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JUNE AND JULY SCRIPTURE READINGS

June 7: Second Sunday after Pentecost

Hosea 5:15-6:6; Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13

June 14: Third Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 19:2-8; Romans 5:6-15; Matthew 9:34-10:8-20

June 21: Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 20:7-13; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

June 28: Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 28:5-9; Romans 7:1-13; Matthew 10:34-42

July 5: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Zechariah 9:9-12; Romans 7:14-25a; Matthew 11:25-30

July 12: Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 55:10-13; Romans 8:12-17; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 19: Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 44:6-8; Romans 8:18-27; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 26: Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 7:6-9; Romans 8:28-39; Matthew 13:44-52

NEW MEMBER CLASSES BEGIN JUNE 7

A new session of our New Member Classes will be offered beginning Sunday, June 7, from 11:45AM to 1:30PM in Sanctuary Hall. A light lunch will be provided each week for those attending. Our 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 sign up on our website by Friday, June 5. For additional information, please contact the church office. We look forward to you joining us.

W E L C O M E !

BSA TROOP 584

ANNUAL AMERICAN FLAG RETIREMENT



In commemoration of Flag Day, Boy Scout Troup 584 will have their annual Flag Retirement Ceremony on Tuesday, June 9, at 7:00PM, in the parking lot behind the kitchen. If you have any American flags

that are torn, faded, or tattered (unserviceable), please bring them to church and place in the designated box in the Commons. Any questions? Please contact Julie Hake at 314-210-9103 or Katie Davis at 920-246-1231.

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:

**Part-Time Preschool Assistant
Beginning August 2026**

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

SOCIAL MINISTRY - FATHER'S DAY FOOD DRIVE



Just a reminder that Grocery bags will be handed out the second weekend of June, 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 Father's Day weekend, June 21. All donations will benefit Concordia Seminary Food Bank. On behalf of our Social Ministry team, your continued support is appreciated!

AMENDMENT 3 PRESENTATION AT PEACE - TUESDAY, JULY 14

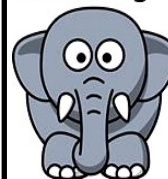


Please join us at Peace on Tuesday, July 14, at 7:00PM, in Sanctuary Hall, as the Peace Life Team will host Kate Sickles. Kate is the Amendment 3 Coordinator for Freedom Principle MO and the Regional Coordinator for Missouri Protects. She is an engaging public speaker who answers why Amendment 3 is being put on the ballot and why it needs to be passed.

The Missouri Constitution currently allows unrestricted abortion on demand and bans parental consent for minors. Amendment 3 is a proposed change that voters will decide later this year. We hope that you will attend this informative and interesting presentation.

SPECIAL VOTERS' ASSEMBLY MEETING

Don't Forget



Please join us on Sunday, June 28, in the Sanctuary immediately following the 10:30AM service for a special Voters' Assembly meeting.

The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss and consider approval of professional campaign management services to help guide and support our capital campaign project, **Renovation for the Next Generation**.



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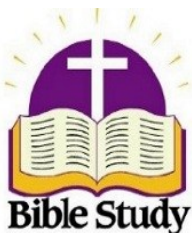
BAPTISM CLASS
SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 9:15 - 10:15AM
KITCHEN MEETING ROOM



Pastor Brown will lead the June 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 September 13, please call the Church Office at 314-892-5610.

2026 Future Class Dates: September 13 and November 8

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 include June 4, 18, and July 2 and 16. 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 is studying the Book of Isaiah.

Mary Martha Bible Class has ended for the summer, and will resume on Thursday, September 10, at 9:00AM in the Kitchen Meeting Room for fellowship, with Bible Study beginning at 9:30AM. God's blessings for a happy and safe summer.

STEPHEN MINISTRY



Stephen Minister training will begin in late June! Classes will take place once a week and continue through September. Training will guide congregation members to provide Christian care to individuals who are hurting and will include topics such as listening, feelings, confidentiality, and beginning visitation. Please prayerfully consider whether becoming a Stephen Minister could be a way for you to serve at Peace!

Reach out to Pastor Brown (pastor.brown@peacelutheranstl.org) or Abby Reynolds (deaconess@peacelutheranstl.org) with any questions.



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.

OFFICIAL ACTS



BAPTISM

May 31, 2026 - Rose Annamarie Fithian

FUNERALS

May 5, 2026 - Alan Keller Jr., 55
May 16, 2026 - *Janet Kassel, 88
May 23, 2026 - Sandy Patrick, 82
May 29, 2026 - Mary Sanders, 79

*non-member

Join us for Fellowship Time
Every Sunday
at 9:00AM
in the
Commons



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

ROOTED IN CHRIST



Greetings to our parishioners at Peace, What a wonderful 2025-26 school year it has been. I pray that the children enjoyed their time in Sunday School and learned much about God through His word.

On many Sunday mornings I hear our preschool and kindergarten students singing a song called "Read Your Bible, Pray Every Day." The lyrics tell the children that if they read their Bibles and pray each day, they will "grow, grow, grow"; if they don't, they will "shrink, shrink, shrink." This is a very simple song sung by young children, yet the lyrics speak to even the most ardent Bible scholars urging them to steadfastly continue in their Christian faith, lest they become spiritually weaker and vulnerable to the world, the flesh, and the devil.

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

Please encourage your children to store God's Word in their hearts through the memorization of scripture.

During the Summer months, the Parents and Me class will be continuing their study of God's word using ways applicable to our youngest students. Our Preschool and Kindergarten students will be studying about Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Joshua, Jonah, and some of the miracles of Jesus. Our 1st -7th grade students will be studying the articles of the Apostles Creed utilizing Holy Scripture and the catechism.

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

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



LWML LADIES GUILD - BIRTHDAY SUPPLY COLLECTION



LWML Ladies Guild will be collecting Birthday Party Supplies this summer, June through August, for our Concordia Seminary families. The boys and girls that will enjoy the party supplies are between the ages of 1-12 years.

Suggested donations include cake mixes, icing, sprinkles, cupcake liners, large and small birthday plates, napkins, cups, plastic utensils, candles, balloons, party supplies, party hats, streamers, tablecloths, gift bags, tissue paper—all things birthday! A collection box will be located in the Commons beginning the first weekend of June.

Please note, all party donations should be **NEW**, unused and unopened items. All food items must be marked with an expiration date that has not yet passed.

FREEZER MEAL MINISTRY



Our kitchen freezers are stocked with meals and we are excited to deliver them to families or individuals in need! Thank you to the team who volunteered in the kitchen during the Shine event. Please contact the Church Office if you would like to receive a meal. A gluten and dairy free option is available.

Qualifications for receiving a meal:

- Someone in your household in the hospital or undergoing surgery
- Birth of a baby
- Death of a family member
- Ongoing treatment or therapy (chemotherapy, etc.)
- Special circumstances

If we can bless you with a meal, please contact Abby Reynolds in the church office, or email to deaconses@peacelutheranstl.org.

MUSIC MINISTRY



Our Director of Parish Music, Justin Knabach, invites you to see what his music program is all about. Rehearsals for choir, hand bells, and orchestra will resume this fall. If you are interested in joining one of these music opportunities, please contact Justin at music@peacelutheranstl.org.

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!

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. Our planned dates are June 27, July 18, and August 15.

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.



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

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

RECIPES NEEDED FOR CHURCH COOKBOOK!

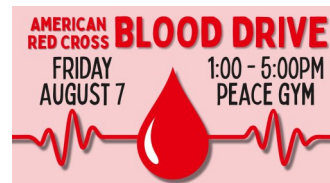


Peace's Ladies Club is putting together a new church cookbook and we need your help! We are collecting recipes from our members, and we hope you can contribute! A box is on the commons counter where you can put your recipes. Categories for the recipes will include the usual ones such as Desserts, Appetizers, Main Dishes, etc., but we will be labelling allergy-free recipes (for example, gluten-free or nut-free) and also "legacy" recipes. The legacy recipes will be favorite ones you submit from a past church cookbook that were 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. **Deadline for submitting recipes is July 31.** If you have any questions, contact Jeanne Hooss or any other Ladies Club Board member.



BLOOD DRIVE AT PEACE - FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

The American Red Cross will be at Peace on Friday, August 7, from 1:00-5:00PM for our summer Blood Drive. To register, please scan the QR code or visit: <https://tinyurl.com/3adfm2p>.





PEACE EARLY CHILDHOOD

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



We are looking forward to the upcoming summer months! During June and July, the children will enjoy exciting summer themes, creative art projects, and engaging stories about gardens, community helpers, oceans, and more.

We will also spend time talking about the families God has given us — at home, within our church, and throughout our community.

The children will have many opportunities for summer fun, including outdoor exploration, music and movement activities, and even a special picnic lunch day!

Our Bible stories this summer will include Daniel and the Lions' Den and Jonah and the Whale.

Thank you to our church family for your continued prayers, encouragement, and support of our preschool ministry.

THANK YOU FROM THE KASTENS FAMILY



The words thank you are hardly sufficient to express our gratitude to all who have been supporting our family since Pastor Kastens' passing. Your prayers, concern, offers of help, and the generous donations in his memory are greatly appreciated. Although we miss him terribly, we know that since Christ was raised from the dead we also will rise at the last day and live with Him in eternity. In Christ our hope and comfort.

—Alice Kastens and family

BOURBON, BITES & BEATS



Bourbon, Bites & Beats is back for 2026, and you're invited to an afternoon of sipping, learning, and live music with the St. Louis Bourbon Society!

Join us on Sunday, June 14, from 4:00–6:00PM for an unforgettable experience of curated bourbon tastings, expertly paired with charcuterie and desserts, all designed to elevate your tasting journey. This special gathering is hosted by Peace Members, Tim & Tami Behnke. As you sip and savor, enjoy live music from talented guitarist Kraig Holt, creating the perfect backdrop for a fun, relaxing evening in support of LESA. To reserve your tickets, visit: <https://lesastl.org/bourbon-bites-beats/>

VINYL LP RECORD ALBUMS FOR SALE



Peace member, Wayne Hawthorne has approximately 1,050 Vinyl LPs for sale. Most are in good to excellent condition. Buy all or none, no partial sales. Only reasonable offers considered. No heavy metal, hard rock or classical. Collection consists of oldies from the 50's & 60's, pop albums from the 40's, 50's & 60's, easy listening as well as classic and contemporary country. For more information, contact Wayne at 636-225-5651.

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HONORING OUR VETERANS AND CELEBRATING OUR NATION'S 250TH BIRTHDAY

The cemetery held their annual Flag Placement Ceremony on Thursday, May 21. About 40 people came to place over 180 flags on the graves of the veterans who are buried at our cemetery. We are grateful for the Peace members who came to help!



In honor of the 250th birthday of the United States of America, American flags have been placed at the entrance of the cemetery. The flags will remain in place for six months. We also have installed a flag pole with a solar-powered light so that the American flag can be on display 24/7.



CONCORDIA SEMINARY



Calling all music lovers! Join us for free carillon concerts in June at 7:00PM, every Tuesday on the campus of Concordia Seminary, 801 Seminary Place, St. Louis, 63105. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and picnics and enjoy an evening of beautiful music from world-renowned carillonneurs on the Main Quadrangle on the Seminary grounds near Luther Statue. These events are part of the annual Concordia Seminary Music Series and are free and open to the public

Concert Schedule

Tuesday, June 2
Elien Van den Broeck of Meerhout, Belgium

Tuesday, June 9
Wesley Arai of Los Angeles, CA

Tuesday, June 16
Jesse Ratcliffe of Warrenton, VA

Tuesday, June 23
Alan Bowman of Dayton, OH

Tuesday, June 30
Elijah Buerk of Bloomington, IN

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

Thy Strong Word (is Jesus)

Last month, we looked at the meaning of the word Ebenezer in the hymn Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing, and why it means "stone of help." This month, we take a brief look at a hymn by Lutheran theologian Martin Franzmann. The music tune is named Ebenezer but the hymn itself is titled Thy Strong Word.

If one misses the reference to John 1:1–14, then a person will not understand this hymn. John writes, *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it...The true light which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world did not know Him...To all who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God, who were born not of blood, nor the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. The Word became flesh and dwelled among us."*

John explicitly connects Jesus to the creation of all things. He is the Word by which God enacted creation and life, and then also, by His incarnation, enacts our salvation. In Genesis 1:3, God declares, *"Let there be light,"* and Jesus, the Word, creates the light. This is the first verse of the hymn, *"Thy strong Word did cleave the darkness—at Thy speaking it was done."* The hymn then points out the parallel between the light of creation and the "light" of salvation in verse two, the theology made explicit in verse three.

It is verse three which is our final focus. The first line is: *"Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous, bright with Thine own holiness."* It is God's action upon you to make you His own as the Spirit comes to you through the word of the Gospel and the name of God in Baptism (also His word). It is God, by the word (and the Word) which causes faith in you, "bespeaking" you righteous in His sight on account of Christ's salvation.

This isn't for some distant future. Franzmann continues, *"Glorious now, we press toward glory, and our lives and hopes confess."* The reality of what Christ has done for you is immediate. You are God's child now. You are no longer who you once were, a sinner and enemy of God. While your sinner self still clings to you, you now belong to Christ. You are God's child, His son, His daughter. In the future, that will be fully manifest, but it is your reality now also. See yourself in light of this reality and live in its beauty, its hope, and its peace. As Franzmann writes in the fifth verse, *"Give us lips to sing Thy glory, tongues Thy mercy to proclaim, throats that shout the hope that fills us, mouths to speak Thy holy name."* In other words, may God's Strong Word, Jesus, give us the faith to speak the words of the Gospel so that we might be His instruments by which He bespeaks life and light into the death and darkness of the world around us.

—Pastor Jon Furgeson

LIFE MINISTRY – THE CHINA OPTION



"Katie" was diagnosed with chronic kidney failure in her early forties. With two children in grade school and a loving husband, she had everything to live for. But the disease transformed her life into pain, exhaustion and dependence upon dialysis. A kidney transplant was an option, but the waiting list was long. Since less than half of people on dialysis survive five years, her chances of survival were slim at best.

Then she read about "the China option": matching organs with no wait times and only \$30,000 for a kidney. She called the broker listed in the ad and travel arrangements to Shanghai were quickly made. Her blood sample had been matched. Her question about the donor was brushed aside; she was merely told that it will be "sourced fresh." Everything went smoothly and she returned home within two weeks, immensely grateful for her new lease on life.

One day she read a news article about a Chinese woman who reported that her surgeon husband had performed thousands of transplant surgeries on Chinese prisoners without their consent. Political and religious prisoners numbering in the hundreds of thousands were part of the Chinese Communist government's ploy to make money and get rid of political enemies. Katie felt sick with the realization that her new lease on life was possible through the murder of an innocent person.

Numerous researchers conservatively estimate that China has at least sixty to ninety thousand transplants a year through forced organ harvesting. Religious groups such as Falun Gong, house church Christians, and Muslim Uyghurs are targeted for two reasons: (1) healthy lifestyles and (2) government opposition to their religious beliefs. Their organs sell for large sums of money which is used to reward corrupt government officials.

The crime scenes are scrubbed clean and the bodies are cremated immediately after each surgery. Still, some hospital staff have admitted on secret recordings that this practice has been conducted on a large scale since 2006. Then there's Cheng Pei Ming, the only survivor of this practice. He found a way to escape the hospital and lived on the run until he crossed into Thailand in 2015. When he came to the United States in 2020, doctors confirmed that part of his liver and part of his lung had been harvested.

The best way to help stop this barbaric practice is to educate ourselves and others. Jan Jekielek's new book, *Killed to Order*, is a good resource on this topic. He lists documentary films and other writings on the subject. There are three federal bills before Congress aimed at preventing American citizens from benefiting from transplant tourism. Six states, Texas, Arizona, Idaho, Tennessee, Utah and Arkansas, have state laws banning insurance reimbursement or public funding for organ transplants linked to forced harvesting in China. We can encourage our legislators to follow their example and pass such legislation. The change happens one person at a time and it starts with me.

"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. June dates include the weekends of June 6/7 and June 20/21, and July dates include the weekends of July 4/5 and July 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 a BBQ and Swim Party on Saturday, June 13, at the home of Dave and Heather Carlson, #8 Appomattox Ridge in Festus, MO, from 12:00 - 5:00 pm. Cost - \$10 per couple. Couples Club will supply the main course, and ask that you bring a side dish or dessert. Please bring your lawn chairs and drinks. In order to plan, please RSVP to Jeff Akers 314-638-7355 by June 10.

SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, August 22 for our Aloha Nights, Trivia Night and Silent Auction. Tickets will go on sale the weekend of July 25, before and after church services. If you would like to sponsor a round for \$60, please contact Gina Werkmeister or Barb Decker.

MEN'S CLUB

Please join us for our summer dates, Tuesday, June 23 and Tuesday, July 28, at 6:00PM for our monthly meetings. 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 Hoos at 314-913-3072.

LADIES CLUB

Ladies, join us on Tuesday, June 16, 7:00PM in Sanctuary Hall for a Game Night! We will supply some classic board games, along with a few jigsaw puzzles. Enjoy some friendly competition, while also having great fun and fellowship. Snacks and desserts, as usual, will be provided. Our July activity will be an evening of food and drinks at Sunset Overlook in Columbia, Illinois. Please watch the News and Notes for details about that event. 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

LWML Ladies Guild would like to thank everyone for bringing your Mite donations on the second weekend of each month to the Welcome Center Display!

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, June 11, and Thursday, July 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.

Don't needle the quilter

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 KFUE



Peace's Sunday service is rebroadcast on KFUE 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.



- 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 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.

NEWSLETTER SPONSORS

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





We are looking for a parent volunteer willing to help organize our annual Golf Tournament coming up in September. If you are interested in being our Golf Tournament Chair, please contact the school office for more information.

Summer Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday, from 9:00AM to 12:00PM, May 26 through July 30.

Green Park Lutheran School is hiring for three positions within our Christ-centered school community. As we celebrate the blessings of dedicated staff members entering retirement and a valued teacher aide stepping into a full-time teaching role, we are seeking a caring and dependable Teacher Aide to support our elementary classrooms, an organized and proactive Educational Technology Coordinator to assist with integrating technology across our PreK-8th grade program and managing our 1:1 devices and systems, and a compassionate, qualified School Nurse to oversee student health needs, maintain records, and serve as a resource for students, staff, and families. Candidates should have a heart for working with children and a desire to support their academic, physical, and spiritual growth in a faith-based environment (nursing applicants must hold an active Missouri license and CPR certification). If you or someone you know feels called to serve in this meaningful work, please contact Lisa Waltenberger, Lisa.Waltenberger@GreenParkLutheranSchool.org to learn more or apply.

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 at katie.gaeta@greenparklutherschool.org or call 314-544-4248 to schedule a visit today.

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 Lutheran South Class of 2026! This year's graduating class includes 140 students who are headed to colleges across the country from Florida to Arizona. They earned more than \$6.5 million in scholarships. This class boasts three National Merit Finalists and two commended National Merit Scholars. Our graduates will be attending college in 18 different states. Sixteen seniors plan to pursue careers in ministry. We can't wait to see what they will accomplish!



LuSo OnStage was nominated for six categories in the Ken Page Awards, including Outstanding Musical for their production of *Little Shop of Horrors!* The cast and crew were also recognized for Outstanding Lead Actress, Outstanding Director, Outstanding Student Costume Design, Outstanding Choreography, and Outstanding Technical Execution.



Sophomore golfers Josh Fabbiano and Braylen Faeger both qualified for State at the Columbia Country Club!

Junior Nathan Becker earned a gold medal rating at the MSHSAA State Solo & Ensemble Festival. Nathan performed *First Concertino* by Georges Guildhaud for the competition held at Mizzou.

Senior Grace Prange was named the Post-Dispatch Scholar Athlete for Lutheran South! Grace is a State Champion in the high jump and qualified for the State Track and Field Championship all four years of high school. She holds the school record in the 300M hurdles and was a captain on the dance team for three years. Grace additionally was named to the College Board National Recognition Program. She is an AP Scholar with honors and is a member of the National Honor Society and Modern Language Honor Society. She plans to attend Mizzou this fall and ultimately pursue a degree in law.



Come learn the exciting game of flag football in a fun, energetic, and encouraging environment. This camp is designed for players of all skill levels — whether you are brand new to flag football or already have experience. Flag football camp is designed for 6th - 8th graders and will run for two hours from Monday, June 22 – Thursday, June 25.

We hosted 169 athletes for our annual Special Olympics Track & Field event! More than half of our student body traded their day off for a fun day of volunteering. It's always one of our favorite days of the year!



The National Honor Society inducted 69 new students. This is a record-breaking year with 130 returning students, as well. Students are eligible to apply for membership during their sophomore and junior years if they have earned a cumulative weighted GPA of 3.5 or higher.




Lutheran South Hockey is excited to offer two opportunities for 2nd-8th graders over the summer! Please visit lusohockey.com for more information on our 2nd-5th grade Prospect Camp and 6th-8th grade middle school options.

Our annual Gold Club luncheon is scheduled from 11:00AM to 1:00PM on Tuesday, August 4, in the Legacy Loft at Lutheran South. This reunion luncheon is for all graduates from the class of 1976 and prior. A tour of the school will follow. Register at <https://bit.ly/26GoldClub>.



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FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY

Bring any American flags that are torn, faded, or tattered (unserviceable) to church. Boy Scout Troop 584 will have their annual flag retirement ceremony at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9.

THANK YOU.

