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THANK YOU FROM YOUR MINISTRY STAFF

We appreciate everyone's continued patience as your pastors, deaconess, DCE, and DPM have been working to navigate challenges since the Spring. The largest challenge we have faced this Summer comes from Pastor Emeritus Dennis Kastens being called to Jesus just before Easter. Despite his "retired" status, he still worked full-time hours out of love for the pastoral ministry and for the members of our congregation. This is a gap that does not fit in just a few spare hours here and there, so some of our ministry activities are currently slower in response than in the past.

Along with this event, there have been many changes over the summer in the lives of our staff. We just brought on our new music director, who is excellent but still putting together the first year of an active music ministry. Our deaconess' family just moved into a new home and just had their second son. Our DCE went on her planned sabbatical. The pastors both lost loved ones and Pastor Furgeson prepped his sons for their next stages of life. We are thankful for how this community has supported each of us individually and collectively as we have navigated the past few months.

As we reconfigure and also consider our present and future staffing needs, we appreciate your continued prayers, patience, encouragement, and assistance. Peace is a wonderful community and we are all excited about the work to be done and the path ahead as the Spirit leads!

MEET OUR NEW FIELDWORKER TRISTAN WALKER and FAMILY

Please extend warm Peace welcome to our new Seminary Fieldworker, Tristan Walker, his wife Jessica, and their two children Daniel and Caleb. The Walkers have just moved from Colorado Springs, Colorado, for Tristan to begin his ministry studies at Concordia Seminary St. Louis.

Most recently Tristan was a technician and technical lead, troubleshooting Microsoft 365, and Jessica was a teacher at Vanguard Elementary in Colorado Springs. The family has a variety of interests, that include reading, cooking and tabletop games. Daniel and Caleb have just started at Green Park Lutheran School, and Jessica is also working there as their Education Technology Coordinator.

The Walker family is excited to meet everyone and to begin their time at Peace.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE FOR RENOVATION FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

Voters approved moving forward with a consultant to help with fundraising for RFNG. The company, Walsh and Associates, was chosen after an extensive search. Walsh is preparing a feasibility study to determine the likely amount of funding needed for our Early Childhood Renovation project. The study required an extensive amount of data and documentation from Peace, which took a few weeks to complete. The documentation was accepted by Walsh on August 10, and we expect to move forward with the study in early September.

Greg Wirtel - Capital Campaign Chairman

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

Dear friends and family of Peace,

I am writing to share with you a new opportunity available to you here at Peace. As your Family Ministry Pastor, it is my joy and privilege to walk with you through the ups and downs of life at any and all stages. This already takes place in various ways - through the Church service, fellowship time, classes, visits, and other opportunities. Sometimes you come to see me at church, other times I visit you. Regardless, the important part to me is that you know I am here to bring Christ to you and walk with you through this journey of life.

This brings me to the new opportunity available to you: myself and my calendar. In May of 2025, I received a Masters from Concordia Seminary in Pastoral Care and Counseling. I want to offer myself as a resource when life is difficult and you need someone to talk to. Below you will find a QR Code to a Google Calendar Booking Page. Please use this code, or click on the *Pastoral Counseling* button on the homepage of our website, to set up a time to meet with me if you so desire. I am open to talking to anyone about anything, just know that as your Pastor I will always bring Christ to our conversations. Also, please know that anything you say in these visits will be kept confidential.

My prayer is that I can be a resource to you in your time of need, a Pastor who can help you, "Cast your burden on the Lord," as we are called to do in Psalm 55, and again by our Lord Himself in Matthew 6. I look forward to talking with you soon. May the peace of God be with you now and in the days ahead.



God's Blessings, Pastor Brown

A REMINDER - PEACE MOVING TO COMMUNION (NEARLY) EVERY WEEKEND

Starting with our observation of Reformation Day (October 26), Peace will have the Lord's Supper every service on every weekend excepting a fifth Sunday weekend.

A longer explanation was in last month's newsletter, but the practice is in line with Scripture, the Confessions, and the historical church. A generational shift has also come about wherein younger persons and families are looking for the Sacrament weekly.

Regarding service structure, the Divine Service we already have every other week will now take place every week. We will still change the Creed each week between the Apostles' and Nicene, since both are our heritage. On fifth Sundays, we will use the order of Matins to reacquaint us with this common morning liturgy (and to give an occasional respite to our Altar Guild).

If you would like to help out, volunteers to the usher teams (men) and to the altar guild to prepare the Supper (women, couples, and families) are always welcome! Contact the church office to find out more, if interested!

Pastor Jon Furgeson

JR. CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGIN WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Our 7th & 8th Grade Junior Confirmation classes will begin Wednesday, September 9, 4:00-5:15pm, taught by Pastor Furgeson and Pastor Brown.

BAPTISM CLASS Sunday, September 13, 9:15 - 10:15am Kitchen Meeting Room

Pastor Brown will lead the September 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 click the *Opportunities* tab on the website.

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY-MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Please join us for our upcoming Voters' Assembly Meeting, Monday, September 14, 7:00pm, in Sanctuary Hall. All Communicant Peace members are invited to attend.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES BEGIN SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

The next session of our New Member Classes will be offered beginning Sunday, September 20, from 11:45am to 1:45pm in Sanctuary Hall. A light lunch will be provided each week for those attending. 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, September 18. For more information, please contact the church office. We look forward to you joining us.

YES ON AMENDMENT 3 - YARD SIGNS

The Life Ministry team at Peace will have "Vote Yes on Amendment 3" yard signs available for anyone that would like to show their support for laws that protect life. The signs will be available to pick up before and after church services the weekends of September 12/13 and September 19/20 in Sanctuary Hall.

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.



Mark your calendars now for the 30th annual Boar's Head Christmas Festival! Services will be Thursday and Friday, December 3 and 4, at 7:30pm, Saturday, December 5, at 2:30pm, and Sunday, December 6, at 2:30pm and 6:00pm. Tickets will be available to Peace members on the weekends of October 24/25 and October 31/November 1. Watch your church mailbox for details of the many ways you can serve. We look forward to this year's festival as we spread the message of Christ's birth to our community here at Peace and in the greater St. Louis area.

Please note: we have a **NEW FESTIVAL TIME** on Saturday, December 5. We are replacing the 7:30pm service with a 2:30pm matinee. Please plan accordingly!

MINISTRY TEAM

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SEPTEMBER SCRIPTURE READINGS

September 6: Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:1-10; Matthew 18:1-20

September 13: Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 50:5-21; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

September 20: Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30; Matthew 20:1-16

September 27: Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Philippians 2:1-18; Matthew 21:23-32

OFFICIAL ACTS

Baptisms

August 9, 2026 - Melody Mae Lynn Ebert

August 15, 2026 - Travis Michael Hartis

August 23, 2026 - Felicity Grace Brown

August 23, 2026 - Timothy William Brown Jr.

Funeral

August 17, 2026 - Brenda Kay Hargett, 77



VOLUNTEER AT FEED MY PEOPLE!

Volunteer opportunities are open at Feed My People! Social Ministry will be volunteering one Saturday morning each month. Join us to serve with our hands and feet to bring the love of Christ to those in our community. Our planned dates are September 19, October 10, and November 14.

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.

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.

CONCORDIA HISTORICAL INSTITUTE

Join us Tuesday, September 22, 6:30pm at Concordia Historical Institute, 804 Seminary Place, as the CHI Auxiliary presents Timothy S. Goeglein, author of *What Really Matters, Restoring a Legacy of Faith, Freedom, and Family*. A book signing and complimentary wine and cheese reception will follow. To make a reservation, please contact Susan at 636-373-2767 or email to auxiliary@concordiahistoricalinstitute.org.

MIDWEEK 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. Classes resume their study of the Large Catechism on September 10 and will meet again on September 24. Future Bible study dates can be found on our church website calendar, or watch the weekend News and Notes.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study resumes September 9, 7:00pm in Sanctuary Hall, studying the Book of Isaiah.

The **Mary Martha Bible Study** is a weekly Bible class open to women of all ages and led by our Deaconess, Abby Reynolds. Mary Martha meets in the Kitchen Meeting Room on Thursday mornings from 9:30-10:30am, with fellowship time starting at 9:00am. Mary Martha is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship, prayer, and learning together. Class resumes on Thursday, September 10. This year we will be studying Great Women of the Bible, which begins with women from the Old Testament – Eve, Sarah, Rebekah, Leah, and Rachel. Join us as we learn more about these women in Scripture and how God was at work in their lives! Books are provided and we have plenty available!

CHILDREN'S DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS

Parents are the primary faith formators for their children and Peace is excited to partner with them by 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 family 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.

LUTHERAN HOUR - 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.



Peace Early Childhood

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The school year is off to a great start! Our Preschool 3 & 4 students are getting to know one another and settling into their classroom routines.

We've started the school year by learning about one another, growing in our understanding of the love of Jesus, and discovering that God calls His people to serve and help one another.

Our themes include All About Me, Family and Friends, Senses, Camping, Transportation, and Autumn.

We are excited to enjoy chapel with Pastor Brown this month, music class with Mr. Justin, and special breakfast, lunch, and classroom visits with the Pastors, Mr. Justin, and Deaconess Abby.

During the month of September, each child will receive their very own Story Bible to read and enjoy at home.

We are so excited for a wonderful year of growing, learning, serving, and sharing God's love together!

Early Childhood is hiring for the position of a 2-Year-Old Teacher-Part time & Full-time. For more information, please contact Contact Sara Watson at 314-892-8844 or email to earlychildhood@peacelutheranstl.org.

To learn more about Peace Early Childhood program please contact Sara Watson.



Grades 1st - 8th started the 2026-2027 school year on August 19, with Kindergarten and Junior Kindergarten starting on August 20. The theme for this school year is *Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD! Psalm 150:6* We are looking forward to a wonderful year of learning, sharing the love of Jesus, and giving Him Praise!

Join us Tuesday, September 8, from 5:00-8:00pm at Chick-fil-A in South County for a monthly Eat & Earn. To participate, orders must be placed on the Chick-fil-A Mobile App via drive through, carry-out, dine-in, or curb side and select "Support Community Care Event." Green Park will receive 20% of the proceeds from the evening.

Interested in learning more about Green Park? Preschoolers and their parents/guardians, along with our area Early Childhood centers, are invited to PreK Discovery Day on Friday, September 18, at 9:00am. Preschoolers will enjoy a day with Chef Banana's children's musician, Bubbles Gone Bananas sensory experience, a petting zoo, and more. For more information, please contact the school office at 314-544-4248.

GPLS Viking Village PTO is selling large, two-gallon mums for \$25 each. If interested in ordering, please see the QR code on the Commons counter at church. Orders are due by September 15, and available for pick-up on September 24.

Join us for the 2026 Green Park Lutheran School Golf Scramble on Sunday, September 20, at The Acorns Golf Links, in Waterloo, Illinois. Reservations remain open through September 6. We look forward to another memorable day of fellowship, fun, and friendly competition while supporting Christian education.

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

The Cemetery Board is seeking someone with an accounting and/or financial management background to join the Board as Treasurer. Examples of responsibilities include keeping financial records for deposits and expenses, bi-weekly payroll, portfolio and investment management, monthly reports to the Board, and tax filings. If interested, please contact Wayne Schuessler, 314-277-3451.

At the cemetery, we are always working on repairs and improvements to keep everything looking nice. One recent project was the repainting of our maintenance garage. (*See the before and after photos below.*) Also, storms over the summer resulted in tree branches falling that needed to be cleaned up. **We are thankful for the volunteers** who have helped with these projects. The appearance of our cemetery remains a top priority, as we want visiting families and friends to feel peaceful when they are visiting the cemetery.



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

LIFE MINISTRY

“Through the love of Jesus Christ the Life Ministry Team exists to equip Peace Lutheran Church to sanctify life at all stages.”

Amendment 3 – Again - Vote “Yes” for Life

Two years ago, Missouri voters changed the state constitution to legalize abortion on demand for all nine months, for any reason. **Missouri was transformed from a pro-life state to one of the most radically pro-choice places in the world.** But the changes went much further than abortion. They allowed children to seek sex-change procedures and abortions without parental consent or knowledge. Taxpayer dollars can be used to fund abortions, sex-change procedures, and **fetal organ harvesting. The last procedure is now legal and can be practiced for profit.** Unlicensed “health professionals” are now allowed to operate in unlicensed facilities and if anything goes wrong, there is no legal recourse. No one is allowed to sue for malpractice, injury, or death for any kind of “reproductive healthcare.” The vote was close: 51.6% “for” versus 48.4% “against.”

In November 2026, Missouri voters will be voting on this issue once again. The difference is that the state legislature has drafted the proposed language rather than outside groups using the citizen initiative process. Their purpose is to repeal the radical language that is now in our constitution and replace it with more restrictive language that protects parental rights, women and children. It made one major concession to people who feel strongly that abortion should be protected in cases of rape or incest, but this exception is restricted to the first twelve weeks of pregnancy. It also allows abortion in cases of fatal fetal anomalies and medical emergencies that are life-threatening with regard to the physical condition of the mother.

What other items would be placed in our constitution if this passes? Aside from the exceptions listed above, all other abortions would be outlawed. Parental consent would be restored. Children under eighteen years cannot have sex-change operations, puberty blockers and cross-sex hormones. Only licensed doctors and licensed healthcare facilities are allowed to operate. Patients or their families would have the right to sue for malpractice, injury or death. There will be a ban on Fetal Organ Harvesting. Taxpayer funding will only go to the abortion exceptions specified above. Legislators will be allowed to enact further health and safety laws. This last point is particularly important with regard to abortion pills, which now account for 70% of abortions.

Is this proposed amendment perfect? No, but it should satisfy the concerns of those who feel abortion is justified in cases of rape and incest. It protects the vast majority of unborn babies. It protects children under eighteen years from making life-altering decisions before they know what they are doing. It restores parental rights. It protects the public from unlicensed “health care professionals”. It keeps taxpayer dollars from funding immoral practices and it allows legislators the ability to deal with additional problems as they arise.

Please do your part to protect life in the state of Missouri and vote “Yes” for Amendment 3 and pray that people’s hearts would be changed so that abortion would be unthinkable in all situations.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Our first cohort of Stephen Ministers will finish training on October 1! Please pray for our Stephen Ministers as they prepare to serve. They are learning about maintaining confidentiality in Stephen Ministry, using community resources, and building a caring relationship.

In October, we will begin to pair our trained Stephen Ministers with Care Receivers – members of our congregation who are going through serious life challenges, such as cancer, divorce, or job loss. Stephen Ministers will walk alongside their Care Receivers, offering compassionate, Christ-centered care to those who need it. Have you been going through a stressful, difficult life situation and need someone to talk to? Please reach out to Deaconess Abby Reynolds (deaconess@peacelutheranstl.org) or Pastor Brown (pastor.brown@peacelutheranstl.org) to find out more. We would love to answer any questions you have about this ministry!

-Deaconess Abby

FREEZER MEAL MINISTRY

Our kitchen freezers are stocked with meals and we are excited to deliver them to families or individuals in need! 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 Deaconess Abby Reynolds in the church office, or email deaconess@peacelutheranstl.org.

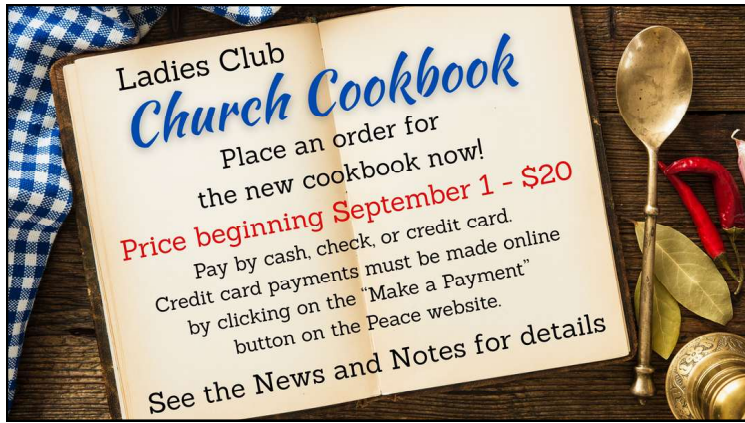


THANK YOU

Married Couples Club thanks everyone who supported the 3rd Annual Trivia Night FUNraiser. They are grateful for the continued support of our Peace members. A disbursement report will be shared in December. A very special thanks to our round sponsors and everyone who supported the event: Boar's Head, EBC, Ladies' Club, Men's Club, St. Trinity Cemetery, David Baese, Joe Gearon (Counts Auto Body), Sara Hopfer, Bill and Linda Hentchel, John Hooss, Don Hopkins, Jacque McElroy, John Morse, Louise Mullen, Mike Murphy (Droms Strauss), Kelly Pfund, and Ryan Shaner (Restoration One).

Social Ministry thanks everyone who participated in the feminine hygiene collection supporting Crisis Aid International.

LWML Ladies Guild is grateful for all who graciously donated birthday party supplies benefitting the families at Concordia Seminary.



FALL FAMILY FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Join us Saturday, September 19, 10:00am at Eckert's Millstadt Farm for Applefest! All families with children are invited. We will meet at the Farm Entrance and visit the petting zoo, playground, and maze together. Cost is \$10 per family. Please RSVP by September 10. Go to the "Make a Payment" button on the Peace website to pay the \$10 fee. Stay for lunch together (at your own expense) if you'd like! Contact Deaconess Abby with any questions at deaconess@peacelutheranstl.org.

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming fall family fellowship opportunities.

October 25 - Reformation Family Sunday School during the Sunday School hour

November 15 - Family Fellowship Event after the 10:30am service (more information to follow)

November 22 - Thanksgiving Family Sunday School during the Sunday School hour

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

A very special thank you to Bob Wolff for serving as our Sunday School Superintendent the last two years. We were blessed by his leadership and time with this important position. Bob always made sure our Sunday School teachers had everything they needed each week!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for a wonderful Orientation Sunday on August 16! It was great to see the gym full of parents and their children enjoying fellowship and learning about Sunday School this year. Thank you also to our teachers and ministry leaders. Without you Sunday School would not be possible. Finally, a big thank you to our Property Team for all the work you do to set up and take down for Sunday School.

We are in need of volunteers for our Sunday School Greeter Desk. The Greeter arrives by 9:00am to welcome families, answer questions, and collect attendance. If you would like to be a greeter for Sunday School, you may sign up on our website under the Opportunities tab then scroll down to Family Discipleship and click on our Sunday School Greeter Desk signup or contact Deaconess Abby Reynolds 270-314-7424.

Sunday School is now in full swing for the 2026-27 school year. Thank you again to all our volunteers! We look forward to a great year of learning about Jesus and God's Word as we seek to grow in the faith together!

God's Blessings, Pastor Brown

MUSIC MINISTRY

After a much deserved summer break, all rehearsals will resume in September. Not only are the Chancel Choir and Handbells returning to their regular times, but I am excited to begin a brand new Children's Chimes group! The Chimes group is open to children in grades 4-6 (*and potentially grade 3 with a true love for music, space permitting*). They will practice on Wednesdays at 4:00pm.

If you or someone you know might be interested in music—even without any prior choir or bells experience—I encourage you to come give it a try. There is absolutely no pressure to continue if you find it isn't the right fit for you. You can email me at music@peacelutheranstl.org for more information, or you can always call me at the office if you are interested.

Our first rehearsals of the year will be:

Children's Chimes: Wednesday, September 9 at 4:00pm

Chancel Choir: Thursday, September 10 at 7:00pm

Handbells: Monday, September 14 at 6:30pm

(will end at 7:00pm for Voters Assembly)

My prayer is that every musician and singer finds their time enjoyable and uplifting as we prepare to make music to the Lord and lead His people in song.

Justin Knabach, Director of Parish Music

HOLY COMMUNION WEEKENDS

Holy Communion is offered on the first and third Sundays of the month. September dates include the weekends of September 5/6, and September 19/20.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Help is always needed with the coffee hour set-up on Saturday, and donuts and coffee clean-up on Sunday morning. If you would like to help, please contact Ralph or Grace Truemper at 314-544-0233.

MARRIED COUPLES CLUB

Please join us Sunday, September 27, at 4:00pm for a Photo Scavenger Hunt. We will meet in Sanctuary Hall. One phone/camera with charging cord is required per team. Please bring your own dinner and drinks. Please RSVP to Tammy Goodman at 314-546-9943.

MEN'S CLUB

Please join us Tuesday, September 22, at 6:00pm for our monthly Men's Club 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



Monarch Jewelry and Gift Boutique is coming to Peace on Thursday, September 24, 5:00-7:30pm in the Gymnasium. Handcrafted jewelry, gifts, and home decor will be available to purchase while enjoying light snacks and refreshments. With Monarch, every handcrafted item is a way to stand with women and children affected by trafficking and exploitation. Every purchase helps support their U.S. SAFE initiatives, including programs that provide survivors protection, healing and a pathway forward. This show will be open to the public. Please join us as the community comes together and says *"we refuse to do nothing."* **Special Event Bonus for Peace Members Only!** Invite a friend or relative who isn't a Peace member and earn a chance to win a \$25 gift card to use at the show that night! Bring more guests, earn more entries--each guest equals one entry. Thanks to the generosity of Peace donors, we will be giving away four \$25 gift cards, with drawings every 30 minutes starting at 5:30pm. Additional information for Peace members will be shared at the event. For more information, please contact Lisa Santiago or Marilyn Schuessler, event co-chairs. Thank you for your support as your purchase is part of someone else's restoration story!

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar Flower orders are received through the Church Office. Arrangements are \$25 each. To reserve flowers and check for availability, please contact the Church Office at least two weeks in advance.

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. We kindly ask that you hold onto your bags at this time. Please watch the News and Notes for updated information on bags and the new plarn cutting process. 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 will meet Thursday, September 17, at 11:00am at Rich & Charlies Restaurant on Lemay Ferry Rd. This is a great way to share our summer adventures and God's Blessings to you! For more information about LWML, please contact Julia Petrovic at 314-809-5447.

ADULT CO-ED VOLLEYBALL AT PEACE

Co-Ed volleyball will resume play this Fall on Tuesday evenings from 6:00-8:00pm in the gymnasium. Please watch the weekly calendar in the News and Notes for the September start date. Co-Ed volleyball is open to anyone 18 years and older. For more information please contact Cameron Stinnett at 314-413-3412 or camstinn16@gmail.com.

PICKLEBALL OPEN PLAY

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, September 10, 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

Please join us on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00am to 2:00pm in Sanctuary Hall. Bring a sack lunch, we'll provide the fellowship and dessert! Please call Cheryl at 314-223-0744 if you have any questions.

I don't need to get organized. I just need a bigger sewing room!

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.



Big things are happening at Lutheran South! Demolition has officially begun to make way for our new STEM Center projected to open in the 2027-2028 school year. The center will provide nine classrooms dedicated to the study of science, engineering, and math, as well as a quad for students to collaborate.

Join us for a Lutheran School Parent Education Night on Thursday, September 3, from 6:30-8:00pm in the Duesenberg Theater at Lutheran South as Ted Neitzke discusses "Parenting Through the Storm." Designed for parents of students K-12, Neitzke, host of the Smart Thinking podcast, educates parents to "Be Like the Buffalo" as they help kids face challenges head-on. Free babysitting provided with a reservation for children 5-12. Presented by the Lutheran Elementary School Association. Register at <https://www.lslancers.org/events>.

Our Kairos leaders had an amazing retreat as they prepared for the year ahead! They spent time worshipping together, strengthening friendships, and learning how to encourage their peers in Christ. We're so grateful for these student leaders and can't wait to see how they'll serve the Lord in our community.

The LuSo Cheer team had an incredible week at NCA Camp! The team earned Superior ribbons in every evaluation and received the Technical Excellence Award for outstanding game day leadership, spirit, and motion execution.

The Lancerettes attended NDA camp and received superior ratings for both of their team routines, along with 26 superior blue ribbons for individual class routines.

Additionally, seven of the girls received ribbons for their technique, spirit, or showmanship. Juniors Morgan Petsch and **Peace member, Sofia Palma** made the All American Team.

Mark your calendars for October 9, for the Homecoming Alumni Tailgate! Stop by the tent by the Lancer Stadium at 5:30pm to enjoy some snacks, drinks, and a chance to reconnect with old friends. Want to see what we've been up to on campus? School tours will be available at 6:00pm. Stick around for the varsity football game against Westminster at 7:00pm. This is a free event, but please let us know that you are coming so we have enough drinks and snacks! RSVP at [LSlancers.org/events](https://www.lslancers.org/events)



14TH ANNUAL BREW IN THE LOU

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Join us on Tuesday evenings, beginning September 8, at 6:00pm for pizza and to connect, followed by Vespers at 6:45pm and Small Group Bible Study at 7:30pm.

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