

**PEACE
LUTHERAN
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9:00 a.m.

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10:30 a.m.

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Messenger of Peace

Dear Members and Friends,

During the Epiphany Season we are going to focus on a series called the Gospel DNA. The presentations we will be using were first delivered at the Northwest District Convention last year. They focus on the mission of the church by looking at our heritage in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and how we grew as a church from 1847 – 1947. During that period we planted 1 church a week for 100 years. That is 5,200 churches.

Our Lord has given a command: **"Go and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you and surely I am with you always to the very end of the age."**

How can we regain the mission zeal that characterized our church body in the past? Let me share the experience of Rev. Larry Locke Triumphant King Lutheran Church Pastor:

Last May, when asked to assist Triumphant King in charting a path for their future, the District Office recommended using the resource Gospel DNA Toolkit. Originally it was presented during Sunday School, which was before worship services and attendance was marginal. So worship times and class times were adjusted, and of 25 in worship, roughly 14 stayed to go through the videos and discussions in the DNA Toolkit.

I was impressed with the resource, and one member was inspired to buy the book, which she said was better than the videos. The spirit of the congregation then went through a transformation; rather than lamenting their size, their age, or their inabilities, they began to see themselves as a mission with more assets than those who planted the seeds of the LCMS.

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Also, the discussions changed from when and if we close the doors to how can we reach out into our community. A group of the members went out to meet the church's neighbors, they offered a BBQ to the community and sent out flyers, revitalized the church's sign, and began to plan for a dog park for the neighbors.

This has led to putting ministry in the hands of the members who were inspired as they build on those who have gone before. I am not normally a program person, but I would recommend the Gospel DNA Toolkit to everyone.

The Gospel DNA presentations will take the part of the sermon in our services from January 12 through February 23. My prayer is that the discussions that are generated from this series will set the stage for our ministry going forward. I urge you to come and be a part of our discussions.

January 12 – The Frontier
January 19 – The Institution vs The Movement
January 26 – The People
February 2 – Multiplication
February 9 – The Truth
February 16 – Adaptability
February 23 – Self Sacrifice

~~Pastor Griesse

Meeting Changes...

- Stephen Ministers will meet on the first Monday in January (6th) at 6:30 p.m. (instead of the second Monday).
- The Stewardship Meeting and Lay Ministers' Meeting will be on the 9th (instead of the 2nd).

January O.W.L.S. Lunch

O.W.L.S. will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. on **Friday, January 10th** at **Minado Buffet**, (501 N Front St., Yakima). If you plan to attend please let Marcia know at 697-4543 or at shotwell@elltel.net.



The next **Men's Night Out** is scheduled for **Monday, December 16th**. All Peace Lutheran men and a guest are invited to meet at Tailgaters in Selah at 7:00 p.m. for an evening of relaxing and just shooting-the-breeze.

Bible Study Classes...

- The Wednesday Bible Classes will resume January 8th. The class at Peace is at 6:30 p.m. and the morning Bible Class at Bethlehem is at 11:00 a.m..
- The Women's Bible Class will resume January 17th.

Thank You!

Tammy and Pastor Griesse would like to thank everyone for the Christmas cards and gifts. Our Peace congregation is like our second family and we appreciate your kindness.

2020 Church Directory...

Watch for the new 2020 Church Directory that will be ready soon! If anyone has any last minute changes please let Tammy know ASAP.

The Life and Times of John & Lynn Ashbaugh...

John was born in Catoti, California and Lynn was born in San Jose, California. John's ancestry is traced to Southern Germany and the "Germans from Russia" era. His first Great-Great-Great Grandfather came to America in 1738 on a ship named Winter Galley. The family settled in PA, but when the Revolutionary War came, the British confiscated their property, so the family moved to Canada to escape British control. After several generations when his father was a child, his grandfather's family moved to California.



Later his father came up to the Yakima area for a while and then returned to California where he married. At the time when John started school the family moved to Yakima settling in the Ahtanum area just southwest of Yakima. John went to several Yakima area schools and graduated with the first class in 1956 from the new West Valley High School. He and the family were members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church until John transferred to Peace Lutheran years later.

Following high school graduation he was awarded a 2 year scholarship to Yakima Valley Junior College. Since he could not transfer some of his agricultural classes to WA State College due to the Land Grant restriction, he ended up at Montana State College in Bozeman, MT. After spending two years in the U.S. Army he returned to MT State graduating in 1965. From there he worked on a Dude Ranch south of Bozeman. He had tried to get a job in Land Management, his college major, but nothing opened up. He made a living shoeing horses for eight years. During this time he got married. He was employed by a number of ranchers over the years finally settling in the Wenas area.

John started his ranching career by working with another rancher in the Wenas. He eventually took over an operation that included getting grazing land from Boise Cascade and others. John has lived in the Wenas area since 1969. He was blessed with three sons by his first marriage--Charles of Weippe, ID, Ian of Wenatchee and Jay of Kennewick. As their mother was Roman Catholic, the boys were then brought up Catholic.

Lynn graduated from high school in 1958 in CA. She set up a small stamp shop and a horse blanket business out of her home. Her ancestry also came from Germany and other areas of Europe, but she does not have much information from where. She has three children from a previous marriage: daughter Cloady in Seattle, Skip of San Jose, CA and Kirt of West Valley, WA. Lynn moved to the Wenas in 1978 after which she met and married John in 1983. She said her father was a Lutheran but her mother was a Methodist, so she was brought up Methodist. After she married John, they felt it was important to attend and belong to the same church.

As John and Lynn have basically retired from ranching, it now allows them more opportunity to attend church on a regular basis. They sold most of their land during the last few years to other cattle and hop-growing operations.

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January 2020

January 5

"Mercy In This Dojo"

Speaker:

Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

New Series (Genesis 37)

January 12

"People are Treasure"

Speaker:

Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

New Series (Genesis 39)

January 19

"Unforgettable"

Guest Speaker:

Dr. Dean Nadasdy

New Series (Genesis 40:1-23)

January 26

"TBD"

Speaker:

Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

New Series

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MINISTRY NEWS

LHM Sunday 2020 Materials

Join the celebration of Lutheran Hour Ministries Sunday on February 2, 2020, or any Sunday of your choosing throughout the year. This year, we will focus on the opportunities God gives each of us to engage in spiritual conversations with those around us. LHM offers a variety of resources to help equip you to meet people where they are in their faith journey, beginning conversations at natural points. LHM Sunday is also an opportunity to celebrate together the impact the Lord makes on those people's lives, one heart at a time.

We've already started creating resources for congregations to use on LHM Sunday 2020, and those materials are available for pre-order now! To help make LHM Sunday as easy as possible, we will provide you with materials for FREE.

Orders for these FREE materials will begin shipping in early January 2020, and additional downloadable materials available January 10.

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 Int'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.

LHM MOBILE APPS



Global Focus — Nicaragua

Director: Mr. Ricardo Arguello

Website: www.lhm.org/intlportal

Saul was once an acclaimed Mariachi performer who played songs for weddings, birthdays, and entertainment at local bars and restaurants. Saul had a complicated life that included an addiction to playing slot machines and gambling. He once received a booklet from LHM-Nicaragua and since then he has been a faithful reader of LHM booklets focused on many different subjects. He shared with LHM staff that after reading through a bunch of the topical booklets and comparing his life to the content in them, he reflected on how bad his behavior had gotten. He decided to seek out the Lord and soon became a Christian after learning that Jesus is his Savior. Saul continues to use his musical gifts by singing in the local church and is still a dedicated reader of LHM's booklets.

LHM—Nicaragua's work in communities to share Christ has helped the Lutheran Synod of Nicaragua build trust in the organization and work closely with it. Many of the Lutheran congregations were formed from the mission of LHM—Nicaragua with the "Ranchos" project.

The Liga de Amigos—Friend League—is a program that Lutheran Hour Ministries Nicaragua uses to provide social, emotional and spiritual support in both urban and rural communities. In each community, the ministry center recruits and trains local volunteers to serve as an ever-present Gospel witness.

Through radio broadcasts, digital outreach, printed booklets and Bible courses, personal witnessing by trained volunteers and Project JOEL values presentations. Project Joel has instilled trust in community and national leaders and has resulted in alliances with Nicaragua's Education Ministry and Police.

LHM—Nicaragua is presenting Jesus to their Nicaraguan neighbors, and Jesus is changing lives.

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