

**PEACE  
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# Messenger of Peace

Dear Members and Friends,

In the Church year Pentecost is a major festival. This year it falls on the 31<sup>st</sup> of May. However it is not just a single Sunday celebration. Pentecost initiates the second half of the church year. The first half began with Advent and closed with Ascension. Pentecost begins the longest season of the church year with as many as twenty-seven Sundays. While the first half of the year observes the life of Christ the second half deals with the life of the church through the work, gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit.

Christian Pentecost is related to the Jewish festival of Weeks, seven weeks from Passover. It marked the giving of the Law and the founding of Israel. Christians celebrate Pentecost as the day of receiving the Spirit and the founding of the New Israel – The Church. On Pentecost, Christians are also grateful for the gift of the Spirit which create faith and call us to repentance and faith.

The color of the Day of Pentecost is red. It is the color of fire, for the Spirit came in tongues of fire. Fire also represents warm hearts, fiery zeal, dedication, and devotion. Red is also the color of the blood of the martyrs which is the seed of the church. The color for the Sundays after Pentecost is green, the color of growth. In this season Christians grow in the Spirit as they exercise their faith and work in the vocation that God had called them into.

The mood of Pentecost is:

**Celebration.** Pentecost has a mood of joy because the promise of Jesus to send the Spirit was fulfilled and the gift was received. Pentecost has the joy of new members received and sinners coming to repentance. It is the joy of the birthday party, for it is the birthday of the New Israel – the Church.

**Gratitude.** Christians are grateful on Pentecost for the Spirit and his sevenfold gifts. The Spirit brings life; he calls, enlightens, and gathers believers into the Church. Since the Church is the product of the Spirit, Christians are grateful for the Church as the mother of their faith.

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**Hope.** Hope results from the Spirit's making all things new. Pentecost is renewal and revival day in the church. The Spirit is renewed in the faithful. Pentecost is more than an observance of a great event in the past but is a repeatable experience here and new. With the Spirit comes new life and hope.

Hopefully in the month of June we will be able to re-open our churches, rededicate ourselves to the mission and ministry the Spirit has given to us as the Church.

~~Pastor Griesse

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## Parking Lot Repairs...

The parking lot repairs have been completed! We are, however, still taking donations for the last \$1,325 needed. **As of 5/24 we have received \$7,675 in donations.** If you'd like to donate please be sure to mark your donation "Parking Lot Fund". Thank you to all who have donated to this important project!

## Thank You!...

We would like to thank our members for mailing in your offerings to the church during this time of staying at home. Your support is greatly appreciated.

## Church Cleaning...

Thank you to all those who have helped clean the church during the shutdown. Any help is greatly appreciated! The list is on the janitor's door in the parish hall of things that still need to be cleaned, so if you need something to do with your time you can come to the church and do one (or two) of the things left on the list. Once an item has been done just check it off. If more than one person or group is there be sure to maintain physical distancing. Again...**THANK YOU!**

# The Life and Times of Lance and Charlene Ostrom...

It is with joy we welcome Lance and Charlene Ostrom to Peace Lutheran Church.



Lance was born to his mostly Swedish family in 1949. He was born and raised in Aberdeen, WA; growing up with 3 younger brothers. His parents sometimes dropped him and his younger brothers off at the Presbyterian Church for Sunday school, but he remained mostly unchurched for most of his life.

Lance graduated from Aberdeen High in 1968. From there he attended Big Bend Community College and Gray's Harbor Community College prior to earning his degree in Distributive Education from CWU. He later returned to CWU to complete his Master's Degree in Secondary Education Administration.

Lance spent the first twelve years of his career teaching at Selah High School. In 1986, he and his principal started Pulse Alternative School in a house that had once been the Peace Lutheran parsonage. Lance later served as the school's principal and assisted in starting the school at Sundown M Ranch's youth facility. Concurrently, he owned and managed a ten acre orchard.

Lance married his first wife in 1969. This marriage was blessed with 3 daughters: Kelley, Leslie, and Alisha. He also has two grandchildren-Kannin and Gatlin.

Charlene was born in Modesto, CA and moved with her parents to Moses Lake when she was seven years old. She was baptized and raised in the Lutheran Church.

Charlene graduated from Moses Lake High in 1964. She attended Big Bend Community College prior to completing her degree in Social Work and Sociology at Eastern WA University. She later attended the University of Washington to earn a Master's Degree in Social Work.

Charlene had worked as a mental health tech and an outpatient therapist at Grant County Mental Health prior to being recruited by Catholic Family and Child Services, where she was promoted to the position of Clinical Director. She spent the last twenty years of her career as a behavioral health therapist at the Moses Lake Clinic, a branch of Confluence Health.

Charlene married her first husband in 1965. Her daughter, Melissa, was born three years later. Melissa was diagnosed with cancer over a year ago.

Lance and Charlene met in the fall of 2015, eight months after he had been widowed and she had been alone for eleven years. It was pretty much love at first date and they married 10 months later. After they established a home together in Selah, they started attending Central Lutheran Church in Yakima. Although they loved their church family, they became painfully aware that some of the teachings of the ELCA were not consistent with their own Christian beliefs. Lance and Charlene are so grateful to have been so warmly welcomed at Peace Lutheran and to be able to share spiritual devotions within a church whose teachings are consistent with their Christian beliefs and values.



# THE LUTHERAN HOUR

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler



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

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.

## MINISTRY NEWS

Has your idea of work changed in the last three months? how has your work world been impacted? You can let the folks at THRED know what you think by [clicking here](#)

## MINISTRY EVENTS

Dependent on social distancing guidelines from State and local Government officials.

### National Events:

SENT 2020: Registration now open  
[www.lhm.org/sent2020/](http://www.lhm.org/sent2020/)  
Saturday, October 17, 2020  
St. Louis Union Station

### NW/AK district Events:

District Convention  
September 12-13, 2020  
St Luke's Lutheran Church  
Federal Way, Washington.  
Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler will share news from LHM at the Saturday convention and will preach later that afternoon as well as at both services on Sunday.  
Look for registration info next month.

### 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— LHM-Liberia

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

Equipping the Saints\* training session helps bring young man to Christ

James is 22 years old and is the seventh of eight children in his family. He lives with his older brother who practices a non-Christian religion and encourages the other siblings to follow that religion as well. James has been curious about Christianity and is friends with a pastor at a local church. The pastor told James about a training event that was going to be held at his church and James decided to attend. The event was an **Equipping the Saints\*** training session hosted by **LHM-Liberia**. The staff at the event assumed James was there for training, so they included him in all the activities and answered all the questions James asked. LHM staff members described his questions as ones being asked by someone seeking truth and wanting to get rid of doubt. After two days of training, James decided he had found the truth and expressed a desire to become a member of the church. The pastor is now continuing to help James grow his new-found faith.

**\*Equipping the Saints** is a series of voluntary workshops that heighten participants' interest in witnessing and provide them the practical tools they need to reach out to family, friends, and neighbors who need to hear the Gospel and experience God's love.

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 over 2,000 people with the Gospel!** A \$50 gift shares the Gospel with more than 10,000. To donate or for more info: [www.lhm.org/international](http://www.lhm.org/international)

June 2020

June 7

"An Undeserved Salute"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
New Series Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:1-16)

June 14

"What You're Getting Into"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
New Series Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5)

June 21

"TBD"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
New Series Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5)

June 28

"TBD"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
New Series Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5)

### Listen to The Lutheran Hour



### LHM MOBILE APPS



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



## CONCORDIA SEMINARY



Formerly known as the Summer Workshop Series, the 2020 Prof Insights: Faculty-Led Workshop Series covers topics ranging from Pre-Constantinian theology to post-denominational challenges and from the psalms to 1 Peter. Because of the coronavirus pandemic, the workshops are being offered as online events in 2020.

**Who workshops are for:** Pastors, church workers and laypeople

**When:** June through August 2020

**Fee:** \$100 for each three-day workshop unless otherwise noted, which includes Continuing Education Unit (CEU) credits for pastors

**Registration deadline:** Three weeks before the beginning of each workshop

### WORKSHOPS

DATE	PRESENTER	PRESENTATION
June 15–17, 2020	Dr. Reed Lessing	Amos: Restore the Roar
June 15–17, 2020	Dr. Timothy Saleska	Influenced by a Cloud of Witnesses: Reading the Psalms for Spiritual Strength
June 22–24, 2020	Dr. Abjar Bahkou	Muslims and the Gospel, from Challenges to Opportunities: Getting to Know Our Muslim Friends
June 29–July 1	Dr. Joel Okamoto	Being Lutheran in a Post-Denominational Situation
July 20–22, 2020	Dr. Dale A. Meyer	Studies in 1 Peter: The Importance of Your Congregation to People in Today's Culture
July 27–29, 2020	Dr. Dale A. Meyer	Studies in 1 Peter: The Importance of Your Congregation to People in Today's Culture
Aug. 3–5, 2020	Dr. Kent Bureson Dr. Beth Hoeltke	From Baptism to Burial: Death, Life and the New Creation
Aug. 3–5, 2020	Dr. Erik Herrmann	Reforming Christian Devotion
Aug. 6–8, 2020	Dr. Richard Marrs	Making Christian Counseling More Christ Centered
Aug. 10–12, 2020	Dr. Thomas Egger	The Book of Exodus as Story and Gospel
Aug. 10–12, 2020	Dr. Benjamin Haupt	Confessing Christ and Living His Mission: Pre-Constantinian Theology and Practice for Our Post-Constantinian World
Aug. 10–12, 2020	Dr. Reed Lessing	Zechariah: Thy Kingdom Come
Aug. 17–19, 2020	Dr. Abjar Bahkou	Muslims and the Gospel, from Challenges to Opportunities: Getting to Know Our Muslim Friends

## **News from orphanage in Haiti that Peace Lutheran supports...**

Greetings in the Name of our Victorious Risen Lord who assure us that "Because I live you will live also" (John 14:19b). Alleluia!

On my recent call with Rev. Paul, we talked about some general issues of church, family, ministry, etc. I then asked, "And how are you doing?" He responded, "We are doing very well." He was upbeat and energetic with the issues that are before them. This upbeat approach reminded me of my evening devotions from Philippians, "I have learned in whatever situation to be content...I can do all things through Him who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:11, 13). May we all receive the Lord's strength as He distributes it through the Word and Sacraments.

He explained that "Mommie" (His wife, Clynie) is busy managing food and living necessities for the girls' and boys' homes as well as caring for other workers. There is a fairly severe food insecurity situation in their community and efforts are being made to support them in their time of need. Yves Thelamarque (the school administrator and pastor for the Baja Church) is busy caring for his church as well as supporting teachers the best he can.

Rev. Paul shared that the government officials are trying to say he owes more taxes for running a school. He explained to them that he has paid and the next payment is not due until September. We discussed the challenging concept of schools being charged taxes as they are educating the youth of the country for no cost to the country.

The rain they received in the last two weeks did allow for some agricultural pursuits to begin. "That rain was a blessing, but it had been real, real dry for three months. We need more rain." Please pray for healthy rain to fall on their land (and ours) as we are in this time of growth of agricultural products.

God's peace,

Rev. Sam Wiseman  
NEHLM Pastoral Adviser