Louis Chorus, is led by Music Director and Conductor A. Dennis Sparger, where the soul-stirring beauty of Bach's motets and organ chorales will surround you in an intimate space. Discover the enchanting allure of this brilliant collection of sacred music that has stood unwavering through the ages, making them a truly remarkable and enduring legacy in the world of choral music. The performance highlights all six of Bach's motets plus several organ preludes, performed by four accomplished organists on a Baroque organ. The audience will also enjoy participating in the performance by joining in to sing several familiar Bach chorales. **Tickets (\$45.00 for the first four rows and \$25.00 for General Admission) are required for this performance and must be obtained from the Bach Society at [www.https://bachsociety.org/](https://bachsociety.org/).**

The final offering is **Saturday, May 25, at 6:45PM**, when the Winds of Peace will present a concert in connections with Celebrate Summer!, a church wide fellowship event. Featuring guest soloist Scott Kennebeck, the evening will include marches, arias and popular tunes. The concert is planned for the West Parking Lot - so bring your lawn chairs. In case of rain the concert will be moved into the gym. Please take advantage of these fine events! Invite your family and friends!

## FAMILY CHOIR OPPORTUNITY



Peace's new Family Choir will sing once a month during the summer. Family Choir is for the entire family from Children to Grandparents and everyone else! The purpose is for current choir members to be joined by other families in the congregation that cannot commit to singing in the church choir full-time. There are three opportunities this summer. You may attend one, two or all three! The choir will have a short rehearsal the Thursday before they sing at the 10:30AM church service. Your entire family is invited so no need to find a babysitter, or come up with any other excuse. The dates are:

Rehearsal Thursday, June 13, at 7:00PM • Sing for Worship Sunday, June 16, at 10:30AM

Rehearsal Thursday, July 11, at 7:00PM • Sing for Worship Sunday, July 14, at 10:30AM

Rehearsal Thursday, August 8, at 7:00PM • Sing for Worship Sunday, August 11, at 10:30AM

**COME BE A PART OF THIS SUMMER MUSICAL EXPERIENCE!**



## WELCOME TO HIGH SCHOOL EVENT FOR NEWLY CONFIRMED

Newly Confirmed youth are invited to attend the High School Bible Class in the youth room at 9:15AM, on Sunday, May 5, and at 11:30AM, for lunch and welcome event. Also, beginning Sunday, May 5, they are invited to attend all future high school activities.

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP - WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

The High School youth will meet on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:00PM for snacks, fellowship, and devotions. Join us on the following nights: April 24; May 1, 8, 15.

## SENIOR GRADUATION RECEPTION

A High School Graduation Reception honoring our Seniors and their families will be held during the 9:15AM Bible Class on Sunday, May 19, in the gym. We will send more info to each Senior about this special event.

## HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER SERVANT EVENT

Youth currently in 8th-12th grades are invited to help restore hope within the community of Detroit, Michigan this summer during July 6-13. We will partner with LCMS Camp Restore and the community to help provide human care to people in need and engage in environmental and construction projects. We may help create a Spring Garden Haven that will house an amphitheater, flower gardens, pathways, benches, and more, work with children in tutoring programs, and help with home restoration projects. Registration cost for the week is \$200 and covers all expenses. If you have any questions, please contact Christina.

## 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 Commons counter each quarter for others to share Jesus with children they know.

## 2024 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL THE GREAT JUNGLE JOURNEY

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We will take a "Jungle Journey" this summer from June 24-28. Join us for an epic adventure from Genesis to Revelation. We will sail along on a fun jungle cruise, stopping at seven ports of call (the 7 C's of History): Creation, Corruption, Catastrophe, Confusion, Christ, Cross, and Consummation, each day discovering how these events shape our world, while learning to reconnect the Bible to our everyday lives.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE ESSENTIAL TO THE SUCCESS OF VBS!**

The volunteer sign-up sheet is located on the Commons counter! We have different opportunities for you to help, such as games, music, crafts, registration, preschool, and photography.

**VBS DECORATION WORKDAYS - HELP NEEDED**

To create a great environment for our Jungle Journey this summer, we are scheduling two workdays for our congregation members to be able to help with our décor. If you can help, please meet in the Commons on **Sunday, April 28, 1:00-3:00PM and/or Saturday, May 4, 9:00-11:00AM**. We will be cutting palm leaves, wrapping boxes, mounting posters to foam board, sponge painting tree trunks, and many other simple projects. All are welcome, but children must be accompanied by an adult. Many hands make light work! Thank you for considering this opportunity to help!

## EVANGELISM MINISTRY

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Missouri District SHINE event on April 13. Through your efforts we were able to help others in our community through packing items for the homeless, beautifying Barracksview Road, and volunteering at Feed My People. We also thank those who helped provide food for our volunteers. Lastly, thank you to all the members of the church. We greatly appreciate all your love, support, and prayers. We hope you will continue to join us for next year's SHINE event!



How are you ringing in the start of summer this year? Invite your family and friends to this year's Celebrate Summer Concert on Saturday, May 25. The event begins at 6:45PM in the west parking lot. There will be food and drinks provided by various groups of the church. Please check-in at our welcome table when you arrive, enter to win a door prize, and don't forget to bring a lawn chair for seating. We encourage you to park in the east parking lot as the west parking lot will be used for the concert, games, food, and handicap parking.

*"We love because He first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen. And, this commandment we have from Him: whoever loves God must also love his brother. 1 John 4:19-21*

## LIFE MINISTRY - GRIEF

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



In the movie *Gone with the Wind*, Scarlett O'Hara's first husband died shortly after their marriage and Scarlett was expected to wear black dresses for a year to observe a period of mourning. This custom honored the deceased, but it also let people know that the person wearing black was grieving. They were in a fragile state. Nowadays we consider this prolonged observance of grief old-fashioned and somewhat ridiculous.

But is our modern way of dealing with grief better? There's usually a visitation and funeral service for the deceased. Friends and relatives offer their condolences and hopefully follow up with prayers for the bereaved. But our society does not like to deal with the unpleasant reality of death and so it's "out of sight, out of mind." Somehow the survivors are simply expected to get on with their lives and move on.

But that's not how humans are made. We're social beings and the loss of loved ones affects us profoundly. Emotionally we struggle with depression as we realize that life will never be the same again. Physically our bodies are weakened by stress and inability to sleep or eat. Mentally we can't focus, and even small problems can seem overwhelming. Then there's the reactions of others around us. Some people may distance themselves because they feel uncomfortable. They don't know what to say, so they just stay away altogether.

The nuclear family, typical of modern society, is a relatively new lifestyle. For thousands of years, multiple generations lived under one roof. When there was the loss of a loved one, there were more family members around to help each other deal with that loss. Now, older people are living alone. That quiet, empty house makes the loss more painful.

How can we help a grieving person? Listen to them. It's important for the grieving person to talk about their loved one and their feelings regarding their death. Acknowledge their feelings and accept them. If they don't want to talk, give them a hug and sit with them. Your support means everything.

Offer to help with specific tasks. Do they need to fill out insurance forms? Do they need help keeping up with the house or yard? Do they need rides to appointments? All these things can seem overwhelming to a person who is grieving. You might encourage the person to attend a grief support group to help with the healing process. Remember special days like birthdays, anniversaries and holidays may be particularly difficult. Reach out to the person and let them know you are thinking of them. Go for a walk or have lunch with them. Finally, pray for them and if possible, pray with them. Let them know that Jesus shares our grief and is walking beside us when we're discouraged and sad. Meanwhile, try to be the hands and feet of Jesus in that grieving person's life.

**Peace Life Ministry Team**

## SOCIAL MINISTRY UPDATE



I want to start by saying thank you to all of you for your continued support of Social Ministry and the work we do. Your donations of time, talents, and money are always welcome and always

appreciated. Through your support and volunteer efforts many lives have been touched and much help has been given in our community. We pray you will continue to support us into the future.

Speaking of the future, let me catch you up on some of the recent happenings and upcoming opportunities of Social Ministry. First, and foremost, we have a new Policy Manual guiding our operations. I encourage you to stop by the office or reach out to me via email for a copy to familiarize yourself with Social Ministry and the help we offer.

Second, I want to make you aware of who serves our Social Ministry Team. The team includes, Lisa Santiago (Co-Chair), Jeanne Hooss, Vicki McConnell, Joyce Sorth, Mike Wilke, and Pastor Brown. Feel free to reach out to any of us if you have any Social Ministry related questions or concerns.

Third, we are in need of volunteers and would love for you to join us in carrying out the work of Social Ministry. Our volunteer and donation opportunities include, Mother's Day Food Drive (May), South County Pregnancy Center Baby Items Drive (July), Christian Friends of New Americans household and Personal Items Drive (September), Thanksgiving Food Drive (November), Giving Tree (Christmas), Adopt a Family (Christmas), Meal Train for members in need, Drive Train for members in need, and volunteering at Feed My People.

Lastly, I wanted to make everyone aware that we are expanding our partnership with Feed My People. In addition to the donation bins, we will be recruiting volunteers to send over to Feed My People on a monthly basis to help with their ministry to our community. This expansion of our partnership is related both to our new Policy Manual and my new position as member of the Board of Directors at Feed My People. We are excited for this new opportunity and hope you will consider joining us in supporting our community!

Thank you again for all of your support!

In Christ, Pastor Brown

## The Extraordinary Ordinary Life - Your Adventure Starts Here

Robinson Crusoe, The Lone Ranger, Frodo Baggins, Luke Skywalker, Harry Potter—every generation has a story of adventure that speaks to them. These are names that most of us recognize as characters that have adventurous lives. How many of us wanted that kind of adventure when we were growing up?

The life of the adventurer is a life on the cusp of heroic action. Such a life, periodically fraught with peril, does not lose appeal as we age. One of the reasons that we love sports so much is because of the simulated sense of adventure that a good game can give to us. There are few events more exhilarating than a last second comeback for the win.

Contrast that with our daily lives. Each day appears fairly similar to the last. Each is a bustle of appointments and commitments, eating on-the-go and, finally, sitting down, exhausted, in front of the television or the video app to find something more exciting than our own lives (or so we think).

This means we have lost our perspective. Both students and adults tend to find the Christian calling *boring* and *mundane*, the two words opposite of adventure. But if you look at your favorite adventures, you will realize that adventures are just the strung-together highlights of an otherwise *boring* and *mundane* set of circumstances. Walking and camping for weeks on end? Interesting but, overall, not a lot of adventure. Going to classes everyday at a school of magic? It is still school, after all.

It is not that the adventurous life is persistently exciting, even in the best adventures, but rather that there is a clear adventure *framework*. If we think about our lives from God's perspective, we shall see over the next four newsletters that all the elements of an adventure mark your life in Christ, if you look at it through the lens of and adventure:

- You cannot stay as you are: we have a quest on which we must journey
- There are stakes: We have an enemy putting us, and the world, in peril
- You shall not walk alone: We have an adventure party with whom to journey
- The narrow path to the Best Ending: If the adventure is successful, better days arrive

You are already on this adventure, regardless of your recognizing it. It happened when God brought you into His family. In the waters of Baptism, through His Word, at whatever age His Spirit converted you from death to new life, the adventure was thrust upon you.

The one way in which our adventure will deviate from the storybooks is that we don't have to travel to far-flung places. It may take you such places, but it is already going right here, right where you are. In the midst of the ordinary, the extraordinary is playing out.

The adventure is underway, if we are willing to live in it.

-- Pastor Jon Furgeson

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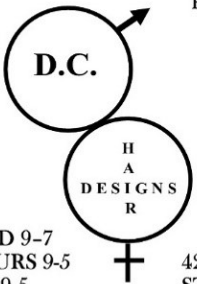
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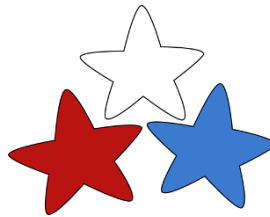
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