



# THE PEACE LUTHERAN

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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION CLOSING MAY 28

We are looking forward to an exciting week at Peace for our Stellar VBS, June 26-30, from 9:00AM to noon.

As of May 15, we have over 120 children attending. Registration will close on Sunday, May 28. Please visit our church website to register.

**Track 1 is for children ages 3 through going into 3rd grade:** During VBS kids will discover that they are priceless to God. We will sing praise to Jesus, make a daily craft, play games, and eat snacks. (\$10.00 per student)

**Track 2 is for children going into 4th and 5th grade:** Children will have an opportunity to hear Bible stories, sing songs, play handbells, do some cooking, pottery, woodworking, and participate in a sword routine. (\$10.00 per student)

**Lutheran Adventure Week is for children going into 6th grade:** During the week, these children will have an opportunity to take field trips to Lutheran Hour Ministry where they will learn about missionaries, go to Concordia Publishing House and learn about book publishing, go to the LCMS International Center, learn about KFUD Radio, head over to Concordia Seminary and take a trip to Perryville, Missouri and learn how the LCMS grew in the United States. We will take a 15-passenger van, and return each day by noon, except on Friday when we go to Perryville, when we will return by 5:00PM. (\$30.00 per student)



## GYM FLOOR UPDATE



It's been an exciting few weeks as the old gym flooring was removed, the base flooring cleaned, sanded and prepped for replacement. The pouring stages of the new floor are in progress, with a few steps remaining, and we appreciate your patience during the process. Please feel free to view the new flooring through the gym windows. **The gymnasium is CLOSED to ALL foot traffic until further notice. ABSOLUTELY NO gymnasium access through the kitchen, hallways or restrooms until further notice.** A very tentative completion time of mid-June is anticipated and we can't wait to see the finished product!

## JUNE & JULY SCRIPTURE READINGS

June 4: Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Acts 2:14a, 22-36;  
Matthew 28:16-20

June 11: Hosea 5:15-6:6; Romans 4:13-25;  
Matthew 9:9-13

June 18: Exodus 19:2-8; Romans 5:6-15;  
Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-20)

June 25: Jeremiah 20:7-13; Romans 6:12-23;  
Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

July 2: Jeremiah 28:5-9; Romans 7:1-13;  
Matthew 10:34-42

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

July 16: Isaiah 55:10-13; Romans 8:12-17;  
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 23: Isaiah 44:6-8; Romans 8:18-27,  
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 30: Deuteronomy 7:6-9; Romans 8:28-39;  
Matthew 13:44-52

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### ALASKA MISSION UPDATE



Our Alaska Mission Team is finishing up preparations for their mission work in Hooper Bay, Alaska this summer. We depart St. Louis on June 30.

Everything is packed and mailed. Please pray for our eight team members, Art Hoeferlin, Jackie Hoeferlin, Dave Carlson, Louise Mullen, Kelley Powell, Chloe Powell, Holly Powell, and Jenny Wuerffel, as well as the village we will be serving. Our main focus will be sharing the love of Jesus.

Our blessing and send-off from Peace is scheduled for Sunday, June 25, at the 10:30AM service.

We are so very grateful and thank our congregation for their continued support! We can't wait to report back on our trip.

### ADOPT AN ISLAND AT PEACE



Would you like to help keep the grounds of Peace Lutheran Church looking beautiful? Please consider "adopting" one of the islands on our parking lot.

For more information or to reserve your island, please contact Jack Via at 314-651-5777.

### NEW MEMBER CLASSES

A six week new member class begins Sunday, May 21, from noon to 1:30PM in Sanctuary Hall. A light lunch will be provided each week. It's not too late to sign up. If interested, please contact the church office.



### RETIREMENT BLESSINGS FOR ALAN HOPFER

Alan Hopfer is retiring on June 1, after 33+ years as an Information Technology (IT) professional working for Bayer/Monsanto corporation. He spent most of his career working at Monsanto and Bayer's Chesterfield and Creve Coeur locations. Since March of 2020, he has been working primarily from home. Alan started his career in 1985 after earning both a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degree in Atmospheric Science from the University of Missouri-Columbia. He was first employed as a Research Meteorologist at White Sands Missile Range in Las Cruces, New Mexico. He then changed careers to IT by taking a statistical analysis position for the University of Missouri-St. Louis, eventually moving to a systems administration role. Alan then was hired in a systems administration role at Monsanto in July, 1989. Positions he held included a VMS system administrator, Web team lead, UNIX team lead, Storage administrator, Storage team lead, and Hypervisor team lead. He was involved with moving the data center at Monsanto three times in his career. Two of those involved moving to locations at private data centers, one in Dallas, Texas, and one in Ashburn, North Carolina.

Alan has been a member at Peace since 1963. After his job in New Mexico, he moved back to St. Louis and married Sara (Mohme) Hopfer in September, 1989. In 1991, Alan became involved with the Peace KFUO broadcasts, training under long time Peace members, Al Sedovic and Walt Mettler. Along with Dennis Gerfen, Alan took over responsibility for coordinating the announcing and broadcasts after Al and Walt stepped down from the role. Alan has been an Elder for the last seven years and a member of the Chancel Choir for almost 30 years, participating in every Boar's Head Christmas Festival since its inception. He also has served as an usher, served on the IT committee and Worship Committee, and enjoys activities with the Men's Club and Couples' Club.

In retirement, Alan plans to continue enjoying his hobbies of amateur radio, woodworking, home repairs, bicycling, and looks forward to becoming a grandpa in July, 2023, and celebrating the wedding of his son Kyle and future daughter-in-law Meghan Woodruff, in 2024.

We congratulate Alan upon his retirement and wish him God's abundant blessings.

**Happy Retirement!**

## CONGRATULATIONS TO TODD SCHUTTE

Congratulations to Todd Schutte, the newly named Dealer Principle and Owner of Twin City Toyota in Herculaneum, Missouri! Todd has been employed at Twin City for 24 years and has served as the Managing Partner for the last five years. He is the son of Joyce Schutte, proud mom and Peace member for over 51 years. Todd will continue to carry on the same high quality of service to all his customers, and thanks the many Peace members who have let him assist with any of their car needs.

*congratulations*

## INTERGENERATIONAL HANDBELL CAMP



Students in Grade 4 through Great-Grandparents are invited to take part in an Intergenerational Handbell Camp at Peace during the week of June 12-15. The group will rehearse Monday through Thursday from 6:30-7:30PM each evening, and play for the 10:30AM Worship Service on Father's Day, Sunday, June 18. Students, young adults, parents, grandparents and great-grandparent are invited to participate! To register please visit [www.peacestlmusic.org/bells-of-peace/](http://www.peacestlmusic.org/bells-of-peace/). For more information, please contact Burnell Hackman in the church office.



*Memorial day*  
REMEMBER AND HONOR  
★★★★★

## ST. TRINITY CEMETERY HONORING OUR VETERANS

**YOU ARE INVITED** to join us on Thursday, May 25, at 6:00PM for a Memorial Day Ceremony at St. Trinity Cemetery to honor all Veterans.

After the ceremony, Peace Lutheran Boy Scout Troop 584 will place flags on the graves of the our many Veterans buried at St. Trinity Cemetery. Refreshments will be served, and we ask attendees please bring a lawn chair.

*Join us for Fellowship Time*

**Every Sunday  
at 9:00 a.m.**



## FELLOWSHIP TIME - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help with the coffee and donut set-up on Saturday evening and clean-up on Sunday morning. For more information, please contact Heather Carlson at 314-677-7241 or email [carlson.heather2010@yahoo.com](mailto:carlson.heather2010@yahoo.com).

## ALTAR FLOWER ORDERS



Altar Flower orders are received through the Church Office. Arrangements are \$25 each. Please call the church office with your requests at least two weeks in advance. Thank you.

## QUILTERS CORNER



We have quilts waiting to be put into frames and need you to help us. All skill levels are welcome! Join us on Tuesdays from 9:00AM to 2:00PM. If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Turley at 314-223-0744.

### **Quilting is a Sport**

*It involves batting, running stitches, pumping iron and hunting for fabric!*

## **BSA TROOP 584**

### ANNUAL AMERICAN FLAG RETIREMENT



If you have any American flags that are torn, faded or tattered (unserviceable), please bring them to church beginning the weekend of May 20/21, and place in the designated box on the Commons counter. The Flag Retirement Ceremony will be held on Thursday, June 8, at 7:00PM in the parking lot behind the kitchen. Any questions? Please contact Ralph Truemper at 314-609-5829.



## OFFICIAL ACTS



### BAPTISM

April 30, 2023 - Madilyn Abigail Riley

### FUNERALS

April 23, 2023 - Roy P. Baese, 87

May 13, 2023 - Marion C. Sims, 83

## STAMPS FOR MISSIONS



Ladies Guild extends a great big thank you to our church family for saving cancelled stamps. Our Missouri LWML District has earned \$17,600 for Mission Grant Projects. All stamps are welcome except the metered stamps and stamps from advertising bulk mail. Stamps may be placed in the container on the Commons counter.

-Peace Ladies Guild

## 2023 - 2024 MEN'S MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Morning Bible Study meets on Thursday mornings, at 6:00AM in Sanctuary Hall, except for holiday adjustments. A prepared text will be studied, however, other topics will also be presented. The tentative leaders and dates for the sessions are:

### 2023

September 7	Rick Goodman
September 21	Rick Goodman
October 5	Bob Uthoff
October 19	Lew Rosenbaum
November 2	Dave Carlson
November 16	Mark Dowell
November 30	Greg Wirtel
December 14	Dan Dukesherer

### 2024

January 4	Lew Rosenbaum
January 18	Ken Bickel
February 1	Ken Bickel
February 15	John Wiesehan
February 29	Dan Dukesherer
March 14	Bob Uthoff
April 4	Mark Dowell
April 18	John Wiesehan



HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

## CANDIDATES OF THEOLOGY PLACEMENTS

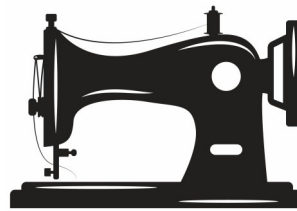
Candidate of Theology Placements were announced in late April at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis and Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne.

**Zachary Kreidler** will be serving his vicarage at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Gresham, Oregon.

**Jonathan Zoch** will be serving his vicarage at St. Mark Lutheran Church, Houston, Texas.

**James Burke** has been called to serve as pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Clifton, Texas.

## THE SEWING MACHINE PROJECT



Wanted! Donated, used sewing machines. Any brand, type, portable, electric, treadle in any condition.

The machines are delivered to the Sewing Machine Project in Columbia, Missouri, a part of Mobility Worldwide, a charity that makes mobility carts for leg or motion impaired people in third world countries. At the Sewing Machine Project, they have a team of experienced volunteers that repair, recondition, clean and oil the donated machines so that they are in excellent working condition. They are then boxed for shipment and packed with fabric, sewing accessories like scissors, extra needles, spools of thread, and other sewing notions. They are shipped to developing countries with instructions so impoverished native women can repair or make clothing for their families or start a small seamstress business to support their family. Many have very little or no other source of income. Most machines go to Africa and South America with some going to schools in Kenya and South Africa to train people to sew professionally. Please call Lorin Dressel at 314-546-3080 for pick-up.

## THANK YOU FROM GREEN PARK



Thank you very much to those who attended our Green Park Lutheran school Cinco De Mayo FUNraiser celebration. On behalf of all the staff, families and students, we are thankful and blessed for our Peace family. Your support and prayers are greatly appreciated, and we pray for all to have a blessed and safe summer.

Ken Werkmeister, Acting Principal

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## MEMORIAL DAY



**ALL ARE INVITED** to join us on Thursday, May 25, at 6:00PM for a Memorial Day Ceremony at St. Trinity Cemetery to honor all Veterans. After the ceremony, Boy Scout Pack and Troop 584 will place flags on the graves of the many Veterans buried in the cemetery. Refreshments will also be served. Attendees please bring a lawn chair.

Did you know?

- The 161 Veteran graves at St. Trinity date back 150 years and include 18 who served in the Civil War.
- A few graves are actually just markers for those missing or killed in action, but unrecovered.
- Of particular note is Louis T. Hunt, Civil War Medal of Honor recipient buried in Old Section 5 (map located on website).
- The first Veteran burial at St. Trinity was Iguatz Matt, a Civil War soldier interred on Christmas Eve in 1873. He was 30 at the time of his death.
- The youngest Veteran at St. Trinity is 20-year-old Roger Wilson Chasteen, PFC CO A1 BN 5 Marine, who was killed in action in Vietnam, and buried on May 22, 1967.
- There are Veterans in St. Trinity from every branch of the service, even dating back to the Army-Air Force, which was the predecessor to the current Air Force.

That's quite a history, and we hope you will join us on May 25, to recognize their service and their sacrifice. We thank the Scouts and ALL veterans for their service!

Follow us on Facebook at St Trinity Cemetery or visit our website at [www.sttrinitycemetery.com](http://www.sttrinitycemetery.com).

## PEACE COUPLES MARRIED OVER 65 YEARS



Did you know that at least eight couples at Peace have been married over 65 years? Among these special couples are: Ben and Audrey Lattina, soon to observe their 70th, Donald and Barbara Miller, to mark their 69th, Carl and Jan Dickey, to mark their 68th, and others not far behind are Gilbert and Nadine Day, Lorin and Carol Dressel, Don and Susan Hastings, and Herman and Doris Thuro. We extend our best wishes and prayers for God's continued blessings to our special couples.

## USHERS NEEDED



We are looking for men who are willing to serve on an usher team. This is one of the easiest ways to serve our congregation. Typical service is only one Saturday/Sunday per month, with the exception of months with special services, (e.g., Lent, Advent, Christmas, etc.) A signup sheet is on the Commons counter with the usher needs by service time. For more information, please contact Barry Hammon at 314-703-9960 or [barry.hammon@wwt.com](mailto:barry.hammon@wwt.com).

## CHILDREN DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS

Parents are the primary faith formators for their children and Peace is excited to partner with them, providing resources to help them raise their children in the faith. Our prayer is that these resources can help parents talk to their child about Jesus and guide them in their faith growth at home. These 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 "Learning With Jesus," and Third through Sixth Grade children receive "My Devotions." A few extra copies will be available on the Commons counter each quarter for others to share Jesus with children they know.





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### **SURVIVING SPOUSES BREAKFAST**

Join us on Thursday, June 8 and Thursday, July 13, at 9:00AM at the Denny's on South Lindbergh. Our group meets on the second Thursday of each month. Watch the bulletin for details.

### **ADULT CO-ED VOLLEYBALL AT PEACE**

Co-Ed volleyball plays on Tuesday evenings from 6:00-8:00PM and is open to anyone 18 years and older. **Play is currently on hold at Peace until further notice.** For more information please contact Cameron Stinnett at 314-413-3412 or camstinn16@gmail.com.

### **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. **Play is currently on hold at Peace until further notice.** For more information please contact Jack Jeffcott at 314-856-5379 or liporccarman@gmail.com.

### **MENS CLUB**

Join us for our upcoming meetings on Tuesday, June 27 and Tuesday, July 25, from 6:00-9:00PM. Our evening begins with a meal and fellowship, followed by our regular meeting. Men's Club is open to all men of Peace, 21 and up!

### **LWML LADIES GUILD**

LWML Ladies Guild will not meet during June, July and August. Watch the bulletins and August newsletter regarding information about our September meeting, Fall LWML Rally, and plans for October LWML Sunday!

### **MARY MARTHA BIBLE CLASS**

Mary Martha Bible Class will continue meeting on Thursday mornings, 9:00-10:30AM, until May 25. We adjourn for the summer months of June, July, August, and will come together again on Thursday, September 7.

### **THE PEACE LUTHERAN NEWSLETTER**

Our newsletter is published monthly, except the month of July, by the church office. It is mailed at no cost to our members, friends and also available on our website.

### **LADIES CLUB**

Ladies Club will gather together on Tuesday, June 20, at 7:00PM. Please watch your email and the bulletin for details. On Tuesday, July 18, at 7:00PM, we will gather for our "Christmas in July." The Ladies Club is a social organization open to female members of Peace 18 and older. You may join the organization at any time.

### **PLASTIC MAT MAKING**

Our mat-making group meets from 9:00AM to noon on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. We crochet plastic grocery bags into sleeping mats for the homeless. We would love to have more helpers! If you don't crochet, you can help fold, cut or loop the plastic bags. Anyone can handle these tasks, men, women, and children. Oh, and we also have a lot of fun while we work. If you're not available on Tuesday's, we can show you how to work from home. Please contact Anita Thomas at 314-200-6753 for questions or more information.

### **MARRIED COUPLES CLUB**

Join us for our June Couples Club event at Grant's Farm, Saturday, June 24, from 5:00-9:00PM. Cost is \$16.00 for parking if purchased online, and \$19.00 if purchased at the gate. The tram is free until 5:00pm, after that, \$12.00 per person. Enjoy a night of fun, fellowship and music. Our July event is a Photo Scavenger Hunt. Watch the bulletin for more detailed information. Any questions, please contact Barb Decker at 314-541-5898.

### **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT**

Calling all handy men and women! Property Management is looking for volunteers to help with landscaping, as well as general maintenance inside the church. For more information, please contact Jack Via at 314-651-5777.

### **PEACE COMMUNICATION SIGN-UP**



If you would like to receive text and/or email notifications when a beloved church member dies, or for emergency situations such as church event cancellations due to inclement weather, please contact the church office to sign up. You may choose email and/or text.



## LIFE MINISTRY - AUTONOMY



Lutherans  
For Life

On July 4, 1776, Americans declared their independence from England and the phrase "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" became America's creed of freedom. They took up arms to make that independence a reality. Thomas Jefferson correctly stated these rights come from our Creator. Our Constitution is designed to work for a society embracing Christian values. But what happens when that society turns its back on God? *Personal autonomy* fills the void.

*Personal autonomy* is a popular term meaning "self-directing freedom and moral independence." It's often used when discussing life issues such as abortion, euthanasia, cohabitation before marriage and the spectrum of LGBTQ concerns. Those opposing Christian values first change the language to make what is sinful appear normal, fulfilling and moral. So *personal autonomy* is their sanitized way of saying "I have the right to do whatever I want." Personal autonomy is self-centered rebellion against God.

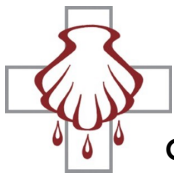
Ironically, those who celebrate personal autonomy are the ones most enslaved to sin. They deceive themselves into thinking that living outside of God's standards is freedom. If they were honest with themselves, they would realize that a self-centered life doesn't fill their spiritual void. Christians enjoy a true freedom from slavery to sin, which is exactly what causes such hostility and animosity from those embracing personal autonomy.

We are in a cultural and spiritual war. We've seen open hostility towards Christianity from government, media and educational institutions. Following the Dobbs decision, dozens of pregnancy help centers were vandalized while the Department of Justice turned a blind eye. Super Bowl half-time entertainment and the Grammy awards celebrated Satanism and lewdness. The contrast between Christian values and a new paganism has never been more obvious.

The early church flourished in such a pagan society. As persecution increased, so did the spread of Christianity. As Christians, we have a declaration of independence from sin, death and the devil that is written in Christ's blood and sealed with a cross and an empty tomb. As Ephesians 6:13 says, "Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day and having done all to stand firm." It's your call to independence.

Peace Life Ministry Team

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



### BAPTISM CLASS

9:15 - 10:15AM

Sunday, July 9

Commons Conference Room

Class will be taught by Pastor Brown and will cover the basic teachings and logistics of baptisms at Peace. To register, please visit our website at [www.peacelutheranstl.org](http://www.peacelutheranstl.org). For more information please call the Church Office at 314-892-5610.

If you cannot attend this class, but desire to have your child baptized prior to May 21, please meet privately with Pastor before the baptism. Future class dates: July 9, September 10, and November 12.

*"Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself." Acts 2:38-39*

### PEACE EARLY CHILDHOOD

#### **Preschool Plus and Half Day Preschool**

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helping God's Children Grow*



The children in Early Childhood are looking forward to the upcoming summer months. The children will enjoy the outdoors and playing on the playground. The classes will continue to hear Bible stories, sing songs and enjoy craft projects. Early Childhood offers opportunities for children beginning at six weeks. To learn more about our programs, or to schedule a tour, please contact Sue Velten at 314-892-8844 or email to [earlychildhood@peacelutheranstl.org](mailto:earlychildhood@peacelutheranstl.org). Visit our webpage at [peacelutheranstl.org](http://peacelutheranstl.org), and follow us on Facebook at Peace Early Childhood.







## LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL SOUTH

It was a momentous day for our Lutheran South community as we officially broke ground on the Jubel Center for the Arts! Congresswoman Ann Wagner joined board members, donors, alumni, families, faculty, and students to mark the beginning of the \$18 million project, which will include a 600+ seat theater, music and art rooms, as well as a new lobby and grand entrance to the school.



"Such a dream and plan can only become a reality through the generosity of people from the community who believe in the mission of Lutheran South," said Board of Trustees President Jonathan Schultz. Thank you to everyone who joined us and to those who have supported this project. In the words of theater student James Davis, "I am confident to say that the future is bright, and the beginning of this next transition will truly be one to remember."



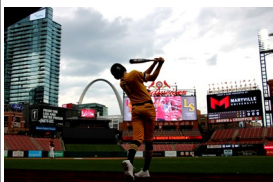
The Class of 2023 earned more than \$3.3 million in scholarships. They were accepted to 297 different universities and are headed to college in 16 states across the country from Florida to Arizona. About 15% of the students intend to study business in college, and another 15% plan to go into the medical field. The remaining interests range from education to English and law to journalism. Fourteen students signed to continue their athletic careers in college. Please keep these students in your prayers as they embark on their next journey in life.

Congratulations to the Green Park graduates who completed their senior year of high school at Lutheran South! **Peace member, Kristin Truemper**, Jack Bussen, and Cole Buckley, all graduated with honors. Evan Weiss won the Louis Armstrong Jazz Award and Elise Paul won the Walt Pankow Award for perseverance.



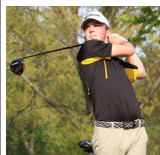
Join Mizzou running back Cody Schrader for football camp on Saturday, June 24 at his alma mater, Lutheran South. Afternoon sessions are available for 5th-6th graders and for 7th-8th graders. Campers will learn football fundamentals, practice drills, and learn new techniques to improve their game. Registration is \$50 per player and includes a Cody Schrader t-shirt just in time for the Tigers football season. Sign up at [LSlancers.org/events](https://LSlancers.org/events)

More than 200 alumni gathered to honor legendary coach Roy Pfund on Sunday, May 7, at Lutheran Day at the Ballpark. Several former players came to support their coach before he threw out the first pitch at Busch Stadium. Through the efforts of generous donors, Lutheran South is establishing a scholarship in Coach Pfund's name. We additionally plan to name the stadium Pfund Field! Stay tuned for details about how to get involved.



Seven pitchers combined for a two-hitter as the Lancers were victorious over the Crusaders in the Battle at Busch! Junior Mac Floyd hit an inside-the-park home run, and he and catcher Carter Arenz each had two hits and three RBI's in the game. It was a clean sweep!

The boys tennis team took first and second in both singles and doubles in the individual District Tournament, and won the team District Championship, as well! Owen Kinder is the Singles District Champion and Andrew Lewis is the runner-up. Aidan Toner and Cole Stellhorn won the Doubles Championship and John Fiene and Logan Perez took second. Both the boys and the girls track teams are Conference Champs! Reese Schelp won three events - the 800, 1600, and 3200. New to the track this year, Grace Prange took first in the 100m

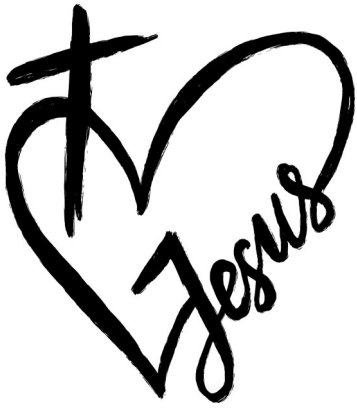


hurdles. Beth Saitz launched her way to first in the long jump and anchored the 4X100 relay to a first-place finish. Katelynn Karsten, Hope Dicken, and Josie Winfrey rounded out that champion relay team. In throws, Jaylee Schulz won the discus and Lindy French won javelin. On the boys' side, Adam Snoko dominated the 1600 and 3200. Joel Hoehner took first in high jump, and Ben Long won the triple jump. James McCoy threw the discus for a championship title. Sophomore Noah Whitaker advanced to State in golf and senior Nwilibabari Deelee signed to continue his football career at Missouri Baptist this fall.

The LuSo Academic Team won the district scholar bowl championship for the second year in a row, and we inducted 50 new members to the National Honor Society. In addition to having a minimum 3.5 GPA, all of these students exhibit good character, a willingness to serve, and the potential to be leaders in the school and the community.

Theater II students presented their Spotlight Showcase featuring performances from some of their favorite musicals. The show was "Popular" as students aimed to "Make 'Em Laugh" and told "Their Story of Tonight."

## YOUTH NEWS



**HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR RECOGNITION** The High School Graduation Reception for our Seniors will be during the 9:15AM Bible Class on Sunday, June 4. We will send more info to each Senior about this special event.

**WELCOMING NEW 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE TO YOUTH GROUP** Beginning in June, we welcome our incoming 6th graders to Youth Group! We hope you will join us for our summer events. Please see the sign up sheet located on the Youth bulletin board in the Commons.

**NEWLY CONFIRMED YOUTH** Newly Confirmed Youth are invited to attend the High School Bible Class and all High School activities. Meet us downstairs in the Youth Room!

**YOUTH EVENTS DURING VBS** During the week of VBS (June 26-30), please join us for an afternoon of fellowship and fun. VBS ends each day at 12:00PM. Youth who have helped in the morning need to bring a sack lunch to eat in the gym. Youth who are not helping at VBS can join us for lunch or arrive by 12:30PM. We will be transporting youth in a 15-passenger van, along with other parent drivers. Please sign up by Sunday, June 18, so that we know how many Parent chaperones/drivers are needed. Please see Kelly Pfund or Sara Hopfer at the Commons Desk on Sunday morning, June 18 or June 25 to submit your payment of cash, check or debit/credit card. Monday, June 26 - Lemay Pavilion Pool - \$10, Swimming from 1:00-4:00PM, and return to church by 4:30PM. Tuesday, June 27 - Top Golf - \$10, Golfing between 1:45-3:45PM, and return to church by 4:30PM. Wednesday, June 28 - Slick City - \$20, Indoor slides between 1:45-3:45PM, and return to church by 4:30PM. Thursday, June 29 - DuBowl Lanes - \$10, Three games of bowling and soda, between 1:00-4:00PM, returning to church by 4:30PM.

**VBS DETAILS** Thank you to all the youth who have signed up to help at this year's Stellar VBS. We are going to have a great crew of volunteers. **All Crew Leaders** need to attend our training meeting on Sunday, June 11, from 11:45AM-1:00PM in the Kitchen Meeting Room. Lunch will be served. Youth who are helping in other VBS areas will meet with their teams throughout June. We also need youth to help with set-up on Sunday, June 25. We will start at 11:30AM in the Kitchen Meeting Room with a pizza lunch. Please plan on staying until 1:30PM. During the week of VBS, please plan on being in the Commons ready for our group huddle at 8:20AM sharp!

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH FLOAT EVENT** Meet at church on Tuesday, June 20, at 7:00AM. We will float the Black River in Lesterville, Missouri. When we return to Twin Rivers Resort, we will change our clothes and head to Farmington for dinner. We will return to church around 8:00PM. The cost is \$35 for tube rental, dinner, and transportation. What to bring: Wear a "suitable" swimsuit (one-piece suit, tankini, or tank top cover-up for girls, please), clothes to wear while rafting, river shoes (no flip-flops), towel, sunscreen, and change of clothes for the car ride home, and your friends. Sign up by June 5. If you have any questions, please talk to Christina.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL SERVICE OPPORTUNITY** Join us for a day of service on Wednesday, July 19. We will meet at church at 9:00AM, and will go to Worth Industries, where we will serve alongside handicapped adults. Lunch will be provided (sandwich, chips, grapes, and drink). In the afternoon, we will go to Baskets of Hope and put together packages to be delivered to children with cancer. We will return to church by 4:30PM. We will need a few parents to join us and help drive. If you are available, please sign up.

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH SERVE IN STL** During the week of July 10-14, we will be serving at Bethlehem Lutheran Church and CCLS Academy. As they expand their school, they need assistance to get ready for the start of a new school year. We will help create a new youth room (painting and setting up new space), plaster and paint throughout the building, update landscaping, install new fixtures and wall outlets, and do some deep cleaning. Meet each morning at 8:00AM at church. We will begin with Bible Study, make sack lunches, and then serve until 3:00PM. Afterward, we will participate in some fun activities and come back to church for dinner and Bible study. We will end by 7:00PM. Can't serve all week? It's OK, come when you can. The cost is \$75. Sign you and your friends up by May 28, on the Youth bulletin board in the Commons.

Any questions? Please contact Christina Stackle at 314-520-0027.

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## 9TH ANNUAL



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ACORN GOLF LINKS





Mark your calendars and join us for our 9th Annual Green Park Golf Scramble. Sunday, September 17, at Acorns Golf Links. Registration opens after July 1, on our school website-[greenparklutheralschool.org](http://greenparklutheralschool.org).

We are looking for company sponsorships to help support this event. If you can help, or need more information, please email Laura Reis at [laura.reis@greenparklutheralschool.org](mailto:laura.reis@greenparklutheralschool.org).

Enrollment for the 23-24 school year is currently open. If you're considering Green Park, we would love to have you in for a private tour. To schedule, please email Katie Gaeta at [katie.gaeta@greenparklutheralschool.org](mailto:katie.gaeta@greenparklutheralschool.org).

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### EVANGELISM MINISTRY



Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) worked with The Barna Group (a research firm) to answer this question: "What are the rituals and relationships that turn a Christian home into a sacred space?" LHM shared those answers in their workshop, **Households of Faith**.

**Households of Faith** examined Christian households including singles, married with kids/no kids, widowed, divorced, and multigenerational. Certain characteristics of a spiritually vibrant household emerged. Those characteristics were centered in developing relationships with non-Christians through Christian hospitality.

They concluded that a spiritually vibrant home is one where Christian households build a sacred space to gather together for regular home devotions, prayer, and Bible study. They attend worship services/Bible class at least two times per month or more as a family. They also get together to eat with family or friends regularly. In other words, Christian households become spiritually vibrant through practicing Christian hospitality. They invite others to their private "space" for movies, game night, meals, or sleepovers. They share the love of God by seeking out people who they can share life with, especially those who are alone, non-Christian, or far from family.

***Are you a spiritually vibrant home? Summer is the perfect time to use your Christian hospitality for outreach. For more information, or ideas on how you can be a more spiritually vibrant home, visit: [LHM.org](http://LHM.org), Households of Faith.***

**CELEBRATE SUMMER - Saturday, May 27.** This continues to be a great outreach gift to our community. Through it we can lay the foundations for building more relationships with our surrounding neighbors. We look forward to the beautiful music from Burnell and our musicians, as well as fellowship and fun with our church family and community.

### COMING SOON

Our next workshop is **Reaching Dechurched/Unchurched Children** by LCMS Every One His Witness. Pastor Brown will teach this workshop beginning September 10, 9:15–10:15AM during Sunday Morning Bible Study hour. Watch for more information in the coming months.

**Memory verse to keep on your heart, mind, and lips - from Joshua 24:15e: "But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua's statement of faith when his people were following idols.)**



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## *Celebrate! Summer*

Join the Instrumental Musicians of  
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Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy an evening of music!

In case of rain the concert will be held indoors.