



THE PEACE LUTHERAN

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MARCH SCRIPTURE READINGS

March 2: **The Transfiguration of Our Lord**
Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Hebrews 3:1-6, Luke 9:28-36

March 9: **First Sunday in Lent**
Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

March 16: **Second Sunday in Lent**
Jeremiah 26:8-15; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

March 23: **Third Sunday in Lent**
Ezekiel 33:7-20; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

March 30: **Fourth Sunday in Lent**
Isaiah 12:1-6; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE



Wednesday, March 5

11:00AM - Organ Recital

Elin Hogan Gomez, Music Director at Salem-Black Jack

11:30AM - Service w/Holy Communion

5:00PM - Lenten Supper

6:30PM - Service w/Holy Communion

Lent



See the full Lenten and Easter schedule inside this issue!

NEWSLETTER CALENDAR QR CODE

Due to ever changing events in the life of our congregation, the monthly calendar will not be included in the monthly newsletter. To access the church calendar, please visit the church website, scan the QR code, or type this address into your web browser.

<https://73936888.view-events.com>.



HOLY COMMUNION WEEKENDS



Holy Communion is offered on the first, third and fifth Sundays of each month. Dates for March include: March 1/2, March 15/16, March 29/30.

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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. 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.

MISSOURI DISTRICT SHINE EVENT - SAVE THE DATE



Join us at Peace on Saturday, **March 29**, from 9:00AM to noon as we participate in the 2025 Missouri District **SHINE Event**. This event is based on Matthew 5:16, encouraging groups of all ages and skillsets to serve their neighbors and be a witness for Jesus Christ.

Our team at Peace will have the opportunity to volunteer in a variety of different areas of our community and church, using our God-given skills to bless others.

If you would like to SHINE and participate on our team from Peace, please visit the **"Opportunities"** tab on our church website, and choose your area to serve. Lunch will be provided at Peace after the event.

HIS LOVE ENDURES

forever

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Members of Peace,

During the recent exposure of government expenditure through USAID, concern arose at several service groups listed with Lutheran in their name. This created concern about our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) affiliating with groups potentially participating in illegal activities. Our synod president has written a response, which gives not only an understanding of our relation to those groups, but a wider understanding of our relations with the progressive Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA). The letter is reproduced here in full, but may also be found at: <https://reporter.lcms.org/2025/>

--Pastor Furgeson

A LETTER FROM PRESIDENT HARRISON ABOUT LIRS AND LUTHERAN RSOs

Dear Saints of the LCMS,

Grace and peace in Jesus!

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which He has called you, what are the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His great might that He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And He put all things under His feet and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all. (Eph. 1:15–23)

As many of you are aware, General Mike Flynn (retired) publicly took to task Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) and several other Lutheran social ministry agencies for receiving large federal grants for work with immigrants. That got the attention of Elon Musk and the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE). I was surprised at the dollar amounts involved. The post on X accused LIRS and the other agencies bearing the name Lutheran of "money laundering." I am writing to provide you with some facts about this complex and confusing situation.

The LCMS is a law-abiding and patriotic church body. We don't invite or support illegal immigration. We don't say much to or about the government. We don't have government contracts. Not one. We leave issues of government to our 1.8 million members and 5,700 active pastors, who act in the civil realm according to their Christian consciences as good citizens. We have spoken

as a body to certain issues. The Bible and reason teach us that the unborn have the God-given right to life (Luke 1:39–45). The government has no right to infringe upon religious freedom, including the free exercise of religion. "Thoughts are tax free!" said Martin Luther. All our people are trained from Sunday school and catechism class, and every Sunday sermon, to be good citizens and advocate for just laws, punishment for evildoers and mercy for those in need. Specific views on the details of how the government is involved in this are left to the individual as a citizen.

The LCMS uses legal means to fight for First Amendment rights when those rights are under attack. We have suffered formal legal action and much more as we have watched as DEI philosophy (formally rejected by our church body along with white supremacy) has pervaded nearly every aspect of government activity, even as the U.S. government has burgeoned beyond all ethical and rational propriety, in effect stealing the future from our children. We've been inundated with government attacks on those First Amendment rights. This subjects us to anxiety in the workplace, fear and lack of promotion in the military, and constant attacks at public schools and universities for merely following the Bible and sound reason on matters of sex. Our children are subjected to coercion at public schools. Millions of fellow Lutheran saints around the globe are chagrined at U.S. embassies and programs preoccupied with LGBTQ issues in their many different countries, as this program has been carried out globally.

The LCMS loves all people. We believe "the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin" (1 John 1:7). We are sinners loved by Christ. And Christ bids us, "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Matt. 19:19). When our congregations, pastors and people come into contact with individuals who are not legally in the U.S., particularly when such individuals find themselves in our churches, we welcome them. We tell them about Jesus' forgiveness. We also always urge and often assist them in doing the right thing, that is, becoming legal residents. The LCMS is officially pro-immigrant. Our church was founded by German immigrants.

The LCMS is no longer part of LIRS. At its inception, LIRS assisted with the resettlement of many Europeans suffering the devastation of WWII. We still have many people in our church who were children in the late 1940s and early 1950s, who were resettled in the U.S. by LIRS in partnership with our local congregations. They are eternally grateful. That partnership happened again in a remarkable way in the 1970s with many southeast Asians in the wake of the Vietnam War. LIRS was at one time officially related to a number of American Lutheran church bodies, with specific board positions reserved for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and LCMS representatives. As the ELCA wandered away from the clear biblical teachings on sexual morality, this and other intersections of the ELCA and the LCMS (such as Lutheran Disaster Response, institutional chaplaincy,

military chaplaincy, Lutheran World Relief and so on) became ever more challenging. As LIRS secularized, it hired a non-Christian, Hindu person to serve as president and CEO. The agency reorganized to become fully independent of its former partner church bodies. This diminished Lutheran identity is reflected in its new name, Global Refuge. For the past five years, the LCMS has provided no funding to LIRS and has provided no official representation on the board.

The post-WWII push within the LCMS toward one Lutheran church body in America that precipitated the disastrous events of the Concordia Seminary Walkout in 1974 brought the LCMS into the Lutheran Council USA, and into various cooperative agencies. Lutheran World Relief likewise became and remains a rebranded independent entity apart from the LCMS. Like LIRS, it does charitable work as a government contractor. There is no specifically Christian content, no sharing of the blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins.

More than a decade ago, I was part of an LCMS delegation that attended what would be our last Committee on Lutheran Cooperation meeting at the ELCA headquarters in Chicago. The ELCA bishop prayed, avoiding "Father" and "Son" in his prayer. I told him that we would no longer meet. Among other things, including the ELCA's teachings and statements on sexuality, I told him, "I'm no longer sure we are praying to the same God." It is difficult enough to carry out what we call "cooperation in externals" (for instance, doing mercy work together without church fellowship for the benefit of people in need) when we no longer agree on what the Gospel is. It is impossible when we can't even agree on what the Law is.

The LCMS grants special status to certain agencies as Recognized Service Organizations (RSOs). Like LIRS, we have no ownership of, governing authority over or hand in the financial management of such agencies. They are independently audited. Some of the organizations on the list circulated by Flynn for public scrutiny are LCMS RSOs and at the same time retain affiliation with the ELCA. Because of the public uproar over Flynn's post, many of our LCMS people are asking for a review of these RSOs. Rightly so. We are following up on these concerns. To maintain RSO status in the LCMS, an agency must agree to "[respect] and ... not act contrary to the doctrine and practice of the Synod." In short, our RSOs are not to give themselves over to ELCA doctrine and practice.

Let me just note (and this is NOT an official position of the LCMS): I'm personally pleased with DOGE. The federal government is bloated beyond all rational limits. It can't fund its activities without accumulating debt. And it's failing in its basic tasks. Christians believe the government should protect its citizens, maintain just laws, prosper marriage and family, and punish criminals. I think the government is failing across the board. The bigger government becomes, the more it meddles in

what should not be its business at all, such as promoting faddish, unscientific philosophies of sex and family to the detriment of those who in good conscience cannot agree — and never will agree no matter the coercion. I'm sure that General Flynn meant well with his muckraking, but he misses the mark in two ways. First, though I do not agree philosophically with every operational aspect of LIRS, if there is something legally amiss, the blame falls squarely upon the federal government. LIRS — and even our own LCMS RSOs — simply does what the government asks and pays for them to do.

During his first term, President Trump and the First Lady visited one of the LCMS RSOs currently under scrutiny. The president wanted to ensure that the institution would be a place to deliver outstanding care to unaccompanied minors. That agency has been quietly doing this work since that visit. They take the work with profound seriousness and love. They did not and do not deserve the broad brush of disdain brought upon them. Second, our immigration laws are a mess. I can safely say our LCMS people are all for removing criminal bad actors from this country. Caesar "beareth not the sword in vain" says St. Paul (Rom. 13:4). There are indeed millions who have broken federal immigration law. That is wrong. It is also true that millions have been enticed and encouraged to enter illegally into this country by contradictory American voices at all levels: federal, state and local. I cannot but be sympathetic to their plight. At the same time, a well-regulated border, sound immigration policy, and welcoming space for persecuted refugees are all fundamental parts of a God-pleasing answer to the question: Who will contribute to this marvelous and blessed American experiment?

Blessings to you all.

In Christ,

Pastor Matthew C. Harrison
President of The LCMS
St. Louis



2025 LENTEN & EASTER SCHEDULE

Lenten recitals and mid-week services will be live-streamed on KFUO-850AM Radio beginning at 11:00AM

Ash Wednesday

March 5 11:00AM Organ Recital
Elin Hogan Gomez, Music Director at Salem-Black Jack
*11:30AM Service
5:00PM Lenten Supper
*6:30PM Service

Mid-Week Lent-2

March 12 11:00AM Organ Recital
Dr. Nancy Peterson, Organist and Music Director at Zion, Mascoutah, IL
11:30AM Service
5:00PM Lenten Supper
6:30PM Service

Mid-Week Lent-3

March 19 11:00AM Organ Recital
Matthew Gerhardt, Kantor at St. Paul's, Des Peres
11:30AM Service
5:00PM Lenten Supper
6:30PM Service

Mid-Week Lent-4

March 26 11:00AM Organ Recital
Kendra Ruesler, Associate Organist at Peace, St. Louis
11:30AM Service
5:00PM Lenten Supper
6:30PM Service

Mid-Week Lent-5

April 2 11:00AM Organ Recital
Kevin Huckshold, Organist at Holy Cross, St. Louis
11:30AM Service
5:00PM Lenten Supper
6:30PM Service

Mid-Week Lent-6

April 9 11:00AM Organ Recital
Rev. Arthur Eichhorn, Retired Pastor at St. Salvator, Venedy, IL
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

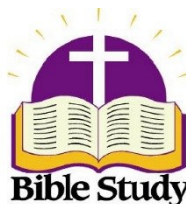
April 19 *5:00PM Service

Easter Sunday

April 20 *6:30AM Sunrise Service
*8:00, 9:20 & 10:30AM Services

**Indicates Holy Communion*

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, 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 - Spring is here! Renew your plans for the future by inviting God into your weekly Bible study life. Seek His will for the plans He has for us! Join us each Thursday morning in the Kitchen Meeting Room for fellowship at 9:00AM, followed by Bible Study at 9:30AM.

BAPTISM CLASS

SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 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 March, please call the Church Office at 314-892-5610. Future class dates offered include June 8, September 7, and November 16.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

DEADLINE - MARCH 31, 2025

If you would like to direct your Thrivent dollars to Peace, please do so by March 31. Please call Thrivent directly at 800-847-4836, or go online to thrivent.com/thriventchoice. After contacting Thrivent, please call the church office (or complete the form found on the Commons counter) to tell us where to designate your dollars (Budget, Special Music, Social Ministry, Boar's Head, St. Trinity Cemetery, etc.) so we can correctly apply the funds once received. Thank you!

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OFFICIAL ACTS

BAPTISM

January 19, 2025 - Piper Noelle Koelmel

FUNERALS

January 27, 2025 - Peggy Forsythe, 87
February 6, 2025 - Richard Messenger, 59
February 22, 2025 - Roger Siebe, 75



EASTER CANDY NEEDED FOR EGG HUNT

Easter candy is needed for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 12. If you would like to donate, please drop off individually wrapped candy to the church office by Sunday, March 23. Thank you!



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.

THANK YOU



BOY SCOUT SUPER SUB ORDER



Thank you to our Peace families for your Super Sub orders! We appreciate your continued support and generosity!

LIFE MINISTRY - BABY BOTTLE DRIVE



Wow! Many thanks to everyone who generously supported our Baby Bottle drive, supporting South County Pregnancy Center. We collected a total of \$ _____ ! Thank you again!

NEWSLETTER SPONSORS

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

Join us for Fellowship Time

Every Sunday
at 9:00AM
in the
Commons



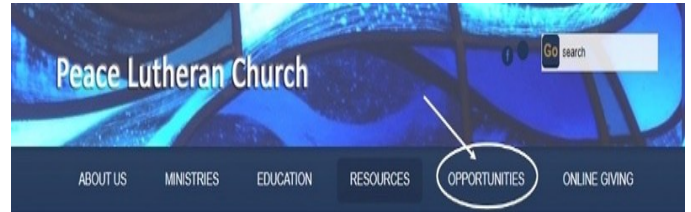
FELLOWSHIP TIME - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



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.

VOLUNTEER & SIGN-UP OPPORTUNITIES

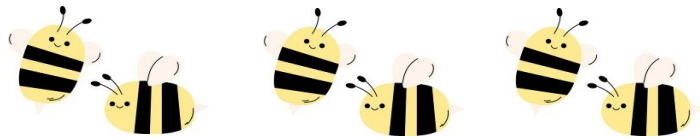


Looking for ways to volunteer and get involved? Please visit our Peace website and click on the "OPPORTUNITIES" button on the top banner of the homepage. It will take you to our Portal Page which details all of our upcoming events and sign-ups that we have available.

CURRENT SIGN-UPS AVAILABLE

- Youth Retreat Registration
- Middle School Winter Olympics
- Youth Easter Egg Stuffing/Hunt
- VBS Volunteers
- Missouri District Shine Event
- Greeters
- 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@wwf.com.

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



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



St. Trinity CEMETERY



Kyle Rieger
Superintendent

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

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 - SEEKING WEBSITE ASSISTANCE

The website for St. Trinity Cemetery, referenced below, is a great source of information about the cemetery. It tells a bit of the cemetery history, lists services, prices, rules and regulations, and gives access to a downloadable map and brochure. While it is functional, it was developed quite a long time ago, and would benefit from a significant refresh. We are seeking a volunteer to assist us with this endeavor. Skills needed would be the ability to advise us on current web page design, make recommendations, and have familiarity with various web platforms which could be utilized to re-build the site. Interested? Contact Wayne Schuessler at 314-277-3451 or weschue@swbell.net for more information.

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

CONGRATULATIONS NOTTMANN MUSIC



Congratulations to **Peace Member, Dennis Gerfen**, and his company, Nottmann Music. Nottmann Music recently received the 2025 Missouri Music Educators Association Award - The Russell &

Dorothy Chambers Outstanding Contributor Award, for their contribution in an extraordinary manner to the support of music education in the State of Missouri. Nottmann Music Company has been providing quality products with exceptional customer service to the St. Louis region since 1953. They offer a wide range of services, from sales and rentals, to repair and instructional lessons.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 12
10:00 - 11:30am

Infants to 3rd Grade

Egg Hunt ~ Games ~ Crafts ~ Holy Week Devotions



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.

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.

MARRIED COUPLES CLUB

Join us for our Couples Club March Event at the Missouri Botanical Gardens, Saturday March 8, 9:00AM. Admission is free for St. Louis City & County residents. We will meet in the Lobby and plan to meet for lunch afterwards at a nearby restaurant. Please RSVP to Gina Werkmeister at 314-638-8268. **Save the Date** for our 2nd Annual Trivia Night FUNraiser on **Saturday, August 23**. We hope you will join us.

MEN'S CLUB

Meets Tuesday, March 25, 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

No matter what you are doing or where you are, you can see Satan working all around you; carjackings, robberies, murder, etc. Ladies of the congregation, please join us on Tuesday, March 18, at 7:00PM in Sanctuary Hall for a basic self-defense and safety awareness class, hosted by Master Fitch, owner of World Martial Arts Academy. All ladies ages 10 and up are invited, under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult female. Peace Lutheran is not liable for any injuries. Just a reminder that our April meeting has been moved to Tuesday, April 8. Since our February meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather, we are happy to announce that Barbara Kay will join us on April 8, to bring to life Clara Barton, Founder of The American Red Cross.

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, March 20, at 10:45AM in Sanctuary Hall. We hope you join us! Mite Collection Sunday at Peace is the second Sunday of each month at the Commons Counter. We would love for you to donate your pennies that won't be made any longer! The "Widow's Mites" supports the Mission Projects of the LWML Missouri District.

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, March 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



We will currently still quilting in the Bride's room. Please join us on Tuesdays from 9:00AM-2:00PM. Bring a sack lunch, and we'll provide fellowship and dessert! For questions or more information, please contact Cheryl Turley at 314-223-0744.

Friends are like quilts, very warm and comfortable to have around.

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: _____





BOAR'S HEAD LETTER - FINAL WRAP

Dear Boar's Head Festival Participants,

The weeks have quickly slipped by, but I wanted to take this opportunity to pass on some information and statistics concerning the festival and extend a long overdue thanks to each of you for your participation. After a long month of rehearsals, you each came to the weekend with excitement and anticipation that is always evident. Your smiles, friendliness, cooperation, and dedication created a feeling of oneness that permeated the festival, and I think was felt by all. Once again I was amazed watching it all come together so smoothly. Thank you.

There are several meaningful things that I wanted to share with you. Prior to the festival we received a check from a non-member listing another name. Confused by it, I called for more information. The check writer had attended the '23 festival as the guest of a friend who told her she had been coming for years bringing a new person each year. As it turned out her friend died this past year. She herself had been so moved by the festival that she could think of no better way to honor her friend than to give a gift in memory and to vow to continue the tradition. She found me after Friday night's service to once again thank us all for the beautiful experience and said she would be back next year with another friend.

Then there was the couple Saturday night who wanted to know where or how we hire "the Ensemble" to play all these nights. They had voted at Peace in the November election, saw the information and decided to attend. They were so impressed by the whole pageant and couldn't wait to tell their friends. (No, you are not getting paid!)

And this week we received a \$500 check from a non-member gentleman "In appreciation of your Boar's Head Festival. My wife, Janet, and her friends attend every year and enjoy it immensely, so meaningful." This generous donation will help us continue. I wanted to pass this information on to you because it reminded me once again that we never know how someone hears about us or how they respond that we have this one opportunity to share our amazing story of Jesus and our Salvation.

We were blessed to have 1,482 guests attend the festival, slightly higher than last year, 74% were non-members. The door offering totaled \$5,743 and 112 generous members/organizations/businesses contributed \$13,010 to more than take care of our expenses which included purchasing the new Nativity Set on the front lawn to witness to the community throughout the season. We are in good financial standing for next year's festival. The committee will be evaluating soon, we would welcome any comments, questions, or suggestions.

Once again, thank you for being a part of our Boar's Head family, it couldn't happen without each of you. May the Peace, Love, and Joy of our Savior be with you throughout the coming year.

In His Service,

Merrily Goldsmith



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

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

The month of March is upon us already which means we are close to ending our Winter Sunday School curriculum and beginning our Spring curriculum. It's hard to believe that the season of Winter is almost over.



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 the story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead, along with how Jesus interacted with the little children. Holy scripture will also introduce them to Zacchaeus the tax collector who had climbed a sycamore tree to escape the large crowds and get a look at Jesus. They will then finish the month with a summary of the upcoming Holy Week to prepare them for their study on the death and Resurrection of our Savior. The First and Second grade students will continue in the pages of the Old Testament studying about Moses, which will cover the crossing of the Red Sea, God's provision to His people with manna, water, and quail, The Ten Commandments, and worshiping in the tabernacle. The Third and Fourth grade students will begin a study on how God works through prophets and kings. They will begin the month with Elijah and end with Jonah. The Fifth-grade students will continue their study of the life of Martin Luther and his role in the Reformation of the church.

Just outside of the Sunday School office is a bookcase containing dozens and dozens of Christian children's books. Borrow a book, take it home, return it, and get another. No sign-out is needed. There are so many interesting books to enjoy. It's a great way to spend "story time" with your children.

Please encourage your children to hide God's Word in their hearts through the memorization of scripture. **Do nothing from selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. *Philippians 2:3-4.***

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

Robert Wolff, Sunday School Superintendent
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I am a
CHILD
of God.

FEAR NOT,
FOR I HAVE REDEEMED YOU;
I HAVE CALLED YOU BY NAME,
YOU ARE MINE.

Isaiah 43:1



Our Dueling Pianos fundraiser was a success! Thanks to all who attended and/or sponsored the event. A special thank you to Peace for letting Green Park host our Dueling Pianos fundraiser in the gymnasium, and to Married Couples Club and Ladies Club for sponsoring our event! We raised \$13,180 which will go directly toward making essential building improvements. Thank you again for your continued support!

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@greenparklutheralschool.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.

Stay-N-Play - Thursday, March 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!

Eat and Earns is scheduled all day on Thursday, 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! 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.



PEACE EARLY CHILDHOOD

MARCH 2025

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised. Psalm 145:3

The first day of spring falls on March 19. As our children begin to excitedly recognize the signs of spring, we will be learning about the certainty that Jesus died for our sins and did not stay dead. He rose again in glory! Our Jesus Time focus this month, will be that God's people praise Him (Jesus rides into Jerusalem), God's people honor Jesus (a woman anoints Jesus), and Jesus saves us from sin (the Crucifixion). Our preschoolers will build their literacy skills by continuing to master lowercase letters, identify letter sounds, and recognize rhyming words.

We are working on sight words for those who are ready (the, is, see, can, I). In math, we will explore numbers 11, 12, and 13, while developing our counting and number recognition skills. We have fun-filled weeks ahead during March! Our Children's Chapel with Pastor Brown will take place on March 13, with an offering of Paper products for Seminary students. We will celebrate books during Dr. Seuss Week (March 3-7), learn about plants, the five senses and transportation. Please note that our half-day preschool class will be on Spring Break during the week of March 17-21. Enjoy these last days of winter; spring is right around the corner!

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



**LUTHERAN
HIGH SCHOOL
SOUTH**

Congratulations to the four football players selected for the All-District football team. Ben Long, 1st Team All-District, Quarterback Michael Wilson, 1st Team All-District, Linebacker Kyle Buscher, 2nd Team All-District, and **Peace member, and Junior, Tight End Jacob Stackle, 2nd Team All-District - Defensive Back.**



Sophomore Aubrey Yancey broke her own school record in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 59.24 to become the Metro League Conference Champion. She was also the runner-up champion in the 200-yard free.

We had six volleyball players make Academic All-State! These athletes all had a cumulative GPA of 3.6 or higher and played in 75% of varsity sets. Congratulations to Jessica Meyer, Karah Osborne, Madeline Moorhem, Aubrey Pike, Brooke Morrow, and Claire Nelson!



Lutheran South received a Beautification Award from the Affton-Lemay Chamber of Commerce for enhancing the community with our new Jubel Center for the Arts. Myron Koehn, our director of facilities, accepted the award on LuSo's behalf. Mr. Koehn has put in countless hours overseeing the \$20 million project. We wouldn't be ready to move in later this month if it weren't for his dedication and hard work.

taught at Lutheran South for the past five years. She engages students by practicing language skills in a fun, enthusiastic way. Her love of linguistics and cultural flair enhance our students' classroom experience.

Our French teacher, Marie Muth has been recognized as an Exceptional Educator by the Affton-Lemay Chamber of Commerce. Hailing from north-central France, Madame Muth has



Jennifer Haines, our director of counseling, was recognized as an outstanding advocate of mental health by the CHADS Coalition. She received the Lighthouse Award from the organization that provides programs to advance the awareness and prevention of depression and suicide. Mrs. Haines is dedicated to sharing information about mental health with students, parents, and staff and helping those who are struggling to get help.

Join the Lancer Hockey Team! Seventh and eighth-grade students are invited to play on our B team. Athletes must have a 2009, 2010, or 2011 birthday. The majority of practices will be Mondays at 4:20PM at the Meramec Shark Tank. Games run mid-April through June. For more information, please contact Karen Duree at 636-575-1026 or kduree@gmail.com.



Registration is Open for Lutheran South Summer Camps. 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. Registration is now live! 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. This year we are offering all-day performance and technical camps in our new theater! Participate in a month-long camp that culminates with a production of Schoolhouse Rock Live! Grades 4-8. This year we are offering all-day performance and technical camps in our new theater! Participate in a month-long camp that culminates with a production of Schoolhouse Rock Live! Grades 4-8.

YOUTH NEWS

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

Our last High School Youth group is February 26, from 6:30 -8:00PM. No Youth Group during Lent and Easter.

NYG Meetings

All youth attending the NYG, our last group meeting is 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 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

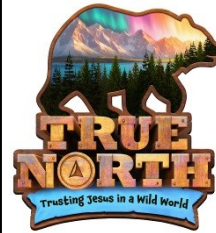
April 9: Confirmation Pictures, Questioning and Hand Ceremony



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TRUE NORTH

TRUSTING JESUS IN A WILD WORLD



It's time for kids to hit the trail for a True North Wild VBS adventure! **June 23-27, 2025 from 9:00AM to 12:00PM.**

Registration Opens March 1, and will close when we reach capacity. Don't miss out on the adventure. Sign your kids up today at <https://vbspro.events/p/5c13bd>.



At True North, kids discover that they can trust Jesus in a wild world! True North is filled with awesome Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, and touch! Hands-on science experiments, team-building games, unforgettable Bible songs, crafts and tasty treats. Parents, grandparents, and friends are invited to join us at Compass Closing each day at 11:45AM, as we celebrate our rock-solid faith in Jesus! On Friday we will have a closing program and BBQ for the whole family. Peace VBS offers three different programs for the different aged children.

Preschool-3rd Grade

Students participate in our traditional VBS program.

4th and 5th grade

Students participate in the advanced program where they will have the opportunity to participate in handbells, woodworking and painting, swordplay, and much more.

6th Grade Adventure Camp

Students have the opportunity to go on daily field trips to KFYO radio, Concordia Publishing House, Concordia Seminary, and Perry County.

VBS Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are essential to the success of our VBS program. If you would like to volunteer for our "True North" adventure this summer, we have places to serve for both adults and youth! To sign-up, visit our church website and click on the "**Opportunities**" tab.

LIFE MINISTRY - ADVOCATING FOR LIFE



On Thursday, January 23, 89-year-old Eva Edl received a presidential pardon. As a survivor of communist concentration camps in Yugoslavia, she never imagined being convicted of federal charges in her adopted home, the United States. Three other women in their mid-seventies were among the total of twenty-three receiving such pardons. All faced extended sentences in federal prison for violating the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act (FACE). This law, passed in 1994, was used in the Biden administration to target peaceful pro-life protesters and condemn them to prolonged sentences in federal prison. In some cases, the FBI sent SWAT teams armed with battering rams and ballistic shields to their homes as they arrested them in front of their families.

The third week of January 2025 saw a revival of the pro-life movement in several areas. The Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act was passed in the House of Representatives. Legislation was introduced to repeal the previously-mentioned FACE Act. On January 24, thousands marched for life in Washington, D.C. House Speaker Mike Johnson shared that he was the product of an unplanned teen pregnancy. His parents were encouraged by many to "just take care of that problem." He's thankful they ignored the advice. Senate Majority leader John Thune also addressed the crowd, which was the first time that leaders of both houses of government attended the march. Vice President J.D. Vance's address to the crowd included these words:

"We need a culture that celebrates life at all stages, one that recognizes and truly believes that the benchmark of national success is not our GDP number or our stock market, but whether people feel that they can raise thriving and healthy families in our country. We failed a generation, not only by permitting a culture of abortion-on-demand, but also by neglecting to help young parents achieve the ingredients they need to lead a happy and meaningful life. A culture of radical individualism took root, one where the responsibilities and joys of family life were seen as obstacles to overcome, not as personal fulfillment or personal blessings."

While thousands marched in the nation's capital, President Trump signed two pro-life executive orders. The first reinstated "the Mexico City" policy that halts US aid to groups providing abortion services or advocate for abortion rights overseas. The second one affirmed a US policy that prohibits the use of federal funds for abortions. These actions rolled back two executive orders from the Biden administration that protected abortion access both at home and abroad.

We owe a debt of gratitude to the people who have played a role in advocating for life whether they are participants in a large pro-life rally, political leaders or people who hold vigils in front of abortion facilities. In addition, others support pregnancy help centers and pray for the affirmation of life at all stages. Eva Edl summed it up this way: "Suffering is really nothing compared to what Jesus did for us." She's right.

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

Peace Life Ministry Team

LESA - DINNER AUCTION

You're invited to **"A Night for Kids" Dinner & Auction, a Luau** on Saturday, April 5, 6:00-9:00PM, at Orlando Gardens South. Tickets are on sale now: \$100 per person, or \$750 for a table of eight. Register at: <https://ow.ly/T2nv50UYTQk>. This annual event benefits Lutheran students in the St. Louis Metro Area. Enjoy a live auction, scholarship fund-a-need, and tributes to our Teacher & Student Christian Leaders of the Year.

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