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OCTOBER SCRIPTURE READINGS

October 6: **Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost** Genesis 2:18-25; Hebrews 2:1-18; Mark 10:2-16

October 13: **Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost** Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Hebrews 3:12-19; Mark 10:17-22

October 20: **Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost** Ecclesiasties 5:10-20; Hebrews 4:1-16; Mark 10:23-31

October 27: Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost (Reformation Day Observed)

Jeremiah 31:7-9; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

PEACE WEBSITE - NEW SIGN-UP SYSTEM

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We have a new online system for signing up for events, volunteering, and RSVPs. Using Sign-Up Genius, we now have easy access for our members to see the details of upcoming events and to have a convenient and easy way to sign up to volunteer.

To see the new system, click on the "OPPORTUNITIES" button on the top banner of the Peace website. It will take you to our Portal Page which details the events and sign-ups we have available at that time. For example, a sign-up that is now available is for the upcoming Sausage Supper on October 20. If you would like to volunteer to help with the dinner, visit our Portal Page and sign up! If you have any questions about our new system, please call the Church Office.



HOLY COMMUNION SCHEDULE

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

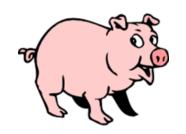
Rev. Dr. Jon Furgeson, Senior Pastor 314-601-1039 pastor.furgeson@peacelutheranstl.org

OCTOBER 2024

NEW MEMBER CLASSES OFFERED

Class begins on Sunday, September 29, from noon to 1:30PM in Sanctuary Hall. A light lunch will be provided each week. New member class covers a series of topics over a six-week period and is designed for those desiring communicant membership or any current members looking for a review of basic Lutheran teaching. To register, please sign up on our website under the "Opportunities" tab by Friday, September 27. For more information please contact the church office.





57th Annual Sausage Supper

Join us on Sunday, October 20, for the Men's Club 57th Annual Sausage Supper. Dine-In from 11:00 AM to 5:00PM, and Carry-out from 10:30AM to 5:00PM. Join us for this annual tradition and enjoy fellowship and a delicious meal of sausage, mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, green beans, and applesauce.

Desserts will be sold by LWML Ladies Guild and our Peace Quilters group will be offering many new items for sale or to order.

Tickets go on sale beginning September 28 and 29, between services in the Commons. Ticket prices: Adults-\$13.00, Children 5-12-\$5.00, Children 5 and under free. All proceeds from this event benefit various church programs and local charities. Bulk Sausage will also be available for purchase. We hope to see you there!

> **Rev. Robert Brown, Associate Pastor** 618-580-8817 pastor.brown@peacelutheranstl.org

SOUTH COUNTY PREGNANCY ITEMS DRIVE

Life Ministry and Social Ministry have teamed up to support South County Pregnancy Help Center. Listed below are items most needed. For a full list of items, please visit Amazon and search for their baby registry, under South County Pregnancy Help. This will be an ongoing support effort sponsored by our Life Ministry team. We thank our congregation for their overwhelming support.



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





After experiencing a stroke in March, 2024, Peace member Paula Justus (former teacher at Green Park Lutheran School) is finally home. This is now a full time caregiver role for her husband, Jeff, in spite of him still working full-time. It would be extremely helpful and supportive during this time to have one less thing on his plate. Bringing a meal or sending one to their house would be <u>SO</u> helpful. Please consider helping them. It takes a village!

https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/nw5w5e

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT



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.

MARY MARTHA BIBLE CLASS



men's Please join us for Bible Study Bible Study each Thursday morning to grow in your faith.

Hebrews 11:1 We meet at 9:00AM for fellowship, with

Bible Study at 9:30AM, in the Kitchen Meeting Room. Faith cannot exist unless we hear and read God's word. As Christians, we grow in faith better together! We look forward to seeing you! 1 Thessalonians 3:10

BAPTISM CLASS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 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 visit our website at

www.peacelutheranstl.org. If you are unable to attend this class, but desire to have your child baptized prior to November 10, please call the Church Office at 314-892-5610. The 2025 Baptism Class dates include: January 12, March 9, May 4, July 13, September 14, and November 9.



MEN'S MORNING BIBLE STUDY



Men's Morning Bible Study classes have resumed. Bible Study meets every other Thursday morning (with the exception of holidays) at 7:00AM

in Sanctuary Hall. Led by Pastor Brown, they will continue 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.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Our evening Bible Study is every Wednesday, at 7:00PM in Sanctuary Hall. Pastor Furgeson continues with the study of the Book of Genesis. Everyone is welcome!

SUNDAY SERVICE ON KFUO



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.

Did you know that KFUO will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary this December?

We are well into our Fall curriculum for Sunday School. The students are having a lot of fun learning God's word through age-appropriate lessons.

The Parents and Me class, preschool, kindergarten, first, second, third, and fourth grades have been focusing on the Old Testament which includes the creation story, and characters such as Cain and Abel, Moses, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, David, Goliath, Daniel as well as many others. Fifth Grade

is focused on the New Testament Book of Acts, which includes God sending the Holy Spirit, Peter and John healing a lame man, the martyrdom of Stephen, Philip and the Ethiopian, Paul's conversion, Paul's imprisonment, and his missionary journeys. Sixth through eighth grades are having a great time focusing on Bible lessons geared toward their confirmation studies.

Parents, have you seen your child with Bible Bucks and question as to what in the world they are? Well, the more Bible Bucks your child has the better because they can be used to purchase neat items in the Bible Bucks store (located in the Sunday School Office). Each Sunday School teacher, Preschool through fifth Grade, has a supply of Bible Bucks they can give to students for attendance, memorizing scriptures, class participation, and good behavior. There are other ways students can receive Bible Bucks, and the teachers usually think up fun ways for students to earn them. The Bible Bucks store is open the first Sunday of each month. Teachers from each grade will escort the students to the office on that Sunday and give them the chance to make their purchases. Some students like to save up their Bible Bucks for the big items, but some like to spend quickly on the little items.

I pray you continue to make Christian education a priority in your family schedule this year.

"Love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates." Deuteronomy 6: 5-9

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

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. Play will resume on **Tuesday**, **October 1**. 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.

QUILTERS CORNER



If you know someone who likes to quilt or would like to learn to quilt, please tell them about our group. Everyone is welcome, Peace membership is optional! Tuesdays: 9:00AM to 2:00PM

in Sanctuary Hall. Check out our table at the Sausage Supper on Sunday, October 20! We have many new items for sale or to order. If you have any questions, please call Cheryl Turley at 314-223-0744.

> As I get older, I keep walking into things: Quilt shops and fabric stores mostly!



MARRIED COUPLES CLUB



Join us on Saturday, October 26, at 6:00PM, on the back lot behind the kitchen as we celebrate Octoberfest. Cost is \$10.00 per couple. Brats and beverages will be provided.

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Be sure to grab your lawn chairs too! Please RSVP to Tammy Goodman at 314-546-9943. New couples are always welcome!

Upcoming Events:

November 23 - Bowling December 13 - Decorate Church for Christmas December 14 - Annual Christmas Party

Watch the bulletin and upcoming newsletter for more information.

LADIES CLUB



Against sex trafficking and child sexual exploitation? So are we! St. Louis is the number one sex trafficking area due to all of the

convenient highways to go in any direction. All ladies of the congregation are invited to join us on Tuesday, October 15, at 7:00PM in Sanctuary Hall, as we welcome Monarch Jewelry as our Host. By making and selling our old jewelry, Monarch Jewelry is fighting hard to make a huge difference in our country. Bring any old costume jewelry to the event to donate towards this cause (working or not). If you cannot make it, there will be a small basket on the Commons Counter to place your donations. Ladies Club is a social organization and open to female members of Peace, ages 18 and up.

PLASTIC MAT MAKING

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



LWML-LADIES GUILD

Please join us for our LWML Ladies Guild meeting Thursday, October 17, at 10:45AM in Sanctuary Hall. All ladies of Peace, ages 18 years and older are welcome to attend.

Join us for our area-wide LWML South Zone Fall Rally on Saturday, October 5, from 9:00AM to 12:00PM in Sanctuary Hall. Our speaker will be Sue Hasselbring, Ministry Catalyst. Refreshments will be provided. Questions, please call Julia Petrovic at 314-809-5447.

SURVIVING SPOUSES BREAKFAST

Join us on Thursday, October 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.

MENS CLUB

Join us for our meeting on Tuesday, October 22, 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!

NYG YOUTH CAR WASH



On behalf of our Youth program, we want to say THANK YOU, to everyone for their generous pledges towards the Youth Car Wash! It was a beautiful day for a Car Wash, and our youth, and family helpers washed a

total of 172 cars! We are excited to share that we collected an estimated total of \$20,000 in pledges from family, friends, and of course, our wonderful members! Planning continues for the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, and we couldn't do this trip without each of YOU! Our youth are excited to gather with 25,000 other Lutheran teens, for the opportunity to hear different pastors and speakers, listen to bands, participate in community service projects, and grow in their faith.

We appreciate the continued love, support and prayers the congregation shares with our youth.

SAVE YOUR CANCELLED POSTAGE STAMPS



LWML Ladies Guild is very thankful to Peace members and friends for saving their cancelled postage 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.

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.) For more information, please contact Barry Hammon at barry.hammon@wwt.com. Interested? Please sign up on our Website under the "Opportunities" tab.

FREE YARD SIGNS - VOTE "NO" ON 3



If you would like a free yard sign voicing your opposition to Amendment 3, the abortion amendment on the November ballot, please contact Christy Hessel at 314-805-9127 or email

to <u>chessel52@protonmail.com</u>.

OFFICIAL ACTS



September 1, 2024 - Eleanora Mae Gregory September 1, 2024 - Dorothea Kate Gregory September 15, 2024 - Miller Isaac Radetic

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.

MISSIONARY NEWS



BAPTISMS

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

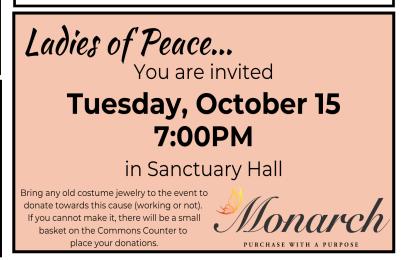
Jensen and Pastor Cundiff, please direct your contributions to "Synodical Missionary Support" at Peace, or directly through the LCMS website.

ALASKA MISSION QUARTER AUCTION



Join us on Friday, November 8, in the gymnasium at Peace. Doors open at 6:30PM, Quarter Auction starts at 7:00PM. Soda and desserts will be served. Feel free to bring snacks for your table. Tickets are \$10 per person and

available between services at the Commons counter beginning Sunday, October 13. All proceeds will benefit our 2025 Alaska Mission work. We hope to see you there! For more information, please contact Jackie Hoeferlin at 314-440-1693.





SAVE THE DATE - VIKING FEST

Saturday, October 19 3:30-6:30PM Green Park Lutheran School

Join us for a day of family fun at our annual Viking Fest, hosted by Green Park's PTO. This is a community event, so bring your friends and family for a day of fun! Bring your lawn chair and your favorite cold beverage and enjoy the music, carnival games, inflatables, contests with prizes, BBQ, Chili Cook-Off and more!



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.



-PSALM 4:8



We kick off our first **Stay-N-Play of the year on Thursday, October 10, from 8:30 to 10:30AM.** This is a free open gym for little ones ages 5 and under accompanied by an adult. Parents, grandparents and caregivers, bring your little ones and let them burn off some energy. We'll have a bounce house, hula hoops, scooters, a ball pit and more for the kids, and coffee and tea for the adults. Sign-up at <u>greenparklutheranschool.org/play</u>. Future Stay-N-Play dates are on the second Thursdays of the month, November 14, January 9, February 13, and March 13.

The 12th Annual **"Brew in the Lou"** Festival, hosted by the Lutheran Elementary School Association (LESA), features local, regional and national craft breweries, distilleries, wineries, and food tastings. Guests also enjoy live music and opportunities to shop local vendors. Be sure to designate your ticket purchases to GPLS, as we receive \$10 back to GP as a donation from LESA. Get your tickets today! <u>https://brewinthelou.com/</u>. While you are there, be sure to stop by the Green Park tent and say hello! Come out and support our area Lutheran Schools!

Join us for a day of family fun at our annual VIKING Fall Fest, Saturday, October 19, from 3:30-6:30PM. This event is for the community, so bring your friends and family for a day of fun and good times for all - carnival games, inflatables for all ages, contests with fun prizes, music, chili cook-off, bbq and MORE! There's something for everyone! Parents bring a lawn chair and your favorite cold beverage and enjoy the music while the kids get their energy out!

SAVE THE DATE for our annual Green Park Trivia Night on Friday, November 22 at Christ Memorial. Volunteer, donations for giveaways, and participants details to be posted on our website.

Watch for upcoming Eat and Earns throughout the year. This is an easy way to support Green Park. Eat at the location listed on the date of the Eat and Earn and a percentage of sales goes directly back to Green Park. Watch the newsletter and Green Sheet for upcoming dates and locations.

SAVE THE DATE - NEW EVENT! DUELING PIANOS - Saturday, February 1, 2025 at Peace Lutheran Church

Check out our website where you can find news, update your contact info, schedule tours, view our weekly Green Sheet newsletter, see sports schedules, sponsorship opportunities, and more! For questions regarding admissions and enrollment or to schedule a tour, please contact Katie Gaeta at <u>katie.gaeta@greenparklutheranschool.org</u>.

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.





More than 150 families gathered to welcome our new students at the Lancer Launch during the first week of school. These new Lancers met with their mentors and asked any questions about the upcoming school year. They walked through their class schedules, bought LuSo merch, signed up for clubs, and even met with their teachers. Together, we worshiped with these new students, praying that God blesses them as they begin the next chapter of their lives here at Lutheran South.

The best way to get to know Lutheran South is to experience it yourself. Applications for the 2025-2026 school year are open Schedule your visit today! Shadow days and family meetings are

available on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays in the morning or afternoon. Call the admissions office at 314-833-1088 or email <u>admissions@LSlancers.org</u>. Applications for the 2025-2026 school year are now open! Apply today at <u>www.lslancers.org/admissions/become-a-lancer</u>! We can't wait to show you what we're all about!





Lutheran South graduate Cody Schrader, LS '18, has been signed to the Rams' 53man roster, officially becoming Lutheran South's first NFL player!

Advertising opportunities are available on Lutheran South's various scoreboards in the stadium, gym, and baseball diamond. We would love for you to consider having your place of work or family business support our student-athletes. You can view the options at LSlancers.org/athletics. Please reach out to Jacob Reis <u>ireis@lslancers.org</u> with any questions.

Girls in kindergarten through 8th grade are invited to join us on Sunday, October 13, from 1:00 to 4:00pm in LuSo's gym. Participants will learn cheers, stunts, and a dance to be performed during halftime of the varsity home football game on

Friday, October 18, at 7:00PM. The cost is \$35 and includes a shirt and bow. Please register at LSlancers.org/events.





Tailgating, reuniting with friends, and Lancer football...Homecoming is almost here! Join us Friday, October 4 for some Homecoming fun! Stop by the tent by the stadium at 5:30PM to enjoy some food, drinks, and a chance to reconnect

with old friends. This is a free event, but please let us know that you are coming so we have enough drinks and snacks! Register at LSIancers.org/events. Alumni, current families, and friends... we hope to see you all there!



St. Trinity CEMETERY



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

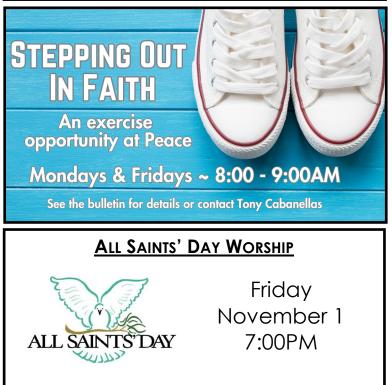
Mark McDaniel Superintendent

ST. TRINITY CEMETERY - HIRING UPDATE

In preparation for Superintendent Mark McDaniel's retirement at the end of this year, we are pleased to report that we have hired Kyle Rieger to be the new Superintendent for St. Trinity Cemetery. Kyle will be starting mid-September. He will spend the next couple of months learning from Mark, and will officially take over as acting Superintendent upon Mark's retirement. Stay tuned for a more thorough introduction of Kyle in next month's newsletter!

There are still openings for a full-time Groundskeeper, as well as additional part-time Groundskeepers. The latter would be called upon to assist with grass cutting, trimming, leaf and debris pickup on an as needed basis. A job description for the Groundskeeper position is posted on the bulletin board in the Commons and at the cemetery. For more information, contact Glenn Brinkmann (314-660-9780) or Marilyn Schuessler (314-520-3773).

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



Service of Holy Communion

PEACE EARLY CHILDHOOD



OCTOBER 2024

"The Lord is my helper; I will not fear." Hebrews 13:6



What a wonderful month October is: full of fun, learning, and special days! Our Bible concepts for the month include: God rescues His people (Daniel in the lion's den and Three men in the fiery furnace, Daniel 3

and 6), God provides for His people (Elijah and the widow, 1 Kings 17), and God's word makes us new (Elisha and Naaman, 2 Kings 5).

Our academic focus will include sorting letters by their characteristics, understanding that letters have names and sounds. Our math lessons include identifying numbers 1-3, and demonstrating an understanding of positional words in our center time play. We are also learning about autumn, fire safety, families, and pumpkins!

Our chapel with Pastor Furgeson will take place on October 9, with our monetary offering to benefit Lutheran World Relief. We are also eager to celebrate Halloween at the end of the month! Fall is a fantastic time of year!

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



EMAIL AND TEXTING SCAM INFORMATION



Be alert when receiving text messages and emails! There are people using Pastor Furgeson's name, as well as one of our friend and church members in a phishing scam. Should you receive a text message and/or email from someone asking for assistance,

money, gift cards, claiming to be Pastor Furgeson, Pastor Brown, a good friend, or church member, please <u>DO</u> <u>NOT RESPOND</u>. Our Pastors, friends and church members will not reach out via text or email to anyone, asking for "a favor, assistance, cash or gift cards." Should you receive a suspicious text or email, please reach out to the church office, family member or good friend for advice and clarification before taking any action.

COMING SOON! THE 28TH ANNUAL BOAR'S HEAD CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL



2024 Festival Service Dates and Times:

Thursday, December 5, 7:30PM Friday, December 6, 7:30PM Saturday, December 7, 7:30PM Sunday, December 8, 2:30 and 6:00PM

FIRST-TIME VOLUNTEERS: Join with many of the veterans to use your God-given time, talents, and creativity! New this year—instead of a paper form, sign up to help on our new Portal Page by clicking on "Opportunities" at the top of the Peace website. Remember, no task is too small—all are important in this great ministry! We are always in need of Hostesses to serve wassail and cookies at the receptions after the services. If you have any questions about the online sign-up, contact the Church Office.

SEASONED VETERANS: We hope you will join us again this year. You know we count on you to be our foundation each year with your experience, and you are a tremendous help to newcomers!

FINANCIAL SUPPORT: Door contributions cover about half of the Festival costs. The rest of the Festival expenses are covered by the generous donations of our members. Please consider becoming a financial supporter by filling out the contribution form below. Again, we are deeply grateful to the many Peace members who make the Boar's Head Christmas Festival part of their giving each year.

SIX FREE TICKETS PER FAMILY will be available to Peace members after church services on the weekends of October 19/20 and October 26/27. Tickets will be offered to the general public Friday, November 1. Invite your family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors, as we share the good news of Jesus' birth!

Online ticket reservations will be available soon. Watch for a link on the Peace website or a QR code on the Commons Counter to reserve your tickets beginning in mid-October!

2024 Boar's Head Christmas Festival Contribution Form						
I/we are pleased to make the following contribution: Name:						
	Benefactor	\$	_ \$25	Patron	\$	\$100
	Ambassador	\$	\$50	Special Gifts	\$	\$250
Name(s) as you would like it/them to appear in the program booklet:						
To assure that you receive proper credit for your contribution, please enter your						
Member Envelope Number (optional)						
Please make checks payable to Peace Lutheran Church with " <u>Boar's Head Christmas Festival</u> " in the comment line. You may attach your check to this form and place it in the offering plate or bring to the church office. For more information, please contact Ralph & Grace Truemper at 314-544-0233. Thank you for your support!						
If you prefer, you can become a financial supporter of the 2024 Boar's Head Festival and pay online with your credit card by clicking on "Opportunities" at the top of the Peace website.						



2024 - 2025 MUSICAL **OPPORTUNITIES**

THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU IN ONE OF OUR MUSIC ENSEMBLES!

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord. Serve the Lord with gladness come before

His presence with singing." Psalm 100 says - Serving and Singing -- two wonderful ways to praise God!

Music is such a powerful thing! It can reach the hardest of hearts when nothing else can. Then, when we join music with the Gospel, the all-powerful Word of God, we have an explosive combination! Just as it was at the dedication of the temple, we can experience God's presence as we lift our voices in praise to Him through our Music Ministry. There is a Latin motto that states "Bis orat, qui contat": "Those who sing pray twice." Please take a moment to look over the following groups and select the one right for you! We need YOU now more than ever! Please feel free to call or email with questions and to sign-up!

Chancel Choir - The Chancel Choir is the cornerstone of Peace's Music Ministry and alternates singing between 8:00AM and 10:30AM services. This non-auditioned choir is open to all high school students and adults.

Rehearsals on Thursday evening at 7:00PM

Bells of Peace - The Bells of Peace, the Adult/High School handbell ensemble, provides anthems and other special music for worship services about once a month and presents programs when requested. Prior music or handbell knowledge is helpful but not necessary. Members of the community who enjoy ringing are invited to attend.

Rehearsals on Monday evening at 7:00PM

Orchestra/Winds of Peace - The Orchestra of Peace consists of all band and orchestra instruments. The orchestra plays for worship monthly and rehearses the week before the performance. High school students and adults are welcome. Younger musicians are welcome by audition. Music is available in advance so musicians can come to rehearsal prepared. Please contact Burnell Hackman so your music will be available.

From members of the Orchestra of Peace come other smaller instrumental ensembles including, The Peace Brass, The Peace Bass Consort, The String Ensemble, and Woodwind Quintet.

To register for one of our ensembles, please visit: https:// peacestImusic.org/ensembles/

We look forward to YOU joining us!

Burnell L. Hackman

Director of Music Ministries 314-892-5610 ext. 112 - office 314-650-9415 - cell burnellhackman@amail.com

Peace's Music Ministry Website www.peacestlmusic.org

BOY SCOUT TROOP 584 PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, November 10 7:00-11:00AM • Peace Gymnasium



Donations help support St. Trinity Cemetery and Scout Recharter fees and camping.

As a thank you from our Scout organization, all Veterans enjoy breakfast on us!

Thank you for your continued support! **STHRIVENT**





Preschoolers up to age 5 with an adult are invited to join us for a FREE morning of fun!



Featuring: A STEM presentation, a children's ventriloquist, a petting zoo, and more

9:00a - 11:15a

play



Reserve a spot for your child or preschool: katie.gaeta@greenparklutheranschool.org



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LIFE MINISTRY - READ THE FINE PRINT



"Read the fine print" is common advice we follow when signing legal documents. We do so to protect ourselves from financial and legal harm. We consult lawyers to advise us regarding important details. Our state constitution is a particularly important legal document that is relatively easy to change by a simple majority vote. In recent years, well-financed special interest groups have changed our state constitution through ballot initiatives. In 2022, our state constitution legalized recreational marijuana through such a process.

In the November election, Missouri citizens will be voting on whether our state constitution should be amended to enshrine abortion up to the time of birth. The only justification needed is to protect the mother's "emotional, psychological, [and] familial" concerns. Amendment 3 would put women at risk because current health and safety practices that require abortion providers to explain procedure risks and ensure hospital transfer, if needed, would be negated. Current laws requiring in-person administration of chemical abortions would also be tossed out. Pregnant women could take abortion pills with no medical supervision and risk life-endangering complications. Parental notification and consent would also be eliminated. This amendment says the right to abortion applies to all ages, not just adults eighteen years of age or older.

Amendment 3 distorts the facts regarding care in the case of miscarriages and ectopic pregnancies. Care for these conditions is **currently** protected by law. There is no need for this amendment to protect care for miscarriages and ectopic pregnancies.

Have Missouri voters read the fine print regarding Amendment 3? Probably not. They certainly will not be informed of these facts by the well-funded groups who are pushing for its passage. Have voters considered the resulting damage? It goes beyond the taking of innocent lives. It results in women suffering permanent physical and psychological damage. It also affects many of the people touched by these women. It coarsens and desensitizes our society to the value of human life. Ultimately it brings pain and suffering, and it solves nothing.

A person with common sense would never sign a contract that resulted in harm to himself, but people voting for Amendment 3 will be doing exactly that. Read the fine print and vote against Amendment 3.

"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



KFUO 2025 PEACE BROADCAST SPONSORSHIPS



Live KFUO broadcasts of the 8:00AM service will air in February, March, and April of 2025. Each year we ask for members to sponsor the broadcasts in memory of a loved one, in honor of a

special occasion, or just to the Glory of God. Sponsorships are \$150.00 per Sunday. To sign up, please visit our website under "Opportunities," and look for "KFUO Sponsorships", or scan this QR code.

For more information, please contact Alan Hopfer at 314-846-4433.



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.

THE EXTRAORDINARY ORDINARY LIFE - KEEPING THE END (AND THE EPILOGUE) IN SIGHT

All life is an Adventure. We are fooled by what we think mundane but life, particularly the Christian life, exists within the framework of an Adventure. So far we have observed:

- 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

This all leads us to the End and the Epilogue. Every Adventure has a purpose, a goal toward which the adventurers strive. What is the goal of our Adventure?

The goal of the Adventure is to gain the Best Ending with our Adventure Party. The End of an Adventure is not the end of the story; rather it is the sigh of relief as we get beyond the climax to the "happily ever after."

The Adventure is the story in the present, but the Epilogue is what makes the journey worthwhile. The Epilogue moves from the immediate elation from the victory over that which threatens to the enduring joy of the ensuing freedom once it is overcome. That is the real End of the Adventure.

God not only gave us the Party to adventure together (being the Church), but promises that in Him the Adventure is not limited to this place and time. So assured is the end in Christ, that it partly spills over into the Adventure itself.

When the Spirit gave us faith in Jesus Christ, this brought us the benefits of our Savior's life, death, and resurrection. One of those benefits is eternal life. We often think of eternal life as beginning when we die. But that's not quite right. For Christians, eternal life has already begun. The gift is ours, even as the Adventure must also be taken. But it is taken not as mere mortals, but as children of God. This makes all the difference.

God has already made you His child. You are already reconciled to Him through the blood of Jesus. You are already partakers in the eternal promises of God. Though we struggle with sin in this age, we are not merely creatures of this age, or this world. We are the forgiven sons and daughters of the Creator.

Not only do we have eternal days ahead, but they are the Great Epiloque, the real Happily Ever After; without illness, without pain, without persecution, without selfishness and sin. In community with all of the company of believers and with God Himself.

The Best Ending, the Ultimate Epilogue, is already yours in Christ. That which looks like defeat—death—has become the climax of the Adventure from which all Christians emerge triumphant. How might your perspective change on each day if you really have this perspective? How much easier will it be to stop rushing about like the world and instead fill our day with quality instead of quantity? If we really see ourselves not just as those headed toward death (like the world), but those who already have countless days ahead?

We must endure in faith and not throw away this gift. Do not be diverted on your Adventure. Recognize your foes, your sinful nature, the broken world, and the devils, and take them seriously, but do not focus on them. Focus on the One who makes all things yours in His death and resurrection. Focus on who He has made you to be: the enduring, eternal Child of God. Focus on that reality in the lives of those around you (or the need for it in their lives).

Here on the Adventure we learn who we are and our relationship to God through Christ. Here we learn what it means to live as the people of God gathered (and what it means to not live as His people). Here we learn of God's love for us, though veiled, in preparation for that Love in all of its fullness.

The Adventure is upon you, and its goal is eternal. The first bit of this road is rough, but the road to come is a glorious, eternal Epilogue. Live your Adventure today in the anticipation of the Greater Epilogue to come.

-- Rev. Jon Furgeson

SOCIAL MINISTRY - 2024 ADOPT A FAMILY



Adopt-a-Family Thank you to our Peace families for your many years of faithfully adopting families! We will once again be participating in the Feed My People Adopt-A-Family program. Your support of this program makes the holiday season bright by giving many a chance to acquire needed items and gifts for Christmas. This year, they are again asking for Gift Cards only. If you would like to participate, please contact Joyce Sorth at 314-894-3773, by November 1,

and let her know what size family you would like to sponsor. The family size you adopt can be from one to seven plus. You will receive your family information mid-November. This will allow Feed My People the time to interview clients and make sure they have enough participants. Gift card drop off dates are November 25-27, and December 2-3, 9:00AM to 2:30PM to Feed My People, 171 Kingston Drive.

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



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Sunday, October 6 - 4:00 pm

Scott Air Force Base of Mid America Chamber Music Concert (Sanctuary)

It will include a 13-16 people ensemble, with repertoire like the Strauss Suite in B-flat for winds or The Good Soldier Schweik Suite by Robert Kurka.

Saturday, October 12 - 6:30 pm Valparaiso University Chamber Band Concert (Gym)

The Chamber Concert Band is the premier concert band at Valparaiso University.

Sunday, October 13 - 3:00 pm

10th Anniversary of the Martin Ott Pipe Organ with Trevor Good (Sanctuary)

Originally from Springfield, Illinois, Trevor Good is the organist at the Church of the Resurrection-Brookside in Kansas City, Missouri and a student organ scholar at the St. Lawrence Catholic Campus Center in Lawrence, Kansas. He is enrolled at the University of Kansas where he pursues a degree in Organ Performance and studies with Dr. James Higdon. Good has won prizes at the Fort Wayne National Organ Competition, the Immanuel Lutheran Organ Competition, and has been named an AGO Rising Star. In his younger years, Trevor was a student at St. John's Lutheran School in Arnold, Missouri.