

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 14, 2025

Sunday, December 14

11:30am - Middle School Youth Christmas Party
2:30pm - German Christmas Service
6:00pm - Pickleball Open Play

Monday, December 15

4:15pm - GPLS Basketball
6:00pm - Church Council
6:00pm - Crossfire Volleyball
6:30pm - St. Trinity Cemetery Board
7:00pm - BSA Troop Committee Meeting
7:00pm - Bells of Peace Rehearsal

Tuesday, December 16

9:00am - Plastic Mat Making
9:00am - Quilters
9:00am - Refit Exercise
6:00pm - Co-Ed Volleyball
6:00pm - Property Management

Wednesday, December 17

9:30am - Banner Committee
4:00pm - Junior Confirmation
5:00pm - Advent Dinner
6:30pm - Children's Christmas Service

Thursday, December 18

7:00am - Men's Morning Bible Study
9:00am - Mary Martha Bible Study
10:45am - LWML Ladies Guild Luncheon - Rizzo's
6:00pm - Crossfire Volleyball
7:00pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 19

7:00pm - Christmas at Peace Rehearsal

Saturday, December 20

8:30am - Elk's Lodge 2726 Hoop Shoot

Sunday, December 21

3:00pm - Christmas at Peace
6:00pm - Pickleball Open Play



Advent Schedule

5:00PM - Dinner in Gym
6:30PM - Worship Service

Wednesday, December 3
Wednesday, December 10
Wednesday, December 17*

Holy Communion observed on December 3
*Children's Christmas Service



Christmas at Peace

A Candlelight Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 21
3:00 p.m

Featuring
The Orchestra of Peace and The Bells of Peace
A free-will offering will be received



Christmas Worship Schedule

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
Noon, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 11:15pm
Christmas Day - 9:30am

All services with
Holy Communion



MEN'S CLUB TREE LOT

NOVEMBER 28
TO
DECEMBER 21

MON - FRI 2:00-8:00PM
SAT 9:00AM-8:00PM
SUN NOON-8:00PM
ON THE WEST PARKING LOT



Joy Peace Lutheran Church News and Notes

THE WEEK OF
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CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE THIS WEDNESDAY

The Sunday School children will be presenting their Christmas Service at 6:30 p.m. this Wednesday. Please join us for this special service provided by our children!

ADVENT DINNER (nachos and tacos) will be served beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the gym.


DECEMBER 6/7 ATTENDANCE

5:00 Service: 156 (141)
8:00 Service: 94 (83)
9:20 Service: 150 (136)
10:30 Service: 141 (127)
Total Attendance: 541 (487)
Sunday School: 65

Midweek Advent 2: 98

Brackets indicate Holy Communion

During the Christmas season, poinsettias will adorn our sanctuary. A complete listing of contributors will be published in the Christmas Day bulletin, as well as on the Commons counter. Poinsettias will remain in the sanctuary through January 6.



OUR SUPPORT

Budget: 40,007.36
Help Offset Fees: 38.10
Adult Bible Class: 15.00
Alaska: 706.00
Altar Flowers: 150.00
Boar's Head Festival: 5,562.46
German Service: 10.00
GP/LHSS Scholarship Fund: 115.09
KFUO Broadcasts: 300.00
RFNG: 85.00
Social Ministry: 160.00
St. Trinity Cemetery: 200.00
Sunday School Offerings: 8.00
Synodical Missionary Support: 10.00
Thanksgiving: 245.00
Youth Budget: 240.00
In Loving Memory of:
Lois Williams - 50 (Concordia Student and Seminary Scholarship Fund)



► **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE** is this Wednesday, December 17, 6:30 p.m. Tacos and nachos will be served by our youth beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the gym.

JOB OPENING IN PEACE EARLY CHILDHOOD for an individual who loves children and wants to provide a nurturing and engaging learning environment. They are looking for a Teacher for their 2-Year-Old Classroom on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday AM & PM. Must be at least 18 years old. Interested candidates should email Sara Watson at earlychildhood@peacelutheranstl.org or call the office at (314)892-8844 for more information.

MEN'S CLUB CHRISTMAS TREE LOT IS OPEN! Tree Lot hours are Monday-Friday 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Sunday Noon to 8:00 p.m. The lot will be selling trees through December 21, or until the trees are gone.

FAMILY ROLLER SKATING EVENT on Tuesday, December 30, 10:00 a.m. to Noon, at the Rock Roll-O-Rena in Arnold. Families, enjoy winter break with us and come roller skating! The rink is reserved and the skates are free! Please sign up using this QR code.



GREEN PARK LUTHERAN SCHOOL IS SEEKING Christ-centered, mission-driven middle school teachers to join their dynamic ministry team as they prepare for the retirement of two long-time faculty members. They are looking for educators who joyfully integrate faith and learning, build strong relationships with students and families, and model a life rooted in Christ. Candidates should hold appropriate certification and a heart for Lutheran education. More details are on the Commons bulletin board.

► **NEW UPDATED PEACE WEBSITE COMING!** Our Peace website is going to be updated soon. The functionality is basically the same, but with a fresh, new look. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

CHANGES TO THE PEACE LUTHERAN NEWSLETTER IN 2026 Beginning in January, 2026 our church newsletter, *The Peace Lutheran*, will no longer be placed in member's mailboxes. Instead, copies of the newsletter will be available on the Commons counter, to take if desired. Printing a limited number of copies each month will save time and money. If you have questions, please contact the church office.

OUR ANNUAL GERMAN SERVICE will be held this afternoon, December 14, 2:30 p.m. Rev. Dr. Robert Kolb will be preaching. Pre-service music will be provided by United German Choruses. A reception will follow the service in the gymnasium. The service will be recorded and re-broadcast on KFUEO next Sunday, December 21, at 2:00 p.m.

2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available now for pickup in your church mailboxes. Please note that only envelope numbers will be reassigned for 2026. Please discard all previous envelopes and begin using new envelopes after January 1, 2026. If you have a six-digit giving number, those numbers will not change. Families with multiple envelopes, please check the Commons counter for your additional envelopes. Members who no longer use envelopes due to making online donations or due to making a limited number of check donations each year, can contact Denise Grant or email at finance@peacelutheranstl.org to request a six-digit giving number. If you did not receive envelopes but would like to have them, contact the church office.

ELK'S HOOP SHOOT FREE THROW CONTEST will be held at Peace next Saturday, December 20. Sponsored by the Oakville Elks, the Elks Hoop Shoot is a free throw contest for children age 8 to 13. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., and the contest starts at 9:00 a.m. For more information, contact Jimmy Drew Hohmeier at (314)210-6296, or see the poster on the Commons bulletin board.



CHRISTMAS AT PEACE - A CANDLELIGHT CONCERT will be held next Sunday, December 21, 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This beautiful concert will feature the Orchestra of Peace and the Bells of Peace.

► **KFUEO SPONSORS NEEDED FOR 2026** We will once again have our 8:00 a.m. church service carried live on AM 850 KFUEO in February, March, and April of next year. Each year we give our members the opportunity to sponsor the broadcasts in memory of a loved one, in honor of a special occasion, or just to the Glory of God. Sponsorships are \$150 per Sunday. One available date remains - April 5. If you are interested in sponsoring this service, please contact Alan Hopfer, or fill out the form in the November or December newsletter.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY is on hiatus until Wednesday, January 7, at which time they will continue their study of the Book of Acts. Bible study is held on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in Sanctuary Hall.

► **LWML MITE COLLECTION** is this weekend at the Commons counter. Bring those pennies and extra change to the Welcome Center for LWML Mission Grants!

LWML LADIES GUILD LAST MEETING for 2025 will be this Thursday, December 18, 11:00 a.m. for lunch at Rizzo's Restaurant, 4460 Lemay Ferry Road 63129. Meet at church for carpooling if needed. RSVP to Julia.

LADIES CLUB will not meet in December. We invite you to join us in 2026 for fun activities! Ladies Club is open to women 21 and older. We meet on the third Tuesday of every month for fellowship, fun, appetizers, and dessert. It is a great way to meet new friends. Annual dues are \$12. Watch January's newsletter and future *News and Notes* for details about our next meeting on Tuesday, January 20, at 7:00 p.m. in Sanctuary Hall. Enjoy your holidays and we look forward to seeing you!

GIVING TREE Social Ministry has two Christmas trees, decorated with ornaments, near the front and back entrances at Peace. To participate, simply take an ornament from one of the trees, purchase the gift item noted on the ornament, and **return the unwrapped gift to the tree nearest the church office by this weekend.** The gifts will be distributed by Feed My People to families in need this Christmas season.

HOMEBOUND ENCOURAGEMENT CARDS The Life Ministry Team invites the congregation to take part in the homebound encouragement card program again this Christmas season. The information is on the Commons counter this weekend. Please consider taking a card, writing a short note, and mailing it in the addressed, postage paid envelope to one of our homebound members. Contact Sandi Akers with any questions. Thank you for partnering with us as we stay connected with our homebound members.

NEW CHURCH COMMUNICATION SYSTEM Church360° is our new church software that gives us the ability to send out email and text communications to our members. If you would like to receive text messages and haven't opted-in, please contact the church office. If you have any questions, or if we do not have your current email or cell phone number, please contact the church office.

ALASKA MISSION CHRISTMAS BASKETS are for sale in the Gym this weekend.

MEN'S CLUB HAS LEFTOVER UNCOOKED SAUSAGE available to purchase for \$5 per bag (approx. 1lb. each). If you would like to purchase, please contact John Hooss.

► **MEN'S MORNING BIBLE STUDY** is this Thursday, December 18, 7:00 a.m. in Sanctuary Hall, continuing their study of The Large Catechism.