

**PEACE  
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# Messenger of Peace

Dear Members and Friends,

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July falls on a Sunday this year which gives us the chance to celebrate God's gracious gifts to our country as well as his continual gifts to us individually. Of course, receiving God's gifts through our government and nation also then makes us indebted to them. Celebrating our nation only when we receive the gifts of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and many others, obligates us to respect, honor, and obey our government when they ask things of us. St Paul exhorts us in Romans 13:

***Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. <sup>2</sup> Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. <sup>3</sup> For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, <sup>4</sup> for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. <sup>5</sup> Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. <sup>6</sup> For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. <sup>7</sup> Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.***

Luther in his explanation of the 4<sup>th</sup> commandment in his Large Catechism also tells us:

***The same also is to be said of obedience to civil government, which (as we have said) is all embraced in the estate of fatherhood and extends farthest of all relations. For here the father is not one of a single family, but of as many people as he has tenants, citizens, or subjects. For through them, as through our parents, God gives to us food, house and home, protection and security. Therefore, since they bear such name and title with all honor as their highest dignity, it is our duty to honor them and to esteem them great as the dearest treasure and the most precious jewel upon earth. He, now, who is obedient***

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*here, is willing and ready to serve, and cheerfully does all that pertains to honor, knows that he is pleasing God and that he will receive joy and happiness for his reward. If he will not do it in love, but despises and resists [authority] or rebels, let him also know, on the other hand, that he shall have no favor nor blessing.....Why think you, is the world now so full of unfaithfulness, disgrace, calamity, and murder, but because everyone desires to be his own master and free from the emperor, to care nothing for any one, and do what pleases him? Therefore, God punishes one knave by another, so that, when you defraud and despise your master, another comes and deals in like manner with you, yea, in your household you must suffer ten times more from wife, children, or servants. (Luther's Large Catechism para 150- 154)*

May God bless your celebration of the birth of our nation and help and empower us to be more than complainers and seek to work to resolve our disagreements with charity and integrity.

Pastor Griesse

## Voters' Meeting...

There is a Voters' Meeting scheduled for **Sunday, July 11th** following the Worship Service. All members are asked to attend. We will be voting on Officers and Board Directors.



## Nominations for Officers/Board Directors...

The Nominating Committee has submitted the nominations for our 2021-2023 term of Officers & Board Directors. We will be filling the positions of Executive Director, Assistant Executive Director, and all Board Directors. **You can find the list of nominated names on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.** Please take a look at the list, as we will be voting on these nominations at our July 11<sup>th</sup> Voters' Meeting.

## Pastoral Call Update...

We have received Call Documents for two candidates for pastor at Peace. The biographies/info regarding each candidate are in black binders on the counter in the office. Congregation members are invited to read through these documents but due to confidentiality they cannot be taken off the premises. The Call Committee will be interviewing these two candidates and will submit a summary of the interviews to the congregation. We will then have a joint "Call Service" with Bethlehem on July 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 **at Bethlehem**. We will vote for the candidate we wish to call at that service.

# Shoebox Ministry...

The "Shoebox Ladies" are in need of items to put in the shoeboxes. If you would like to donate items, they are asking for new or **gently used** toys and stuffed animals, small to medium in size. You can leave all items in the tub below the coat rack marked "Shoebox Items". If you have any questions, contact Jean Sinclair or Sandy Phelps.

# Men's Night Out...

Men's Night Out is scheduled for Monday, July 19th at 6:00 p.m. at Tailgaters in Selah. Peace men and a guest are invited to gather for good fellowship and good food. If you have any questions contact Ralph Miles.



# Office Closure...

The Church Office will be closed **Monday, July 5th** in observance of Independence Day.

# Roof Fund Drive...

Thank you to all who have donated to the Roof Fund. **So far we have received \$9,265.00 in donations.** If you would like to donate to the roof replacement project, mark your check "Roof Fund" and place in the plate with your offering, or drop it by the church office.

# Register for Worship Services...

Peace offers a morning Worship Service at 9:00 a.m. We offer communion on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays. **We still need everyone who plans to attend our worship service to call ahead and register. This is especially important on Communion Sundays** as the Altar Guild needs to know how much wine/juice/wafers to set up. Please, call the Church Office Monday through Thursday to register.





# Haiti Mission Update...

Greetings,

I returned from our trip to Haiti on the 26th of May and continue to find myself sharing stories. I appreciate the opportunity to share with people who are interested. I am honored to be involved with such conscientious people of this ministry, which includes you.

We were in Haiti during May, the rainy season, but we received only a couple of light rains. The biggest was during the second half of a soccer match with College Evangelique le Lutherien de Ouanaminthe (CELO is the K-11th grade school of this ministry) and another team. We got wet with this constant light rain. The opponents won the soccer match 7 to 2; they were older and able to regularly practice on the game field, a well-worn turfed field. That was the first time the CELO team was on a standard-sized field that wasn't just dirt. CELO's fans were numerous, outnumbering the opponents by about 20 to 1. They were very supportive and celebrative with each of the two scores and didn't seem to mind the rain.

Rev. Paul reported that they received a very good hard rain on June 8th and some other rain before that. He anticipates that the gardens will be growing well.

Please continue to pray for these, and other, Christians in Haiti. They consistently demonstrate a vibrant love for worship and the grace that God provides. The country of Haiti also needs our prayers as there is fairly intense unrest due in part to a president who remains in office after his term has ended; the country has not been able to hold an election. Political instability has regularly hampered this country.

God's peace,

Rev. Sam Wiseman  
NEHLM Pastoral Advisor



## THE LUTHERAN HOUR

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Sermon schedule:

[lutheranhour.org/programguide](http://lutheranhour.org/programguide)



### WA/AK District

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

## MINISTRY NEWS



### Better Together

How Christians Can Be a  
Welcome Influence in Their  
Neighborhoods.

Read stories about neighbors  
making a difference, learn  
about your own gifts by taking  
the Every Gift inventory, and  
consider joining the project.

[hopefulneighborhood.org](http://hopefulneighborhood.org).

### Save the Date!

WA/AK District area  
Conventions

With **Dr. Michael Ziegler**  
special guest and speaker of  
the Lutheran Hour!

**August 26th**  
**Anchorage Lutheran**  
**Anchorage, AK**

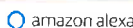
**August 28, 2021**  
**St. Luke's Lutheran Church**  
**Federal Way, WA**  
With AM Worship Service  
Led by Dr. Ziegler on Sunday 29th.

**August 29th**  
**St. John's Lutheran Church**  
**Spokane, WA**  
With Evening Worship Service  
Led by Dr. Ziegler

**Check back next month for more  
info on how to register**

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 AFN.

### The Lutheran Hour



### 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.

**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 [lhm.org](http://lhm.org) and listen  
on your computer to present and  
past broadcasts.

Global Focus: **LHM-Middle East and North Africa**

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

The satellite ministry in the Middle East and North Africa has been producing video programming in the Arabic language on the SAT-7 satellite. This was a great success and the partnership began to produce programming for children called "Golpand" in the Farsi language on the SAT-7 PARS. Now because of your support of LHM another Farsi language broadcast called "Hashtag" for older children and youth is being produced. These weekly programs have a bible story and helps the children to apply lesson to their lives from that story. Last fall the Hashtag staff asked its audience to create artwork that would help the children imagine what life would be like after Covid-19. One mother shared on air how her daughter watches the show and has learned to pray by listening to the show and now prays with her friends and relatives.

In addition to reaching children and youth with the Gospel we are also reaching out to young adults.

Rashid is 22 years old and lives in a city with no church. He has been interested in Christianity but has not yet met anyone who could help him understand the Christian faith. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, Rashid is living with his family who practice a non-Christian religion. One day, he came across an LHM social media page and arranged a virtual meeting with an LHM staff member in the Middle East and North Africa who was able to answer some of his questions and send him lessons for their Bible Correspondence Courses (BCC)\*. Rashid is looking forward to studying the lessons and learning more about Christianity.

Visit [lhm.org/hopeabounds](http://lhm.org/hopeabounds) to see how  
#HOPEABOUNDS around the world.

Thank You for your support of Lutheran Hour Ministries! Your support makes a difference!

LHM WA/AK District  
Newsetter Editor Julia Sinclair  
Zone 2 Eastside President



# The Amazing Journey of a Simple Shoebox Gift

Begins with You and Results in Evangelism,  
Discipleship, and Multiplication



## Packing

From children to seniors, people pack shoebox gifts ([/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/](#)) each year to bless children in need

around the world. Parents often use the project to teach their kids about giving. Year-round volunteers ([/operation-christmas-child/volunteer-year-round/](#)) support these efforts across the country.



## Collecting

Churches and groups of all sizes collect boxes ([/operation-christmas-child/project-leader/](#)) from their communities. Some churches also serve as drop-off

locations ([/operation-christmas-child/drop-off-locations/](#)) for shoeboxes the third week of November every year.

## Shipping

Thousands of volunteers ([/operation-christmas-child/volunteer-at-a-shoebox-processing-center/](#)) serve annually inspecting and preparing shoeboxes for international shipping. Every hour work stops for a few minutes to pray for the children who will receive the boxes.



## Worldwide Distribution

Long before shoeboxes arrive in more than 100 countries, volunteer National Leadership Teams train pastors and community leaders who want to share the message of the Gospel ([/operation-christmas-child/eternal-impact/](#)) and bless children. The leaders learn how to host child-friendly outreach events, and how to implement The Greatest Journey follow-up discipleship program.



# JULY 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<b>4 (C)</b> <b>Independence Day</b> Elder: Bruce Peterson 9:00 a.m. Worship w/Communion (11 a.m. @ BLC)	<b>5 OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>(in observance of Independence Day)</b> 	<b>6 Pastor @ BLC</b>	<b>7 Pastor @ BLC</b> 7 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Gateway	<b>8 Pastor @ Peace</b>	<b>9 Pastor's Day Off</b>	<b>10</b>  8:00 A.A. Grp.
<b>11</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship <b>VOTERS' MTG. following Service</b> (11 a.m. @ BLC)	<b>12 Pastor @ Peace</b>	<b>13 Pastor @ BLC</b>	<b>14 Pastor @ BLC</b> 7 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Gateway	<b>15 Pastor @Peace</b>	<b>16 Pastor's Day</b>	<b>17</b>  8:00 A.A. Grp.
<b>18 (C)</b> <b>10:00 a.m. Joint Call Service @ Bethlehem</b> (No service @ Peace)	<b>19 Pastor @ Peace</b>  6:00 p.m. Men's Night Out @ Tailgaters	<b>20 Pastor @ BLC</b>	<b>21 Pastor @ BLC</b> 7 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Gateway	<b>22 Pastor @ Peace</b>	<b>23 Pastor's Day Off</b>	<b>24</b>  10-3:30 Knotty Girls Quilting Grp. (in Fellowship Hall)  8:00 A.A. Grp.
<b>25</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship (11 a.m. @ BLC)	<b>26 Pastor @ Peace</b>	<b>27 Pastor @ BLC</b>  Office Closed	<b>28 Pastor @ BLC</b> 7 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Gateway  Office Closed	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  Office Closed	<b>31</b>
<div>TAMMY ON VACATION</div>						