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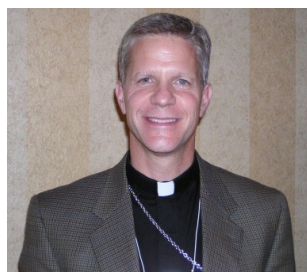
THE MESSENGER

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Do Not Grieve the Holy Spirit

by
President Randall Golter

“And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption” (Eph. 4:30).



Colorado has seen twenty-seven fires in the month of March alone; the average year has three. A whole lot of fires are going on in this region! But, a whole lot of *spiritual* fires are going on in this region as well, this region called the Rocky Mountain District.

Paul, by the Spirit’s prompting, writes of “not grieving the Holy Spirit of God.” Grieving of the Spirit means to cause God’s Spirit to be sorrowful, to be sad. St. Paul lists the ways of grieving God’s Spirit in verses 25 to 31:

Not putting away falsehood,
Letting the sun go down on one’s anger,
Giving opportunity to the devil,
Stealing,
Corrupting talk,
Bitterness,
Wrath and anger,
Clamor and slander,
Malice.

Life in and by the Spirit—that is repentance and faith in Jesus—continually battles and resists such deeds of darkness. If not, the Spirit’s work is weakened and even the life of the new man can be killed. In Romans 8:13 Paul writes of such death: “For if you live according to the flesh you will die.”

I work with many of the Lord’s congregations in this region; it is a distinct privilege and joy. My, I am amazed with the Spirit’s work through my fellow pastors and through the laity. He works in and through them the mighty deeds of the proclamation of Jesus to each other and to others beyond the congregations. I see His work in faithful pastors caring for the sheep, and how the sheep offer their lives as living sacrifices to others (Romans 12:1-2).

I am also witness to conflict, strife, bitterness, and the anger of the Lord’s people leading with suspicion instead of trust. This is of the devil and the old sinful nature.

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“Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.” 2 Timothy 2:10



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All of this grieves the Spirit of God and clouds Christ and His forgiveness. This sinful life of not fighting against the sins of the flesh but instead feeding the fleshly life hinders the Spirit's work in each congregation and every believer involved.

The only deliverance is found in the Lamb who goes to Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and leaves the following Friday with a cross on His shoulders. He who received the Spirit at His baptism gave up His Spirit on the Cross (John 1:32; 19:30). From this One also comes the Spirit even now through Baptism and the Lord's Meal, for He is the source and giver of life.

Paul writes to the congregation at Thessalonica, "Do not extinguish the Spirit (1 Thess. 5:19)," as in putting out the Spirit's fire, that is, the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the only hope—His holy life, death, and resurrection—for the life in the Spirit.

Lutheran Family Services Benefit

On Saturday, April 9, Lutheran Family Services is having its Annual Benefit Gala, "***A Mile High Evening to Remember,***" at the new Four Seasons Hotel in downtown Denver. Entertainment this year is Lannie Garrett, a singer and entertainer who has performed extensively around Denver. Please join us for this fun event as we celebrate the programs of LFS and raise funds that will offer help and hope for children, families, and older adults. Reservations may be made online at www.lfsco.org or by calling 303.217.5860.

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“You Have Choices”

A Future of Possibilities—Don't miss this Educational Forum with Valuable Information for Adult Children and their Parents

There is no charge to attend, but please call Kathie at (303) 794-4636 so we know you are coming.

The Public is welcome to this FREE Forum

When: April 9, 2011

Where: Ascension Lutheran Church
1701 West Caley Avenue
Littleton, CO 80120

Agenda: 8:00 - 8:30	Breakfast
8:30 - 8:35	Welcome/Opening Prayer—Pastor John Larson
8:35 - 9:25	16 care and Housing Options for Seniors—Roger Rhodes, CPS
9:25 10:10	You Are Not Alone—We Can Help Is it Forgetfulness or Dementia?
10:10 10:25	Break with Refreshments
10:25 11:10	The Blessings of Hospice Care—Gary Walker, VistaCare Understanding Palliative Care
11:10 11:55	Organizing Your Legal Affairs — Marco Chayett, JD Questions and Answers

Youth Volleyball Tournament

It is time for the 2011 Youth Group Volleyball Tournament! This is our seventh year for this tournament. Each year teens and adults alike have commented about how much fun they have had, even if they don't win many games. This is a great way to bring youth groups together, so get your team(s) together soon! One of the prizes for the first-place team is a travelling trophy signed by the previous winning teams.

The date is Sunday, May 1, at Lutheran High School Parker (11249 Newlin Gulch Blvd, Parker, CO 80134), from 2-6 PM. Cost is \$15 per person, which includes t-shirt, pizza, and prizes. Format is pool play, where each team plays at least two games. Championship round is single elimination. Check out the attached registration form for more details, including how to put your team together. If you have only enough for a partial team, sign up anyway, and we will do our best to pair your group with another partial team. We want as many youth groups as we can get, whether your church is smaller or larger.

Registration forms and money are due Wednesday, April 20. If you have any questions, please feel free to email, call, or text me.

Finally, we are looking for volunteers to help with serving food (we will order pizza) and drinks, line judging, time and score keeping, etc. If you have volunteers from your church who can help, please let me know their names by Wednesday, April 20.

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Rocky Mountain District Lutheran Laymen's League Annual Meeting

Join us at: Peace Lutheran Church,
5675 Field Street,
Arvada, CO

Date: Saturday April 30, 2011.

The Rocky Mountain District of the Int'l Lutheran Laymen's League will stage its annual meeting at Peace Lutheran Church, 5675 Field St. in Arvada from 9:30 am. - 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 30th. Harold Melser, Director of Ministry Advancement for Lutheran Hour Ministries, is this year's International Representative from LHM in St. Louis. He'll discuss the exciting ways through which LHM is currently "Bringing Christ to the Nations -- and the Nations to the Church." All supporters of Lutheran Hour Ministries are encouraged to attend.

A freewill offering will be taken during the luncheon to benefit the RMD LLL District Scholarship Fund for those pursuing education leading to a called position.

Registration is only \$20 for adults and includes meeting materials and lunch. Registration is due April 27. Forms are available in the RMD LLL's newsletter, *Mile Hi Notes*, mailed to all LCMS congregations in the RMD LLL which includes Colorado, New Mexico and El Paso, Texas. Questions may be addressed to Gerland Klein, President, Rocky Mountain District LLL, at gerlandk@plains.net. You may also call him at 970-630-0906 (cell) or 970-848-2949 (home) or write to him at 40951 County Rd. D, Yuma, CO 80759.

Schedule: 9:30 a.m. – Registration / Coffee
10:00 a.m. - Opening/ Bible Study
11:00 a.m. – LHM Representative, Part 1
11:30 a.m. – Region Governor, District Presidents Reports
12:00 p.m. - Luncheon/Scholarship Program
1:00 p.m. – Greetings from LCMS
1:15 p.m. –Business meeting/ Election of Officers
2:00 p.m. – Break
2:15 p.m. – ROC Promotion
2:30 p.m. – LHM Representative, Part 2
3:00 p.m. – Installation of Officers
3:15 p.m. – Closing Remarks

** Link to the registration form: http://www.peacelutheran.net/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=96&Itemid=109

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Continuing Education Seminar

The Utah Circuit is sponsoring its first continuing education seminar through Concordia Theological Seminary June 1-3, 2011. The Seminar will focus on Apologetics in a modern world, especially appropriate to those of us who are serving populations that are largely Mormon. Adam Francisco, Associate Professor of History—Concordia University, Irvine, California and member of the Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa (ASMEA) will teach the class. Prior to joining the faculty at Concordia University, Irvine, Dr. Francisco served on the faculty at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana (2007-2010). He served as Assistant Professor of History at Concordia College—New York (2005–2007) and was the Albin Salton Fellow at University of London's prestigious Warburg Institute (2004–2005). Dr. Francisco received his B.A. in Biblical Languages (2000) and M.A. in Reformation Theology (2001) from Concordia University (Irvine, California) and M. St. (2003) and Ph.D. (2006) in Historical Theology and Christian-Muslim Relations from the University of Oxford.

The continuing education will be, at Light of the Valley Lutheran Church, in Riverton, UT.

If you need more information, you are invited to contact
Rev. Alan Borchert, 801-571-6769, or 801-860-6412

Rev. Dr. Steven Hein at Lutheran High School, Parker, CO July 18-20 **“Defending Your Faith: Overcoming Timidity with Confidence”**

Christians often find themselves on the defensive when challenged about the truthfulness of their faith. How can we stand up for our beliefs without offending others? This course is designed especially for the young Christian who is looking for answers and strategies by which the Christian faith can be successfully defended in the face of today's culture wars and the challenges of post-modernism. Learn how to survive and thrive in today's culture wars! Sign up, do the readings before class, and get ready for some great discussions and applications. Bring your youth group and maybe stay a couple more days to explore the Front Range. There are several nearby motels if you need overnight accommodations.

What you will learn:

How to defend your faith

How to more than survive culture wars

The difference between giving offense and others taking offense

How to *talk* it like you walk it

How to *think* Christian and feel confident

Where: Lutheran High School of Parker
11249 Newlin Gulch Blvd, Parker CO

When: Monday, July 18 – Wednesday, July 20, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm daily

Coordinator: Rev. Joseph Murphy, Grace Lutheran Church, Parker CO, 303-840-5493

Cost: \$100 (register before March 31 for an early bird discount and it is only \$80)

Registration/information/ course outline: E-Mail to GraceLutheranParker@Gmail.com

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Redeemer, Los Alamos, NM, Dedicates Sanctuary



In 1999 Immanuel Lutheran Church of Santa Fe, NM, voted to lay the ground work for planting a new LCMS mission in Los Alamos County. In January 2003, lay-led services began with Rev. Douglas Escue of Immanuel Lutheran Church traveling up from Santa Fe once a month to administer the sacrament of Holy Communion. On April 25, 2003, Immanuel Lutheran Church purchased land at 2000 Diamond Drive in Los Alamos. On September 7, 2003, formal services were led every Sunday afternoon by Rev. Escue in the side chapel of the United Church in Los Alamos. In February 2004, Mission Development and Financial Workshops were led by Rev. Mark Larson, Dr. Erich Helge, Mr. Bernie Braunschweig, and Mr. Dan Bacon. On December 5, 2004, a total of \$300,980 was pledged through a three-year Sustained Giving Stewardship Emphasis program along with \$232,000 through a Jean Elder/Elsie Seek memorial gift. On April 24, 2005, Immanuel Lutheran Church issued a call to Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, graduate Brian Kachelmeier. On June 26, 2005, Brian L. Kachelmeier was ordained into the Office of the Holy Ministry and installed as Associate Pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church with the task of planting a new congregation in Los Alamos. On July 10, 2005, formal Divine Services led by Pastor Kachelmeier began at the Los Alamos Community Building. After using various locations in public schools and county facilities, the new mission began leasing a storefront space in White Rock in May 2007. On January 6, 2008, Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church in Los Alamos, NM, became a member congregation of the LCMS. On April 13, 2008, Rev. Brian L. Kachelmeier was installed as the first pastor of Redeemer. In the summer of 2010, a building loan was acquired through LCEF. On August 22, 2010, a ground-breaking ceremony took place on 2000 Diamond Drive in Los Alamos. On March 13, 2011, the new sanctuary was dedicated. Rocky Mountain District President Randy Golter was the guest preacher.



Pictured are those in attendance at the dedication. In the front row are (from left to right) Rev. Douglas Escue, Rev. Ed Maas, Rev. Brian L. Kachelmeier, Vicar Phil Quarles, & Rev. Randy Golter

Preschool Director/Teacher Needed

Grace Lutheran Church, Albuquerque, NM, is seeking to fill a position in their preschool. Lambs of Grace Preschool is in need of a Director/Teacher able to start for the 2011-2012 school year. The applicant must meet State of New Mexico qualifications (applicant should have one to three years of experience in an early childhood growth and development setting—experience required dependent upon completed level and area of college education). The 40 hour, 5 days per week, position consists of the primary duty of being the lead teacher in the classroom and the secondary duty of being the Director of the Pre-school (involving investing in positive parent/school relations and maintaining state licensure requirements in the classroom and administratively). The applicant should be in accord with the doctrine of the Lutheran Confessions—biblical instruction is an integral part of the school's overall curriculum. Please contact Lesley Holle (current Director/Teacher of Lambs of Grace Preschool) at 505-710-7124 no later than April 8 if interested.

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New Members for Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Rifle, CO



Emmanuel Lutheran Church of Rifle, CO, celebrated the reception of 26 new members on January 9, 2011. After sixteen weeks of Adult Instruction, they were ready to become communicant members. Of the group eight were also baptized, five of whom were adults.

Emmanuel's congregation rejoices in the harvest that God has given!

MISSION AND MINISTRY: Homelessness and Veterans

"Engaging Veterans and Families to Enhance Service Delivery" is the title of a newly released resource for community organizations, including congregations. It is produced by The National Center on Family Homelessness with support from Walmart. Think of it as a tool kit for mission outreach and ministry to veterans and their families. Particular attention is provided in regard to understanding homelessness, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), and female veterans.

For electronic copies see ...

<http://www.familyhomelessness.org/media/174.pdf>

To order printed copies contact ...

Rosenie.clervil@familyhomelessness.org or call 617-964-3836.

Consider what God says in Psalm 91. "Shelter" for the homeless is available from "the Most High." He can be anyone's "refuge" and "fortress." For the homeless and/or the veteran, the "terror of the night" or "the arrow that flies by day" may still be coming as consequences of military service. Hey, military folks are survivors. Survival (v.7), however, does not necessarily mean that personal battles are over. Therefore, the LORD deploys His angels to "guard" (v.11) duty. In times of "trouble," God comes to the "rescue" (v.15).

The marks of God's service to mankind are, of course, in the body of Christ Jesus who has come to our rescue in our time of need. His wounds, His scars, His cross, and His empty tomb tell the story of self-sacrificial service ... and, victory!

God also says that the body of Christ is His Church. His congregations, His people, are His dispensers of mercy (see Romans 12) ... evidenced in, through, and by the Word proclaimed, sacraments dispensed, and behavior demonstrated. By whom and to whom? By church members to one another, by us to the homeless, by us to veterans, by us to the family across the way, and by us even to our enemies, our language is the language of the one true faith. Our language is the language of Christian kindness.

Charles Keogh, Chaplain
Denver VA Medical Center

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We have open space for churches and schools for your events that are coming up. If you want us to post please let us know. Ask for Doug Ullmann 303.695.8001 or email: doug.ullmann@rm.lcms.org



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Roster Reports

CALL EXTENDED

Messiah, Longmont, CO to Beth Landon, King of Glory, St. Louis, MO
Mt. Calvary, Estes Park, CO to Seminarian Candidate

CALLS ACCEPTED

John Johnson III, Aurora, CO to Peace with Christ, Aurora, CO

CALLS DECLINED

Rev. David Loeschke, Immanuel, Las Vegas, NM to Grace, Marlin and Mart, TX
Rev. James Nash, Trinity, Sterling, CO to Grace, Hibbing, MN

TRANSFERS

Rev. Arthur Schudde, Emeritus, Central Illinois to RMD
Warren Paul, Commissioned Minister, Emeritus, RMD to Southern
Daniel Stec, Commissioned Minister, Candidate, Missouri to RMD
Christine Boettcher, Commissioned Minister, Candidate, Northwest to RMD

CALLED TO GLORY

Rev. Mario Lozano of Rey de Reyes Hispanic Ministry, Mission, Las Cruces, N.M.

Upcoming Events – Rocky Mountain District

April

18—Evangelism Team Meeting via phone 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

May

6 LEAD Meeting, Denver, CO
16-17 Board of Director's Meeting - RMD

August

1-2 RMD Board of Directors Meeting

September

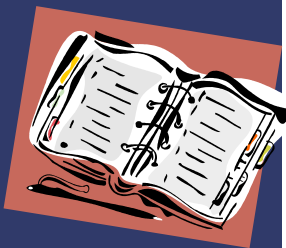
13-15 Older Adults at YMCA of Rockies, Estes Park, CO

October

5-7 Professional Worker's Conference, Breckenridge, CO

November

4-5 "Conversations of Grace at the ROC!" Conference, Colorado Springs, CO, Crowne Plaza
7-8 RMD Board of Directors Meeting





We Encourage your Prayers

Heavenly Father, You have compassion on us, regardless of our worries and fears. We entrust these two faithful pastors to Your gracious care as they undergo chemotherapy treatments for cancer. May Your Word keep them strong in their faith that the evil one has no power over them. Amen.

Rev. Gary Buss, Messiah, Grand Junction, CO

Rev. David Schneider, emeritus, Director of the Rocky Mountain Theological Institute and an instructor there also.

Conversations of Grace at the ROC!

Be **inspired**, **energized**, and **equipped** to share God's Love, nurture your family and witness to the community!

November 4-5, 2011



In partnership with the Conversations of Grace Conference, ROC-Colorado Springs at the Crowne Plaza brings you to the foot of Pike's Peak for a mountain-top experience through inspirational worship, empowering presentations, and discussion with other mission-minded Christians.

The mountain top, however, is not from which you will need to come down. With solid training and access to ongoing resources after the conference is over, you will be fueled and fired up to witness for Jesus Christ!

Full conference information—including schedule and registration details—will soon be posted. While each of the eight ROCs is being developed to meet specific outreach needs of the area in which they are located, you can check out the ROC-Phoenix schedule by clicking here: <http://www.lhm.org/roc/co.asp>