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*“Therefore I endure every-
thing 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*



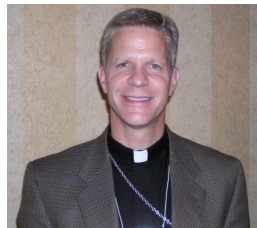
THE MESSENGER

JANUARY 2012

One Man

by
President Randall Golter

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave or free, there is neither male or female, for you are all one man in Christ Jesus (Gal. 3:28, translation mine).



God made each human being with creaturely differences. Some people are tall and others are short; some have a knack for math while others would not even consider taking algebra. There are males and females, as Paul states, and Jews and Greeks. Creation, including every human being, merely displays the glory of God. “The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork” (Ps. 19:1).

This beauty of the one creation “took a nose dive” when the first parents did not believe in the tender love of their Creator. Their unbelief fractured the unity between God and man. God set forth the one unifying plan for restoration, the sending of the Woman’s Seed to crush the serpent’s head (Genesis 3:15).

God through His Church is seeking to restore all humanity to Himself through the preaching of the Christ (1 Cor. 1:21, 23; Matt. 28:18-20). Through the application of the Name and the splashing of water, God incorporates individuals into the one body of Christ.

English translations put it this way: “For you are all one in Christ Jesus.” Far better and more accurate is this way: “For you are all *one man* in Christ Jesus.”

The first Adam (man) rebelled against God; the second Adam (Jesus) was sent to be the perfect man in the place of the rebellious Adam. And now, through the proclamation of this second Adam, Jesus Christ, the fractured and broken humanity is brought back to be the *one man*, that is, the one human race. Restoration and unity can only be accomplished through the preaching of the Christ!

The bumper sticker “Coexist” is silly. After the peace symbol, it shows the various symbols for the world religions, e.g., Islam, Hinduism, etc. The cross is listed as the last symbol. The message is quite clear: all these religions can “coexist” together in peace. Wrong! These world religions are at war with Christianity! They are attempting to stamp out Christ. These religions have a unity, that is, a unity of purpose: To exterminate Christ from this world.

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Only Christianity preaches a true unity (and peace) of humanity through the one man, Jesus Christ. Only Christianity teaches that God unifies all through Holy Baptism, where He makes the “one man in Christ Jesus” (Gal. 3:28). It is true that Christianity is at war against all non-Christian religions. For they disobey the very First Commandment, presenting a god apart from the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The Epiphany season is all about the restoration of the broken and divided human race into one man through the preaching of the one and only Savior of the world—Jesus Christ.

January Meditation

“For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” These are the words of the Magi who came from the east in search of the king of the Jews. As another Epiphany comes, what is your light? What is it that leads you to worship the King of kings? In a world that invites us to search for so many things, we need to be reminded that we have been given a light that the darkness could not overcome. Yes, the child in the manger, who is the light that shines, will find His true meaning in the journey to Calvary. This is the message that brings us to the foot of the cross, to see the gracious gift of love and mercy that God had for His creation.

God invites us to worship the King. Consider that it may have been the guidance of parents, the influence of a friend, the reading of an article, or the lyrics of a song that set you in search of your Savior, but it is the working of the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament that sustains and guides you on that journey just as the Magi were led by a star. God’s grace is a marvelous gift, freely given to you and to me. Let that light shine in your life; worship the King of kings and Lord of lords. Epiphany reminds us of the marvelous light in which we live our lives. May the light shine in your life so that you too might worship Him not only in Epiphany but each and every day God grants you here on this earth.

Devotion by

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Pastors – Is it time to dig deeper?

Fellow pastors in the RMD, is it time to assist your lay leaders to refresh their grasp of basic Lutheran teachings at a deeper level?

All of us have to work to maintain a Christ-centered, Gospel-breathing spirit in our congregations. And many of our mission prospects, new members, and even teachers in Sunday School and Bible classes may not be aware of major teachings in Lutheran theology. Some come from denominations that don't teach about the need to distinguish Law and Gospel, who emphasize the sacraments as "ordinances to be obeyed" rather than God's instruments to forgive sin, or who focus on Christian conduct and may overlook the forgiving Gospel as the power for Christian growth in all of life.

Brothers, if we ourselves have to keep working to keep the necessary balance in these things, it follows that our lay leaders may also need to go deeper into the teachings.

Would you consider sending some of your elders, Sunday School and Bible class teachers, chair-people in evangelism, stewardship, and community service to a course in "Christian Doctrine I"?

That course will be offered by the Rocky Mountain Theological Institute (RMTI), beginning on February 4, 2012, and meeting on alternate Saturdays through April 14. Classes will meet from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (with a one-hour lunch break) at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, located at Constitution and Murray in Colorado Springs.

The course is meant to be intensive and challenging, in order to bring real benefit to the students. The tuition fee is \$150 to study for credit, or \$100 to sit in as an auditor.

Please contact the RMTI Coordinator (who is also the instructor for this course) for more details, including a syllabus showing topics, textbooks, and assignments for the study.

Rev. David Schneider – RMTI Coordinator. (719) 596- 6703 or djschnitz@juno.com

Peaks & Valleys Articles Wanted

The deadline for the March issue is January 16 (next Monday).

The deadline for the April issue will be Feb. 15.

Please send to:

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ONE DAY SEMINAR FOR MATURE ADULTS FEBRUARY 11, 2012

Sponsored by the Rocky Mountain District Older Adult Ministry Committee
THEME: "Expanding One's Quality of Life"

A one-day seminar sponsored by the Older Adult Ministry Committee of the District will again be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 2100 Wadsworth Blvd., Lakewood, CO on Saturday, February 11, 2012.

Last year 98 seniors attended and many favorable comments were made about the program, stating that the topics of the presenters were extremely interesting and educational. The four presenters and topics for this year are:

PAIN MANAGEMENT: Alan R. Brewer, MD, with Spinal Diagnostics and Pain Management, will speak about relief for chronic pain. He specializes in the use of low level laser therapy. The laser device produces a beam of light which is applied over the injured area to stimulate healing. When laser light is absorbed by living tissue, it triggers biological reactions in the cells. Chemical substances are produced, released, and transported by the blood and lymph to other parts of the body. In this way the effects of the laser light may not be only local but can also achieve wide systematic physiological responses. Low level laser therapy has been used for many years on sports injuries, arthritic joints, neuropathic pain syndromes, and back and neck pain.

MIRACULOUS EVENTS ON THE DAY OF THE CRUCIFIXION: Robert Werth, professional electrical engineer currently at Ball Aerospace, will speak on the miraculous events of the day of the crucifixion. On that day numerous prophecies were fulfilled. Some of these took place before Jesus was nailed, some took place while He was on the cross, and then some took place in the evening after His death. Recent discoveries in astronomy coupled with ancient prophecies come together to show us how we worship a God who is beyond space and time, who is real, and who loves us enough to sacrifice His own Son so that through faith in Him we may have eternal life with God.

INSIGHTS INTO THE MUSLIM WORLD: Rev. Dr. George Naeem, Executive Director of Biblical Orthodox Lutheran Mission (BOLM) Society, is a native of Egypt. There he served as a physician and surgeon for many years; he experienced firsthand the oppression of a Muslim majority. In 1994 he came to the US to study at San Francisco Theological Seminary, where he received a Doctor of Ministry degree. He has since become an LCMS pastor through the colloquy process. BOLM is one of the missions of the LCMS. It was founded three years ago and offers an internet seminary to those who are converting to Christianity from other religions, most often, those of the Muslim religion. The central purpose of the mission is to bring Jesus Christ to the Muslim world, spreading the Gospel through radio messages, BOLM internet, lectures, and mailings.

WHAT WE ARE FIGHTING FOR – ELEANOR ROOSEVELT DURING WW II: Susan Marie Frontczak, who lives in Boulder, portrays Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1942 as she has just returned from England where she visited with soldiers, generals, royalty, and the working people. Find out how the First Lady felt about the individual's role in a world torn by war, hardship, and uncertainty. The program consists of a monologue in-character, followed by a question and answer period first with "Mrs. Roosevelt" and then with the scholar/presenter.

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MATCHING FUNDS! Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has graciously offered to provide matching funds for our Seminar. Thrivent will also cover the costs of food and coffee breaks. The registration fee this year will be \$10 per person. While SOAR will pay the speakers' expenses, the remaining registration fees will be matched by Thrivent, and the funds raised will be used to subsidize the 2012 Gathering. If you decide to give extra help in this regard, any amount over the \$10 would certainly be appreciated.

SEMINAR SCHEDULE

9:00 am	Registration/Coffee/Getting Acquainted
9:25 am	Opening and Prayer
9:30 am	Pain Management – Alan R. Brewer, MD
10:30 am	Coffee Break
10:45 am	Miraculous Events on the Day of the Crucifixion – Robert Werth
11:45 am	Lunch
12:45 pm	Biblical Orthodox Lutheran Mission and Insights into the Muslim World – Rev. Dr. George Naeem
1:45 pm	Coffee Break
2:00 pm	What We Are Fighting for – Eleanor Roosevelt during WWII

ONE DAY SEMINAR FOR MATURE ADULTS

SPONSORED by the Rocky Mountain District Older Adult Ministry Committee

THEME: “Expanding One’s Quality of Life”

WHEN: Saturday, February 11, 2012

WHERE: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 2100 Wadsworth Blvd.
Lakewood, CO 80214

TOPICS: “Pain Management,” Alan R. Brewer, MD
“Miraculous Events on the Day of the Crucifixion,” Robert Werth
“Insights into the Muslim World,” Rev. Dr. George Naeem
“What We Are Fighting for,” Eleanor Roosevelt during WWII

COST: \$10.00 per person, which includes program, lunch, and coffee breaks

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THIS YEAR BY THE NUMBERS...

240...the number of students LuHi started the 2011-2012 school year with! 30 students more than budgeted for! God is certainly at work in Douglas County!

54...percent of our student body attending school at this campus for the first time! What an exciting time to have more new students than returning students!

62...different church memberships represented in our student body! Members from 19 Lutheran churches and 43 non-Lutheran churches reflect an especially broad mission field represented here!

27...the number of junior high schools represented in our current freshman class alone! What a diverse population we are blessed to serve!

42,000...the number of floorboards that got re-finished in the gym this year as part of a \$14,000 summer re-branding project, fully paid for by donor support!

1...our golf team's finish at the regional tournament as they now head to the state tournament!

2...the state ranking of our volleyball team! (as of 9/20/11)

3...the state ranking of our football team! (as of 9/20/11)

15...total number of varsity sports now offered!

37...percent of students receiving tuition assistance based on need! This reflects LuHi's efforts to be missional in outreach, striving to make Christian education available to as many families as possible!

22...the number of truckloads it took to transport everything from the Denver campus down to Parker!

24,837...copies of sheet music now in our choral music library as a result of consolidation!

4...number of transportation shuttles LuHi provides for families, with pickup points throughout the greater Denver metro area!

42...number of students from our Denver campus who made the commitment to attend Lutheran High this year!

15:5-7...the reference from Romans that serves as our theme for this year, encouraging "UNITY!"

1...great God that we serve through the rich blessing of Christian education!

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GRACE PLACE in the ROCKIES for LCMS Singles:

The stresses of ministry are great to all; we're in the "people business" and it is especially challenging when you are a LCMS church worker who is single by choice or circumstance. We want to invite you as a single church worker to attend a health and wholeness retreat particularly and innovatively designed just for you, addressing the types of concerns that make your ministry and life trying. Grace Place has taken over 4500 LCMS church workers through these "wholeness weeks" over the past 12 years, and here is a program created for you.

The 4-day, 4-night retreat will be held June 18-22, 2012, at the slope-side resort, The Stonebridge Inn, in Snowmass, Colorado, just minutes from Aspen. It is focused on discernment...what are my gifts, my talents, my passions in ministry, and how do I develop them fully and live them out abundantly as I live as a single individual. Whether you are a pastor or a teacher, you will find a wealth of guidance and wisdom shared among this retreat group, and all facilitated by John D. Eckrich, M.D., an Internist and Executive Director of Grace Place of St. Louis, and Dr. Mary Jacob, R.N., a certified spiritual guide, life coach, and counselor from Orlando, FL.

Stonebridge Inn is in the heart of the Colorado Rockies with readily accessible hiking, biking, horseback riding and river rafting just outside your door, as well as the arts and music opportunities, political, social media and outstanding fine food festivals all occurring while you're in Aspen.

Thanks to magnificent underwriting from the Neeb Family Foundation of St. Louis, we are able to provide the lodging, food and program materials for \$350 per person for the entire package. Aspen is easily accessible just south of US Highway 70, four hours west of Denver, or you can fly directly into Aspen via Denver on either Frontier or United. Once you arrive in Aspen, there is a complimentary shuttle to the resort. You are responsible for your own transportation, but you will not need a car once you arrive at the resort. You will be with wonderful, dedicated servants of Christ, and will undoubtedly make connections with your fellow retreatants for life.

Please visit our website for specifics at www.graceplaceretreats.org or call Patti Allen (Borghardt) at 314-842-3077. Hope to see you in the Rockies!

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Installation of Pastor Daniel Kletke – Canon City, CO

On December 18, 2011, Rev. Daniel Brian Kletke was installed as pastor of St. John Lutheran Church in Canon City, CO. He had been pastor of St. John Lutheran Church, Pembroke, ON, Canada (English District).

President Golter was the preacher and installer at the occasion.

Pastor Kletke is married to Tricia (Lampe) Kletke, and they have three children: Dietrich, Dustin, and Martha. Tricia is a chemical engineer and graduate of Colorado School of Mines.

Pastor Dan graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 2008. One of the pastors present at the installation was the Rev. Glen Kalthoff who confirmed Dan at Grace Lutheran in Denver, CO, and preached for his ordination in 2008. Pastor Kletke's parents live in the former parsonage of Mt. Olive Lutheran in Aurora. Pas-

tor Kletke's previous occupation was video editing and multimedia development at a video post-production facility.



God's Love and Sports Talk

Sporting events are among some of the best attended events. These devotions have a sports theme taken from most sports popular in the United States and world. Christ-centered devotion related to a particular facet of sports, based on a well selected Scripture verse touches, encourages, and shows the love of Christ to the reader.

A new devotional publication written by James Robinson, retired Teacher and DCE of Arvada, CO, is now available from concordiawriters.com of Concordia Publishing House.

Here is the Link: <https://concordiawriters.com/jim-robinson/gods-love-and-sports-talk>

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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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Upcoming Events – Rocky Mountain District

2012 Calendar

January

30 RMD Board of Directors' Meeting

February

27 Nurturing the Faith 2012- New Mexico

March

4-10 Lutheran Schools Week

5-6 RMD Board of Directors' Meeting

13 Nurturing the Faith 2012 - N. Denver

15 Nurturing the Faith 2012 - S. Denver

16 Nurturing the Faith 2012 -Utah

June

7-9 RM District Convention –Hyatt Tech Center, Denver, CO

July

15-17 RM District Youth Gathering- Redeemer- Ft Collins, CO

August

6-7 RMD Board of Directors' Meeting

October

3-5 Professional Workers' Conference , Breckenridge, CO

2013 Calendar

January

TBD RMD Board of Directors' Meeting

February

TBD Nurturing the Faith 2013- New Mexico

March

3-9 Lutheran Schools Week

12 Nurturing the Faith 2013- N. Denver





Roster Report

CALL EXTENDED

St. Andrew, Denver, CO. to Rev. Joel Dieterichs, Candidate Status, Denver, Colo.

CALLS ACCEPTED

Rev. Andrew Byars, Prince of Peace, Cedar Crest, N.M. to St. Paul Lutheran Church in Waco, Texas

Rev. Thomas Barton, Candidate Status, Albuquerque, N.M. to Calvary, Rio Rancho, N.M.

Rev. Paul Roggow, Candidate Status, Denver, Colo. to Lutheran Church-Canada as Missionary

Rev. Robert Sharp, Candidate Status, Denver, Colo. to Trinity, Cedar City, Utah
Chaplain Gregory Williamson, LCMS Board for Mission Service to LCMS
Chief Mission Officer, St Louis, Mo.

CALLS DECLINED

Rev. Joseph Murphy, Grace, Parker, Colo. to St. Paul, Farmington Hills, Mich.

Rev. John Kunze, messiah, Lincoln, Neb. To Our Father, Centennial, Colo.

TRANSFERRED DISTRICTS

Rev. Robert Mann, Candidate Status, Missouri District to RMD

Rev. Robert A. Mueller, Candidate Status, New Jersey District to RMD

We Encourage your Prayers

Heavenly Father, through Your Word came the seasons of nature and the seasons of life, a time for everything under heaven. We thank You for granting the mother of **Rev. Roger Krause** (emeritus, and past RMD president) Your peace at the close of her days, filling her last hours with the certainty of eternal life with You—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Be with Rev. Krause and his family in this sad time until they join his mother in singing Your praises. Amen.

Dear Jesus, Conqueror of death, graciously attend the family of **Dorothy Alspach** with the knowledge that their loved one is safe with You in the heavenly realms: You were with Dorothy as she passed from time to eternity. May the Holy Comforter bring peace to the saddened hearts of those who loved her. Amen. [Dorothy, a volunteer for LCEF, passed away on Dec. 31.]

O Jesus, our dear Friend, do not forsake James Robinson, emeritus, in this time of hospitalization for health complications. Keep James in mind of Your presence in his life. Amen. [James was a teacher and DCE in Arvada, Colorado.]