



# THE PEACE LUTHERAN

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## UPDATES TO OUR GOVERNANCE MODEL

Hello Fellow Parishioners,

It was a joy to see our congregation come together this Easter season as we received God's precious gift of salvation found only in His Son, Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. As Confessional Lutherans we now turn the page of our church calendar and look towards Pentecost and the Season of the Holy Trinity. With this change in season comes an opportunity to share the efforts made by our long-range planning committee and the recommendation to update our current governance model.

Since our founding in 1946, our church has utilized a working board model. This model offers a very simple organizational design and is typical of smaller churches or those in early stages, whereby lay leaders assume the responsibility for doing the work that is necessary for the church's functioning. This model retains its identity in the working board category of church governance models because the members of each board - stewardship, property, finance, social ministry, etc., are expected to do the work within the context of their programmatic areas. The superstructure in this model is the Administrative Council, consisting of elected officers - president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary - as well as board chairs, as chosen by their respective committees. While the business of the church is conducted at the Church Council level, with final approval on matters such as expenditures and business-related topics approved by the Voters' Assembly, Council meetings are typically focused on board reports that outline activities and events that are either being planned or have recently occurred. Given the nature of the working board model, congregation-wide goals, as well as strategic planning for the church as a whole, become less of a focus.

Where do strategic conversations for our congregation take place? That question was one of the principal reasons why the long-range planning committee was formed over a year and a half ago. Questions asked by committee members such as "what areas of ministry would best serve the current state of our congregation and those within our surrounding community?" or "are we being intentional in raising up the next generation as servant leaders and how can we best do so?" were posed. In addition, it was found that our bylaws were no longer an adequate representation of our current ministry efforts and in many cases were not being followed at all. While strategic conversations are certainly possible within our current working board model, we found that a policy-based governance model would be a better fit for the size of our congregation and the future needs of our church, including the strategic elements needed to preserve our church for our children and grandchildren in an ever-changing cultural milieu.

What is a policy-based governance model and what would it mean for our congregation?

We invite you to come on **Monday, April 24, at 7:30PM** when we will be hosting a full presentation on this proposed update.

As a follow up to the presentation hosted on April 24, we will be hosting Q & A sessions on these dates:

- Wednesday, May 3, 7:00PM in Sanctuary Hall (with Bible Class)
- Sunday, May 7, 9:15AM in Sanctuary Hall (with Bible Class)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly, at 314-550-5240.

Blessings to you and your family.

Dan Hummert  
Congregation President

### VOTERS' ASSEMBLY REMINDER



Please join us for our upcoming Voters' Assembly, Monday, May 8, 7:00PM, in **Sanctuary Hall**.



### ASCENSION DAY SERVICE

Join us for our Ascension Day Service, with Holy Communion on Thursday, May 18 at 7:00PM.

### NEW MEMBER CLASSES

A six week new member class begins on Sunday, May 21, from noon to 1:30PM in Sanctuary Hall. A light lunch will be provided each week. Please sign up by May 19, on our website or the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board across from the gym.

W E L C O M E !

### BAPTISM CLASS

9:15 - 10:15AM

Sunday, May 21

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*

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - JUNE 26-30 - REGISTER NOW!

Join us for an exciting week at Stellar VBS, June 26-30, 2023, from 9:00AM to noon.

**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.

(Cost \$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.

(Cost \$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 KFUE 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. (Cost \$30.00 per student)

**To register, please visit our church website.** We are looking forward to seeing your child at VBS as we explore God's word and discover what it means to **Shine Jesus' Light!**



## OFFICIAL ACTS



### BAPTISMS

April 1, 2023 - Vienna Marie Meyers

### FUNERALS

March 21, 2023 - Helen Breitenfeld, 88

March 24, 2023 - Catherine O'Dell, 90

March 31, 2023 - Jackson Sedwick, Jr., 93

April 1, 2023 - Stephen Gearon, 57

April 8, 2023 - Norma Brune, 96

## SIXTH GRADE CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING



As we adjust the scope of our Confirmation program, one change is that all sixth graders, whether at Green Park or another school, are expected to participate in Peace's Confirmation program. This is a theological decision that aligns better with the purpose of partnering with our families to help their youth begin to learn what it means to be a Christian adult.

Please plan on attending this important meeting **Monday, May 15, at 6:30PM, in Sanctuary Hall.** The meeting will be led by both Pastors, and our DCE, Christina Stackle. We will shed further light on the reasons for this change, other changes to the program, and what, God-willing, we will gain from this shift. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.



*Memorial day*  
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### 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.  
in the gym**



## 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



Quilting happens every Tuesday from 9:00AM to 2:00PM, with lunch from 11:30AM to 12:30PM. All are welcome! Experience and equipment are not required. We have everything you need. Pack a lunch and join us for fun and fellowship!

***Blessed are the children of quilters  
for they will inherit the quilts!***

## **BSA TROOP 584**

### ANNUAL AMERICAN FLAG RETIREMENT



If you have any American flags that are torn, faded or tattered (unserviceable), please bring 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, in the parking lot behind the kitchen. Any questions? Please contact Ralph Truemper at 314-609-5829.



## HELPING HANDS MINISTRY



Have you heard of "Helping Hands?" Do you know what we do? Maybe you have been the recipient of our services or maybe you have been called on to donate a dish. As with most other things, our services had to be curtailed these last years due to health concerns, however we are back and ready to serve our Peace family.

"Helping Hands" was created in February 1995 under the guidance of the Board of Social Ministry to serve our members in times of tragedy, such as illness, death, or other serious crises. One of the main services provided is to prepare and serve a luncheon meal following a funeral.

We are volunteers who are willing to help on short notice to provide a hot dish, salad, or dessert. Others organize the food and serve the meal. A sincere thanks to all the men and women who have helped in the past. Through the years we have served lunch to almost 15,000 people; family and friends of 265 of our beloved church members. New volunteers are always needed. If you would like to be a "Helping Hand", fill out the form below and drop it off at the church office. We are blessed to be of service!

### I WOULD LIKE TO BE A "HELPING HAND"

\_\_\_\_\_ I can provide a dish for a funeral luncheon.

\_\_\_\_\_ I can help set up and serve a funeral luncheon.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to the church office and thank you for volunteering!

FOR WE WALK BY  
**FAITH**  
NOT BY SIGHT  
2 CORINTHIANS 5:1

## MAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

May 7: Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60; 1 Peter 2:2-10;  
John 14:1-14

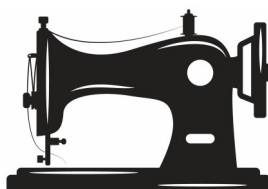
May 14: Acts 17:16-31; 1 Peter 3:13-22;  
John 14:15-21

May 18: Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:15-23;  
Luke 24:44-53

May 21: Acts 1:12-26; 1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11;  
John 17:1-11

May 28: Numbers 11:24-30; Acts 2:1-21;  
John 7:37-39

## 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.

## 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

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## HEARTY VOLUNTEERS & FREE DIRT

On April 1, we held our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Spring Spruce-Up at St. Trinity Cemetery. It was a VERY cold and windy day, but we bundled up and accomplished much (photo below). On April 15, the cemetery was one of the sites for the Shine! Missouri District Servant Event, and was again blessed with yet another group of volunteers to continue the progress. Thank you to all who helped with spring clean-up!



**FREE DIRT!!** Ever wonder where the excess dirt ends up when a grave is dug? In a big pile at the back of the cemetery...that's where! St. Trinity has lots of excess garden-quality dirt for anyone who wants to pick some up for their spring landscaping needs. Please call the cemetery at 314-892-3662 or stop by to make arrangements.

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



## 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.

## VANCO ONLINE GIVING & MOBILE APP



For online giving, go to [peacelutheranstl.org](http://peacelutheranstl.org) and select "Online Giving." You will be directed to the Vanco secure website to make your contribution. To download the app, please search for: Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement, and then search organization "Peace Lutheran Church." Be sure to verify the address location as 737 Barracksview Road. If this is your first time using the mobile app or website, you will need to set up your account information. If you have an existing account, your information will remain the same. If you prefer to give using the online or mobile app, we encourage you to set up an account, as this keeps multiple, one-time-giving accounts from being created for one person. For more information please contact Jacque McElroy at 314-496-7995.

## 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 [barry.hammon@wwt.com](mailto:barry.hammon@wwt.com) or 314-703-9960.

## 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. If interested, and for more information please contact Jack Via at 314-651-5777.



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### **SURVIVING SPOUSES BREAKFAST**

Join us on Thursday, May 11, 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**

Be sure to join us for our upcoming meeting on Tuesday, May 23, 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!

### **LADIES GUILD**

Ladies Guild will have our final meeting for the season on Thursday, May 18, at 10:45AM in Sanctuary Hall. We will have elections of new officers and complete our flannel diaper project for Orphan Grain Train. We have made about 250 flannel diapers! Thank you to all who made donations and helped cut and sew!

After three years, Ladies Guild is bringing back our Rada Cutlery Sale, the weekend of May 6 and 7. We will be set up in the gym before and after each service. Stock up on your favorite knives in time for summer!

### **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**

Join us in Sanctuary Hall on Tuesday, May 16, at 7:00PM for a cards/game night. The Ladies Club is a social organization open to female members of Peace 18 and older.

### **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.

### **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 bags 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. Please contact Anita Thomas at 314-200-6753 for questions or more information. We hope you will join us!

### **MARRIED COUPLES CLUB**

Please consider attending the Cinco de Mayo and Celebrate Summer events during May.

Mark your calendars for our upcoming events!

June - Grants Farm,  
July - Photo Scavenger Hunt  
August - Sock Hop

Watch the bulletin for more detailed information.

### **MARY MARTHA BIBLE CLASS**

Mary Martha Bible Class will continue meeting on Thursday mornings, 9:00 to 10:30AM, until May 25. We adjourn for the summer months of June, July, August, and will come together again on Thursday, September 7, when we will continue our study and discussions on St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians. We hope you will join us!

### **2023 MEN'S MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

The Men's Morning Bible Study meets on Thursday morning, April 20, at 6:00AM in Sanctuary Hall, with John Wiesehan leading our group. This is the last meeting of the year, and we look forward to starting back in the fall. Watch the June/July Newsletter for our fall dates and Bible study leaders.



Lutherans  
For Life

## LIFE MINISTRY - LIFE NEWS

March 29, 2023 – Truth vs Lies

"You will know the truth and the truth will set you free." (John 8:32) Jesus' words offer us hope and a clear alternative in a world saturated with lies. Many of the messages we read, hear or view come from people trying to push an agenda or sell a product that is not authentic. We receive bogus emails, phone calls or letters trying to scam us in one way or another. Many of these scams are very convincing. They use the same logos as well-known companies. They work on emotions to create fear so that their prospective victim is easily manipulated to send money or give personal information to the scammer.

Unfortunately, deception is not limited to con artists stealing money. Life issues such as abortion, euthanasia, transgenderism and changing the traditional view of marriage all incorporate deception to make Satan's lies seem compassionate, easy and normal. "Death with dignity" is used to market euthanasia. "Women's reproductive rights" conceals the reality of taking the life of an unborn child. The fact that many people live together outside of marriage still hasn't changed God's view on the matter.

Our vulnerability is the other key factor in the regrettable decisions that we make. Who hasn't been in a vulnerable position at some point in their life? A woman facing a crisis pregnancy is focused on making ends meet, telling family and friends and coping with a boyfriend who may walk out on her. An abortion may appear to be a quick solution to all these issues. A person faced with a terminal illness may be focused on dealing with pain, being dependent on others or the financial worries of long-term care. Why not choose physician assisted suicide?

Jesus met people where they were, and we need to do the same. We need to listen to the person's story and hear their concerns and worries. We can offer compassion and help in finding resources. We can reassure them that they are precious in God's sight. We can walk alongside them in their journey and share how Jesus can handle any situation they face. Let's pray for an extra measure of discernment and compassion as we navigate a world of hurting, vulnerable people.

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"*



Congratulations to our  
2023 Grade School,  
High School, and College  
Graduates!







## LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL SOUTH

Lutheran South is pleased to announce the groundbreaking for the school's \$18 million Center for the Arts. Please join us on Wednesday, May 3.

The festivities begin with a chapel service at 11:00AM in the gymnasium, followed by the official groundbreaking ceremony outside. The school's Center for the Arts

will include a 600+ seat theater, art studio, and music room. In addition to performances, the new auditorium will be used for school assemblies and chapel. The project, which is expected to take 18 months to complete, will add a new lobby and entrance to the school, located at 9515 Tesson Ferry. Lutheran South's enrollment is expected to reach 540 next year, the highest it has been in over a decade.



German soccer player Eduard Löwen, who plays midfield for St. Louis City SC, dropped by school to talk about faith, football, and frozen custard! Löwen, along with team Chaplain Jim Garvin, a LuSo parent, encouraged our students to be Christian examples on and off the pitch. "Sometimes I find myself so disappointed in not winning a game," Löwen said. "For me it is so important to know my identity is in Jesus. This week I'm playing well and people are going to celebrate you, and next week you can lose. In Germany, people would cuss at me and my family. It is important to know it is

not the most important thing in life." He spoke with students in German class about the Autobahn and his hometown and answered questions from soccer players about making it to the pros. Though he had never heard of St. Louis before moving here, the Olympian said he loves the fans, the atmosphere at the games, and Andy's Pretzel Caramel Crunch. "All of these things, I am just thankful," he said. "Without God, none of this would have been possible. As much as I enjoy soccer and have a good life, I know it belongs to Him. I want to do everything for His glory."



Four Lutheran South seniors committed to continuing their academic and athletic careers in college at our spring signing day! Hope Dicken - Beach Volleyball, University of North Alabama; Jacob Offermann - Soccer, Quincy University; Anay Saxena - Golf, Elmhurst University; and Isabella Vandeloecht - Field Hockey, Concordia University, Wisconsin. A total of 13 student-athletes have signed so far this year.

Attention 5th -10th grade students! We want you to join the Lancer Hockey team! If you plan to attend Lutheran South and want to play hockey, register for our Prospect Camp on May 19, 20, and 21 at the Meramec Shark Tank. The cost is \$80 per player and includes a jersey. Register at [LSlancer.org/events](https://LSlancer.org/events).



Peace member and LuSo Junior Ella Arbeiter was named to the All-Metro girls swimming and diving third team. Ella took third at the State Meet in both the 200 and 500-yard freestyle. She holds six of the 11 swimming records at Lutheran South.

We inducted 35 new members to the Modern Language Honor Society! All of these students have taken at least three semesters of a foreign language, earned a B+ or above, and are committed to continuing the study of these languages.

More than 150 athletes competed in our Special Olympics track and field meet. Over half of our student body volunteered to be buddies, or work in the Olympic Village on their day off from school. Between our bocce ball tournament in the fall and track and field meet each spring, these events have become whole-school service opportunities for the staff and student body alike. It was a great day for the Lancers to serve others and share God's love!

Junior Ellie Buscher and senior Peyton Hunt were named First Team All-Conference and All-District for basketball. Junior Savannah Butterfield was also named to the All-District Team, as well as Second Team All-Conference. Junior Chloe Eggerding, freshman Sydney Pfister, and seniors Mason Arnold and Alex Prange all received All-Conference Honorable Mentions.



Mock Trial advanced to the quarterfinals at State! In preparation for the competition, the nine-member team visited the Affton Fire Department to gain insight into arson, which was the subject of the case they argued. The team was undefeated until their single elimination in the State Championship.



Girls soccer head coach Jeff Robben was inducted into the St. Louis Soccer Hall of Fame! Robben played at the University of Missouri - St. Louis participating in two Final Fours and earning All-American honors his senior year. He was the goalkeeper for the Busch Seniors when they won the 1988 Open Cup Championship and played indoor on the first St Louis Ambush team. Robben is in his third season with the Lancers and led the team to a Final Four appearance in 2021.

Several LuSo musicians participated in the District Solo Festival, receiving honors. Junior Sam Caudell is headed to state after earning an exemplary rating for his clarinet solo! Eliana Jaffe received an outstanding rating on clarinet and for her vocal solo. Other clarinetists including, Nick Broy and Emma Labbe, also received outstanding ratings. Maddie Holland earned outstanding on tenor sax and Kallista Nguyen received a satisfactory rating on alto sax. Drummers Caroline Turner and Cooper DeSchryver also earned satisfactory ratings for their snare drum solos.



STEM 1 students spent several weeks developing video games using Scratch and designing the controller using Makey Makey. They showcased their games to the faculty and students who were invited to play and vote for their favorite video game.

## **PEACE 8:00AM SERVICE LIVE ON KFUO IN FEBRUARY, MARCH, AND APRIL**

Thanks to all those who have sponsored our KFUO radio broadcasts this February, March, and April. Your contributions make our 8:00AM broadcasts possible. The following are the Peace members that sponsored a Sunday this year:



February 5	Gerry and Jackie Schramm
February 12	Linda Baese and Laura Suedkamp
February 19	Carol Kohn
February 26	Chuck and Judy Mitchell
March 5	Dr. Joe and Lisa Santiago
March 12	Leon and Mary Jane Knoernschild
March 19	Merrily Goldsmith
March 26	Nancy Fischer
April 2	Anita Kipp
April 9	Charles and Vicki Rolf
April 16	Wayne and Marilyn Schuessler
April 23	Terry and Debbie Hutton
April 30	The family of Verna Beck

We would like to also thank our broadcasters, audio engineers, and video engineers who make our broadcasts and live-streams possible. Broadcasters: Rick Goodman, Alan Hopfer, Kyle Hopfer, Janice McCreary, Jeanette Mattingly, Bob Mullen, Wayne Schuessler, Dean Seyfert, Christina Stackle, Matt Thiel, and Bob Uthoff. Audio engineers: Bryan Dressel, Dennis Gerfen, Terry Hutton, Alan Hopfer, Wayne Schuessler, Jeanette Mattingly, and Rick Goodman. Video engineers: Mark Flosi, Bill Hentchel, Luis Palma, Wayne Schuessler, and Bob Uthoff.

Just a reminder that Peace's Sunday service is rebroadcast on KFUO AM 850 every Saturday, from 4:00-5:00PM. Please share this information with your neighbors, friends, family, and especially our homebound members.





## PEACE EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

### Preschool Plus and Half Day Preschool

*Helping the Church Grow by helping God's Children Grow*

**May 2023 ~ I trust in you, O Lord. Psalm 31:14**

Our preschoolers have made so much wonderful progress during our school year together! It has been a joy to build relationships with each child, and watch their skills develop! The children are filled with pride in their accomplishments, and it's a blessing to see their confidence.

Our Jesus Time focus during the month of May will be God's people share His word (Philip and the Ethiopian); the Holy Spirit makes your life new (Paul is changed); God's people share hope (Tabitha and Lydia), and the Holy Spirit keeps us faithful (Paul and Silas). Our academic themes will include a study of hiking and camping, ocean, bubbles, and summer fun. We will use our knowledge of letter sounds to begin reading three-letter words, and continue to build a base of sight words. We will review number sense, and begin learning how to tell time to the hour. Our next chapel will be May 18, led by Pastor Brown. Our offering of blankets, towels, and pet toys will benefit the Humane Society.

Our closing preschool programs will be Monday, May 23, for Miss Kelley's class, and Tuesday, May 24, for Mrs. Kaiser's class. Both programs will begin at 6:30PM. (Children should arrive in the classrooms by 6:00PM.) We are looking forward to our annual picnic on Friday, May 26. (Rain date is May 27).

To learn more about our Early Childhood programs, 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**

The Lutheran South Music Department is proud to present its spring concert series. On Friday, April 28, at 7:00PM, the Jazz Band and Concert Choir will present their spring pops concert in the Kuhlmann Center. Guests will be seated around tables and snacks are encouraged. The Jazz Band will present two sets of big band music and the Concert Choir will sing several light-hearted selections.

On Sunday, April 30, at 4:00PM, the Wind Symphony, Concert Band, and Junior Winds will present their spring programs at Concordia Lutheran in Kirkwood. Selections include *Pixar Movie Magic* arranged by Michael Brown, *Invocation and Jubilo* by Claude Smith, *Ruckus* by Randall Standridge, and *Pastime* by Jack Stamp.



### 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.





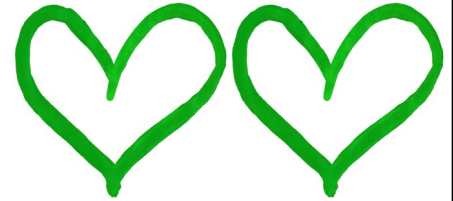
Green Park is seeking candidates for teaching positions for the 2023-2024 school year in elementary and a part-time aide in Junior Kindergarten. Individuals possessing a love for children and Lutheran Education, strong decision-making and leadership skills, and team building experience will be considered. To submit names, contact Ken Werkmeister at [ken.werkmeister@greenparklutheralschool.org](mailto:ken.werkmeister@greenparklutheralschool.org), or call the school at 314-544-4248. Cinco de Mayo Celebration at the Behnke Biergarten, Friday, May 5, 7:00PM to midnight. Reservations are open now! Please visit our website below. Our final Eat & Earn will be May 8, at Qdoba in Gravois Bluffs from 4:00-8:00PM. Please join us for an Open House Retirement Party honoring Ruthann Gieseke and Sandi Loduca, Sunday, May 7, from 3:30-7:30PM, at Christ Memorial, with a brief presentation at 5:00PM. Please RSVP on the Green Park website.

The end of May brings our closing programs for our Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten classes. Graduation for the 8th grade class is scheduled for Thursday, May 25, and includes Peace members, Samuel Gersman, Marlee Michelsen, Addison McCarty, Ava Reim, Matthew Reim, Jr., William Sanders, Grace Wagner, and Marjorie Wolff. Congratulations to the Green Park Class of 2023! God's richest blessings to all students as they enjoy their summer break.

OUR SCHOOL  
is full of  
SWEET  
hearts

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



This is a comment from someone who attended several Peace evangelism workshops.

***"When I talk about Jesus with non-Christians, we don't even have a shared vocabulary. They don't know basic history about Christianity's impact on the world. Talking about faith is discouraged, minimized, or erased in business, media, entertainment, schools, and polite conversation. We are losing a generation."***

In today's culture, how would you tell a non-Christian why Jesus came to earth? **Here is one way to answer. "Jesus came to earth to die for our sins so we could be forgiven by God and live in heaven forever."** This is a factual statement, but would someone with no Biblical knowledge understand the meaning of words like "sin," "forgiveness," and "heaven"? Maybe, maybe not. Pastor Jurchen said it this way during his March 26, Lazarus sermon: **"Jesus came to conquer death for you."** Every word in this sentence is easy to understand and does not depend on prior Bible knowledge.

**AS CHRISTIANS, WE ARE BOTH STUDENTS AND TEACHERS.** You are the Bible student when you attend Peace's worship services, Bible classes or even do devotions at home. You are the Bible teacher for your non-Christian friends, family, and acquaintances. In addition to increasing our Biblical knowledge, our pastors also teach us simpler ways to teach Biblical truths to non-Christians.

**TIP:** During the sermons and at Bible class, start jotting down any simple statements you hear that convey a Biblical truth.

**THANK YOU** to all who participated in the Missouri District SHINE community service event on Saturday, April 15! Much needed work was done at Green Park Lutheran School, Trinity Cemetery and Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. We are also grateful to those who helped feed our volunteers!

**OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY:** May 27: **Celebrate Summer neighborhood concert.** Invite your neighbors, friends and family to an afternoon of music, food, and fun! Please bring your lawn chairs.

*"Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person." Colossians 4:5-6*



INTERGENERATIONAL HANDBELL CAMP  
JUNE 12-15  
6:30 – 7:30 PM  
PLAY IN CHURCH:  
FATHER'S DAY – JUNE 18 AT 10:30 AM

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 Sunday, June 18.

Students, young adults, parents, grandparents and great-grandparent are invited to participate!!



# Musical VESPERS

## A Service of Evening Prayer

*Featuring the*  
Chancel Choir  
Orchestra of Peace  
Bells of Peace

Sunday, May 21, 2023  
5:00 pm

An extended prelude  
will begin at 4:30 pm  
Reception to Follow

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# I am the resurrection and the life;

everyone who lives and  
believes in Me will never die.

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## *Celebrate! Summer*

Join the Instrumental Musicians of  
Peace Lutheran Church in Concert

**Saturday, May 27 ~ 6:30PM ~ West Parking Lot**

Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy an evening of music!

In case of rain the concert will be held indoors.