

# Bethlehem Star

*Connecting People to Jesus"*

*May 2020*

Dear Members and Friends,

A blessed Mothers' Day to all mothers! Perhaps at this time of staying at home we appreciate what our mothers do for us a little more than usual. Besides giving us life and nurturing us when we were little and continuing to instruct us as we grew with sound advice and love, we have come to depend on our mothers. My mother has been with Jesus for some time now. But I learned a lot from her. She was not a particularly cuddly mom. She was after all an executive secretary. I learned:

If you weren't 15 minutes early you were late

If you didn't tell her the whole truth it was a lie

The house has to be picked up just in case guests drop by

How to type which was immensely important for me in this computer age

How to sit still in church

That love isn't something you say it is something you do and something you are

Well the list could go on and on, but you get the point. I suppose that you could write your own list about all the things your mother taught you over the years. The point is that a mothers' love is a reflection of God's love for each and every one of us. So take some time to tell, write, phone, email, zoom, your mother and let her know that you appreciate all she has done for you. I can't do that anymore, so my thanks goes to God for giving me the mother that he knew would be best for me.

Have a blessed Mother's Day

Pastor Griesse

# *Thank You!*

*To all the members listed below for their willingness to serve.*

The Nominating committee has compiled this list of people who said yes when asked to serve. If you are interested in also serving, please contact Keith Jacobson. The election will be held at our next Voter's Meeting, which will be scheduled when we are allowed to gather.

The nominations for the 2020 elections are set and are as outlined below:

OFFICE	NOMINEE	TERM
Elder	Bob Wurl	2020 – 2023
Trustee	Keith Boss	2020 – 2023
Education	Bonnie Berndt	2020 – 2022
Stewardship	Bob Davison	2020 – 2022
Stewardship	Beverly Davison	2020 – 2022
Human Care	Gail Jacobson	2020 - 2022
Human Care	Mary Couchman	2020 – 2022
Human Care	Cindy Huwe	2020 – 2022
Human Care	Norma Rohrbach	2020 – 2022
Evangelism	Doris Wurl	2020 – 2022
Evangelism	Mala Barik	2020 – 2022
Evangelism	Darlene Vogel	2020 - 2022



# THE LUTHERAN HOUR



## Global Focus— Online Mission Trips

Website: [www.lhm.org/global](http://www.lhm.org/global)

## Need a spring break getaway? Try Gospel Adventures!

This program gives an inside look at the Gospel outreach happening in various countries around the world and offers a glimpse into the culture of that region.

Created in partnership with Group Publishing, this will engage children with educational objectives and interactive resources geared towards expanding their perceptions of global ministry.

"Our objective for this new curriculum is to help students understand the value of differing cultures and how the Gospel is at work around the globe," says Ashley Bayless, LHM's Curriculum Development Manager.

Visit the Gospel Adventures web page at [lhm.org/adventures](http://lhm.org/adventures) to learn more about the program and to register for the next adventure! To learn more about Group Publishing, visit [www.group.com](http://www.group.com).

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LHM plays a vital role in helping spread the Gospel message all over the world with 34 ministry centers on six continents reaching into more than 50 countries, often bringing Christ to places where no other Christian evangelistic organizations are present. LHM's flagship ministry, The Lutheran Hour®, airs weekly on more than 1,800 radio stations and the American Forces Network.

Lutheran Hour Ministries International Ministry Centers in more than 30 countries serve the needs of hurting people. Ministry center volunteers reach out to their neighbors and communities in culturally appropriate ways with the story of Jesus—sometimes at great personal risk. Every \$10 you give enables us to reach 1,000. To donate or for more info: [www.lhm.org/international](http://www.lhm.org/international)

The LHM Mission: *Bringing Christ to the Nations—and the Nations to the Church*

## MINISTRY NEWS

The events of the past several days have provided me an opportunity to focus on the importance of today. What is here and what is now - that Christ is with us, loves us, and provides us calmness and peace in the midst of uncertainty.

My words to you today are simple and to the point. You are in my and our team's prayers now and always, that God might grant us a measure of strength and comfort in the days to come. That He would lift us up in care and love for the sake of those who might be anxious, nervous, and scared.

In the coming days and weeks, as has always been our mission, Lutheran Hour Ministries will be focused on providing messages, resources, and materials of hope and love to you that we might collectively find calm in the Word of God and share those messages and feelings with others.

Please continue to pray for our staff and leadership here in the United States and around the world - we have many loyal and faithful servants working globally through these trying times, steadfast in their call to bring the Gospel to the lost and hurting. Your support is so appreciated today and always as we continue our important work.

In HIS Mission,

Kurt Buchholz  
President & CEO

### LLL/LHM Districts

The Lutheran Laymen's League (LLL) is divided into regional districts and district zones, each zone having ambassadors for each of their zone churches. Districts partner with an Intn'l LHM ministry center. Districts have the opportunity to choose from a variety of ministry center needs, allowing them to reach out with effective ministry to the people of that region.

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The world's longest-running Christian outreach radio program! On air since 1930 and broadcast in more than 80 countries.

April 2020

April 5

"There's Still Time"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
People can be unreceptive to God's love because they are very bad-or because they think they are very good. (Exodus 11-12)

April 12

"You Haven't Lost Me"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
(Exodus 14)

April 19

"The Great Pursuit"

Guest Speaker: Pastor Ryan Tinetti  
(Exodus 15)

April 26

"Rescue, Test, Rest"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
(Exodus 16)

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LHM NW/AK Newsletter Editor  
Julia Sinclair Zone 2 Eastside President

## Love Inc

Love INC Fundraiser is available to view on May 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm (ly/You TubeLoveINC).

It can also be viewed any time after that.

If you wish to donate funds go to  
loveincyakima/donate

Do you need a mask? Some are available at church for free...soon!

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## Salvation Army Food Bank

**Is ongoing.** They are very thankful for our contributions and still in need of our help.



### The WA-AK District LWML

**Is meeting in Convention in Ground Mound, WA, September 25<sup>th</sup> through September 27<sup>th</sup>. At that time their delegates will choose to support the missions that have requested funds. This past Biennium 16 missions were supported by grants which were paid in full in the amount of \$98,700. Thank you for helping us reach our goal by filling your mite boxes.**

## Remembering our Military

### On Memorial Day

**L:** Lord God, You have sustained our nation in the past and continue to bless us. We recall how so many have given their lives for the cause of freedom. Men and women continue to sacrifice and serve in the armed forces. Today, we pause to reflect and honor those who gave or who continue to sacrifice so much in the defense of our freedom to be faithful.

**R:** We remember the great courage and selfless service of so many throughout history who have answered the call to serve. We remember their honorable sacrifice for the freedom of others. Comfort the families who mourn the loss of loved ones. Comfort also those who suffer permanent injuries as a result of serving our nation in the military.

**L:** We remember with thankfulness the millions of Americans who give so generously of their life and labor in times of national conflict, particularly the family members of our soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen.

**R:** We are grateful for the devotion and sacrifices of military families. Grant us the resources and willing hearts to support them.

**L:** God of mercy, grant patience and insight to our chaplains who serve in all branches of our armed forces. Only through Your sustaining love can they move out daily with confidence and joy. These and all things we ask through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**