



# THE PEACE LUTHERAN

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## SEPTEMBER SCRIPTURE READINGS

September 7: **Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-35

September 14: **Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Ezekiel 34:11-24; 1 Timothy 1:5-17; Luke 15:1-10

September 21: **Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Amos 8:4-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-15; Luke 16:1-15

September 28: **Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Amos 6:1-7; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

## NEW MEMBER CLASS

A six-week, new member class begins on Sunday, September 14, 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 for any current members looking for a review of basic Lutheran teaching. To register, please sign up on the Opportunities Page on the website.

**WELCOME!**

*You are Invited!*

Celebrating 80 Years of Blessings at Peace

Special Afternoon Worship Service followed by Social Hour and Dinner at Andre's South

October  
**26**  
2025

Invitation and RSVP form can be found in your mailbox. RSVPs due by October 12.



## 80TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Join us as we celebrate **80** years of blessings at Peace with a special Worship service at 3:00PM, followed by social hour and dinner at Andre's Banquet Center. Invitations can be found in your family mailbox with additional details and an RSVP form. Reservations are due to the church office by October 12. We hope you can join us as we celebrate and give thanks to God!

## HOLY COMMUNION WEEKENDS



Holy Communion is offered on the first, third and fifth Sundays of each month. Dates include the weekends of September 6/7, and 20/21.

REV. DR. JON FURGESON, SENIOR PASTOR

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## VOTERS' ASSEMBLY - SEPTEMBER 8

**Don't Forget**



Please join us for our upcoming Voters' Assembly, Monday, September 8, 7:00PM, in **Sanctuary Hall**. All Peace members ages 18 and older are invited to attend.

## CHANGES TO OUR CAMPUS DOOR POLICY

As our county situation has shifted over the past few years regarding homeless persons, Peace has experienced a considerable uptick in persons off the street coming to the church to beg, loiter, sleep, steal, and even attempt to break into the garage and the campus. Men show up and loiter after services or toward the end of the workday. They show up and wander around outside the doors where parents are picking up their children from daycare to panhandle.

We have asked the County Police to scout our campus more often and they appear to have adopted that request. However, for the safety and security of the Church staff and the children of the Early Childhood Program, we have updated our policy regarding leaving our doors unlocked.

### SOME HIGHLIGHTS

Unless other events are going on, the doors will be locked on Sundays until at least 5:30AM and locked again soon after the final service of the day.

Likewise, on Saturdays, the doors will be locked until at least 3:00PM and locked again soon after the service is completed. During the weekdays, the East doors should only be opened from 8:00AM-5:00PM unless other activities require them to be open.

If no one is on campus, the doors will be locked.

For events and clubs, the doors should be unlocked only as long as the situation reasonably warrants.

If our office personnel or other groups comprised of only females are present, they have the right to lock the exterior doors even during the weekday work hours.

If you do not have a key and find the doors locked, please use the intercom to see if a person is in the office to let you in. All persons that we know with an assigned key to the church will receive a copy of the full door policy in their church mailbox.

This change will take effect October 1, 2025.

-Peace Lutheran Church Council



**YOU ARE** STRONG  
BLESSED  
NEVER ALONE  
FORGIVEN  
ALWAYS LOVED  
ENOUGH



REV. ROBERT BROWN, ASSOCIATE PASTOR

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# 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 on Saturday evening, and clean-up on Sunday morning. If you would like to help, please contact Ralph or Grace Truemper at 314-544-0233.

## ALTAR FLOWERS



Altar Flower orders are received through the Church Office. Arrangements are \$25 each. Please contact the church office at least two weeks in advance.

## THRIVENT ESTATE PLANNING

Thrivent Financial is offering Estate Planning through Zoom Webinars. If you are interested in attending one of the webinars listed below, please follow the registration link found below. If you need assistance, or would like to set up a personal appointment, please contact Andy Reinitz, our Thrivent Representative for Peace at 314-578-7005.



## Estate preservation for the next generation

Our team is committed to helping you plan for your future—and the future of those that you care most about. Better prepare yourself for the "what-ifs" in life by joining us as we address:

- Essential estate preservation documents you should have.
- What is the purpose of a will?
- Estate taxes and annual gifting limits.
- What is the probate process?
- Advantages of naming beneficiaries on your accounts.
- The Secure Act 2.0 and how it impacts your family.
- Concerns about how to protect your assets.
- Long-term care: Costs and options.
- Effects of income taxation upon death.

This educational event is designed for our clients and their adult beneficiaries to help address their concerns about aging parents. We encourage you to invite any or all of your beneficiaries to attend.



### Event details

Zoom webinar event.  
Tuesday, September 16th at 5:30pm CT  
Wednesday, September 17th at 11:30am CT  
Thursday, September 18th at 6:30pm CT  
Tuesday, September 23rd at 12:00pm CT



### Reserve your place today

Visit the registration link to RSVP today: <https://bit.ly/SouthCentralSept> or scan the QR code with the camera on your smartphone. Share this invitation with someone who might find this information helpful.



### Your hosts

Eric W. Bilger, FIC, Financial Advisor  
James M. Bilger, FIC, Financial Advisor



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## OFFICIAL ACTS



### BAPTISM

August 24, 2025 - Mia Jane Wild

### FUNERALS

August 5, 2025 - James K. Ralston, 86

August 15, 2025 - \*Mary F. Duncan, 86

\*Non-Member

## BUILDING KEY INVENTORY



The Property Team is taking an inventory of all church keys that have been handed out. If you are in possession of a church key, please contact John Hooss at 314-913-3072 so he can record your name and key number for our records. Thank you!

## RETIREMENT BLESSINGS

After 28 years of service in our Peace Early Childhood Program, Tammy Goodman has retired. Tammy began working with the Parents Day Out Program and then went on to be a Preschool Teacher aide, working the daycare when needed, and was a Preschool Teacher during the pandemic, as well as the 2024-2025 school year. We give thanks to God for Tammy's ministry in our Early Childhood Program and wish her God's richest blessings in her retirement.

happy retirement

# Boar's Head Christmas Festival December 4 - 7

FREE tickets available  
beginning Monday,  
November 3



## BOAR'S HEAD CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Mark your calendar's now for the 29th annual Boar's Head Christmas Festival at Peace. Services will be Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, December 4-6, at 7:30PM and Sunday, December 7, at 2:30 and 6:00PM. Tickets will be available to Peace members on the weekends of October 25/26 and November 1/2. More information about the festival will be in the October newsletter. Volunteer opportunities will be available. Watch your mailbox here at church for details of the many ways to serve. If you have a desire to be a part of the cast (no speaking parts), contact Merrily Goldsmith now and she will let you know what is available. We look forward to this year's festival as we spread the message of Christ's birth to our community here at Peace and in the greater St. Louis area!

## 2025 MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

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

**"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 combine 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.

Please take a moment to look over the following groups and select the one right for you! We need YOU now more than ever!!!



**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, August 28, 7:00PM

**The Bells of Peace** an 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 8, \*8:00PM (\*Time changed for Voters' Assembly. Normal rehearsal time is 7:00PM)

### Instrumental Ensembles

**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 10, 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.

Please join fellow members as we "Praise The Lord" through music! To sign-up or for more information, please call or email Burnell Hackman!

**There is a Latin motto that states "Bis orat, qui contat": "Those who sing, pray twice."**



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### BAPTISM CLASS

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 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 designed for all 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 September 7, please call the Church Office at 314-892-5610.

**Future class date: November 16.**

### SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

#### **ROOTED IN CHRIST**



COLOSSIANS 2:6-7

God's blessings to all parishioners at Peace Lutheran.

Summer break for the children just flew by and it's time to start the new school year. I pray that Almighty God guides each student throughout the year and gives them His strength to live a life that brings glory to Him.

What a wonderful start to Sunday School! Orientation Day was a blessing as children, parents, and teachers gathered to begin another year of growing in God's Word. The fun and fellowship shared at the event remind us of the responsibility and privilege we have to nurture the faith of our youngest members.

Just as a tree draws its strength and stability from deep roots, our lives as believers are nourished and sustained when we are firmly grounded in Christ. Scripture reminds us, **"Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving"** (Colossians 2:6-7).

Being rooted in Christ means more than simply knowing about Him. It means allowing His Word and Spirit to shape every part of who we are. Roots are unseen, yet they determine a tree's growth, fruitfulness, and endurance through storms. In the same way, our unseen life with Christ in prayer, Scripture, and obedience determines the visible fruit of our faith.

As parents and teachers, we are called not only to cultivate our own roots but also to help children establish theirs in Christ. When we model a life that is deeply anchored in Him, we give the next generation a steady example of faith that can withstand trials and bear fruit for God's glory.

We give thanks for the many volunteers, parents, and leaders who made Orientation Day such a success, and we look forward to a year of walking with our children as they are firmly rooted in Christ's love (Colossians 2:6-7). Please keep our teachers and families in your prayers!

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



### PEACE EARLY CHILDHOOD

**Preschool Plus and Half Day Preschool**

*Helping the Church Grow by helping God's Children Grow*

**Welcome to Preschool!**



We are so excited to start the school year! Mrs. Kristen Hammon and Mrs. Pat Uthoff have a fun-filled and faith-centered year planned for our three to five year-old preschoolers.

We'll start the school year by getting to know one another and learning about the love of Jesus. Our first themes will include *All About Me, Family and Friends, and Creation*. Lessons are designed to help each child feel known, loved, and connected.

During their very first Chapel service, each preschooler will receive a Children's Bible as a special gift from the church. What a blessing it is to begin our journey together rooted in God's love! We are excited for a year of growing and learning together!

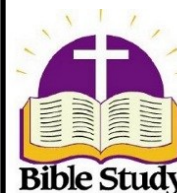
To learn more about the Peace Early Childhood program or employment opportunities please email Director Sara Watson at [earlychildhood@peacelutheranstl.org](mailto:earlychildhood@peacelutheranstl.org) or call the EC office at 314-892-8844.

### JR. CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 3



Our 7th & 8th Grade Junior Confirmation classes will begin Wednesday, September 3, 4:00-5:15PM. Classes will be taught by our ministry team of Pastor Brown, Pastor Furgeson, DCE Christina Stackle, and Deaconess Intern, Abby Reynolds, with each grade level focusing on the Small Catechism.

### BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION



**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. The class continues its study of the **Large Catechism**. Our Bible study took a break for the month of August, and class will resume September 11. Future Bible study dates can be found on our church website calendar, or watch the weekend News and Notes.

**Wednesday Evening Bible Study** will resume on September 10 at 7:00PM in Sanctuary Hall and is currently studying the **Book of Acts**.

**Mary Martha Bible Class** - *On Eagles Wings* is a favorite hymn to many people. Eagles can fly higher than any other bird. Please join our Mary Martha Bible Class and He will lift you up on eagles wings. (Psalm 91:1-4 and Exodus 19:4). Bible Study resumes on Thursday, September 4, at 9:00AM for fellowship, with class beginning at 9:30AM, studying the Book of Romans.

### 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.

# St. Trinity CEMETERY



Kyle Rieger  
Superintendent

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

## ST. TRINITY CEMETERY UPDATED FLOWER & DECORATION POLICY

The Board of St. Trinity Cemetery would like to make all aware that an updated Flower and Decoration Policy has recently been adopted. Highlights to note include:

- Decorations will be cleared only once per year, during the first two weeks of February, weather and schedule permitting. Items which are excessively worn or damaged may be cleared at any time.
- Only one flower wreath or bouquet per grave is permitted.
- Containers, potted plants, baskets, balloons and other such items are not allowed.
- Funeral flowers are removed 5-7 days after an interment.

Regarding decorations for the columbarium niches, the adhesion of items via Command hooks or any other means is no longer permitted. The adhesives have caused permanent damage to the stonework of the columbaria. Items are also not allowed to be placed on top of, or in the ground in front of, the columbaria. We understand the desire to honor loved ones enshrined in the columbarium niches with floral tributes, and are currently researching a way to affix a permanent floral vase to be installed on the face of a columbarium niche, without causing damage to the structure. This information will be communicated when it is available. Updated floral regulations are posted on the website, as well as in the message board at the cemetery.

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



## Missouri District

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH — MISSOURI SYNOD

### CELEBRATING OUR CALLED CHURCH WORKERS

The following are names of our full-time professional church workers at Peace and Green Park, who are celebrating milestone anniversaries this year. Their anniversaries recognize their total years of service in LCMS entities as reported to the Missouri District office.

Amanda Hankemeier, 15 years, GPLS

Christina Stackle, 25 years, Peace

Stephanie Torbeck, 25 years, GPLS

David Rusert, 40 years, GPLS

Rev. Dr. Dennis Kastens, Pastor Emeritus, 60 years, Peace

Congratulations and deep gratitude to our churches and schools for their ongoing dedication and faithful service. Thank you for all the work you do in Christ's name!



### BLOOD DRIVE

We are grateful to those who came out and supported the American Red Cross Blood Drive on August 1. Thank you for sharing the gift of life.



### FROM THE FAMILY OF JAMES RALSTON

Many thanks for all the love and support during this difficult time of loss. There are no words to describe our gratitude for your heartfelt sympathies.

### FROM THE FAMILY OF ED TERRY

Thank you for the many calls, texts and prayers for Ed during his recent surgery. Praise to God that Ed is home and recovering.

### LWML BIRTHDAY SUPPLIES



LWML Ladies Guild thanks everyone for their overwhelming support of their recent Birthday Party Supply drive to benefit Concordia Seminary. Many families at the Seminary will have wonderful birthday parties for their children thanks to your donations!

### COUPLES CLUB TRIVIA

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported Couples Club yearly Trivia Night FUNraiser. We appreciate your love and support. We will share with you in the December newsletter how the profits were distributed. A special thanks to the following for their sponsorships and/or donations: Animated Xaos Studios (Rick and Tammy Goodman), Tami Behnke, Boar's Head Committee, Decker Farms Wood Working (Dave and Barb Decker), EBC, Juice Plus (Kristin Engle), Ladies Club, Donated baskets (Lisa Santiago), MYKEY Cleaning (Karen Yaeger), St. Trinity Cemetery, and Yaeger's Contracting (Mike Yaeger). A very special thank you to our MC for our evening of Trivia, David Baese.

### NEWSLETTER SPONSORS

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

### 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

- New Member Class
- Baptism Class
- Greeters
- Altar Guild
- Ushers
- Feed My People Volunteers

For questions or assistance with sign-ups, please contact the church office.



### **MARRIED COUPLES CLUB**

Couples Club is going to the Mouse Races at Lutheran South, Saturday, September 13. Doors open at 6:00PM, and races begin at 6:30PM. Tickets are \$30.00 each and tables seat eight. Bring your own food and drinks. This fundraiser benefits the Lutheran South Lancerettes. To register, please visit [Islanders.org/Events](http://Islanders.org/Events). We hope to see you there!

### **LADIES CLUB**

*Homebound* refers to being confined to one's home, no matter the reason. Do you know someone that is homebound? Can you imagine what it must feel like to never leave your home? Please join Ladies Club on Tuesday, September 16, at 7:00PM and help us fill out Christmas Cards for our friends that can't join us in fellowship and worship at church. Let's bring the holiday joy to them and let them know we are thinking of them this Christmas season.

### **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 first meeting of the year on Thursday, September 18, 10:45AM to noon. Paula Jeffcott will report on our National 2025 Conference and updated Mission Grant Projects for Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

### **ADULT CO-ED VOLLEYBALL AT PEACE**

Play will resume on Tuesday, September 30, 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](mailto: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. Please watch the church calendar for event conflicts to make sure we are playing. For more information please contact Jack Jeffcott at [liporccarman@gmail.com](mailto:liporccarman@gmail.com) or 314-856-5379.

### **SURVIVING SPOUSES BREAKFAST**

Join us Thursday, September 11, 9:00AM at the Denny's on South Lindbergh. Our group meets on the second Thursday of each month. For more information, please contact Joyce Schutte at 314-267-7051.

### **QUILTERS CORNER**



Please join us on Tuesdays from 9:00AM to 2:00PM in Sanctuary Hall. Bring a sack lunch, we'll provide fellowship and dessert! Please be sure to stop by and see us at our *Annual Sale* at the Sausage Supper, Sunday, October 19.

Please call Cheryl at 314-223-0744 if you have any questions.

***Quilters come with strings attached.***

### **MISSIONARY NEWS**



The current newsletter from Pastor Jensen serving in Germany can be found on our Peace Website or the Bulletin Board in the Commons. If you would like to support the missionary efforts of Pastor Jensen, please direct your contributions to "Synodical Missionary Support" at Peace, or directly through the LCMS website.

### **MEN'S CLUB**

Please join us Tuesday, September 23, at 6:00PM for our monthly meeting. Enjoy a great meal and fellowship, followed by our 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.

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

### **PEACE MEN'S CLUB**

### **58TH ANNUAL SAUSAGE DINNER**

Sunday, October 19



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

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

Cafeteria style meal serving:

Sausage (cooked fresh on site)  
Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Sauerkraut,  
Green Beans and Applesauce

Desserts available for purchase, provided by LWML Ladies Guild. Bulk Sausage also available for purchase. Watch the News and Notes for ticket sales and other information. All proceeds benefit various Peace programs and local charities.

## **STEPPING OUT IN FAITH**

**An exercise  
opportunity at Peace**

**Mondays & Fridays ~ 8:00 - 9:00AM**

If the weather is nice, we walk outside - otherwise, we walk in the gym



### **CHILDREN DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS**



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



### **VOLUNTEER AT FEED MY PEOPLE!**

Feed My People is a Christian organization right down the road from Peace that strives to show God's love and compassion to all people, particularly those in need. Feed My People offers several services to help those in need - whether homeless or low-income - including a food pantry, several thrift stores, and assistance with finding and interviewing for employment.



For a long time, our congregation has been very generous with donations to Feed My People. Join us to volunteer in person, serving with our hands and feet to bring the love of Christ to those in our community. Pastor Brown and/or Abby Reynolds will be volunteering one Saturday morning each month and can bring a small group. Current planned dates are: 9/27, 10/18, and 11/15. Please consider joining us! Sign up through the opportunities page on the church website or through the QR code.



### **2025 LESA BREW IN THE LOU**

**SUPPORT A GREAT CAUSE AND HAVE A GREAT TIME!**



Kick off autumn with flavor and fun at Brew in the Lou 2025, returning to Francis Park!

The 2025 Brew in the Lou Festival, a Big Blue Spark Production, takes place on Saturday, October 11. Enjoy unlimited samples

from nearly 80 tasting and vendor stations, featuring the best local, regional, and national craft breweries, Pfitzer Realty Group, Homebrew Horseshoe, distilleries, wineries, and restaurants—all set along the scenic banks of the beautiful Francis Park Lily Pond.

Experience live music throughout the day, delicious food, and plenty of surprises! General Admission includes unlimited beer and food tastings (while supplies last) and a commemorative tasting glass to take home.

Upgrade to VIP Access for exclusive entry to the VIP tent, featuring special food and beverage tastings, a larger commemorative glass, and private restrooms. Upgrade today because VIP will not be available at the door on the day of the event! Sign up today at: <https://brewinthelou.com/>

### **LIFE MINISTRY— SYNTHETIC HUMANS?**



"He looks just like his dad." "She takes after her mother." Comments like these are a recognition of how God uses the genetics of our parents to create us as unique individuals. But what happens when science manipulates human reproduction to include more than a mom and a dad? It's already happening. Recently eight healthy babies were born in the United Kingdom with a fertility technique using DNA from three individuals. The technique was used to enable women with chromosomal disorders to give birth to babies with no known genetic defects.

Scientists are making rapid progress in their quest to find new treatments for autoimmune disorders, heart failure, viral infections and other diseases. They are inserting "synthetic human DNA" into skin cells to allow them to experiment on a more advanced level. But their ultimate goal is to construct entire human chromosomes. Theoretically, it could lead to the creation of fully synthetic humans. Would a fully synthetic human have a soul? Such advances raise serious spiritual, ethical, and legal questions.

In-vitro gametogenesis (IVG) is the creation of human sperm and eggs from skin or blood cells. It is anticipated that this process is only a few years away from allowing two men, two women or possibly more than two individuals to create a child. What are the legal ramifications when the traditional family is replaced in this manner?

How long will it take for synthetic humans to become commodities? Some scientists are now talking about using gene editing and embryo screening to produce smarter, stronger and more attractive babies. How arrogant! Obviously, they have no belief in God or value the souls He creates in His image. Have they heard of the law of unintended consequences? Editing genes to create one set of characteristics could result in other features or problems that were never anticipated. Fortunately, some of the scientists who are involved in this research have expressed such reservations because the results are unpredictable. Will the benefits of this technology outweigh its harmful effects?

Those supporting reverence for human life must be the first to ask the important questions raised by IVG. What does it mean to be a human being created in God's image? Why are traditional families so important? How far do we go in pursuing this technology before we cross boundaries that should be reserved for God alone? How do we go about keeping such technology within appropriate boundaries?

Psalm 139 beautifully describes God lovingly knitting us together in our mother's womb. He knows the days formed for us. He has us in His thoughts continually. Isaiah 55 reminds us that His wisdom far exceeds our limited human minds: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

***"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***





We welcomed students back for the 2025-2026 school year on Wednesday, August 13, and Thursday, August 14, and look forward to a wonderful year of growing both academically and spiritually.

Preschoolers and their parents are invited to attend our **"Pre-K Discovery Day"** on Friday, September 19, from 9:00 - 11:15AM at Green Park. This fun day of learning through play includes MoBot sensory stations, a children's musician, petting zoo and more. Please RSVP to

Katie Gaeta at [katie.gaeta@greenparklutheralschool.org](mailto:katie.gaeta@greenparklutheralschool.org), or through the QR code. In case of rain, this event will be abbreviated and may be limited to indoor activities. We hope you will join us!



Our Golf Fore Education Event still has a few spots open for golfers on Sunday, September 21, at Acorns Golf Links in Waterloo, Illinois. Registration begins at Noon, with a shotgun start at 1:00PM, followed by dinner at 6:30PM. To register, please visit: <https://greenparklutheralschool.org/2025golf/>. Not a golfer? You can still support Green Park by volunteering or donating items from our wish list!

The after care program at Green Park is growing! They are searching for after care employees with a willingness to work with children in grades JK-8th grade, a desire to share Christ with students after the school day has ended, and a loving and caring personality. Interested candidates should email April Baese, Director of Child Care and Food Services at [april.baese@greenparklutheralschool.org](mailto:april.baese@greenparklutheralschool.org)

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

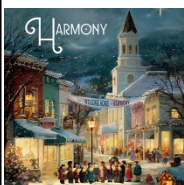
Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram to see frequent updates about Green Park students and staff.

*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.*



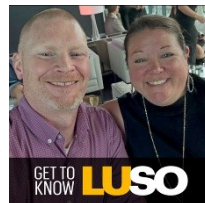
Check out Lutheran South! Eighth-grade students are invited to Live Like a Lancer; a half-day experience where you will attend classes, connect with current students, and get a true sense of what it means to learn, grow, and belong at Lutheran South. This isn't just a tour, it's an opportunity to participate with our community in real conversations, shared moments, and the guidance of students who live out our mission every day. Come experience life with us and discover where God may be calling you next. Schedule your day at [LSlancers.org/admissions](http://LSlancers.org/admissions) or by calling 314-833-1088. **Applications are already open for the 2026-2027 school year. Visit [www.lslancers.org/admissions/become-a-lancer](http://www.lslancers.org/admissions/become-a-lancer).**

Kindergartners through eighth graders are invited to join us for a cheer mini-camp on Sunday, September 7, from 1:00-4:00PM in the Lutheran South Gym. Participants will learn cheers, a dance, and stunts to be performed during halftime of the Lutheran South varsity football game on Friday, September 12, at 7:00PM. Registration is \$35 and includes a shirt, bow, and snack. Register at <https://www.lslancers.org/events>.



Guitarist, vocalist and songwriter Peter Mayer will perform at Lutheran South as part of his annual Christmas tour for the holiday season 2025, *"A Stars and Promises Christmas – Harmony."* This year's performance will be a show in two parts, featuring an intimate "unplugged" acoustic set, and a set with all the bells and whistles, including special guests along the way. The St. Louis concert will be held Wednesday, December 17, at 7:00PM. Tickets are \$35 each and can be purchased at [LSlancers.org/events](http://LSlancers.org/events). VIP experiences are also available.

We are excited to welcome Scott Akerson back to Lutheran South! Mr. Akerson will take the place of Dan Harms as Dean of Students. Before coming to LuSo, Akerson was a middle school teacher at three area Lutheran schools. He finished his collegiate career at UMSL, with stops at SLU and Michigan State University and completed his colloquy through Concordia University Chicago. Mr. Akerson is looking forward to his new role and getting to know the students and families. He is married to his high school sweetheart, Valerie, LS '94. They have had three children graduate from Lutheran South, Chloe, LS '20, Collin, LS '22, and Camryn, LS '24.



The Lutheran South Wind Symphony has been invited to perform at the 2026 Missouri Music Educators Association Conference! They are one of six high school bands from Missouri that have been selected. In January, they will present a 30-minute performance at the Lake of the Ozarks.

LuSo athletes and strength and conditioning students are enjoying our new weight room! This summer, construction crews gutted the lighting and rigging on the former stage and transformed it into a new fitness center, complete with new cardio machines, treadmills, free weights, and racks, all donated by alumni. We're excited to put this space to use!



Our Kairos leaders traveled to Lake Williamson for a retreat, where they learned to write devotions and how to lead fun, Christ-centered, small groups. We are so excited to watch these Lancers use their gifts to share God's love with their peers!

About 100 LuSo students attended this year's LCMS National Youth Gathering this summer. Our very own teachers, Mireya Johnson and Rev. Joe Cox were even asked to speak at the event, where they led breakout sessions!





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