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SUPPORTING THE GOSPEL (AND KEEPING THE LIGHTS ON)

As Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas approach, we give thanks to God for Peace congregation! This upcoming New Year's Eve marks the 78th year since the founding of the congregation (31 Dec 1945). In August 2024, we will observe the 10th anniversary of our current sanctuary! At this time, we ask you to prayerfully consider your gifts to our congregation.

Right now every dollar you give supports wonderful Gospel work such as:

- Two missionaries at large, son of our congregation Pastor Nathaniel Jensen in Kaiserslauten, Germany, and former seminary fieldworker at Peace Pastor Quentin Cundiff in Riga, Latvia
- Four African pastors as graduate students at the Seminary preparing to become professors for their confessional Lutheran churches back in Ghana, Kenya, South Sudan, and Uganda
- Our Alaska mission team to Hooper Bay
- Two sons of our congregation, Nathan Nelson and Zak Kreidler, during their Seminary training to be pastors
- Feed My People and other community and congregational social ministries
- Peace Early Childhood & Preschool, Green Park Lutheran School, and Lutheran South High School
- The many programs at Peace for all ages
- 10% of every dollar donated in offering goes to the greater work of our Missouri District and our Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

Your money also goes to less interesting, but essential, expenses such as:

- Maintenance and utilities for a large campus
- Materials goods for service (paper, bathroom products, etc.)
- Salaries for our employees
- Insurance

As you look to the year ahead, we ask you to consider Peace as an integral part of your financial planning. Toward that end, as we plan ourselves, we ask you to fill out a pledge card so we can anticipate giving for the year and plan our mission work and programs accordingly.

May God bless you and the congregation in the year ahead!

Rev. Dr. Jon Furgeson

(Clip and place in offering box or mail to church)

MY COMMITMENT TO CHRIST - 2024 PLEDGE CARD

In recognition that all that I possess comes from God, and in loving response to what God has done for me in Christ, and with a deep desire to help my congregation carry out its ministry of love and service, I make the following pledge:

- To bring a weekly offering of \$ _____
- To bring a monthly offering of \$ _____
- I will set aside _____% of my income as God's Portion.

Name: _____

2024 Envelope #: _____

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In this space, we often highlight and thank the people who support St. Trinity Cemetery, both monetarily and with donations of their time. But what about the businesses and people who are, at least in-part, supported by St. Trinity Cemetery?

While the cemetery operates as a non-profit, it still has the typical business needs for utilities, insurance, banking and investment management. St. Trinity cemetery uses burial vault, monument, and engraving companies, works with many area funeral homes, and requires specialty columbaria services. The equipment used to maintain the grounds and dig the graves requires parts, regular maintenance, and fuel. Grass seed, fertilizer, and occasional landscaping services keep the cemetery looking its best. It would likely amaze us all to know how many miles of weed trimmer line are used over the course of a year!

St. Trinity Cemetery is very much a part of the South County and greater St. Louis metropolitan business community, and plays its part in the economic well-being of the area. If you have supported us in the past, or plan to at some point in the future, know that your patronage reaches past the boundaries of the cemetery's acreage to benefit others in the community where we live.

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

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

Services of Holy Communion
Wednesday, November 22, 7:00PM
Thursday, November 23, 9:30AM



YOU ARE INVITED TO SING IN THE BOAR'S HEAD FESTIVAL CHOIR!

- ◆ No Long-term commitment.
- ◆ Just four rehearsals and one dress rehearsal.
- ◆ You'll have a great seat to every performance!
- ◆ A body of research shows that choir singing promotes wellness.
- ◆ Choir singers report better relationships, a higher quality of life, and greater wellness than non-singers.
- ◆ A study found choir singing reduced anxiety and boosted the immune system.
- ◆ Help spread the Christmas story to members of the community.
- ◆ High School Students and Adults are welcome!!
- ◆ Get to spend time with fellow Christians!

Festival Choir Rehearsal Schedule

Thursday, November 2 - 7:15PM
Thursday, November 9 - 7:15PM
Thursday, November 16 - 7:30PM
Tuesday, November 21 - 7:00PM

Dress Rehearsal

Sunday, November 26 - 5:00PM

Performance Schedule

Thursday, November 30 - 7:30PM
Friday, December 1 - 7:30PM
Saturday, December 2 - 7:30PM
Sunday, December 3 - 2:30PM & 6:00PM

If interested, have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Director of Music Ministry, Burnell Hackman at 314-892-5610 or burnellhackman@gmail.com. He will have a folder ready for you! Try it – You'll like it!



MEN'S CLUB CHRISTMAS TREE LOT



The tree lot will open on Thanksgiving weekend, Friday, November 24. Watch for volunteer opportunities to help with set-up and working the tree lot sales.



HOLY COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Holy Communion is offered on the first, third and fifth Sundays of each month.

NOVEMBER SCRIPTURE READINGS

November 1: Revelation 7:2-17; 1 John 3:1-3;
Matthew 5:1-12

November 5: Micah 3:5-12; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12;
Matthew 23:1-12

November 12: Amos 5:18-24;
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

November 19: Zephaniah 1:7-16;
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

November 23: Deuteronomy 8:1-10;
Philippians 4:6-20; Luke 17:11-19

November 26: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24;
1 Corinthians 15:20-28; Matthew 25:31-46

BOY SCOUT TROOP 584 PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, November 12
7:30-10:30AM • Peace Gymnasium



Donations help support St. Trinity Cemetery and Scout Recharter fees and camping.

As a thank you from our Scout organization, all Veterans enjoy breakfast on us!

Thank you for your continued support!  **THRIVENT FINANCIAL**

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.

ALL SAINTS' DAY WORSHIP



Wednesday
November 1, 7:00PM

Service of Holy Communion

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY REMINDER

Don't Forget Join us on Monday, November 13, at 7:00PM in Sanctuary Hall, for our quarterly Voters' Assembly meeting. All communicant members are welcome to attend and speak at a Voters' meeting. By attending two meetings and signing our Constitution allows a communicant member to become a Voting member.



DON'T FORGET TO TURN BACK YOUR CLOCK



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Daylight savings times ends Saturday, November 4. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



Poinsettias will decorate the Chancel December 9 - January 5, for the Christmas season. When you submit your poinsettia order form, we kindly request

that the order be for only **one** poinsettia per family. This will help with the weekly maintenance of the poinsettias during the four weeks they are displayed on the Chancel. Your name, along with your remembrance or honorarium will be listed in the Christmas Day bulletin and on a display on the Commons counter.

Please complete the order form, include your payment of check or cash, and return to the church office or place in the offering by Saturday, November 11. Checks should be made payable to Peace and earmarked "Poinsettia".

For more information or questions, please contact Marilyn Rosenbaum at 314-846-4271.

----- Clip and place in offering -----

I/We: _____

would like one (1) Poinsettia:

To the Glory of God _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

PLEASE ATTACH \$9.00 FOR ONE POINSETTIA PER FAMILY

SOCIAL MINISTRY REQUEST



As everyone is aware, the rapid rise in inflation has affected the wallets of all of us, but none more than the poor.

The Peace Social Ministry Team has had more requests for financial help this year than we received in the previous three years combined. We have watched rents climb as much as \$150 per month more than last year, utilities are higher and grocery prices have gotten crazy. These basic needs are hammering the poor among us, and with your help, Social Ministry has been able to keep many people from financial ruin, eviction or hunger. This need shows no sign of ending, and we need your help more than ever. If you would consider Social Ministry when making donations to various charities, it would be appreciated. One hundred percent of your donation goes towards helping others, a statement few charities can make. For more information please contact Greg Wirtel at 314-550-9502.

STAMPS FOR MISSIONS



LWML 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.

LWML Ladies Guild

OFFICIAL ACTS



BAPTISMS

October 7, 2023 - Mufaro Rejoice Mubonani
October 8, 2023 - Amber Lee Stokes
October 15, 2023 - Crew Michael Wild

FUNERALS

September 21, 2023 - Mark Anthony Flosi, 68
September 29, 2023 - Mildred Marie Simmons, 97
October 10, 2023 - Robert Louis Dehn, Sr., 100
October 12, 2023 - Norma Jean Ryan, 88

WEDDING

September 23, 2023 - Samantha Marie Todd and Christopher Ryan Sturges

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



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. If you would like to help, please contact Ralph or Grace Truemper at 314-544-0233 or gtruemper@hotmail.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 your help. All skill levels are welcome! Join us each Tuesday from 9:00AM to 2:00PM. Questions? Please call Cheryl at 314-223-0744.

A GOOD DAY, IS A DAY SPENT QUILTING!

KFUO SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

Live KFUE broadcasts of the 8:00AM service will air in February, March, and April, 2023. The following dates are still available for sponsorship: 3/3, 4/7, 4/21, and 4/28. For more information, please contact Alan Hopper at 314-846-4433.

---(Place in offering, return to church office or mail)---

I (we) _____

Phone # _____

Would like to sponsor the service on (choose date from list above) _____

in honor of / in memory of / to the glory of God (circle one) _____.

• Please attach payment of \$150, payable to Peace •



PEACE EARLY CHILDHOOD

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NOVEMBER - WITH GOD, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE. MATTHEW 19:26



In November, our preschoolers will learn about Moses, crossing the Red Sea, and the Ten Commandments. The focus of these lessons is that God has a plan for His people, God helps us in times of trouble, and God provides all that we need. God also knows what's best for us! We'll continue learning about the alphabet with letter identification and letter sounds for H, I, and J. We are learning to categorize the books that we read each day as fiction or non-fiction, and classify them. We will also read alphabet books, counting books, and rhyming books! As we celebrate fall and the season for Thanksgiving, we'll focus on counting and reading numbers 4, 5, and 6; identifying circles, triangles, and ovals. We will continue learning through watercolor painting, and playing with playdough, which helps us build our fine motor strength. The



children are learning to cut curves with scissors, too! We will have science experiments throughout the month to learn about things that sink and float, how water moves, and our fingerprints. We look forward to our Chapel with Pastor Brown on November 17. It's a wonderful time of year for gratitude and thankfulness. We are thankful to God for the blessing of working with these wonderful children! To learn more about our programs, or to schedule a tour, please contact Sue Velten, 314-892-8844 or email to earlychildhood@peacelutheranstl.org. Visit our webpage at peacelutheranstl.org, and follow us on Facebook at Peace Early Childhood.

CHILDREN DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS



Parents are the primary faith formators for their children and Peace is excited to partner with them, providing resources to help them raise their children in the faith. Our prayer is that these resources can help parents talk to their child about Jesus and guide them in their faith growth at home. These quarterly devotional magazines will be placed in families' mailboxes throughout the year. Preschool and Kindergarten children receive a copy of "Happy Times," First and Second grade children receive "Living with Jesus," and Third through Sixth Grade children receive "My Devotions." A few extra copies will be available on the Commons counter each quarter for others to share Jesus with children they know.

ALASKA MISSION QUARTER AUCTION

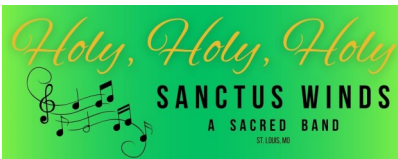


Join us on Friday, November 3, in the gymnasium at Peace. Doors open at 6:00PM, auction starts at 7:00PM. Soda and desserts will be served. Feel free to bring snacks for your table. Tickets are available between services at the Commons counter for \$10 per person.

Stonie's Sausage Sales are back! Stop by the Commons counter now through January 1, between services, for delicious, individually wrapped Stonie's Sausages!

All proceeds will benefit our Alaska mission work. For more information, please contact Jackie Hoeferlin at 314-440-1693.

SANCTUS WINDS CONCERT



Join conductor Matthew Janssen and members of the newly formed Sanctus Winds as they present their inaugural concert at Peace on Sunday, November 5, at 4:00PM in the Sanctuary. Sanctus, which means Holy, is a community band which performs sacred band music. Come and hear this group of around 50 members Praising the Lord through Music!

SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SERVICE



Saturday, December 16
9:00-11:00AM

PK - 6th Grade Rehearsal

Wednesday, December 20
6:30PM

PK - 6th Grade
Christmas Service

THE 27TH ANNUAL BOAR'S HEAD CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL



2023 Festival service dates and times:

Thursday, November 30, 7:30PM Saturday, December 2, 7:30PM
Friday, December 1, 7:30PM Sunday, December 3, 2:30 and 6:00PM

FIRST-TIME VOLUNTEERS: Join with many of the veterans to use your God-given time, talents, and creativity! Volunteer forms were distributed in the mail slots in the Commons. Filled-out forms should be placed in the Boar's Head box located on the Welcome Center or the Boar's Head mail slot in the office. Remember, no task is too small—all are important in this great ministry! We are especially in need of Hostesses to serve wassail and cookies at the receptions after the services.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT: Door contributions cover about half of the Festival costs. The rest of the Festival expenses are covered by the generous donations of our members. Please consider becoming a financial supporter by filling out the contribution form in this newsletter. Again, we are deeply grateful to the many Peace members who make the Boar's Head Christmas Festival part of their giving each year.

SIX FREE TICKETS PER FAMILY will be available to Peace members after church services on the weekends of October 21/22 and October 28/29. Tickets will be offered to the general public Wednesday, November 1. Invite your family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors, as we share the good news of Jesus' birth!

NEW THIS YEAR! Tickets can be reserved ONLINE. Scan the QR Code or visit the Peace Boar's Head website to reserve your tickets!



2023 · Boar's Head Christmas Festival · Contribution Form

I/we are pleased to make the following contribution: Name: _____

Benefactor \$_____ \$25 Patron \$_____ \$100

Ambassador \$_____ \$50 Special Gifts \$_____ \$250

Name(s) as you would like it/them to appear in the program booklet: _____

(Please print)

If you **DO NOT** wish your name(s) to appear in the program booklet, please check this box. ☐

To assure that you receive proper credit for your contribution, please enter your Member Envelope Number (optional) _____

Make checks payable to Peace Lutheran Church with "Boar's Head Christmas Festival" in the comment line. You may attach your check to this form and place it in the collection basket.

For more information, please contact Ralph & Grace Truemper @ 314-544-0233.

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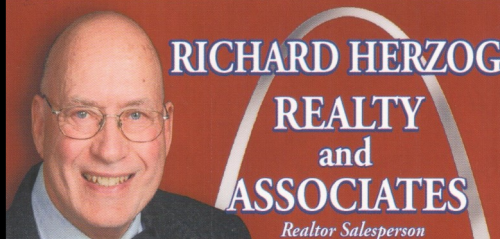
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ADULT CO-ED VOLLEYBALL AT PEACE



Co-Ed volleyball plays on Tuesday evenings from 6:00-8:00PM in the gymnasium. 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 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. For more information please contact Jack Jeffcott at liporccarman@gmail.com, or 314-856-5379.

MENS CLUB

Join us for our upcoming meeting on Tuesday, November 28, 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!

MARY MARTHA BIBLE CLASS

Have you ever asked yourself, "Why am I here and what is God's plan for me?" Join us as we study God's word together and find answers to your questions! God has a plan for each one of us and we welcome you to join our weekly Bible study, held each Thursday morning, beginning at 9:00AM in Sanctuary Hall. Bible study begins at 9:30AM. We hope to see you there!

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.

THE PEACE LUTHERAN NEWSLETTER



Our newsletter is published eleven times per year, with a June/July combined issue. It is mailed at no cost to our members, friends, and is also available on our website.

LADIES CLUB

Please join us Tuesday, November 14, 7:00PM in Sanctuary Hall for our last gathering of the year, for "Mat Making & Fellowship". Come learn about the wonderful ministry our Ladies Guild has supplied to our community over the years by learning how to crochet plastic mats for those in need. Bring to the November meeting: plastic grocery bags (approx. 50), a pair of scissors or rotary cutter with a cutting mat. Watch your email for additional information for November donation items needed. Ladies Club is a social organization and open to female members of Peace, ages 18-up. You may join the organization at any time. Dues are \$12 per year.

PLASTIC MAT MAKING

Our mat-making group meets on the first and third Tuesdays each month, from 9:00AM to noon. 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 Tuesdays, we can show you how to work from home. Please contact Anita Thomas at 314-200-6753 for questions or more information.

LWML-LADIES GUILD

LWML Ladies Guild would like to thank you for the Mite collection on LWML Sunday last month. We will continue our collection of "Mite" money the second Sunday of each month at the Welcome Center. Ask to see which Mission Grants your donations go toward in order to proclaim the Gospel.

MARRIED COUPLES CLUB

Couples Club is encouraging members to support the Alaska Missions Quarter Auction, on Friday, November 3, and/or Green Park Trivia Night on Friday, November 17. Tickets for the Quarter Auction are available between services at the Commons counter. To register for Trivia Night, please visit the Green Park website.

SURVIVING SPOUSES BREAKFAST

Join us on Thursday, November 9, at 9:00AM at the Denny's on South Lindbergh. Our group meets on the second Thursday of each month.

faith ♥ family ♥ friends

LIFE MINISTRY- CLOUDY LENSES AND DIRTY WATER



Ever had cataract surgery? If so, you know that the cataract clouded the lens of your eye and colors became rather dingy, and shapes became blurry. Your new lens transformed your world into crisp, clear images. In a similar way, our post-Christian culture has developed spiritual cataracts. It has clouded our ability to discern right from wrong. Everything has become shades of gray with no distinct boundaries. As a greater percentage of our population falls away from Christianity, it has embraced a clouded lens through which the world is viewed.

Our most divisive issues are moral ones regarding life, marriage, death, and gender. It has become increasingly difficult for the opposing sides to communicate because they see the world through very different lenses. In fact, those who oppose God's truth embrace their clouded lenses because they don't have to confront their own lack of moral integrity and they deceive themselves into thinking that integrity is not important anyway.

Proverbs 25:26 says: "Like a muddied spring or a polluted fountain is a righteous man who gives way before the wicked." This verse summarizes much of what has happened in our culture over the past sixty years. Christians failed to stand up for what was right, and they gave way before evil. Cataracts develop so gradually that one doesn't notice the change. In the same way, our moral culture declined slowly, but as Christianity diminished, the decline greatly accelerated. Prayer was banned in public schools. Over time, abortion, gay marriage, euthanasia, and recreational drugs were legalized. Now children are being taught that they can change to the opposite sex. Our culture has degraded from a polluted fountain to an open sewer. Our spiritual cataracts are definitely clouding our discernment.

In 2024, Missouri voters will decide if their state constitution should be changed to include abortion as a right. What lens will voters use in making their decisions? Will it be the clouded lens of "a woman's right to choose"? Will it be God's lens that sees all human life as precious from conception to natural death? Again, we are being called to make a stand against evil. Ultimately, we will make a choice between integrity or further polluting our culture. What lens will you choose?

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"

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

November 2	Dave Carlson
November 16	Mark Dowell
November 30	Greg Wirtel
December 14	Dan Dukesherer

SAVE THE DATE - IMPACTLIFE BLOOD DRIVE



Saturday, February 24, 2024 • Peace Gymnasium
9:00AM - 2:00PM



Scan the code to register early. Watch the bulletin and newsletter for more information.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA



WREATHS
— across —
AMERICA

Boy Scout Troop 584 is fundraising for Wreaths Across America. Scouts will be laying wreaths at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery on Saturday, December 16.

What does it mean to sponsor a wreath? It means you are supporting a yearlong mission to Remember the fallen, Honor those that serve and Teach the next generation the value of freedom.



Your sponsorship will support the new and existing programs developed to share the mission. So, what does it mean to sponsor a wreath? It means you have the opportunity to join a grateful nation in saying "thank you" to those who stepped up to serve.

If you would like to purchase a wreath, please scan the QR Code above or visit their website at www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/MO0241P.

2023 ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

W - 12/6	5:00PM Advent Dinner 6:30PM Advent Service
SU - 12/10	2:30PM German Christmas Service
W - 12/13	5:00PM Advent Dinner 6:30PM Advent Service
W - 12/20	5:00PM Advent Dinner 6:30PM Children's Christmas Service
SU - 12/24	*3:00PM - Christmas Eve *5:00PM - Christmas Eve *11:15PM - Christmas Eve
M - 12/25	*9:30AM - Christmas Day
SA - 1/6	*5:00PM - Epiphany



*Denotes Holy Communion
Advent Dinners hosted by Middle and High School Youth.

WREATH DECORATING



Join us Saturday, November 18, at 10:00AM, in the unfinished church basement to decorate wreaths for the Christmas tree lot. A light lunch will be served at noon. Questions? Please call Nancy Holdenried at 314-756-7330.

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES



Offering envelopes for 2024 will be available for pickup in the Commons, the weekend of December 9/10. After Christmas, envelopes will be moved to mail slots.

Envelope numbers will be reassigned for 2024, please discard all previous envelopes and begin using new envelopes after January 1, 2024.

If you don't receive your envelopes, or if you have any questions regarding your contribution records, please contact Jacque McElroy, Financial Secretary, at 314-496-7995.

NEWSLETTER ASSEMBLY - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Volunteers are needed to help with the Newsletter on the third Wednesday of each month, from 9:00-11:00AM, to help fold, label, and place in mailboxes. If you have some free time and would like to help, please contact the church office.

ANGEL GIVING TREE



Beginning **Sunday, November 26**, two Christmas trees will adorn the front and back entrances at Peace. If you would like to participate in the Angel Giving Tree project, please take an ornament from one of the trees. Purchase the gift designated on the ornament, and return the **unwrapped** gift and tag to the Christmas tree nearest to the Church Office by **Sunday, December 10**. The gifts will be distributed by Feed My People to families in need during the Christmas season. Thank you in advance for your support.
-Peace Social Ministry

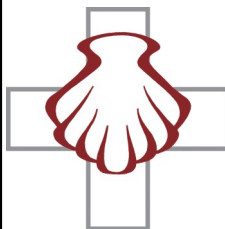
GERMAN CHRISTMAS SERVICE



The Rev. Dr. Robert Kolb of Concordia Seminary will preach at Peace's annual German Christmas service, **Sunday, December 10, at 2:30PM**. The festive setting, including congregational singing, will be in German; with English helps provided. A cookie reception will follow the service. The service will rebroadcast over KFUO, 850 AM Radio, Sunday, December 17.

BAPTISM CLASS

Sunday, November 12, 9:15 - 10:15AM
Commons Conference Room



Pastor Brown and/or Christina Stackle will lead the class and will cover the basic teachings and logistics of baptisms at Peace.

To register, please visit our website at 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 November 12, please contact the church office. Future class date: January 14.

"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

EVANGELISM MINISTRY

"This holiday season, I will see many relatives who have left the church or are indifferent about Jesus. Where can I get some ideas and help on how to talk to them about Jesus?"



Pastor Todd Wilken at www.issuesetc.org interviewed Dr. Ken Schurb of the LCMS Central Illinois District on evangelism. Dr. Schurb provides tools for doable and realistic ways to talk to others about Jesus. **Dr. Schurb emphasizes that evangelism is not a canned, practiced, or step by step program like past years. He says today's LCMS evangelism training is not the "bad experience" you may remember in times past.**

You can listen to the five-part series at Issues, Etc., www.issuesetc.org, by searching "Schurb". The interviews can also be found by numbers in the TALK-on-Demand Archives tabs. The first interview is #2471, dated 9.4.23. The other interviews are 2542, 2582, 2651, and 2711.

THANK YOU BY THE BUSHEL TO: Peace Men's Club, LWML Ladies Guild members, and the many volunteers to helped at Peace's 2023 Sausage Supper. Informational tours on Bible truths represented in our stained glass windows were offered by the Evangelism Ministry. Our Trunk or Treat participants who hosted trunks, ran games, made info brochures, provided prizes, made food and helped in any way. Did you know we sent postcard invitations to households with children in a two-mile radius around our church? We want them to meet you, their neighborhood church family. Informational brochures about Peace and upcoming worship opportunities were also handed out during this event.

NEIGHBORHOOD CHRISTMAS CAROLING. Saturday, December 9, 10:00AM to noon. Alternate date is Saturday, December 16, 11:00AM-12:30PM. Song sheets will be provided. Wear good walking shoes and dress in festive, holiday attire. Food is provided for carolers. Check the bulletin for sign-up information.

Sin is eternal death. Jesus is eternal Life. Be a bringer of His light to your holiday gatherings.

"In Him is life, and the life was the light of men." 1 John 1:4

HONORING OUR VETERANS



Join us for worship services the weekend of November 11 and 12, as we honor our Veterans. To our men and women in uniform, past, present and future, God Bless You and Thank You for Your Service!

2024 LUTHERAN WITNESS

If you would like to **renew** or **subscribe** to The Lutheran Witness for the 2024 calendar year (Subscription begins in April 2024), please complete the slip and return to the church office with your payment of \$20.00, or **use the special envelope included in your 2024 offering envelopes.** Checks payable to Peace.

Name: _____

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FEED MY PEOPLE - ADOPT A FAMILY 2023



Thank you for all the years of faithfully adopting families! We will once again be participating in the Feed My People Adopt-A-Family program. Your support of this program makes the holiday season bright by giving many a chance to acquire needed items and gifts for Christmas.

This year, they are again asking for Gift Cards only. If you would like to participate, please contact Joyce Sorth at 314-894-3773, by November 1, and let her know what size family you would like to sponsor. The family size you adopt can be from one to seven plus.

You will receive your family information during the first two weeks of November. This will allow Feed My People the time to interview clients and make sure they have enough participants. Gift card drop off dates to Feed My People are November 30-December 2. Thank you for supporting Peace's Social Ministry.



Stay N Plays are scheduled for November 9, January 11, February 8, and March 4, from 8:30-10:30AM. This is a free open gym for little ones ages 5 and under accompanied by an adult. The gym will be filled with a bounce house, hula hoops, scooters, a ball pit and more for the kids and coffee and tea for the adults. Parents and grandparents, bring your little ones so they can burn off some energy!

Join us for our **Eat and Earns** throughout the year which helps support Green Park. Eat at the location listed on the date of the Eat and Earn and a percentage of sales goes directly back to Green Park. Upcoming Eat and Earns: November 7-Mod Pizza, 1261 Water Tower Pl, use code MODGIVES25, November 16-Papa John's on Union Road, December 11-Lion's Choice on Lindbergh and February 6-Freddy's Southfield Center.

Giving Tuesday is November 28. Please consider making a donation to Green Park and supporting our ministry.

Open House at Green Park is on **Sunday January 21, 2024**, from 1:00-3:00PM. This is an exciting opportunity to step onto the campus at Green Park and see firsthand what our students are up to. Take a tour, visit with teachers, ask questions, and find out more information about your school! RSVP on Green Park's website.

Check out our school website where you can find news, update your contact info, schedule tours, view our weekly Green Sheet newsletter, see sports schedules, sponsorship opportunities, and more! Contact Katie Gaeta at katie.gaeta@greenparklutherschool.org for information on admissions and enrollment, or to schedule a tour.

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LUTHER TOURS PRESENT

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 June 3 - June 16, 2024

Tour Host: Rev. Dr. R. Lee Hagan,
 President, Missouri District

Join us on this journey as we explore the history of Martin Luther and the Reformation. Travel along the Reformation Road and through the German and Austrian Alps. One of the highlights of the tour is a visit to Wittenberg for the annual festival commemorating Martin and Katie Luther's wedding. For detailed information please contact the church office or visit www.luthertours.com.



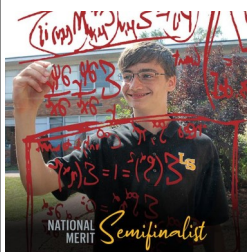
**LUTHERAN
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Rev. Joe Cox recently received the *Christian Teacher of the Year Award* at a ceremony at the Museum of the Bible in Washington, D.C. The Herzog Foundation, which recognized 12 educators across the country with the award, praised LuSo's Curriculum Director, Theology, and English Instructor, for his passion for preparing students to defend their faith outside of high school.

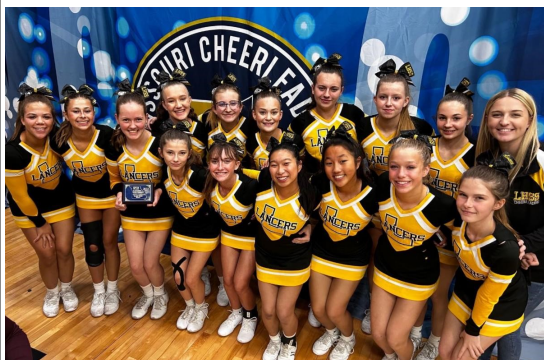


We celebrated the opening of the new Spartan Center, our remodeled Resource Room. What once was known as the library and then the Jubel Help Center, has now been transformed into a beautiful space for students, thanks to the generosity of families, many of whom have had children experience the benefits of Mrs. Davis' program. The Resource Room began more than 30 years ago in humble beginnings, offering services in what is now the second-floor copy room and then moved to a 600-square-foot classroom. The new center is now five times that size with state-of-the-art furnishings, booths for quiet space, and a separate testing center for students to concentrate. Mrs. Davis, who received the Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award in 2018, has been the beloved

director of this program for more than 20 years, offering assistance to a growing number of students. Pictured with Mrs. Davis **include Peace members, Rev. Rob and Cheryl Gadeken, Aaron Reynolds, Anne Glessner and Steve Pfund.** Hundreds of families have benefitted from this crucial support over the decades, and we are grateful for Mrs. Davis' dedication to making sure every student succeeds.



Senior Evan Solecki has been named a National Merit Semifinalist. He ranked in the top one-percent of high school seniors in the state who took the PSAT last year. Evan is an accomplished pianist and says that math classes are his favorite subject, which explains why he is taking AP Calculus and AP Statistics! Senior Ryan Merz was named a Commended National Merit Scholar. This designation qualifies him for scholarships across the country. Ryan, who scored in the top two-percent of seniors in the state who took the PSAT last year, hopes to study computer science in college.



In their inaugural season, our competition cheer team, **including Peace members Jaleigh and Grace Wagner**, have qualified for State! The team will be headed to Southeast Missouri State in Cape Girardeau on December 9 and 10. Former Lancer cheerleader and SEMO cheerleader, Leah Schave, is assisting the team with their choreography.

Three members of the girls golf team qualified for State! Sophomore Grace Bollmeier, who finished 5th at districts, senior Norah Kramer, and junior Sara Jackson competed in the State Tournament in Joplin.

"Four hundred thousand people should be thanking Roy Pfund for teaching me the scientific method," said Richard



Schuessler at the Lutheran South Distinguished Alumni Dinner. Schuessler, LS '69, was one of eight individuals to recently receive LuSo's *Distinguished Alumni Award*. He helped develop a surgical cure for Afib and gave his former science teacher much of the credit. Others, including Scott Leiendecker, who revolutionized the electoral process with the invention of the Poll Pad; Terry Palisch, who holds several patents and has co-authored more than 50 petroleum engineering papers; Jim Mayer, who played bass for Jimmy Buffett's Coral Reefer Band, thanked their former teachers for seeing their potential, encouraging them, and preparing them for success. Each had inspiring stories. Ted Schroeder, a nuclear submarine captain, discussed the beauty of seeing the polar cap from underwater and the power of God's creation, the ocean. Sharon Quick, an anesthesiologist who lobbies against medically assisted suicide, underscored the importance of finding your identity in Christ and not in your profession. Jim Trulaske, who invented an advanced in-home treadmill in his basement and founded True Fitness Technology, explained how competing in athletics at South taught him perseverance. And Coach Linda McQueen thanked God for opening up doors for her to compete in college and for allowing her to use sports as her mission field. A highlight for many though, was Jim and his brother, Peter Mayer, also a LuSo Distinguished Alumnus, performing three songs for the group, capping it off with a singalong to "All You Need is Love." Later, the crowd belted out the 12 tribes of Israel, remembering their high school theology class. Thank you to all of the alumni who attended and especially those who accepted the awards. We are proud to call you Lancers!

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