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JANUARY SCRIPTURE READINGS

January 4: Second Sunday after Christmas

1 Kings 3:4-15; Ephesians 1:3-14; Luke 2:40-52

January 6: The Epiphany of Our Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

January 11: The Baptism of Our Lord

Isaiah 42:1-9; Romans 6:1-11; Matthew 3:13-17

January 18: Second Sunday after the Epiphany

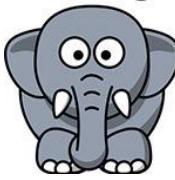
Isaiah 49:1-7; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42a

January 25: Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 9:1-4; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-25

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY - MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Don't Forget



Please join us for our upcoming Voters' Assembly, Monday, February 9, 7:00PM, in **Sanctuary Hall**. All Peace members ages 18 and older are invited to attend. The meeting will include an update from our Call Committee about the Director of Parish Music position, and an update on the progress of our Early Childhood Renovation.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES

WELCOME!

A six-week, new member class begins on Sunday, February 8, from 11:45AM 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 Lutheran teaching. To register, please scan this QR code or visit our church website - Opportunities tab, by Friday, February 6. For additional information, please contact the church office.



CHANGES TO NEWSLETTER PRINTING

As a reminder, beginning in January, The Peace Lutheran Newsletter will no longer be placed in member mailboxes. The Newsletter will still be printed monthly for those who enjoy reading, with copies placed on the Commons Counter, to take if desired. For those who enjoy online reading, the newsletter is available on our website. Printing a limited number of copies each month will save time and money. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

REV. DR. JON FURGESON, SENIOR PASTOR

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WELCOME NEW CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

JEFF AKERS - COUNCIL SECRETARY

Jeff has been a member of Peace Lutheran Church since 2008. He is currently an Elder, member of Men's Club, on the Married Couples' Club Board, and enjoys helping with church maintenance. Jeff is married to Sandi, and they thank God for their two sons and one daughter, two daughters-in-law, and son-in-law, and eight grandchildren. Jeff was employed by Midstates Dairy as an industrial mechanic for 34 years and finished his career at Ice Cream Specialties in 2023 when he retired. Jeff enjoys family time, volunteering at church, traveling, hiking at National Parks, and playing bass guitar.

JERRY GRANT - COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT

Jerry has been a member of Peace since 2020. He lives in South County with his wife Denise, son Jay, and stepchildren Evan and Marlee Michelsen. He serves on the Board of Elders and plays trumpet in the Orchestra of Peace. Prior to Peace, Jerry served as an elder at Immanuel Waterloo and prior to that at Chapel of the Cross in North County. He works at Ameren as Vice President, Financial Services. He has a BS in Chemical Engineering from the University of Illinois and an MBA from Washington University in St. Louis. He also serves as a board member and treasurer of The Sheldon Arts Foundation in Grand Center. In his free time, Jerry enjoys jazz music, gardening, and reading mystery novels.

2026 PEACE CHURCH COUNCIL

Dan Hummert, President

Jerry Grant, Vice President

Jeff Akers, Secretary

Rachel Wildman, Treasurer

John Hooss, Elder Representative

Laura Maschhoff, Member at Large

Barry Hammon, Member at Large

2026 LUTHERAN WITNESS

If you would like to **renew** or **subscribe** to The Lutheran Witness for the 2026 calendar year (**subscription renewal begins April 2026**), please complete the slip and return to the church office with your payment of **\$21.00**, or you may use the special envelope included in your 2026 offering envelopes. Checks payable to Peace. **Deadline to place your order through church is February 2.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Attached: \$ _____

REV. ROBERT BROWN, ASSOCIATE PASTOR

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT FEED MY PEOPLE!

Starting in the new year, we will be volunteering at Feed My People again! Pastor Brown and/or Abby Reynolds will be volunteering one Saturday morning each month and can bring a small group. Join us to serve with our hands and feet to bring the love of Christ to those in our community. Current planned dates are: 1/17, 2/14, 3/14, 4/11, and 5/16.

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.

Please consider joining us! Sign up through the Opportunities page on the church website or through this QR code.



LIFE MINISTRY - BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

 Life Ministry will sponsor a Baby Bottle drive to benefit the Pregnancy Help Center. Baby bottles will be distributed the weekend of January 24/25, after each service. Bottles will be collected at the Commons counter the weekends of January 31/February 1 and February 7/8. The proceeds from the bottle drive enable the center to reach mothers in need through a strong internet presence and to provide life-saving ultrasound services to women considering abortion. **Note: If you include a check inside your bottle, please make payable to Pregnancy Resource Center.**

ALASKA MISSION CHICKEN DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION

 Join us Sunday, February 1, for our Alaska Mission Chicken Dinner and Silent Auction in the gymnasium at Peace. Doors open at 5:00PM, with dinner served at 5:30PM. Enjoy our fabulous fried chicken, delicious sides and desserts, along with a presentation of our continued mission work in Hooper Bay, Alaska! All proceeds from the event will fund our mission work. Tickets are available to purchase at the Commons counter before and after church services beginning the weekend of January 18. Tickets are \$15 for adults, children ages 10 and under \$5. Tickets purchased at the door are \$17. For more information, please contact Jackie Hoeferlin at 314-440-1693.



EARLY CHILDHOOD OPEN HOUSE THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2026

Please join us for our annual open house, Thursday, February 5, from 5:30-7:00PM. There will be an opportunity to tour the classrooms, see children's artwork, and meet our teachers! For more information, please contact Sara Watson at 314-892-8844, or email to earlychildhood@peacelutheranstl.org.



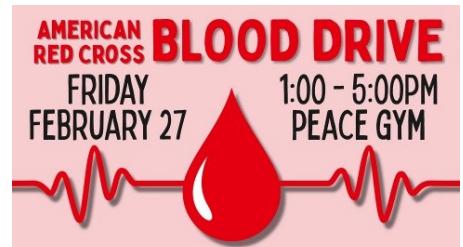
PEACE WEBSITE MAKEOVER

We have recently updated the Peace Lutheran Church website (peacelutheranstl.org) and we invite you to check it out! The functionality is basically the same, but the look is new. The homepage now features ten buttons that take you to the most used features. One new button was added labeled "I'm New Here" and it will be great for people looking for a church home. It features basic information about our service times, what we offer, our New Member classes, and our beliefs on Holy Communion and Baptism. Another new feature, under the "About Us" tab, is a page about our Stained Glass Windows. Each window is pictured, along with a description of what is seen in each window. Under the "Ministries" tab, we have a link to information about our Stephen Ministry program. Under the "Resources" tab, when you click on "Audio & Bulletins", a link to the News and Notes for that weekend is now included alongside the bulletin for the week. This will be helpful for those who were not able to pick up a copy of the News and Notes. All other information from our previous website is still there, just with a new, fresh appearance. We hope you enjoy the changes!

BLOOD DRIVE AT PEACE - FEBRUARY 27



The American Red Cross will be at Peace on Friday, February 27, from 1:00-5:00PM for a winter Blood Drive. To register, please scan this QR code or contact the church office for assistance. Your donation can save a life!



LUTHERAN SOUTH RHYTHM & CLUES TRIVIA NIGHT

**LUTHERAN SOUTH
RHYTHM & CLUES**
TRIVIA TO BENEFIT OUR MUSIC PROGRAM



Join us on Saturday, February 7, at Peace Lutheran Church for Rhythm and Clues - a Trivia Night to support the Lutheran South Band program. Doors open at 6:15PM with trivia beginning at 7:00PM. Bring your own snacks and beverages. Cost is \$25 per person and tables of eight for \$200. Register at <https://www.lslancers.org/events>.



WHY STEPHEN MINISTRY - THE POWER OF LISTENING

In Stephen Ministry, a great deal of time is spent in teaching and practicing listening skills because of its importance as a caregiving tool. Think of a time when you really felt cared for. Chances are someone focused on what you had to say, was attentive to your needs, and listened to how you felt instead of telling you how you should feel or what you should do. Here's a sample of what Stephen Ministers learn in their training about listening:



1. Listening is active. It takes energy and commitment to listen really well. Focus your attention on what the other person has to say instead of thinking of what you'll say next.
2. Listening takes patience. Often you need to build trust before someone will open up to you. Constant, patient listening is key.
3. Listening involves more than just words. Pay attention not only to what is said, but to what is not said—or to what is said with a smile or a sigh. Pay attention to body language, too. Does it agree with or contradict a person's spoken words?
4. Good listeners aren't completely silent. They restate key thoughts or ideas to be sure they understood correctly, and they ask focused questions to encourage the person to reach a little deeper.
5. Listening happens over time. One conversation might build upon an earlier one. As you listen over several conversations, are there any recurring themes or patterns in what the person has said?
6. Listening is confidential. A great way to build trust and show the person you really care is to maintain confidentiality and not to share with others what was told to you in private conversation.

Jesus was the model of a good listener. Remember the stories of the woman at the well, Nicodemus, or the disciples on the road to Emmaus. All were times when Jesus showed his care and concern by first listening to people and then giving them what they needed.

Our Stephen Ministers will learn how to follow Jesus' model as a listener and caregiver. Listening is a great gift we can give to one another, and one we can all use in our everyday caring and relating.

Please join us in prayer for us as we work to gather our Stephen Ministry team: Compassionate Lord, you showed us by example how to love and care for one another. As we begin Stephen Ministry in our congregation, make your caring presence known in our hearts. Help us to hear your call to service and witness. Help us to see ways to use this caregiving ministry to bring your healing love to people within our congregation. Reveal to us your presence as we care and serve. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

We would love to continue talking to you about Stephen Ministry! Reach out to Pastor Brown at pastor.brown@peacelutheranstl.org or Deaconess Intern Abby Reynolds at deaconess@peacelutheranstl.org with any questions.

LIFE MINISTRY – SPEAKING THE TRUTH



Words mean things. The January 1973, Roe v. Wade decision made abortion legal across the country. It marked the beginning of a culture war largely shaped by words. Since 1973, 63.5 million abortions have been recorded. Were they babies or merely clumps of cells? The words matter. Ask the millions of women who have struggled with depression following their abortions.

Redefining terms has been one of the best tools in distorting people's perception of God's truth and pushing our culture ever further from His design. Marriage was redefined to include same-sex couples. Biological sex has been redefined as a gender that can be chosen and changed at will. Living together outside of marriage is now what couples normally do. Euthanasia has been redefined as "death with dignity" and just being compassionate.

Radical feminism redefined the roles of men and women and at one point, declared that there was no difference between the sexes. Young women were told that careers are more fulfilling than marriage and motherhood. Young men have been marginalized as "toxic" and struggle to find purpose and fulfillment in a culture that demeans their roles as fathers and providers. Healthy societies depend upon thriving, functional families, but our culture has done everything to thwart that goal.

Sanctity of Life Sunday brings us back to God's word. Sanctity is the quality of being sacred and deserving respect. Life is the existence that God bestows on us as a precious gift. He brought this world into existence by speaking and created humans as the only creatures with the power to speak. We should not take that gift lightly.

When we decide to violate God's plan for life and families, we find ourselves changing how we speak about these subjects. Our vocabulary distorts and conceals the true nature of what's happening. When we accept these terms as truth, we not only deceive ourselves, but desecrate the sacred. A part of our soul dies as well.

When he stood before Pilate, Jesus said: *"For this purpose I was born and this purpose I have come into the world – to bear witness to the truth."* Speaking the truth is a divine responsibility and one that requires courage. It comes with consequences: alienation from friends and family, possible legal prosecution or loss of a job or income. Jesus told us that following Him would not always be easy or free of hardship.

Unfortunately, we as Christians have failed to defend the truth in many situations. We want to "be nice" and not make waves and just hope that somehow it all goes away. But it hasn't worked out that way. We are fighting a spiritual war and the other side keeps pushing the boundaries ever further from God's design. **Sanctity of Life Sunday is January 25.** May it be a time of reflection and rededication to speaking the truth in a world of deceit.

"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



PEACE EARLY CHILDHOOD

Preschool Plus and Half Day Preschool Helping the Church Grow by helping God's Children Grow

Happy New Year! We are excited to begin the year with the wonderful reminder that God always keeps His promises - what a reassuring way to start 2026!

This month, our Bible stories will include the wiseman visiting baby Jesus, Jesus at the Temple and the Baptism of Jesus. Our classroom themes will include Arctic animals, snowmen, and all things winter.

We'll also celebrate Lutheran Schools Week at the end of January with fun special days! Chapel will be led by Pastor Furgeson on January 15.

Please join us for our annual **Early Childhood Open House, Thursday, February 5, 5:30-7:00PM**. There will be an opportunity to tour the classrooms, see children's artwork, and meet the teachers!

To learn more about Peace Early Childhood please contact Sara Watson at 314-892-8844, or email to earlychildhood@peacelutheranstl.org. Blessings in the New Year!



OFFICIAL ACTS



BAPTISMS

November 29, 2025 - Avery Golden Fassler
December 21, 2025 - Mia Linn Oswald
January 4, 2026 - Ava Nancy Schweiss

FUNERALS

November 26, 2025 - Darlene K. Poenitske, 83
December 22, 2025 - Bette Hoffman, 88

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



Welcome 2026!!!! By the grace and mercy of our beloved, Almighty God, we have been blessed with another year. Let us use this precious time given to us to bring glory and honor to Him.

The 2025 Sunday School Christmas Service was a huge success. A big thank you to all the students who attended and participated in the service and to their parents for helping along the way. Thanks to Pastor Brown, Abby Reynolds and all the wonderful teachers who helped plan and make the service possible.

It is our mission at Peace Lutheran Church Sunday School to teach the children entrusted to us the full counsel of God through Law and Gospel. Saint Paul, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, wrote in 2 Timothy 3:16-17, "All scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."

This month, our Parents and Me class will continue learning about God and His ways. The preschool and kindergarten students will remain within the pages of the New Testament learning about the visit of the Wise Men and the presentation of Jesus at the temple. They will then be introduced to John the Baptist, learn how he prepared the way for Jesus and ultimately baptized Him in the Jordan. The First through Fourth grade students will likewise learn about John the Baptist and his divine purpose to prepare the way for the Savior of the world. They will continue with the baptism of Jesus, His temptation in the wilderness, and close out the month with Jesus calling of Philip and Nathaniel. The Fifth-grade students will remain with a study of the life of Martin Luther and his role in the Reformation of the church.

Please encourage your children to hide God's Word in their hearts through the memorization of scripture. *Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!* Isaiah 5:20.

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

Robert Wolff
Sunday School Superintendent
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BAPTISM CLASS

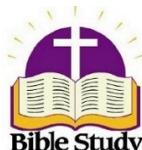
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 9:15 - 10:15AM

KITCHEN MEETING ROOM

Christina Stackle, our DCE, will lead the February Baptism Class covering the basic teachings and logistics of baptisms at Peace. This class is designed for all expectant parents, and anyone desiring baptism. To register, please see the "Baptism Class Signup" button on the homepage of our website. If you are unable to attend this class, but desire to have your child baptized prior to February 1, please call the Church Office at 314-892-5610.

2026 Future Class Dates: April 12 and June 7

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**. Upcoming class dates are January 15, January 29, and February 12. Future Bible study dates can be found on our church website calendar, or watch the weekend News and Notes.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study resumed on January 7, at 7:00PM in Sanctuary Hall. The class is currently studying the **Book of Acts**.

Mary Martha Bible Class - December was the season of joy which is Christmas. Let Christmas awaken you! A good way to begin the New Year is to join our Mary Martha Bible Class. Our class meets Thursdays at 9:00AM, in the Kitchen Meeting Room for fellowship, with class beginning at 9:30AM.



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



Many thanks to the following Peace members who are graciously sponsoring our live KFUO radio broadcasts in February, March, and April of 2026. Your contributions make our 8:00AM broadcasts possible.

February 1	Carol Kohn
February 8	Linda Baese and Laura Suedkamp
February 15	Jackie Schramm
February 22	Ray and Ellen Fassold
March 1	Dr. Joe and Lisa Santiago
March 8	Leon and Mary Jane Knoernschild
March 15	Carol Doering
March 22	Nancy Fischer
March 29	Terry and Debby Hutton
April 5	Ed Meuser
April 12	To the Glory of God - Anonymous Donor
April 19	Wayne and Marilyn Schuessler
April 26	Merrily Goldsmith

We would like to also thank our broadcasters, audio engineers, and video engineers who make our broadcasts and live-streams possible. Broadcasters: Rick Goodman, Alan Hopfer, Jason Law, Janice McCreary, Jeanette Mattingly, Wayne Schuessler, Dean Seyfert, Christina Stackle, Matt Thiel, and Bob Uthoff. Audio engineers: Bryan Dressel, Dennis Gerfen, Rick Goodman, Alan Hopfer, Terry Hutton, Jeanette Mattingly, Wayne Schuessler and Matt Thiel. Video engineers: Bill Hentchel, Alex Hopfer, Luis Palma, Luke Rutledge, Wayne Schuessler, Bob Uthoff, and Mike Wilke.

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



YOUR SENIOR PASTOR AND PHISHING FRAUD



A reminder that phishing scams continue with people posing as Pastor Furgeson and other church members. Please be alert when receiving such text messages or emails. Should you receive a text message and/or email from someone asking for assistance, money or gift cards, claiming to be Pastor Furgeson, Pastor Brown, a good friend, or church member, please **DO NOT RESPOND**.

Our Pastors, staff, friends and church members will **NEVER** reach out via text or email to anyone, asking for "a favor, assistance, cash or gift cards." Further, all real emails from our staff would come from our peacelutheranstl.org address. If 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.

LUTHERAN OLDER ADULT RETREAT OPPORTUNITY

"Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord!" This retreat is sponsored by Southern Illinois District LCMS and Missouri District LCMS on April 15-16, at Pere Marquette Lodge in Grafton, Illinois. Workshops include Lifelong Disciples, Everyday Missionaries, Music in Worship, Life Issues, Challenges Every Church Faces, Resilience. Our presenters this year include; Rev. Dr. Mart & Cheryl Thompson, Rev. Dr. Jeff Nehrt, Rev. Matt Peebles, Rev. Heath Curtis, Rev. Dr. Bob Weiss, Rev. Dr. Richard Marrs. Registration fee is \$135 plus lodging. For reservations and information, please contact Margo Wolf at 618-979-3376 or email to: dmwvette74@gmail.com.

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.

ONLINE PICTORIAL CHURCH DIRECTORY



Is it time to update your family picture in our church Pictorial Directory? If you have a current picture of your family, please consider updating your photo. You can upload your picture directly or email to the church office. Do you need our assistance with taking a new picture? If so, please contact the church office. Our church directory is a wonderful resource tool to get to know your church family better! If you haven't downloaded the App, simply visit the App Store on your phone and search for Instant Church Directory, and download the free app to begin. If you don't use the App, you can still access Instant Church Directory online. To login for the first time, you will use your email address listed in the directory to create a login and password. If you're not listed in the directory, OR, if you have trouble logging into the app, please contact the church office.

USE YOUR TAX DOLLARS TO SUPPORT LUTHERAN EDUCATION



Taxpayers in the state of Missouri—both individuals and businesses—have the unique opportunity to direct up to 50% of their state taxes to Lutheran Education. The tax credit program, MOScholars, allows the Missouri District to convert tax dollars into scholarships for qualifying students attending LCMS schools throughout the state. Reserving these tax credits is easy and can be completed online in a matter of minutes. Head to <https://mo.lcms.org/mo-scholars/> to learn more about MOScholars and get the process started.

Questions can be directed to Leah Sieveking at 314-590-6211 or leah.sieveking@mo.lcms.org. Thank you for your participation in MOScholars through the Missouri District!

HOLY COMMUNION WEEKENDS

Holy Communion is offered on the first and third Sundays of the month. January 3/4, January 6, and January 17/18.

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.

MARRIED COUPLES CLUB

Join us on Saturday, January 17, 6:00PM in the gymnasium for "Minute to Win It!" Cost is \$10.00 per couple. Please bring a snack or dessert to share and beverages will be provided. Please RSVP to Tammy Goodman at 314-546-9943 no later than January 15. Save the date for our ***Aloha Nights Trivia*** on Saturday, August 22, 2026. We look forward to another FUN trivia night. Thank you for your support.

MEN'S CLUB

Please join us Tuesday, January 27, 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, age 21 and up! Questions? Contact John Hooss at 314-913-3072.

LADIES CLUB

Join us on Tuesday, January 20, at 7:00PM in Sanctuary Hall for "Who Am I?", a fun mixer game where you will have to figure out who you are. You could be a celebrity, a sports figure, etc., and everyone will know, but you! Ladies Club is open to women 21 and older. We meet on the third Tuesday of every month for fellowship, fun, appetizers, and dessert. It is a great way to meet new friends. Annual dues are \$12. We hope to see you there!

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 Thursday, January 15, from 10:45AM to noon, in Sanctuary Hall for our monthly meeting. All women are welcome to join us for fellowship and for support of our mission projects.

ADULT CO-ED VOLLEYBALL AT PEACE

Co-Ed Volleyball plays on Tuesday evenings in the gym from 6:00-8:00PM. Anyone 18 years and older are welcome to join in the fun! For more information please contact Cameron Stinnett at 314-413-3412 or camstinn16@gmail.com.

NEWSLETTER SPONSORS

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

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.

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 or 314-856-5379.

SURVIVING SPOUSES BREAKFAST

Join us Thursday, February 12, 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 every Tuesday from 9:00AM to 2:00PM in Sanctuary Hall. Quilters of all ages and experience are WELCOME! Bring a sack lunch, we'll provide the fellowship and dessert! Please call Cheryl at 314-223-0744 if you have any questions.

New Year's resolution - join Peace Quilters for fun and fellowship!

MISSIONARY NEWS

The current newsletter from Pastor Jensen serving in Germany can be found on our church bulletin board, or on our website, under Resources/Missionary News. 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.

SUNDAY SERVICE ON KFUO

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LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES - DAILY DEVOTIONS

Does your morning coffee need a friend? Lutheran Hour Ministries offers the following ways to receive Daily Devotions.



- Read or listen online: lhm.org/dailydevotions
- Get the app: lhm.org/apps
- Listen on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, or iHeartRadio: lhm.org/podcasts

Would you like to receive Daily Devotions to your email every day? Please call LHM at 1-800-876-9880, or subscribe online at lhm.org/dailydevotions.

ALASKA MISSION

The Alaska Mission Team collects items year-round to prepare for their summer mission trip. If you would like to help, please see the list of suggested items located on the Commons counter. All donations can be placed in the Alaska Mission Box in the Commons.

Your donations are greatly appreciated. Stonie's Sausage sales continue. If you would like to purchase delicious beef and cheese sticks, please see the Alaska Mission team at the Commons Counter in between church services. All proceeds help spread the word of Jesus in Hooper Bay, Alaska.





The annual Geography Bee with our Middle School students was held in December. After an exciting final round with some back-and-forth between 6th grader Blake M. and **Peace member, 8th grader, Henry Wildman**, a champion was crowned! Congratulations to **Henry** on winning the Geography Bee this year—and kudos to all the

participants for an impressive competition!



Green Park Lutheran School is seeking Christ-centered, mission-driven middle school teachers to join their dynamic ministry team as they prepare for the retirement of two long-time faculty members. They are looking for educators who joyfully integrate faith and learning, build strong relationships with students and families, and model a life rooted in Christ. Candidates should hold appropriate certification and a heart for Lutheran education. Interested candidates may email a resume and cover letter to: Lisa.Waltenberger@greenparklutheranschool.org

Our upcoming January events include:

- January 13: Eat & Earn at Salt + Smoke South County 4:00-8:00PM
- January 15: Spelling Bee 8:30AM
- Junior Winds Concert 7:00PM at Lutheran High School South
- January 26-30: National Lutheran Schools Week
- January 27: Bible Bee 8:30AM

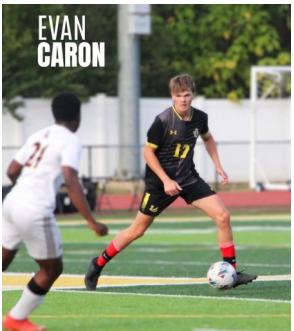
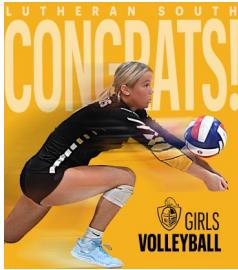


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The mission of Green Park is to welcome and care for all families with the love of Jesus and to academically prepare children in a challenging and enriching environment.



Congratulations to the LuSo volleyball players who received postseason honors! Eliot Yaeger, **Peace Member and Junior, Marlee Michelsen**, Maeble Wagner and Aliya Bausch were all named First Team All District. These girls were also selected for the All-Conference team. Cameron Slinkard, Madison Slinkard, Emily Oak, Claire Nelson, and Lilly Willis were named Second Team All District. Bella Barber received honorable mention recognition. We are so proud of these girls and the entire team that advanced to the State Quarterfinals this year. Way to go!



Congratulations to the seven soccer players who earned postseason honors, including Cooper DeShryver who was recognized as the All-Region Goalkeeper of the Year! Cooper and **Peace Member, Evan Caron**, both seniors, were named to the All-District, All-Conference, All-Region, All-State, and All-Academic teams. Sophomores, Josh Fabbiano and Alex Reis were recognized on the All-District and All-Conference teams. Brayden Buss and Charlie Pike earned All-District and All-Conference honorable mentions. And Luca Wangia also received All-District honorable mention. Well done, Lancers!

We celebrated Christmas with Peter Mayer's Stars & Promises concert in the Duesenberg Theater! Choir and theater students joined the 1976 grad on stage, singing carols and original songs at this sold-out show.

All-American Cheerleaders Becca Delaney, LS '25, and Violet Phillips, LS '26, participated in the Varsity Spirit Spectacular at Disney World. What a magical way to represent LuSo!



What a fabulous show! LuSo Onstage really outdid themselves with excellent performances of Little Shop of Horrors. Congratulations to the cast and crew who worked tirelessly to make this show absolutely incredible.

Luso Hockey is excited to see all our young prospects on Sunday, January 11 at 7:15pm at the Queeny Ice Rink. As long as your Kindergarten through 5th grade player can skate and has a current USA Hockey number, they are welcome to join the fun! Registration is \$10 at <https://www.lslancers.org/events>.



Junior Mara Queen took second in the 2026 Missouri All-State Jazz Band for bass. She was one of six jazz bass players who received a call-back audition. Several students recently had their artwork on display at Lindenwood University's annual Young Artists and their Educators exhibition. Two Lancer seniors received awards for their entries. Lucy Bowers took 2nd place in the Sculpture category, and Eleanor Fink placed 4th in Photography and 2nd in Fiber Arts!

Mark your calendars for the annual Lutheran South Basketball Trivia Night on Saturday, January 17, 2026. Doors open at 6:30PM, with games beginning at 7:00PM. Registration is \$200 for tables of eight. Silent auction, games and prizes will take place throughout the evening. Bring your own food and beverages. (Adult beverages allowed) Register at <https://www.lslancers.org/events>.

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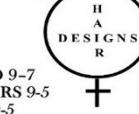
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2 Corinthians 5:17

Happy New Year!
God's Blessings in 2026!