

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 19, 2026

Sunday, July 19

10:30am - New Member Welcome
11:30am - Family Discipleship Open Gym
6:00pm - Pickleball Open Play

Monday, July 20

6:30pm - St. Trinity Cemetery Board Meeting
7:00pm - BSA Troop Committee Meeting

Tuesday, July 21

9:00am - Plastic Mat Making
9:00am - Quilters
9:00am - Refit Exercise

Wednesday, July 22

7:00pm - Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Thursday, July 23

9:00am - Quilters
1:00pm - Stephen Ministry Training

Sunday, July 26

11:30am - Sunday School Teacher Meeting
6:00pm - Pickleball Open Play

Peace Early Childhood is Hiring!

Job Opportunity:

Infant Room Teacher

Join Our Team

Email earlychildhood@peacelutheranstl.org or call 314.892.8844 for more information

 **JOIN US! GIVE BLOOD.**

Blood Drive
Peace Lutheran Church

Gym
737 Barracksview Rd
St. Louis, MO 63125
Friday, August 7, 2026
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter "PLC" to schedule an appointment, or scan this QR code.

Come to give blood in August for a \$20 Amazon Gift Card by email. Terms: rcblood.org/August.



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

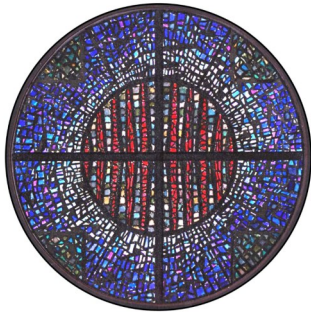
Questions: Contact Gina - 314.638.8268 or Barb - 314.541.5898
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Sponsored by Peace Married Couples Club

Friendly Reminder...

Please check your church mailbox

The best way to keep up on what's going on at Peace is to check your mailbox for important information!



Peace Lutheran Church
News and Notes

**THE WEEK OF
JULY 19, 2026**

NEW MEMBER WELCOME THIS WEEKEND

This Sunday at the 10:30 service, we are welcoming new members to Peace through Adult Confirmation and Transfer. Photos, names, and family information are in this week's News and Notes. Take time to meet our new members and offer them a warm welcome to Peace!

JULY 11/12 ATTENDANCE

5:00 Service: 156
8:00 Service: 102
9:20 Service: 143
10:30 Service: 188
Total Attendance: 589

Sunday School: 51

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers this weekend are from Alan and Sara Hopfer in celebration of their grandson, Arlo Brandt, celebrating his 3rd birthday on July 19, and in loving memory of Alan's brother, David Hopfer, who would also be celebrating his birthday on July 19.



OUR SUPPORT THIS WEEK WENT TO:

Budget
Help Offset Fees
Adult Bible Class
Alaska Missions
GP/LHSS Scholarship Fund
LWML Mite Money
NYG
RFNG
Social Ministry
St. Trinity Cemetery
Sunday School

In Loving Memory Of:

Pastor Kastens - RFNG;
Lisa Herrman -
(Rastorfer Education Fund)



**The righteous will shine
like the sun in the kingdom
of their Father.**

Matthew 13:43

NEWS

► **SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS MEETING** will be held next Sunday, July 26, 11:30 a.m. in the Kitchen Meeting Room. Teachers, please plan to attend!

THE VOTERS' ASSEMBLY APPROVED TWO RESOLUTIONS at the special voters' meeting on June 28. A resolution was approved to proceed with the capital campaign for Renovation for the Next Generation. Another resolution was approved to allow Church Council to choose a company to use to handle the capital campaign. The company Walsh and Associates has been chosen. Keep a lookout for more news on this exciting project!

OUR DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CHRISTINA STACKLE is currently on her three month sabbatical. After 26 years in ministry (21 of those here at Peace) she is taking some much deserved time off to relax and rejuvenate. She will return on October 1. We pray God's blessings on her and her family. If you have a need during that time, please contact the Church Office.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PLASTIC MAT MAKERS They kindly ask that you hold onto your bags at this time. Please watch the newsletter and News and Notes for when they can take bags again and when they decide on the new plarn cutting process. Questions? Call Anita Thomas.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

INTERESTED IN OUR MUSIC PROGRAM? Our Director of Parish Music, Justin Knabach, invites you to see what his music program is all about. If you are interested in one of our music opportunities, contact Justin at music@peacelutheranstl.org.

A NEW CHIMES CHOIR for children in 4th through 6th grade is being formed and will begin rehearsals in September. If interested, please contact Justin Knabach at music@peacelutheranstl.org.

► **GREEN PARK EAT-N-EARN** on Tuesday, August 11, 3:00 to 10:00 p.m. at Texas Roadhouse, 806 Arnold Commons Dr. in Arnold. Flyers are required and are available on the Commons Counter.

DON'T FORGET TO TURN IN YOUR RECIPES for our new church cookbook that Ladies Club is organizing. A collection box is on the Commons counter. **We are especially in need of recipes for breads and rolls, along with beverages. Deadline for submitting recipes is July 31.** If you prefer to email your recipes, email them to Sara Hopfer at secretary@peacelutheranstl.org. **Also, watch for details coming soon for an opportunity to pre-order a cookbook at a discount.**

► **PEACE MARRIED COUPLES CLUB TRIVIA NIGHT** is scheduled for Saturday, August 22. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and trivia begins at 6:30. Cost is \$20/person. Tables of 8-10. Bring your own snacks and beverages. More details are on the back of this News and Notes and in the Peace Lutheran newsletter. **Ticket sales begin next weekend, July 25/26,** before and after church services. We hope you can make it! **ROUND SPONSORS NEEDED** for Trivia Night. Cost is \$60. If interested, please contact Barb Decker or Gina Werkmeister.

► **FAMILY FUN GYM** The gym will be open TODAY, July 19, following the 10:30 service for families to enjoy! Bring your own lunch and enjoy time with other families inside to beat the heat. Contact Abby Reynolds with any questions.

► **LADIES CLUB REMINDER** Ladies Club will NOT be meeting this Tuesday, July 21.

David and Samantha Biggs
Children: Ava and Nolan
Received by Adult Confirmation
Received July 19, 2026
Elder: Mark Maloy

An official warm welcome to Peace, David! David is very familiar with Peace. He is married to Peace member, Samantha (Drier) Biggs and they have two children, Ava (age 4), and Nolan (age 2). Their children attend our Peace Early Childhood Program. David and Sam attend the 9:20 a.m. service. David works for UPS, and enjoys traveling, working out, mountain biking, and spending time with his family. We are blessed to have you at Peace, David, and are excited to welcome you into Communicant Membership!



We welcome everyone to our Peace family!

*I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord!”*

Psalms 122:1

Bryan and Cassandra Devlin
with daughters Gabby and Melanie
Received by Adult Confirmation
Received July 19, 2026
Son Gavin received by Baptism - February, 2026
Elder: Greg Wirtel

Welcome, Devlin family—Bryan, Cassandra, Gabby (11th grade), Melanie (9th grade) and Gavin (5th grade)! The Devlins were in search of community and fellowship in a church and, after looking at area churches, started attending services at Peace. The family has been actively worshipping at Peace for a year, attending Bible studies, fellowship events, and serving at different events. The family was baptized at Peace on February 15, 2026! Cassandra is blessed to be a stay-at-home mom, and Bryan is self-employed as a carpenter. Both grew up in the Affton area, and enjoy reading and spending time with family. We are so happy to have your family at Peace!

Sam and Chloe Merrick
Received by Adult Confirmation
Received July 19, 2026
Elder: Rick Goodman



Sam and Chloe live in the Oakville area and were looking for a church home. God led them to Peace! They have been worshipping at Peace for many months, and have participated in a few of our fellowship events. Sam was born and raised in St. Louis, growing up in Ellisville. He works as an Office Assistant for Fish Window Cleaning. Chloe was born in St. Genevieve, and grew up in Bonne Terre, Missouri. She works as a Client Care Specialist for American Family Insurance. The couple was married in October 2024. Their favorite church service is Saturday at 5:00 p.m. Sam enjoys walking, watching movies, and playing board games. Chloe enjoys baking, cooking, fishing, arts and crafts, and learning new things. Sam and Chloe love spending time together with their families and their two cats. Welcome to our church family, Sam and Chloe! We are so happy that God led you to us!

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

EARLY CHILDHOOD IS HIRING! They have one job opportunity:

- **Infant Room Teacher**

Love working with young children and sharing God's love? Join our Peace Early Childhood Team and help shape little hearts and minds in a fun, faith-filled environment. Apply today! Email the Director, Sara Watson, at earlychildhood@peacelutheranstl.org or call the Early Childhood office at 314-892-8844 for more information.

ELECTION BOARD JOB OPPORTUNITY The St. Louis County Election Board is looking for people to serve as Election Judges and Student Election Judges for the August 4 Primary Election. Working as a St. Louis County Election Judge involves managing polling places to help fellow citizens exercise their right to vote in a fair and orderly manner. Judges are paid for their work. Student Election Judges can earn money or service hours. By participating in the Election Board's Student Program, students can enhance college applications, fulfill service requirements for school organizations, build their resume, and learn the importance of civic duty. For more information, contact Jim McHugh at the Election Board, (314) 615-1858 or jmchugh@stlouiscountymo.gov.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

LWML LADIES GUILD continues their collection of birthday party supplies for Concordia Seminary families. Donations include cake mixes, icing with sprinkles, birthday napkins, plates, cups, plastic forks, birthday candles, tablecloths, balloons, and more. They are very appreciated by the families! The collection box is in the Commons. **Please note: All donations should be NEW items, unused and unopened.**

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE will be held here at Peace in the gym on Friday, August 7, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. To register, see the back of this News and Notes.

JOIN OUR SOCIAL MINISTRY in volunteering at Feed My People! One summer date remains: 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. Sign up on the Opportunities tab on Peace's website or via the QR code. Please contact Abby Reynolds or Pastor Brown with any questions.



HOW DO I SIGN UP?

For service and fellowship opportunities, please go to the "Opportunities" tab on the Peace website.

MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBERS OF PEACE! We invite you to get to know them, say hello when you see them, and invite them to be a part of activities here at Peace. Let's make them feel welcome!

Justin and Mandy Knabach
Received by Transfer from Lutheran Church of the Resurrection
Received - April 7, 2026
Elder: Steve Shawcross



Justin and Mandy transferred their membership from Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Sappington, Missouri, as Justin accepted the call as our new Director of Parish Music at Peace. Justin and Mandy both grew up in the Florissant area. Justin began playing the church organ at his home congregation, Salem, Black Jack at the age of 11. Mandy works as a Data Analyst for Concordia Health Plans. They both enjoy running, hiking, biking, camping, and music. Anything outdoors! Their goal is to visit every National Park in the United States, and so far they have been to 33 of them! Justin and Mandy are blessed to have

several family members at Peace: Justin's sister, brother-in-law, and nephew, Ashlen, Tyler, and Rhett Rainey, along with his aunt and uncle (and godfather), Sara and Alan Hopfer, and several cousins. Welcome, Justin and Mandy! We are blessed to have you in our ministry and our Peace family!

David and Heather Carlson
Received by Transfer from Immanuel, Festus
Received - March 11, 2026
Elder: Rob Uthoff

We welcome back to Peace, Dave and Heather Carlson. They had transferred their membership to Immanuel, Festus, to be closer to their new home; however, many events led them back to Peace. They made the decision to move back closer to the St. Louis area because they have greatly missed the clarity and depth of gifts they receive with God's word being preached and taught at Peace. Welcome home, Dave and Heather! We are blessed to have you back in our ministry here at Peace!



Brendan and Megan Johnson
Daughters: Mia and Olivia
Received by Transfer from Grace Lutheran, Durham, North Carolina
Received - July 19, 2026
Elder: Ken Werkmeister

Brendan, Megan, and family come to Peace by transfer from Grace Lutheran in Durham, North Carolina. Brendan and Megan both grew up in the St. Louis area, and Brendan was confirmed here at Peace. He is the son of Jim and Lori Johnson, and grandson of Mary Lou Mullen. Brendan works for Washington University as a Veterinarian, and Megan works for Arnold Animal Hospital as a Veterinarian. They have two girls, Mia (age 3) and Olivia (age 2), who will attend Peace's Early Childhood in the fall. The Johnson family enjoys hiking, biking, camping, and fishing, all things outdoors! Welcome home Brendan, Megan, Mia and Olivia. We are excited to have you back at Peace!



Janet Voss
Received by Transfer from Shore Haven Lutheran Church, Euclid, Ohio
Received - July 19, 2026
Elder: Alan Hopfer



Janet comes to Peace after moving from Ohio to be closer to family. She grew up in Morristown, New Jersey, and worked in Euclid, Ohio, before moving to Missouri. Janet is looking forward to moving into her new place soon and getting settled. She enjoys attending the 9:20 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services, as well as our Wednesday evening Bible Study and Sunday morning Bible Class. Janet is retired, and enjoys working on jigsaw puzzles and reading. Welcome to our Peace family, Janet. We are so happy to have you!