PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Messenger of Peace

Dear Member and Friend,

February is upon us. It was one year ago that the covid-19 virus began to spread among the people of the United States. It has been a trying year for many and deadly for more than we would have imagined. Through it all the Lord has protected most of us and kept us safe from it. Now a vaccine is beginning to be distributed more widely and hopefully this will bring an end to this pandemic in much the same way as vaccines brought and end to polio and smallpox. Praise God that he has delivered us again from our troubles.

February is also the season of love. Valentines day is on a Sunday this year and we celebrate love. But most especially we celebrate the love of God for us in sending his only begotten Son to die on a cross that we might be forgiven. "This is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for all our sins." "God showed his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us."

Finally, February begins the season of Lent. We are joining Bethlehem Lutheran Church 801 Tieton Dr Yakima, WA for our Lenten Midweek Services this year. There will be midday services beginning at 12:10 pm so if you are working you would be able to join us over the noon hour. The services will last approximately ½ hour.

This year we will be focusing on the days of Holy Week. Many Christians are well aware of what took place on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. But what took place on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week? These three days contain some of Jesus' most significant action, most significant teaching, and most significant confrontation with the religious leaders of his day. Following Ash Wednesday, a significant day in its own right, the other five midweek services of this series will explore the "Significant Days" between Palm Sunday and Maundy Thursday. Preachers who prefer to address Ash Wednesday separately could use this first sermon as a free-standing message entitled "To Dust You Shall Return," and then offer the five subsequent sermons as a series, "Three Significant Days"—Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week.

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Four Significant Days

- 1. Ash Wednesday: Significant Problem—Last Day in the Garden, Genesis 3:19
- 2. Lenten Midweek 2: Significant Action—Monday of Holy Week, Mark 11:15-19
- 3. Lenten Midweek 3: Significant Questions—Tuesday of Holy Week, Mark 12:28-37
- 4. Lenten Midweek 4: Significant Teaching—Tuesday Holy Week, Matthew 23:1-12
- 5. Lenten Midweek 5: Significant Final Appearance Tuesday Holy Week, John 12:23-36
- 6. Lenten Midweek 6: Significant Deal—Wednesday of Holy Week, Luke 22:1-6

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Prayer Chain Update...



It's been awhile since we've updated the Prayer Chain. All prayer requests go through Shirley Davis, the Prayer Chain Coordinator. She then passes them on to the people on a list and those people then call the next person on the list. If you would like to be added to or taken off the Prayer Chain, please let Tammy know <u>by Jan. 31st</u>. If you have any questions, contact Shirley Davis or Tammy Peterson.

Baptism...

Noah Ronald Calhoun was baptized during the Wordship service on January 10th. Noah is the infant son of Joseph & Sharell (Sinclair) Calhoun, brother of Gracie Calhoun, grandson of Steve & Judy Sinclair and great-grandson of Jean Sinclair. We welcome little Noah to God's Family!

2021 Offering Envelopes...

The 2021 Offering Envelopes are here! They are on the table in the Narthex. **Please throw away any old envelopes** you may have and only use the new ones as the numbers may be different.



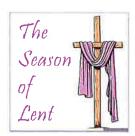
Life Choices Baby Bottle Drive...



Beginning Sunday, January 24th Peace will once again begin participating in Life Choices of Yakima's Baby Bottle Drive. For those of you unfamiliar with this Drive, all you do is take an empty baby bottle home and fill it with your spare change and return it to the church **by February 14**th. The funds raised in the Baby Bottle Drive support the life-changing work of meeting the physical and spiritual needs of women and men facing pregnancy decisions. You can find the baby bottles in a box in the narthex.

Midweek Lenten Services...

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Peace's Indoor Services...

Peace offers a morning service at 9:00 a.m. and an afternoon service at 4:00. Both services offer communion on the 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays. (We are only allowed 50 people indoors so once we've reached 50 you will have the option of either attending the afternoon service at 4:00 or Bethlehem's service at 11:00.) You must call the Church Office no later than Noon the Thursday before the Sunday service to register to attend.

Bible Class Schedule...

Pastor's Wednesday Bible Class will take a break during the Lenten Season.

Ushers Needed...

We are in need of additional ushers to serve at the Worship Services. If you would be willing to volunteer please let Tammy know. Training will be provided.

The Life and Times of Karen Lehman ...

Karen Lehman, the second of four children, was born in Olympia in October 1945, to Sidney and Mercedes Lehman. She was baptized in Olympia and later confirmed at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Yakima. She and the family became charter members of Peace Lutheran in October 1961, when Rev. Plautz was pastor.

Karen lived in Olympia for 2 years and 5 years in California before moving to the Wenas Valley in Selah in 1952. She graduated from Selah High School in 1963. After high school she attended YVCC earning an associate degree in accounting in 1965. Karen was employed for 9 years in various fruit warehouses--Yakima Fruit & Cold Storage, Northwestern Fruit in Gleed and Evans Fruit in Cowiche in the grower and general accounting departments for 36 years; 14 of those years were at Tree Top. She worked for 22 years at EPIC HEADSTART. She worked a total of 45 years before retiring in 2010.

At Peace Lutheran Karen taught Sunday School and VBS, and worked with the youth group. While employed at Tree Top, Karen offered Bible Classes during the lunch hour, evenings, Saturdays and Sundays for Tree Top, Peace Lutheran and other Selah women. This, in turn, was an influence to have some join Peace Lutheran Church. When Karen adopted her son, Victor, she introduced him to Peace with his baptism. She, along with other mothers at Peace, followed their little ones through their years at Peace by offering a church Sunday Worship daycare and "Little Lambs" Sunday School Class. There was also 'K' Kids and grades 1-6 classes with VBS and a children's Christmas program in the mix. When Victor started confirmation, Karen provided snacks and resumed teaching women's Bible Classes until her grandmother, Sylvia Lass, became ill and Karen was needed at home to help her mother, Mert, provide in-home care for her grandmother. Sylvia passed away in 1998 at age 93. From 2006 thru Feb. 2020 (the start of COVID) Karen, along with others from Peace, offered devotional services on Sunday afternoons at Riverview in Selah.

Upon retiring in 2010 Karen became a full-time in-home care provider for her aging parents. Her father, Sid, passed away in 2016 at age 94. Her mother Mert moved to Landmark in November 2019 at age of 95. Her mother was able to return home for a few days last Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Karen enjoys horseback riding, including events at the Wenas Saddle Club, barrel racing and team roping. Twice a year, with the exception of 2020, she has taken 'girl trips' with friends since the 1980's. She remains a strong attendee and supporter of Peace Lutheran services/ events. Her favorite Bible verse is: 1Thessalonians 5:16-18 "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, and give thanks in all CIRCUMSTANCES, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." Her short version of this verse is: "Praying is a privilege, so pray, pray, pray without ceasing and always try to laugh along the way." And we all agree that she does with a joyful Christian spirit.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

February 2021 sermon schedule: www.lutheranhour.org/programguide.asp

MINISTRY NEWS

Share the hope of Jesus through the Gospel message.







#HOPEABOUNDS

In 2020, LHM set out to show that even during uncertain times, #HOPEABOUNDS. All around the world, individuals are desperately searching for hope. Many people who previously did not want to know Christ are open to hearing the Gospel.

This makes #HOPEABOUNDS even more timely since individuals around the world, both non-Christian and Christian, need to hear Christ's messages of hope, comfort, and love. Through culturally relevant materials and programs, LHM shares the hopeful Gospel message with over 125 million people in more than 50 countries each week.

www.lhm.org/hopeabounds

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February 2021

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.



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 effec-

Lutheran Hour Ministry Speaker, Dr. Michael Zeigler, gives his broadcast each Sunday morning on "The Lutheran Hour Broadcasts". You can listen by tuning your radio to 91.5 FM at 7 a.m. or to 930 AM at 8 a.m. You can also go to Ihm.org and listen on your computer to present and past broadcasts.

LHM MOBILE







Global Focus: Middle East & North Africa

Website: www.lhm.org/global

The Middle East and North Africa has the youngest population in the world, many who feel hopeless because of political turmoil, social instability, and high unemployment. When you factor in the ongoing effects of a global pandemic, the hopelessness for many in the region only continues to grow.

A new television series produced through Lutheran Hour Ministries' ongoing partnership with SAT-7, the first and largest Middle East and North African Christian satellite television network, is shining the light of Christ into the lives of these hurting people at a time when they need to hear this message more than ever. The program, titled New Light, debuted Nov. 20 and will air four times weekly on SAT-7's Arabic channel. This satellite television program has the potential of reaching tens of millions of viewers in more than 20 countries spanning from as far west as Morocco to as far east as Iraq and the Persian Gulf.

"We are overjoyed to unveil this broadcast leading into the Advent season when we can bring the good news of great joy that Jesus Christ was born to people who may not have ever heard the Gospel message," says LHM President & CEO Kurt Buchholz. Buchholz currently serves as a Partner representative to the SAT-7 International Council, the first time a Partner from North America has been chosen for this appointment as these positions are typically held by European Partners.

The new program is a 55-minute talk show that highlights a different topic or brings a different perspective to current affairs and matters affecting the target audience of viewers ages 17 to 30. Each episode includes multiple segments covering in-studio and on-the-street interviews with guests sharing opinions on the program topic as well as their motivating stories, musical guests or pre-recorded songs, spiritual devotions pre-recorded from an off-site location, and much more. Some of the scheduled topics include the influence of mass media, types of addiction, freedom and responsibility, family values, marriage, recognizing and managing emotions, handling disappointment, and coping with pain and loss.

Given this demographic's preference for online media, the use of multiple segments allows material created for this television program to be utilized and promoted in multiple ways through social media platforms. The program's young co-hosts walk the viewers through the segments and encourage in-depth discussion on the topic.

"We pray this programming brings God's love and mercy to millions of young Arab viewers who are suffering and questioning their faith and place in society," says Buchholz. "Hearing about God and how He loves them and gives them hope for the future, from the privacy of their own homes, may be the only opportunity for many of these young adults to hear this message at all."

FEBRUARY 2021

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Pastor @ Peace	2 Pastor @ BLC	3 Pastor @ BLC	4 Pastor @ Peace	5 Pastor's Day Off	6
		8:00-3:00 Homeschool Grp.		(Circuit Visitor Call – 9:00)		
		Gip.		10:00 Stewardship Mtg.		
				7:00 Lay Minister's Mtg.		
(C)	8 Pastor @ Peace	9 Pastor @ BLC	10 Pastor @ BLC	11 Pastor @ BLC	12 Pastor's Day Off	13
Elder: Steve Sinclair		8:00-3:00				
9:00 a.m. Worship w/Communion		Homeschool Grp.				
(11 a.m. @ BLC)						
4:00 p.m. Worship w/Communion	6:30 Stephen Ministers Meet					
4 VALENTINE'S DAY	15 Pastor @ Peace	16 Pastor @ BLC	17 Pastor @ BLC	18 Pastor @ Peace	19 Pastor's Day Off	20
9:00 a.m. Worship		8:00-3:00		(Circuit Visitor		
VOTERS' MEETING following service		Homeschool Grp.	12:10 Ash Wednesday Service @ BLC	Call – 9:00)		
4:00 p.m. Worship		(Circuit Pastors,				
VOTERS' MEETING following service		Richland 10:00)				
21 (C)	22 Pastor @ Peace	23 Pastor @ BLC	24 Pastor @ BLC	25 Pastor @ Peace	26 Pastor's Day Off	27
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9:00 a.m. Worship		Rev. Mark Griesse: Cell: (509) 594-6866 Office Number: 697-4353 ALTAR GUILD				9
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