



# THE PEACE LUTHERAN

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## SEPTEMBER SCRIPTURE READINGS

September 1: **Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; Ephesians 6:10-20;  
Mark 7:14-23

September 8: **Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Isaiah 35:4-7a; James 2:1-10, 14-18; Mark 7:24-37

September 15: **Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Isaiah 50:4-10; James 3:1-12; Mark 9:14-29

September 22: **Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Jeremiah 11:18-20; James 3:13-4:10; Mark 9:30-37

September 29: **Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29; James 5:1-20;  
Mark 9:38-50



## ICE CREAM SOCIAL & BAND CONCERT

**Sunday, September 1**

**3:30PM - Ice Cream Social**

**4:00PM - Concert by the Orchestra of Peace**

Join us in the Gym at Peace as we say "farewell" to summer!

## VOTERS' ASSEMBLY - SEPTEMBER 9

Don't Forget



Please join us for our upcoming Voters' Assembly, Monday, September 9, 7:00PM, in **Sanctuary Hall**. All Peace members ages 18 and older are encouraged to attend.



## LET'S CELEBRATE OUR SANCTUARY!

On the weekend of September 21/22, Rev. Dr. Lee Hagan, President of the Missouri District will be preaching as we recognize this special anniversary at all services. Following the 10:30AM service, we will host a luncheon and short program in the gymnasium. RSVP's will be required for the luncheon and can be done by scanning this QR code, or by using this link: <https://sugeni.us/V4Pw>



Call the church office if you need assistance.

## HOLY COMMUNION SCHEDULE



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

## WELCOME SEMINARIAN

### KURTIS HANKEMEIER AND FAMILY



Welcome to Peace, Kurtis, Amanda, and Ethan Hankemeier! Kurtis has been assigned to Peace as a first year Seminary Student.

The Hankemeier family moved from Texas in June. Kurtis was accepted into the M.Div program at Concordia Seminary and has just completed Greek. Amanda has been in education for over 20 years and will be teaching at Green Park in one of the 3rd grade classrooms. Ethan, a native Texan, has just experienced his first out of state move and will be a Sophomore at LuSo. Amanda and Kurtis are both graduates of Concordia-Texas and are excited for the ministry opportunities offered through Peace, Green Park, LuSo, and the Seminary.

We are blessed to have you and your family here at Peace, and look forward to watching you grow in your ministry!

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# FREE COMMUNITY CAR WASH

**Saturday, September 14**  
**9:00AM to 3:00PM**

West Parking Lot at Peace

This event is to raise funds for the youth attending the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in Summer, 2025

## NYG YOUTH CAR WASH

Next Summer our High School Youth will be traveling to New Orleans to gather with 25,000 other Lutheran teenagers for the National Youth Gathering. It is at this gathering that our youth have the opportunity to hear different pastors and speakers, listen to bands, participate in community service projects, and grow in their faith.

To help raise funds for NYG, our youth will be hosting a free car wash for the community. Members of our Youth Group will be contacting their family, friends, and members of the congregation to ask for their financial support. Youth will have the opportunity to call the people they know between August 11-25. It's possible during the two weeks, you might receive several phone calls from different youth who know you. Please note that you don't need to sponsor each youth who calls. After August 25, we will contact any remaining church members who may have been missed to give everyone an opportunity to support our youth. Youth will be making calls from the church office on the following dates: Wednesday, September 4, 5:30-8:00PM, Sunday, September 8, 1:00-4:00PM and Wednesday, September 11, 5:30-8:00PM.

Please know that you aren't under any obligation to sponsor a youth. We appreciate the continued love, support and prayers the congregation shares with our youth.



## THANK YOU



Thank you to everyone for your prayers and all who called or sent get well cards for my recovery. I was especially grateful to Pastor Kastens for his prayers with me. My surgery was successful and I am continuing to mend. I am blessed to have your prayers and good wishes. God listens and His mercy endures forever.

Lorin Dressel and family

## Donate to the SOUTH COUNTY PREGNANCY HELP CENTER

New and gently used items can be placed in the donation box in the Commons.

### Items Most Needed:

- Diapers - sizes 2, 3, 4, & 6
- Girls Clothing - 6-9 months
- Laundry Detergent - free & clear
- Bottles - preferably Philips Avent
- Infant Towels & Washcloths
- Bibs
- NEW Car Seats
- NEW Pack n' Plays

You can also visit Amazon.com and search for their baby registry, South County Pregnancy Help, for a full list of items needed.



THANK YOU!



## ALASKA MISSIONS School Supply Collection

Now through September 1

Place items in collection box in Commons

New items only please

## Interested in... ONLINE GIVING?

Scan this QR code or click on "Online Giving" on our Peace website.



Questions? Contact  
Denise Grant @ 314.591.8207  
or email [finance@peacelutheranstl.org](mailto:finance@peacelutheranstl.org)



## BLOOD DRIVE - THANK YOU



Thank you to all the donors who shared the gift of life at our August 2 Blood Drive. Save the date for our 2025 Blood Drive, Friday, February 21, from 1:00 to 5:00PM in the Peace gymnasium.



# Growing In Faith Together



We celebrated our **2024 Sunday School Orientation Day** on August 18. This is the day that the children move up to their new class for the 2024-2025 school year. If you haven't done so already, please use the google link: [forms.gle](https://forms.gle) to register your children for Sunday School.

We are so grateful for our Sunday School Teachers! **Parents and Me (Birth to age 2):** Rachel Palma, Heidi Caron, and Jeanette Mattingly; **Preschool (ages 3-4):** Ashlen Rainey; **Kindergarten:** Janet Sheets and Gina Werkmeister; **1st/2nd Grade:** Tom Zaretsky and Mary Ann Tyra; **3rd/4th Grade:** Tracy Zaretsky and Karla Lunsford; **5th Grade:** Linda Wolff and Alexia Arensmeier; **6th – 8th Grade:** Sarah Baese, Madison Fritsche, Anne Glessner, Eric Glessner, Rick Goodman, Sarah Irwin, Mark Maloy, Mike Renner, Ann Ryherd, Ed Stackle, Dan Suedkamp, Gavin Summerfield, Meghan Uthoff, and Rob Uthoff.

I hope you will continue to make Christian education a priority in your family schedule this year. Sunday School is a great place for children to build their Christian foundation and become comfortable in their church home. Please let me know if I can answer any questions for you. I look forward to working with you as your children grow in their Christian faith. May Almighty God continue to bless you and your family.

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



## JR. CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGIN WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Our Junior Confirmation classes will begin Wednesday, September 4, 4:00-5:15PM, for students in 6th-8th grades. Each grade level will focus on different parts of the Small Catechism.

Parents and students in 6th grade, as well as our students new to Confirmation this Fall, please join us for Catechism Sunday, August 25, at the 10:30AM Service. Students will be presented their Small Catechisms during the service.

Parents, please watch your email for important schedules and other Confirmation information..

## BAPTISM CLASS

**Sunday, September 8, 9:15 - 10:15AM**  
**Commons Conference Room**



Pastor Brown 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](http://www.peacelutheranstl.org). If you are unable to attend this class, but desire to have your child baptized prior to September 8, please call the Church Office at 314-892-5610. Future class date is November 10.

## MEN'S MORNING BIBLE STUDY



Men's Morning Bible Study class will resume on Thursday, September 5, 7:00AM in Sanctuary Hall. Men's Bible Study meets every other Thursday morning, (with the exception of holidays). 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 resumes on Wednesday, September 11, at 7:00PM in Sanctuary Hall. Pastor Furgeson will continue with the study of the Book of Genesis. See you there!

## MARY MARTHA BIBLE CLASS

The summer of 2024 has ended. Our Bible study will resume Thursday, September 5. We will be studying and reading scripture connected to Pastor Furgeson's book, *The Sword and the Mask*, an approach to Spiritual Warfare. Please join us at 9:00AM for fellowship, with Bible Study at 9:30AM, in the Kitchen Meeting Room. We look forward to welcoming you.



### 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.

### MENS CLUB

Join us for our meeting on Tuesday, September 24, 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



Come join us in Sanctuary Hall on Tuesday's from 9:00AM to 2:00PM. All you need is a sack lunch, we will provide the rest; needle, thread, thimble, a delicious dessert and a very good time! If you have any questions, please call Cheryl Turley at 314-223-0744.

**"Our lives are like quilts – bits and pieces,  
joy and sorrow, stitched with love."**

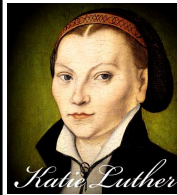
### MARRIED COUPLES CLUB



Join us for Aloha Mini Golf & Shave Ice on Saturday, September 14, at 6:30PM. Price is \$8.00 per person, \$5.00 for Seniors. If our group total is ten or more the cost is \$6.00. Please meet in the front entrance of Aloha Mini Golf. This is a family event and children are welcome! Please RSVP to Barb Decker at 314-541-5898.

**COUNT YOUR  
BLESSINGS.**  
NAME THEM **ONE BY ONE.**  
COUNT YOUR  
**MANY BLESSINGS**  
SEE WHAT **GOD** HAS DONE.

### LADIES CLUB



Ever had to escape someplace in a fish barrel? How would you have liked to have been a part of the Protestant Reformation? Could you be married to the man of 95 theses? Barbara Kay from Columbia, Illinois will bring Katharina von Bora, aka Katie Luther, story to life. Come join us on Katie's journey, Tuesday, September 17, at 7:00PM in Sanctuary Hall for her story and questions. 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, September 19, at 10:45AM in Sanctuary Hall. All ladies of Peace, ages 18 years and older are welcome to attend. Results from the June LWML Missouri District Convention will be shared.

### SAVE THE DATE!

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

### ALASKA MISSION QUARTER AUCTION



Save the date! Friday, November 22, 6:30-9:00PM, in the gymnasium as we raise funds for 2025 Alaska Mission! Watch the bulletins and October Newsletter for more information and ticket sales. We hope to see you there!

### SURVIVING SPOUSES BREAKFAST

Join us on Thursday, September 12, 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.



## **IN LOVING MEMORY OF** **REV. DR. DAVID WIESNER**

*March 19, 1933 - August 7, 2024*

Rev. Dr. David Emil Wiesner was born on Sunday, March 19, 1933, to Dan Wiesner and Viola née Broeg Wiesner of Waukon, Iowa. He was baptized at Trinity Lutheran Church, Athens, Wisconsin on Saturday, March 3, 1934, and confirmed his faith on Sunday, April 14, 1946, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, St. Louis, Missouri. David enlisted in the United States Marine Corp on March 1, 1952. During the time that he was a new recruit, he met the love of his life, Joyce Marie Joggerst. David and Joyce were married on October 17, 1953, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, St. Louis, Missouri and celebrated their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary last October!

After his honorable discharge from the Marines, he obtained a Bachelor's degree from Concordia College, River Forest, Illinois. He became a teacher at Lutheran Central High School in St. Louis, Missouri, teaching American History, Physical Education, and was a coach. He later received a PhD from St. Louis University in the area of Education & Administration. David served as Principal of Affton Senior High School; and then later, Superintendent of the Lutheran High Schools.

Throughout his adult life, David maintained a strong faith in God along with a deep desire to serve as a parish pastor. In his early 50's, David realized his dream when he attended Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He was ordained on Sunday, March 3, 1985, and served as a Pastor at Peace Lutheran Church, Saint Louis, Missouri, his home congregation, from 1985-1992, as Associate Pastor, and from 1992-1994 as Senior Pastor. David retired from full-time ministry at 62, and served as a part-time Visitation Pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church of Arnold, Missouri. He called on shut-in members, a work that he thoroughly enjoyed.

On Wednesday, August 7, 2024, our gracious Lord called David out of this life to receive the crown of life that He had prepared for David. David is survived by his wife Joyce, daughter Debra Ettel, son Rev. Mark (Patricia) Wiesner, granddaughters Andrea Wiesner and SarahBeth (Rev. Gregory) Barto, great-grandsons Harrison and Crosby Barto, his brother and sister-in-law Terry (Di) Joggerst.

A public visitation was held on Tuesday, August 13 from 4:00-7:00PM at Kutis Funeral Home. A private memorial service was held for the family, with burial at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

## **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.

## **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.

## **SUNDAY SERVICE ON KFUD**



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

*Did you know that KFUD will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary in December of 2024?*

## **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.

## **OFFICIAL ACTS**

### **WEDDING**

August 17, 2024 - Abbey Jane Harashe and Samuel David Bryant



**Let the words of my mouth,  
and the meditation of  
my heart,  
be acceptable in thy sight,  
O Lord,  
my strength, and my redeemer.**

Psalms 19:14





## Missouri District

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH — MISSOURI SYNOD

The Missouri District is seeking a qualified individual to join our team as Communications Specialist. Essential roles include: managing the District website, designing digital and print content, creating social media posts across platforms, and producing occasional videos. This is a full-time position with competitive benefits package. To submit a resume or request a position description, contact Peter Kirby at [peter.kirby@mo.lcms.org](mailto:peter.kirby@mo.lcms.org).



Use your state tax dollars to support Lutheran education! Through the MOScholars tax credit program, scholarships are awarded to students attending LCMS schools in Missouri. Taking part in the effort is simple and a blessing to many.

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Go to [mo.lcms.org/mo-scholars](http://mo.lcms.org/mo-scholars) to learn more and reserve your tax credits.



Select "The Missouri District" as the EAO you'd like to make use of your funds.



Mail your confirmation number and check to the Missouri District.  
*Contact us to send funds electronically!*



Questions can be directed to Leah at 314-590-6211 or [leah.sieveking@mo.lcms.org](mailto:leah.sieveking@mo.lcms.org)

**With no additional cost and minimal effort, being a part of this opportunity is easy. Thank you for your participation!**



Missouri District  
THE LUTHERAN CHURCH — MISSOURI SYNOD

## 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@wwt.com](mailto:barry.hammon@wwt.com).

*Join us for Fellowship Time*

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



## LESA'S 12TH ANNUAL - BREW IN THE LOU



LESA's 12th Annual "Brew in the Lou" Festival, a Big Blue Spark production, will offer one-stop tasting of St. Louis' best beer, wine, spirits and food favorites when it returns to Francis Park, Saturday October 12, from 1:00 -5:00PM. Nearly 100 tasting and vendor stations will line the banks of The Lily Pond, featuring local, regional and national craft breweries, distilleries and wineries. General Admission Tickets are \$50 advance/\$60 day-of-event and are one sale now! Advance sales close at Wednesday, October 10, at 11:00PM. Brew in the Lou is one of the largest and most important fundraisers for the Lutheran Elementary School Association, and the revenue provides critical assistance to the 9,500 children and 500 educators we serve. Thank you for your faithful and ongoing support. Admission includes unlimited beer and food tastings, while supplies last, and a keepsake commemorative glass. Again this year – for guests who want more than a tasting, a select number of food vendors will have full size servings available for purchase. VIP Tickets are \$100 in advance/\$120 day-of-event and are on sale now! VIP admission includes all the fun of general admission PLUS unlimited VIP tent access, exclusive food and beverage tastings, exclusive VIP commemorative glass and private bathrooms. To purchase tickets, please visit **BrewintheLou.com**. We can't wait to see you this year!



We welcomed 1st-8th students back on campus Wednesday, August 14, to begin their 2024-2025 school year. After getting acclimated to their new classrooms and teachers, putting their supplies away, and learning the ropes, students and staff joined together for their opening Chapel Service to start the year off right.



On Thursday and Friday, August 15 and 16, we welcomed our Junior Kindergarten 3's, 4's, and Kindergarten students to campus! Some of them are joining us for the very first time and some are being welcomed back. We also held our annual Boohoo Yahoo breakfast for our Kindergarten parents. It's always a bittersweet morning with lots of emotions for parents sending their "babies" off to Kindergarten. No matter the emotions, we're so excited for our families who have chosen Green Park as their school home



Enrollment continues for the 2024-2025 school year and new families are encouraged to schedule a tour. School tours are hosted throughout the school year. For more information or to schedule a tour, please contact Katie Gaeta at [katie.gaeta@greenparklutherschool.org](mailto:katie.gaeta@greenparklutherschool.org).

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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*



AnnaKait Peters-Bahkou, LS '25, performed on The Munny stage as a member of the Youth Ensemble for *Fiddler on the Roof*! We can't wait to see her in our new Center for the Performing Arts slated to open next semester.

Nine Lutheran South students and alumni, along with Theology teacher Pastor Joe Cox, journeyed to Uganda to serve with Christ Community International. The group is building relationships within the community of Kawete. They toured both the primary and secondary schools there, played games, and led Bible studies. They even caught a sunset on the Nile along the way!



The Lancer football team took time off to volunteer at Laclede Groves. They assisted the senior living community by assembling new outdoor furniture, painting, and cleaning up several patio areas so residents could enjoy the summer outdoors. Catch a game this fall under the lights in Lancer Stadium!

Math teacher Scott Denoyer is one of 15 educators participating in a pilot program to develop a curriculum for AP Project Based Learning for Statistics. The one-year program, run by the College Board, which administers all AP tests, will train instructors on the best practices for teaching the material. The program includes a four-day summer intensive course in Denver and four follow-up sessions during the academic year. We can't wait to see the new teaching strategies he brings to the classroom!

Join your fellow classmates, alumni, parents, and friends as we host the second-annual LuSo Open to support Lutheran South athletics. Make plans to join us Monday, October 7, at 11:00AM at the Tom Fazio designed Missouri Bluffs Golf Club in St. Charles. **Day of Golf includes:** 18 holes of golf with cart, refreshments on the course, lunch and LuSo Swag. **Register to play or sponsor the event at [LSlancers.org/golf](https://LSlancers.org/golf)**





# St. Trinity CEMETERY



Mark McDaniel  
Superintendent

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Saturday by Appointment Only

## ST. TRINITY CEMETERY - OFFICE AUTOMATION

St. Trinity Cemetery has recently taken a step toward a more automated operation with the purchase and implementation of software called Cemetery Information Management System (CIMS), from vendor Ramaker and Associates. This cloud-based system allows the staff and board remote access to lot ownership and burial records from any location. It also provides reports on available lots, and cemetery statistics for lot sales, interments, etc. We are able to customize it for our specific layout of lots and columbarium niches, and add additional lots as future development is warranted. Report and form development for automated generation of deeds and sales contracts is also in process. Finally, the system can be used for task scheduling and daily operations management.

Looking to the future, we also hope to leverage CIMS' online mapping capabilities. A virtual map of the cemetery, created using existing cemetery maps and data in conjunction with drone imagery, would be made available online. This would allow anyone to search the records of St. Trinity Cemetery for information on burials, as well as visuals of the grave and surrounding property. CIMS is also used by Bellefontaine Cemetery, and they have implemented this mapping feature. Scan the QR code below, search for "Busch", select "Adolphus Busch", and scroll down to see an example.



Kudos to Board Member Wayne Schuessler, who has led this effort, worked with the vendor on the implementation, and continues to build out the data in the system. We are very excited about the possibilities!

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

## PEACE EARLY CHILDHOOD



SEPTEMBER 2024

This is such a wonderful time of year as we welcome new friends into our program, and are reunited with preschool friends from last year! Our two multi-age classes are ready for a terrific school year of learning and growing together!

Our academic and spiritual themes for the year are closely tied together. As we begin our year, we will explore the themes Welcome to School (Samuel-God calls His people to serve), Big and Little (David and Goliath-God saves us from our enemies), Friends (David and Jonathan-God's people help one another) and Following Directions (Jonah and the Big Fish-God gives us a second chance). Throughout September, we will explore the concepts of same and different; sorting by color, and size; and recognizing patterns. Our literacy focus will be on the parts of a book, turning pages, and the differences in pictures, letters, and words. We are also looking forward to our monthly chapel times with Pastor Furgeson and Pastor Brown. Our September offering of school items will benefit Feed My People. We are so happy to have this opportunity to help God's little ones learn and grow! We're looking forward to an amazing year together!

To learn more about our programs, or to schedule a tour, please contact Sue Velten at 314-892-8844, or email [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.



## EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHER AIDE NEEDED



Early Childhood is seeking a part-time Preschool Teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. Hours are 8:30AM to noon, Monday through Friday. Please contact Sue Velten at 314-892-8844 for more information.



## 2024 ALASKA MISSION TRIP ROUND-UP

The Alaska Mission Team would like to thank everyone for their support and prayers! Team members worked in Hooper Bay from June 29 through July 5 this summer. Each day consisted of two Vacation Bible School sessions, Women's and Men's Bible study, and teen youth group. The Vacation Bible School focus was "God's Incredible!" His incredible promises, calling, forgiveness, love, and redemption are evident in many parts of the Old and New Testaments; the children loved singing, learning, and making crafts related to these themes! The adult groups focused on Romans, chapters 5 and 8. The teens explored issues including God's omnipresence, their identity as God's children, and God's help in times of trouble. The mission to Hooper Bay has been going for 25 years, and now those first children are bringing their children to learn about Jesus. Thank you for your tremendous support!



"LET US FIX OUR EYES ON JESUS"  
(Heb. 12:2; Ps. 141:8 ESV)

### Concordia Seminary Guild Luncheon

Date: Friday, Sept. 13, 2024  
Registration: 11:30 a.m. in Koburg Hall  
Luncheon and business meeting: Noon  
Program: The Stained Glass Windows of Koburg Hall  
Dr. Gerhard Bode, Chairman of the Department of Historical Theology

#### Luncheon reservation

Date: Sept. 13, 2024 Registration: \$20 per person  
Deadline: Aug. 30, 2024

Menu: Upscale baked potato bar with seasoned beef, bacon crumbs, scallions, sour cream, shredded cheese and cheddar cheese sauce; garden salad tossed with balsamic dressing; dinner rolls; and angel food cake with strawberry purée

List special dietary restrictions:

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seat(s) at \$20 per person \$\_\_\_\_\_

Names of those attending:

Total amount enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_

#### Seminary Guild membership

☐ \$15/individual ☐ \$25/organization

Dues cover the period July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to donate to the 2024-25 projects:

☐ \$100 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$25 ☐ Other \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this form with your check(s) made payable to Concordia Seminary Guild to:  
Mary Jane Autry, 2076 Henley Woods Drive, Arnold, MO 63010-1878

Questions? 314-578-9158

## SAVE THE DATE!

### 57TH ANNUAL SAUSAGE DINNER



Sunday, October 20

10:30AM - 5:00PM (Carry-out)

11:00AM - 5:00PM (Dine-in)

Cafeteria style meal serving:

Sausage (made fresh on site)

Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Sauerkraut,

Green Beans and Applesauce

Bulk Sausage also Available for Purchase

Watch the bulletin for ticket sales and other information.

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## **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.

**First Fall Rehearsal: Thursday, September 5, 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.

**First Fall Rehearsal: Monday, September 9 at 8:00PM**

**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.

**First Fall Rehearsal: Wednesday, September 18 at 7:00PM**

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://peacestmusic.org/ensembles/>**

**We look forward to YOU joining us!**

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The event, sponsored by Older Adult Ministry, will be held at Pere Marquette Lodge in Grafton, Illinois and includes Lutheran Hour Speaker Dr. Zeigler, as well as, Rev. Tom Noll, Dr. Beth Hoeltke, Glenn and Patti Sprich, Marilyn Coplin and Rachel Little. Workshops include Grief Share, Medical Issues, Water Exercises, Women of the Bible, Burial Practices, Armed Forces Ministry, and German Heritage. Peace Member, Dr. Gerald Perschbacher, LL.D., will be addressing the subject of German Heritage, on October 24, and how those settlers became an impactful part of American society. He and wife Sharmon recently transferred to Peace. Dr. Gerald Perschbacher, LL.D., is the author of 18 books and thousands of published articles plus had a 40-year professional career with the Int'l LLL (Lutheran Hour Ministries) as its national editor, historian, and advocate. He has been in at least 40 states as a professional speaker plus eight provinces in Canada, even addressing assemblies in Germany. He was founder of three Germanic history-and-genealogy organizations, one of which was followed by more than a thousand participants in a dozen states. In recent years, he also presented at an international Germanic event in Sacramento, California, and has documented his Germanic lineage to the 1300s. His articles still appear nationally, twice a month.

### **RESERVATIONS AND INFORMATION**

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### **CHILDREN DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS**

**JESUS  
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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.



## LIFE MINISTRY - A SPECTACLE



The 2024 Summer Olympic Games treated the world to quite a spectacle. The opening ceremonies were an in-your-face mockery of Christianity including a drag queen parody of the Last Supper, a golden calf, a macabre image of a beheaded Queen Marie Antoinette holding her severed head and a lewd portrayal of the pagan god Dionysus. Dionysus, also known as Bacchus, was the god of wine and debauchery. He represents a society that enshrines self-indulgence, immorality, and perversion: the works of the flesh.

The values presented in the opening ceremonies are in total opposition to the qualities needed to win an Olympic event: focus, discipline, perseverance, and commitment to a goal. Those are the same qualities mentioned in Hebrews 12 where we are told to set aside every weight and sin to run our own race in leading a Christian life. Our focus is on Jesus and his sacrifice for us. Our discipline is from a God who is using the trials in our life to yield the fruit of righteousness.

France, host of the Olympics, is a nation that prides itself for its secular society. What are the fruits of such values? The Christian faith that made France a center for the arts and science has been shunted aside. French churches are nearly empty while the expanding Muslim population fills the spiritual vacuum with its own version of paganism. In fact, many churches have been torched and antisemitism is at record levels. The void created by abandoning Christianity was filled with a new paganism that is now openly embraced. The culture in which the French took pride has been lost. It has been replaced with one of coarseness, cruelty, and violence.

America is on the same path. Our public schools have been pushing the same secular values. Our entertainment is largely violent, crude, and immoral. Wealth and pleasure have become our modern idols. Our nation's history is being rewritten so that the great leaders of the past are denigrated, and their achievements and sacrifices dismissed as inconsequential. Christianity is portrayed as a bigoted system of outdated superstitions. When we lose reverence for our rich heritage which was grounded in Christianity, we lose the very soul of our nation.

Hebrews 12 speaks of a great cloud of witnesses, the saints who have gone before us and given us examples of great faith. This heavenly spectacle is the total opposite of the one seen in Paris this summer. As Christianity comes under increasing hostility, it has never been more important to discipline ourselves to prayer, memorizing scripture and regular fellowship with other Christians. Our goal is to join the heavenly spectacle of saints.

*"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**

### GOD'S BLESSINGS TO REVEREND NATHAN AND ASHLEY NELSON



Peace's very own Nathan Nelson was installed as Associate Pastor on Sunday, July 14, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Leavenworth, Kansas. Pastor Nelson and his wife Ashley are busy getting acclimated to their new church home responsibilities

and settling into a new home. Ashley has received a call to serve as Deaconess at St. Paul Lutheran Church and School in Leavenworth. Wishing Pastor Nelson and Ashley God's richest blessings as they begin their ministries!

### 2024 AGING MY WAY RESOURCE FAIR

Please join us on Tuesday, September 17, from 9:00 -11:00AM at St. Margaret Mary Alacoque Campus, for their Aging My Way-Resource Fair. This is an informational and resource fair for seniors who want to age in place, considering living options such as retirement, assisted living, or long-term care communities. Flu shots will be available by Mercy. There will be free coffee, donuts, as well as giveaways, and over 65 booths of senior resources. For more information, please contact Tom Glaser at 314-487-0003.



## **THE EXTRAORDINARY ORDINARY LIFE - THE ADVENTURE HAS A PARTY**

When Christ entered your life, you were thrust into an adventure. You have been transformed from sinner to also saint—to a child of God, and reminded every person is an eternal being. We are beset with the foes of our own sinful natures, the broken world, and the devils. We are hard-pressed to make it on our own.

No adventurer makes it through on his own. Friends and family, even strangers, help along the way. This is true also for the Christian. We talk a lot about being individuals in America (pulling ourselves up by our own bootstraps, etc.). This has seeped into our faith as well. We speak of our individual or personal relationship with Jesus.

But there is no going solo for a Christian. God gives us a party of people for this adventure. Jesus had twelve close disciples and many more who travelled after Him. Apostles typically went out in pairs or groups to do their work. When people began to believe, they did not go their own way but would come together in the faith. Even the name "church" in the Greek means "gathering" or "assembly". Why does God want us to stick together?

Last month, we noted that you are in grave danger from the devil and the rebellious world. One individual is much easier to overwhelm and destroy than two or even more. The devil and the world are happy to have Christians try to go it alone. It makes their job much easier. When we come together, we can help one another, forgive one another, hold each other accountable to Christ, and encourage one another to stay on the narrow path of Jesus to eternal life.

The American way has tried to teach us that faith is a personal, private matter. But that is not the way Jesus describes it. We cannot help each other if we cannot talk about the faith. If we cannot be truthful about both the Gospel and the Law, we cannot help one another.

In America, parents try not to impose their faith on their children and think they are being good parents if they let the children choose. *This is nonsense.* "Indoctrination" is a bad word among us. It brings to mind images of Hitler and Stalin. But the word itself means "the process wherein a person is brought up to understand a particular set of truths." In this sense, indoctrinate your children in Jesus.

If the only place children hear about Jesus or the Christian faith is on Sunday mornings, they will choose what speaks to them during the other 99% of their waking hours each week—the world. Either we will indoctrinate our people into Christ, or the world will indoctrinate them into idolatry. There is no other option.

We do not get to make God. God gets to make us. The Church does not give its children a choice of competing stories because there is only one *true* story. The world does not have this true story because it does not know Jesus. And it is the job of the community to make each of its members a part of that story. God uses this community to make us His people and to keep us as His people. Through being held accountable to one another and by forgiving one another we, together, live out the adventure set before us, and our enemies clamor to no avail. Life is ours, together, all the way to the Victory!

-Pastor Furgeson

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO PEACE MEMBER JOE SNEED**



On Monday, August 13, Spiegelglass Construction Company promoted Joe Sneed to Chief Operating Officer. In this newly created role, Sneed will oversee construction operations including estimating, pre- and post- construction, and overall project management. *"Since Joe joined the company, he has proven to our team and our clients that he's their go-to to get things done on time and on budget with a focus on quality,"* said Tim Spiegelglass, owner and president. *"He keeps a careful eye on the operations, gets our subs what they need when they need it and ensures our clients are informed on the team's progress."* Joe previously served as vice president, construction, and brings nearly 40 years of construction industry experience to the table. As Spiegelglass Construction continues its focus on midsize commercial construction projects including retail, restaurant and specialty projects, Sneed will be responsible for strengthening the operating model to better support existing and future clients. *"Operators have to have a willingness to jump in and do whatever it takes to get the job done right, while also ensuring the back-end systems are in place for a well-oiled operation,"* added Spiegelglass. *"We are grateful for Joe's commitment to these principals and are looking forward to his future contributions to the company."*

On behalf of Peace, we are so proud of Joe's community and work accomplishments. Peace is so very thankful for his continued leadership, expertise, and time donated to our church facilities.



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