

**PEACE
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10:30 a.m.

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Messenger of Peace

Dear Members and Friends,

Our Lenten theme this year for the midweek services, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday will be ***"The Trees of Lent."***

We certainly live among the Bible's trees! The Bible reports God creating trees on the third day (Gen 1:11-13), and trees apparently survive the Last Day's annihilation of the present ground and sky to reappear on the new earth under the new heaven (Is 65:17; 66:22; 2 Pet 3:13; Rev 21:1-2), such as in the new Jerusalem (Rev 22:1-20). So the Bible's trees are relevant to us. Considering them helps us realize why we need a Savior, how God provided a Savior for us in Jesus, who died on the cross, and how the saved lives of repentant believers look. In fact the Tree of the Cross is most central to the Christian faith. (Cor 2:2).

Many other "trees" could have been included: the burning bush (Ex 3:1-4:17), Absalom's tree (2 Sam 18:10), trees decorating the temple (1 Ki 6:29-32, Elijah's broom tree (1 Ki 19:1-18), Jonah's vine (Jonah 4), Zacchaeus's tree (Lk 19:1-10), the palm trees (whose branches are mentioned as in Palm Sunday's Jn 12:12-19 and All Saints' Day's Rev 7:9-17 readings), and Judas's tree (Mt 27:5-10; Acts 1:15-26).

I would like to encourage you to make our Lenten Devotions a priority. The practice of Lent is great preparation for the wonderful victory of Jesus Christ over sin and death that we share on Easter Sunday. The Schedule for our devotions is below.

Ash Wed:	Feb 26	Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, (Psa 1; Gen 2, Duet 30)
Lent 2	Mar 4	Great Trees of Mamre near the Machpelah (Psa 96; Gen 18, 23)
Lent 3	Mar 11	Oak at Ophrah (Psa 78; Judges 6, Matt 12)
Lent 4	Mar 18	Jesse's Tree, (Psa 80; Isa 6,11)
Lent 5	Mar 25	Tree of the Lord's Planting (Psa 104; Eze 17; Mark 4)
Palm Sunday	Apr 5	Good Trees Bearing Good Fruit, Bad Trees Bearing Bad Fruit, (Psa 148; Gal 5, Matt 7)
Maundy Thursday	Apr 9	Fig Trees (Psa 105; Luke 13; Mark 11)
Good Friday	Apr 10	Tree of the Cross, (Psa 74; Deut 21; Gal 3)
Easter Sunday	Apr 12	Tree of Life, (Psal 52; Eze 47; Rev 22)

Our Wednesday Soup & Sandwich Suppers are at 6 p.m. followed by Lenten Devotions at 6:45.

~~ Pastor Griesse

March O.W.L.S. Lunch

O.W.L.S. will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. on **Friday, March 13th** at **Sweet Bee's** (Fruitvale Ave., 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, March 16th**. All Peace Lutheran men and a guest are invited to meet at Tailgaters in Selah at 6:30 p.m. for an evening of relaxing and just shooting-the-breeze.

Parking Lot Repairs...

We have been taking donations for the Parking Lot Repair Fund, and so far we have \$4,355 in the fund. We need approximately \$9,000.00 to repair the parking lot. If you would like to donate just mark your check "Parking Lot" and place in the offering plate or give to Tammy in the office.

Ladies Lunch Bunch...

Ladies, if you haven't signed up for our "**Ladies Lunch Bunch**" be sure to do so! Our first lunch is **March 10th at Noon, at the Golden Bull Chinese restaurant in Selah**. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. We will call to remind you. For more information contact Elaine Smith or Sara Bicsak.



Lent Season...

Lent Season has started and we are having our Wednesday Evening Devotions. We will have Soup & Sandwich Suppers at 6:00 p.m. followed by Devotions at 6:45. (There is a food sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for the suppers. If able, please sign up to bring soup, sandwiches or desserts.)

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March 1

"Singled-Out but Not Alone"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Something needs to be done and it falls to you to do it. You might feel alone-but you're not alone.
(Exodus 3-4)

March 8

"Upon Further Review"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
God's forgiving love for us in Christ cancels the continuous playback of our regrets.
(Exodus 5)

March 15

"Gracious Confiscation"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
(Exodus 7-8)

March 22

"TBD"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
(Exodus 8-9)

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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.

Global Focus— Madagascar

Website: www.lhm.org/global

TRIBE LEADER BAPTIZED AND REQUESTS A CHURCH IN HIS VILLAGE

63-year-old Lemby is married with eight children. He is one of the Malaso (cattle rustlers) who go to faraway villages in groups of about 10 to ravage other people's cows so they could bring back food for the women and children at home.

While his group usually got what they were hunting for, he believed they were also wasting their time to earn money for worshipping evils. Lemby later became the group leader, but soon got terribly sick and had to stay back at home. Around this time he felt that God was talking to him to surrender his life but he didn't want to hear God's voice. LHM-Madagascar staff met Lemby and his family shortly thereafter when they visited his home village.

They were sharing God's love for them when Lemby stood up and announced that he wanted to know more about Jesus the Savior and was willing to trust in Him through the power of God's Word. "I tried many things and worshipped evils for a long time but never saw any changes in my family's life. Let me join you and I hope God will help me to change my life," he said.

The next morning Lemby and his family attended a local worship service and were among 143 people baptized on that Sunday, including many of his fellow rustlers and their families. He has since asked the local Lutheran church if they could build a church in his village.

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The Life and Times of Maridee Pearson...



Maridee Pearson was born in New London, MN on January 23, 1935 to Arthur and Mae Schliep. She was the third of four children, with sister Leona Fischer the oldest, brother Jerome the second and sister Ardy Taylor the youngest. Their grandparents migrated from Germany.

Maridee lived in New London, MN till she was five years old, at which point her parents bought a 200 acre farm north of Holloway, MN. In 1949 her parents sold the farm and moved to the Selah area. After experiencing Minnesota's -40 degree temps in the winter and the Minnesota's summer heat and humidity, the Schlieps really appreciated Yakima's milder climate. Maridee graduated from Selah High School in 1953.

Her first job was babysitting for \$1 a day at age 13. Later she packed cherries for many years. Maridee married Rodger the same year she graduated. They lived in town for five years and then bought a 24 acre farm just north of Selah where they raised hay and purebred pigs. Seven years later they sold the pig operation and started buying and selling dairy cattle for the dairy operations in Washington and many other states.

While raising their family of two boys and two girls Maridee stayed home and assisted with the farming operation. When the children were all in school she worked in fruit warehouses and helped Rodger on the farm. For several years she worked at the post office delivering mail in the country. Later she worked for Wilsons Custom Cutting as a meat wrapper. She packed fruit till the children finished school and then served as a caregiver for Rodger's parents and her own parents till they passed away.

Maridee was born into a Lutheran family. The Schlieps initially were members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church; Maridee and Roger were married there. When Peace Lutheran Church was organized the Schliep family became Charter Members.

Maridee went with Rodger to the Covenant Church for a few years where he was a member, but eventually she transferred to Peace Lutheran after the church was built. Maridee was on Peace's Altar Guild for 30 years. She was a deaconess for several years when Pastor Porterfield was here and helped church secretary Gladys Liebert put the Sunday bulletins together. She also taught Sunday School, assisted with Lutherhaven Day Camp at Peace by organizing snack and lunch time for approximately 120 children who attended. Wherever a willing volunteer was needed, Maridee was there!

Rodger and Maridee were married for 64 years when Rodger passed away. They were blessed with four children, eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She eventually sold 18 acres of their farm, retaining what is left. She is still doing the lawn and flower beds with help when needed.

She slowed down as the years went along and now primarily assists her sister Leona and is involved with family events. She still lives on the farm that she and Rodger purchased years ago. She says that when you drive by, give a "honk" as she might be out in the yard working. You can usually find Maridee and her sister Leona with their smiling faces on Sunday morning greeting members and visitors. They are loving members of the Family of Peace.

Blueberry French Toast

from Jody Hert

1 loaf French Bread cut into 1" pieces
1 8oz. cream cheese – diced
1 cup blueberries

Put ½ bread cubes into greased 9x13 pan
Sprinkle with cream cheese on top then 1 cup blueberries; then add the rest of bread.

12 eggs
2 cup milk
1/3 cup maple syrup

In large bowl beat together eggs, milk and maple syrup. Pour over bread, cover, refrigerate overnight.

After removing from fridge, let pan set 30 minutes before baking. Preheat oven to 350 degrees, bake covered 30 minutes; uncover and bake until golden brown.

SAUCE:

Combine 1 cup white sugar, 2 TB cornstarch, add 1 cup water. Boil on medium heat 3 minutes stirring constantly. Stir in 1 cup blueberries. I add 1 tsp vanilla. Reduce heat, simmer 8-10 minutes, stir in 1 TB butter until melted. Serve over French toast.

I pour ½ the egg mixture over bread, then dip any top ½ of bread into egg mixture and put back on top. Egg mixture tends to go all to the bottom before top half gets soaked. I also bake for 30 minutes, then pour sauce over the top; re-cover and bake until done. Makes it moister.

Enjoy!

Yummy 



February 11, 2020

Dear Northwest District congregation members,

This week it was announced that Concordia University, Portland would be ceasing operations at the end of the Spring 2020 academic semester. I am writing today to ask for your prayers for a community that is deeply grieving. Please pray for students who are now faced with an unclear future. Pray for faculty and staff members who will be seeking new positions. Pray for administrators in the midst of helping with all of the above. Pray for alumni who are wrestling with sadness over the loss. Pray for the mission of God in the Northwest, that God will identify ways to fill this big hole. Concordia was more than just a learning institution: It had become a mission field for the number of students who arrived on campus and encountered the Gospel and the love of Christ for the first time.

For all involved, pray for the peace that passes understanding (Philippians 4:7) – the peace that makes no logical sense – that even in the middle of these difficult circumstances, they might see God's blessing and be embraced by His unfailing love.

Many of you reading this understand the deep blessing that Concordia has been in our lives. We will continue to praise God for all of these profound and lasting blessings.

Together in Christ,

Rev. Dr. Paul Linnemann
Northwest District President

Relaunch Service

Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

John 12:24

Come celebrate with your Lutheran brothers and sisters from Pasco as we gather with NW District President Paul Linnemann to celebrate the legacy of Trinity and begin a new era of ministry as Emmaus Church—LCMS.

For more information go to: www.emmauspasco.org



What: Launch of Emmaus Church—LCMS

When: Saturday March 7, 7pm

Where: Holiday Inn Express Conference Center, Road 68 in Pasco.
(4525 Convention Pl, Pasco, WA 99301)