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APRIL SCRIPTURE READINGS

April 5: Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43, Colossians 3:1-4, Matthew 28:1-10

April 12: Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:29-42, 1 Peter 1:3-9, John 20:19-31

April 19: Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41, 1 Peter 1:17-25, Luke 24:13-35

April 26: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47, 1 Peter 2:19-25, John 10:1-10

2026 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday

March 28 *5:00PM Service
March 29 *8:00, 9:20, & 10:30AM Services
*2:30PM Junior Confirmation Service

Maundy Thursday

April 2 *11:30AM Service
*7:00PM Living Last Supper

Good Friday

April 3 11:30AM Service
7:00PM Service

Easter

April 4 *5:00PM Service
April 5 *6:30AM Sunrise Service
*8:00, 9:20 & 10:30AM Services

**Indicates Holy Communion*



LIVING EASTER CROSS



Everyone is encouraged to bring fresh flowers to the Holy Saturday and Easter morning services. A 7-foot cross, wrapped with wire will be on display for our Easter services in the Commons. We pray by the 10:30AM service, the cross will be entirely filled as a Springtime reminder of our New Life in Christ through the resurrection of our Lord and Savior on Easter. This living cross creates a beautiful background for family photos on Easter morning.



REV. DR. JON FURGESON, SENIOR PASTOR

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WELCOME JUSTIN KNABACH - DIRECTOR OF PARISH MUSIC



Justin Knabach grew up in North St. Louis County, attending Salem Lutheran Church in Black Jack, Missouri, where he began playing the piano at the age of 5 and the pipe organ at the age of 11, playing for church services and accompanying the choir.

He attended college at Concordia University Chicago, where he graduated with a bachelor's in music with a Director of Parish Music certification. When not making music, he and his wife, Mandy, enjoy running, hiking, biking, kayaking, and traveling to the National Parks.

32ND ANNUAL PRESENTATION OF THE LIVING LAST SUPPER

What if.....

You had traveled with Jesus for over three years.

Seen the miracles, heard the teachings,

Left everything important to you to follow Him.

Then He said,

"Tonight, one of you will betray me."

What would you say? What would you think?

The Living Last Supper

Maundy Thursday ~ April 2 ~ 7:00PM



A dramatic portrayal and worship service with imagery from Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece

"The Last Supper"

Choral Presentation by the Chancel Choir

Celebration of Communion

Please join us for this unique service here at Peace to learn more about Jesus and His journey to the Cross to insure our salvation. Invite your family and friends.

Easter Breakfast

Sunday, April 5

7:30 to 10:00

in the gym

Sponsored by the Men's Club



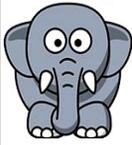
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MAY VOTERS' ASSEMBLY REMINDER

Don't Forget Join us on Monday, May 11, at 7:00PM in Sanctuary Hall, for our quarterly Voters' meeting. All communicant members are welcome to attend and speak at a Voters' meeting. Attending two meetings and signing our Constitution allows members to become a Voting member.



THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS DEADLINE - MARCH 31

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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT FEED MY PEOPLE!

Volunteer opportunities are open 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: April 11 and May 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.

SOCIAL MINISTRY - MOTHER'S DAY FOOD DRIVE



Grocery bags will be handed out the weekend of May 2 and 3, following all services. Inside the bag is a flyer with a suggested list of items most needed. Please consider filling the bag with food items, and return to church Mother's Day weekend, May 10. Your continued support is appreciated!

Social Ministry is a ministry team of our congregation led by Pastor Brown to help those in need. Did you know that in St. Louis County alone 93.4K-97.4K families are living below the poverty level, 450 people are actively homeless and between 92,240-109,030 families are food insecure? How can you help? You don't have to be on the ministry team, but we are always looking for volunteers to help us help others. If you would be interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities or to be included on the volunteer list, please contact Shelley Stark at 314-305-6602 or shelleystark@gmail.com. Volunteers ages 10 and up are preferred!

JOB OPPORTUNITY AT PEACE LUTHERAN EARLY CHILDHOOD



Peace Lutheran Early Childhood is looking to hire an individual who loves children and wants to provide a nurturing and engaging learning environment. We are currently looking to fill the following position:

Full Time Preschool Teacher Beginning August 2026

Please contact Sara Watson at 314-892-8844 or email resume to earlychildhood@peacelutheranstl.org.

2026 SHINE - SERVICE EVENT



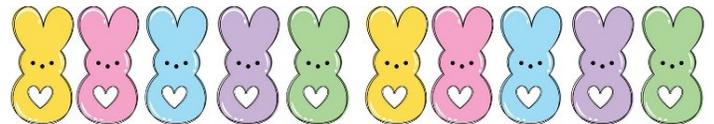
"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:16.

We hope you will join us for this year's Missouri District Shine Event! This event is put on annually by the Missouri District. It is a wonderful opportunity to volunteer and help your community!

Peace will host their Shine event on April 11, from 9:00AM - 12:30 PM. We will meet at the church at 8:30AM. Lunch will be served in the Kitchen Meeting Room at Peace following the event.

The Missouri District is not doing shirts this year for Shine. If you have participated in Shine previously, please pick your favorite Shine shirt to wear. Otherwise, please wear appropriate clothes for your volunteer assignment.

Volunteer opportunities include, Feed My People, VBS Decorations, Dinners for Peace Members, Beautifying the Church, and Tie Blankets for Children's Hospital. You can learn more and register to join us by visiting the Opportunities page on our Church website, or by using the QR code. Thank you in advance for volunteering to let your light shine!



RECIPES NEEDED FOR CHURCH COOKBOOK!



Peace's Ladies Club is putting together a new church cookbook and we need your help! We will be collecting recipes from our members, and we hope you can contribute! A box will be in the commons area where you can put your recipes. Categories for the recipes will include the usual ones such as Desserts, Appetizers, Main Dishes, etc., but we will also have a category for allergy-free recipes (for example, gluten-free or nut-free) and one for "legacy" recipes. The legacy category will be where you can submit a favorite recipe from a past church cookbook that was submitted by a former member. We hope we can collect many recipes and we look forward to having the cookbook printed and ready by the October Sausage Dinner. If you have any questions, contact Jeanne Hooss or any other Ladies Club Board member.

BAPTISM CLASS

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 9:15 - 10:15AM

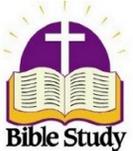
KITCHEN MEETING ROOM



Pastor Brown will lead the April 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 June 7, please call the Church Office at 314-892-5610.

2026 Future Class Dates: June 7, September 13 and November 8

BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION



Bible Study

Men's Morning Bible Study meets every other Thursday morning (with the exception of holidays) at 7:00AM in Sanctuary Hall. Led by Pastor Brown. The class continues its study of the **Large Catechism**. Upcoming class dates include April 9, 23, May 7 and May 21. Future Bible study dates can be found on our church website calendar, or watch the weekend News and Notes.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study meets at 7:00PM in Sanctuary Hall. The class recently completed the study of the Book of Acts. **Bible Study resumes on April 15, and will begin with the lineage of Jesus, followed by the Book of Isaiah.**

Mary Martha Bible Class - *The poor and the deceitful man have this in common: The Lord give light to the eyes of both.* Proverbs 29:13. Our Bible study meets on Thursday at 9:00AM in the Kitchen Meeting Room for fellowship, with class beginning at 9:30AM. We would love to have you join us.

WHY STEPHEN?



Stephen Ministry is named after Stephen, who was among those chosen in the Book of Acts, Chapter 6, to provide caring ministry to those in need. Stephen Ministry is here to support those who need someone to care and listen to them. Why the Stephen Ministry logo?

The Stephen Ministry logo represents a care receiver's journey from brokenness toward wholeness through the cross of Jesus. In this way, it illustrates "Christ caring for people through people."

Please pray for the start of Stephen Ministry here in our congregation! For more information, please contact Pastor Brown at pastor.brown@peacelutheranstl.org or Deaconess Intern Abby Reynolds at deaconess@peacelutheranstl.org

CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY

The Faith & Life Survey will provide direction and prioritization for future ministry and faith formation at Peace and in your own home.

The Faith & Life Survey is...

- Anonymous
- About 30 Minutes to Complete

Scan this QR code to take the survey



OFFICIAL ACTS



BAPTISMS

February 15, 2026 - Bryan Andrew Devlin
 February 15, 2026 - Cassandra Elizabeth Devlin
 February 15, 2026 - Carlee Elizabeth Mason
 February 15, 2026 - Gabriella Rose Devlin
 February 15, 2026 - Melanie Ann Devlin
 February 15, 2026 - Gavin Michael Darrell Devlin
 February 15, 2026 - August Matthew Reynolds
 March 15, 2026 - Rose Margaret Karasek

FUNERALS

February 13, 2026 - Carol A. Winter, 80
 February 19, 2026 - Eugene A. Reich, 95
 February 20, 2026 - Joseph M. Batek, 71
 February 28, 2026 - Lucille M. McElroy, 86
 March 10, 2026 - Louise Oster, 76
 March 19, 2026 - *Carla L. Boos, 74

*non-member

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

ROOTED IN CHRIST



COLOSSIANS 2:6-9

Greetings to our Sunday School parents, students, and fellow parishioners at Peace Lutheran Church.

Easter proclaims the center of the Gospel: God's saving work through Jesus Christ for sinners. As Scripture declares, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" John 3:16, ESV. Easter celebrates that Jesus truly died for our sins and rose bodily from the grave, accomplishing the forgiveness of sins and victory over death that God promised. This resurrection confirms that Christ's sacrifice fully atoned for sin and that through faith - given by God's grace - we receive the gift of eternal life. Easter is therefore the joyful proclamation that Christ's resurrection assures believers of forgiveness, new life now, and the promise of resurrection on the Last Day.

As we prepare to celebrate the Resurrection of the Savior of the world - Jesus Christ - our Sunday School classes have been studying the life of Jesus throughout the pages of Holy Scripture. The students have learned that after Jesus was found in the temple as a young boy speaking with the teachers of the Law, He returned to Nazareth and lived in humble obedience, growing in wisdom and favor with God and with people. In accordance with God's saving plan, He later began His public ministry - preaching repentance, teaching with authority, and performing miracles that revealed Him as the promised Messiah. Though many followed Him, others rejected Him, and He was ultimately betrayed, arrested, and crucified, willingly suffering and dying to atone for the sins of the world. Yet on the third day, Jesus rose bodily from the dead, confirming that His sacrifice was accepted and securing forgiveness, life, and salvation for all who believe in Him.

Please encourage your children to store God's Word in their hearts through the memorization of scripture. "[Jesus said] All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20, ESV

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

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





PEACE EARLY CHILDHOOD

Preschool Plus and Half Day Preschool

The Church Grow by helping God's Children Grow



Our Preschoolers are looking forward to Grandparents Day in April! This special day is always a highlight for the children. They are excited to welcome their grandparents to school to share a special chapel time, enjoy a snack together, and participate in a fun hands-on activity. It will be a wonderful opportunity for the children to spend time with their grandparents and share a glimpse of their preschool day.

During the month of April, our Bible stories will focus on The Easter Story, the Ascension, and the gift of Prayer. Through these lessons, the children will learn about Jesus' love, celebrate the joy of Easter, and begin to understand how we can talk to God through prayer.

Our classroom learning themes will include our five senses, caterpillars and butterflies, Spring, and zoo animals. These topics will give the children opportunities to explore God's world through stories, art, and play. We will continue practicing important early learning skills such as recognizing colors, numbers, and shapes, while also strengthening social and emotional skills like sharing, kindness, patience, and working together as friends.

As Spring arrives, we are enjoying the beauty and joy of the new season, noticing the signs of new life all around us and celebrating the wonderful world God created. It is a season of learning, growing, and shining bright for Jesus in our preschool classrooms!

5TH ANNUAL TIP-OFF BASKETBALL CAMP



This basketball camp, led by Peace member, Jacob Stackle and friend, Brady Susic will be offered May 26-29, 9:00AM to noon for boys age 7-10, May 26-29, 6:30-8:30PM for middle school girls, and July 6-10, 9:00AM to noon for boys age 11-14. A registration link is on the Peace website on the Opportunities page. More information can be found on the flyer on the Commons bulletin board.

SEMINARIAN HOUSING NEEDED



Concordia Seminary will soon begin demolition of the existing married student housing in the Woods in order to build new housing that will serve our students and their families for decades to come. The long-term benefit is great, but it will come with short-term difficulty.

The housing will be demolished and rebuilt in phases over the next two academic years. During that time, there will be diminished housing available which creates a significant challenge for students who anticipated that their family would be able to live in the Woods. Residential Services is looking for people within our LCMS Congregations who owns a home or other suitable rental property and would consider renting it to a seminary family? This would be especially helpful if the rent was rated for a seminarian (even as the Woods is significantly below market value in rent). If you know of a member or another who may be willing and able to have their home rented by a seminarian, please contact the Seminary's Administrator of Residential Services, Mike Broberg at brobergm@csl.edu.

St. Trinity CEMETERY

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



Kyle Rieger
Superintendent

2160 Lemay Ferry Road
(Lemay Ferry at Reavis Barracks)
St. Louis, MO 63125
314-892-3662

www.sttrinitycemetery.com
Monday – Friday 7:30 – 4:00
Saturday by Appointment Only

ST. TRINITY - BOARD CHANGES AND SPRING SPRUCE-UP

We began March by introducing a new board member. Sara Hopper will be the new Marketing Manager. The Board is still in need of a Treasurer. If interested, please contact Wayne Schuessler at (314)277-3451. Examples of Treasurer responsibilities include keeping financial records for deposits and expenses, bi-weekly payroll, portfolio and investment management, monthly reports to the Board, and tax filings. The Treasurer will work with the other Board members, as well as the Superintendent of the cemetery and Peace Lutheran Church Council on various financial matters, as needed.



As this newsletter goes to print, our Spring Spruce Up is coming up on March 28. We pray for good weather and great progress as we make the cemetery nice for Easter. Watch the May newsletter for a recap of how our day went!

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

LUTHERAN DAY AT BUSCH STADIUM!



Join us for the Cardinals vs. the Mariners on Sunday, April 26 at 1:15PM, for Lutheran Day at the Ballpark. Tickets are \$28 (\$47 face value) in the Lower Left Field Box and include a free hot dog and soft drink. Add a \$10 raffle ticket to your purchase for the chance to throw out the first pitch before the game!



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!

**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.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Peace member, and Mehlville Senior, Aidan Furgeson!** Aidan was named a National Merit Finalist (1 of 15,000), to the Missouri Scholars 100, and a Chancellor's Scholar by Missouri S&T (1 of 14). We are very proud of your accomplishments Aidan, and can't wait to see where God leads your future.

THANK YOU!

A MESSAGE FROM BURNELL HACKMAN



Thank you, Peace family, for the wonderful send off on March 8. It was a great weekend of Worship especially at 10:30 where about 65 people joined me in the balcony making glorious music to the Lord! I thank the congregation for the amazing gift and the musicians of Peace for the gift certificates to area restaurants and a cruise! Peace is a very special place, and I cherish every moment I've spent here providing music for Weddings, Funerals, Congregational meetings, and especially Weekend Worship. After my time here at Peace is concluded, I will begin as Music Director at Glendale Lutheran Church, where I will play one service on Sundays. May God continue to Bless Peace!

—Sincerely, Burnell L. Hackman

LIFE MINISTRY - BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

Wow! Many thanks to everyone who generously supported our Baby Bottle drive, supporting South County Pregnancy Center. We are overjoyed to share that our total donation was **\$3,984.96.**

NEWSLETTER SPONSORS

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



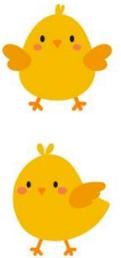
**How can I help the
Green Park Lutheran School Auction?**
April 24th, 2026 • Orlando Gardens South
Items due March 31st

- Reserve your table of 10 today!** Purchase a full table and save \$100. Don't know 10 people? No worries! GPLS has an amazing community of supporters, and we'll thoughtfully arrange table seatings. All are welcome! Table assignments will be shared closer to the event.
- Become a sponsor of the auction**
- Donate an item** for the silent or live auction - if you need ideas check out the Auction Amazon Wish List on the website
- Invite local businesses/vendors** to purchase an ad through program advertising

Questions? Contact Michelle Brugere, Auction Chair
gplsaucaon@greenparklutheralschool.org • 314.570.7387

Join us for Fellowship Time

Every Sunday
at 9:00AM
in the
Commons



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.

Aloha Nights
Trivia Night & Silent Auction
Saturday August 22
Peace Lutheran Church In the Gym

Attendance Prizes
Dress up Just for Fun

Doors Open at 6:00pm - Trivia Begins at 6:30pm
\$20/per person Tables of 8-10
Bring your own snacks & beverages

Questions? Contact Gina - 314.638.8268 or Barb - 314.541.5898
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Sponsored by Peace Married Couples Club

WHAT DID I JUST SING? A LOOK AT SOME IMAGES IN OUR HYMNS

Why are crowns cast on a glassy sea?

Last month we contemplated the Sanctus and its use of the term "Sabaoth." This month, we turn our attention to another hymn which begins with the word "holy" to look at an image and to contemplate its biblical context. That context will help us understand why this hymn is in our hymnal and its implications. Our hymn this month is **Holy, Holy, Holy (LSB 504)**.

The hymn as a whole is focused on thanksgiving and adoration of our Triune God. In general, the author of this hymn, Reginald Heber (1783–1826), focuses on attributes of God based mostly on Revelation chapter four. Verse two of the hymn has an interesting choice of images and phrasing:

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns upon the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be!

Wert and Art and Evermore Shalt

Starting at the end of the verse, we have a great example of the flexibility of English. I used to think this phrase was the King James Version (KJV) of Revelation 4:8, where (in our ESV translation) day and night four creatures around God's throne sing, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!" It turns out, though, the KJV translation uses the same words. What is really going on here is how much better one sings words which end in a consonant like a 't' than end in a vowel. Heber could have written "were and are and forever shall be," but the endings he chose are much crisper and easier to sing as a group. So for the last line, we are singing as informed musicians, even if the English is a bit stylized.

Casting Down Their Golden Crowns

The main feature of the verse is the saints casting crowns on a glassy sea. In the throne room of God depicted at the beginning of Revelation four, there is a celebration in expectation of an imminent event. God the Father is described as seated on the throne of Heaven. Behind him is a shimmering, deep green arc. Angels fly around Him. Twenty-four elders sit in smaller thrones around Him, twelve on each side. Each of the elders wears a white robe and a golden crown. The courtly floor is described as a sea, but perfectly smooth and calm as if of glass (meaning the room is of perfect order and peace, in contrast to the earthly seas always in motion and chaos).

When John joins them for his vision, the 24 elders (representing the Old and New Testament church - every person who clings to God's promises of salvation) get up from their thrones, take off their crowns, and worship God for what is about to take place. In doing so, before they prostrate themselves they cast their crowns before the throne of God. The crowns gently slide on the glassy sea toward God. This is not them dashing their crowns away upset, but an acknowledgement of the power that is above their own. They willfully acknowledge their power is under God's power, comes from Him, and they joyfully live under Him in His promises and love.

So What?

All of the throne room imagery is about what happens after this moment in Revelation four, which the hymn does not state but those who know their Bible will recognize: Every creature in the throne room is starting to celebrate; they cannot help themselves! Why? Because of what happens in Revelation five: "And in between the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though It had been slain...and He went and took the scroll from the right hand of Him who sits on the throne. And when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the 24 elders fell down before the Lamb...and sang a new song, saying, 'Worthy are You to take the scroll and to open its seals, for You were slain and, by Your blood, You ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation!'"

Jesus Christ, in that moment, becomes the Ascended Savior and Lord, who ushers in this Last Age, the Age of the Church, by the salvation He has won for you. Worthy of heavenly celebration, indeed! This is why we sing praise to God - not because He is almighty, but because He uses His power in love to save you in Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

—Pastor Jon Furgeson

LIFE MINISTRY – ACCESS IS EVERYTHING



Amber was seventeen and pregnant, so her mother ordered abortion drugs online since she "couldn't afford a baby." By the time the drugs arrived, Amber was four months pregnant; long past the time it's considered "safe" to take such drugs. The baby she delivered was far more developed than she had anticipated. Two months later, Amber called an abortion pill help-line because she was struggling with the trauma she had gone through.

Calls to such help-lines have increased greatly as panicking young women ask if their blood loss is normal, or if they took the pills at the right time or in the right dosage. Many do not know how many weeks pregnant they are. Many receive such pills with no instructions and with limited access to any kind of medical support.

Mail-order abortion drugs are now responsible for two-thirds of abortions in the United States. In 2021, the FDA removed requirements for in-person dispensing of such drugs and it opened the door for a huge increase in mail-order abortions. If the mother has not had an ultrasound, she has no confirmation of the gestational age of the baby or if it's an ectopic pregnancy, which could be fatal. With no blood work, other serious conditions cannot be detected. Since the FDA no longer requires a follow-up visit or any reporting of complications from these drugs, the public is led to believe that there are no problems associated with them. "Nothing to see here, just move on."

But Dr. Ingrid Skop from the Charlotte Lozier Institute writes: "The average woman will bleed heavily for up to two weeks, and nearly half describe severe, labor-like pain as part of the process. Sadly, many will see the aborted child, triggering intense traumatic emotions that can linger. Women may choose this method when they are incorrectly told that it is 'safer than Tylenol' and incorrectly conclude it is a 'benign' and 'natural' way to end a pregnancy. However, complications from abortion drugs are at least four times more frequent than complications from surgical aspiration abortion. Abortion drugs, in fact, cause approximately one in twenty-five women who take them to require emergency room care."

If they end up in the emergency room, they often report their symptoms as a miscarriage which affects their quality of care. Then there's the emotional after-effects. A woman who suffers a miscarriage is offered counseling and support, but women who have a mail-order abortion suffer in silence. European studies have found that the rates of suicide and death by substance abuse are six times higher in the first year following an abortion than they are following the birth of a child.

Health care should be based on patient safety and informed consent, but in the abortion industry, access is everything. It has resulted in abandoning commonsense medical standards, isolation and delayed care for millions of young women like Amber. What a needless tragedy.

"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

HOLY COMMUNION WEEKENDS

Holy Communion is offered on the first and third Sundays of the month. April dates include the weekends of April 4/5 and 18/19.

ALTAR COMMITTEE

Altar Committee will have several meetings this year to go over changes that are occurring within the services. Meetings will be held on Thursday evening, August 20, at 6:30PM and again on Sunday, August 23, at 11:45AM. If you would like to join Altar Committee or are already a member, please plan to attend one of the August meetings. Look forward to seeing you there!

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 for our "Make your own Pizza" contest, Saturday April 18, at 6:00PM in the gymnasium. Cost is \$10.00 per couple. Teams of four (two couples) will make their best pizza. Couples Club will supply the pizza sauce, dough, beverages and salad. Attendees will supply their favorite pizza toppings. Everyone will get a chance to taste and vote for their favorite pizza. There will be a prize for the "Best Pizza!" Please RSVP by April 15 to Jackie Hoeflerlin at 314-440-7693 and let her know your team!

MEN'S CLUB

Please join us Tuesday, April 28, at 6:00PM for our monthly meeting. Come and enjoy a great meal and fellowship time! Men's Club is open to all men of Peace, age 21 and up! Questions? Contact John Hooss at 314-913-3072.

LADIES CLUB

Ladies, join us on Tuesday, April 21, 7:00PM in Sanctuary Hall for a fun evening of art! We will welcome Carla Krazl, a local artist, who will guide us through a chalk drawing of a Cardinal bird. Come and enjoy fellowship and snacks, and go home with a beautiful drawing that YOU will have created! Cost is \$10 per person. We hope you can join us for a fun evening! Ladies Club is open to all women of Peace, age 21 or older.

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 monthly meeting on Thursday, April 16, from 10:45AM to noon, in Sanctuary Hall. All women are welcome to join us for fellowship and for support of our mission projects.

Please join us on Saturday, April 18, at Gethsemane Lutheran Church for our LWML St. Louis South Zone Spring Rally. The Board Meeting begins at 8:00AM, followed by refreshments at 9:00AM, followed by our Rally at 9:30AM. Our speaker will be Deaconess Jessica Thompson, from Redeeming Life Ministries. Please consider bringing non-perishable food items, household cleaning supplies and personal hygiene items for the Jefferson Barracks Food Pantry to support our local veterans.

Don't miss our upcoming Rada Cutlery Fundraising Event on Saturday and Sunday, May 2 and 3, before and after services in the Commons Conference Room. Rada has the best assortment of knives. All proceeds will be used for LCMS Mission Grants.



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.

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, April 9, 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.

Quilters rescue FABRIC trapped in the quilt shop!

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 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.

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES - DAILY DEVOTIONS

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



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- Get the app: lhm.org/apps
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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 MISSIONS



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.





We are looking for volunteers who would like to serve in our community through the LCMS Shine Event at Green Park on Saturday, April 11. More details coming soon!

Come to the Spaghetti Lunch and Bake Sale at Christ Memorial on Sunday, April 12, at noon. All proceeds benefit the 8th Grade Class trip!

Eat & Earn at Bread Co (9920 Kennerly Rd) Tuesday, April 14, 4:00pm-8:00pm.

Register now for the Viking Dash on Saturday, April 18! It is open for all ages, with both a 5k and a 1 mile run/walk. Register at: <https://runsignup.com/Race/MO/SaintLouis/GreenParkVikingDash>

Come celebrate with the Green Park Lutheran School community at our bi-annual auction at Orlando Gardens South on Friday, April 24! Reserve your table here: <https://secure.qgiv.com/event/gpslauction2026>

Applications and enrollment continue for the 26-27 school year! Find out what makes Green Park the best private elementary school in South St. Louis County where students are known, loved, and valued. Interested in a Christian education for your child? Private tours are scheduled year round. For information or to schedule a tour please contact Katie Gaeta at katie.gaeta@greenparklutheralschool.org or call 314-544-4248. Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram to see frequent updates about Green Park students and staff.

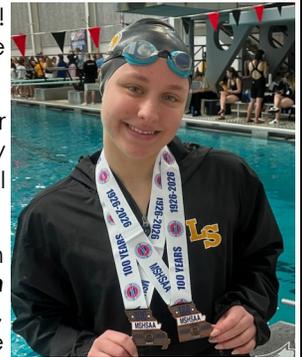
The mission of Green Park is to welcome and care for all families with the love of Jesus and to academically prepare children in a challenging and enriching environment.



LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL SOUTH

Junior swimmer, Aubrey Yancey crushed it at the State meet! Aubrey placed 3rd in the 200 freestyle with a time of 1:56.17. She also took 3rd place in the 100 butterfly with 58.08.

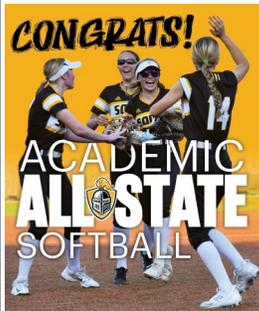
We celebrated with two seniors who signed to continue their academic and athletic careers in college. Kirby Rassbach will play football at Concordia University, Nebraska, and Kannon French will play baseball at Quincy University.



The LuSo softball team earned Academic All-State recognition with an average 3.548 GPA! **Peace members, Senior, Ella Robinson, Freshman, Hannah Stackle**, along with their teammates, Wyatt Haines, Kayla King, Kate Riethmeier, and Emma Sumner additionally earned individual Academic All-State honors. Nice work, girls!

Congratulations to **Senior and Peace Member, Evan Caron** and classmates, Grace Bollmeier, Noelle Lippert, and Caleb Merz for being named Illinois State Scholars! These students, who live in Illinois, rank in the top10% of graduating seniors in the state.

Lutheran South was named to the College Board's AP School Honor Roll for the school's robust Advanced Placement program that gives students the chance to earn college credit while in high school.



For the tenth year in a row, the Lutheran South community helped make a dream come true through the Make-A-Wish Foundation. We raised over \$5,000 for Harrison!

The Mock Trial team placed at Regionals, qualifying for the State Tournament in downtown St. Louis, March 27-29.

We are thrilled to welcome Will "Turtle" Shelton as Lutheran South's new head golf coach! A South County native, who played golf at Mehlville for four years, Shelton graduated from the University of Central Oklahoma's PGA Golf Management Program in 2015. He returned to St. Louis to begin his career at Sunset Country Club, where he was an Assistant Pro for five years and now serves as a Teaching Professional, helping kids and adults improve their game. Welcome, Coach Shelton!



The Wind Symphony was one of six high school bands in the state that were invited to perform for the Missouri Music Educators Association annual Conference at Lake of the Ozarks.



The Kairos Exec team took a trip to San Francisco, where they met with Lutherans from across America, Canada, and even Europe. They listened to several different speakers, worshipped at the local church, and visited the Golden Gate Bridge. What an awesome opportunity for these leaders to gather with peers and learn how to best share God's word with those around them!

Does your child enjoy shooting hoops? Love creating and drawing? Want to try a new sport like football or field hockey? LuSo Summer Camp offers a variety of athletic and enrichment activities with morning and afternoon sessions available. From video editing to woodworking, we have instructors who offer positive reinforcement. Your campers will have fun while learning a new skill. Register at <https://www.lslancers.org/summer>.



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CURRENT SIGN-UPS AVAILABLE

- **Baptism Class**
- **Shine Event**
- **Altar Guild**
- **Ushers**
- **Feed My People Volunteers**

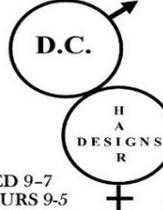
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Next Level Sports Foundation is a nonprofit organization that helps high school student-athletes get recruited to play in college by providing free recruiting education and services, plus access to free or discounted training through local business partners. Lutheran South is one of our partner schools, so all LuSo athletes get everything completely free. We fund it through events during the year, including our upcoming charity golf tournament. Join us for our NLSF Charity Golf Tournament on Saturday, April 25, Shotgun Start at 1:00PM. Lunch, Drinks and Dinner are included. To register visit: <https://givebutter.com/NLSFGolf>, or scan the QR code. For more information, please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the Commons.



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Registration is open NOW on the Peace website