



# TWENTY SIXTH ANNUAL ADULT FALL SEMINAR

**September 20 (Monday) - 21 (Tuesday), 2021**

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Sponsored by the SOAR Active Adult Ministry Committee, Rocky Mountain District, LCMS

**Theme: God tells us to proclaim His Word to the World.**

***"This gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come" - Matthew 24:14***

## SEMINAR HIGHLIGHTS

With this mailing, you have a preview of the 2021 Fall Seminar at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Lakewood on September 20-21, 2021. Your SOAR Committee has again chosen Bethlehem Lutheran for our seminar since it is a location relatively central to many of you. Although we encourage out-of-town members to stay near the church, many of you will be able to attend without using a hotel. We hope that many more of you will choose to attend. We have a wonderful program planned, and we encourage you to invite your Christian friends!

**REV. DR. MICHAEL ZEIGLER**, our keynote speaker, is Speaker of The Lutheran Hour® radio program. Seven in ten Christians are reluctant to have a spiritual conversation with anyone, even other Christians. The good news is that people talk about the stories in which they are immersed. And they immerse themselves in the stories they share. All Christians will more boldly, joyfully, and naturally share God's story in word and deed when plunged into the true stories of the Bible.

**MS. TIA SAUCEDA**, Director of Respite and Caregiver Services at the Seniors' Resource Center (SRC) in Denver will discuss ideas for reducing your risk for Alzheimer's and Dementia. More than 5 million people in the U.S. are living with Alzheimer's disease. Tia will help us learn about early signs and symptoms of the condition.

**REV. DR. TILAHUN MENDEDO**, Executive Development Officer for Lutheran Bible Translators will speak on the importance of having God's Word in our language. God speaks every language and hears every language. He created all of us in His image - fearfully and wonderfully. Millions of people don't have the Bible in a language they understand.

**REV. ROGER SCHLECHTE**, President of the Rocky Mountain District-LCMS will inform us about the Rocky Mountain District Focus and the importance of developing relationships with others, including youth. Seniors can have a significant impact in the lives of young people.

**DR. MIKE RODEWALD** is the Chief Executive Officer for Lutheran Bible Translators. He will explain that many people have the Bible – in English or major language but do not understand it. The gospel proclaimed but not understood is not the gospel proclaimed. He will take us on the journey of one remote language community from bibleless to today – from bible poverty to understanding God's message.

**THE LUTHERAN CHORALE** will entertain us with a thirty-minute concert on Monday evening. They will share their love of music with our group. Maybe, they will invite us to sing along on a number. We are Lutherans who like to sing!

## FALL SEMINAR AGENDA

***Theme: God Tells Us to Proclaim His Word to the World.***

***Bible Verse: "This gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come." - Matthew 24:14***

### Monday, September 20, 2021

- 9:00 am Registration & Continental Breakfast
- 9:30 am Opening & Introductions/Greetings – Pastor Norbert Kleidon
- 10:00 am Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler – Part 1: What God Does is Worth Talking About
- 11:00 am Coffee Break
- 11:15 am Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler – Part 2: Sharing God's Story in Deed
- 12:15 pm Lunch with Gluten-free Option
- 1:00 pm Tia Saucedo - Dementia 101: Reducing your Risk for Alzheimer's/ Dementia
- 2:00 pm Refreshment Break
- 2:15 pm Rev. Dr. Tilahun Mendedo – God Speaks My Language
- 3:15 pm Short Exercise Break – Harriet Oehlkers
- 3:45 pm Announcements, Closing Devotion, & Meal Blessing: Pastor Mark Janzen
- 4:00 pm The Lutheran Chorale – Concert Title: Rebirth
- 4:30 pm Dinner by: Chick-fil-A
- 6:00 pm Adjourn

### Tuesday, September 21, 2021

- 9:00 am Devotion: Pastors Norbert Kleidon & Mark Janzen
- 9:15 am Bible Study (Bible passages will be printed out)
- 10:15 am Coffee Break
- 10:30 am Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler – Part 3: Sharing God's Story in Word
- 11:30 am Pastor Roger Schlechte, Rocky Mountain District President – Are You a Bridge Builder?
- 12:30 pm Lunch with Gluten-free Option
- 1:15 pm Hymn Sing with Mr. Peter Lorenzen
- 1:30 pm Dr. Mike Rodewald - Bible Poverty. Viewing the Bibleless through One Community
- 2:30 pm Break
- 2:45 pm Closing Worship Service: Pastor Mark Janzen
- 3:15 pm Closing Remarks: Pastor Norbert Kleidon
- 3:30 pm Adjourn – Have a Safe Trip Home

**NOTE: COMMUNICATION WITH OUR MEMBERS.** Your SOAR Committee plans to communicate with you by using email messages to save rising postage costs, and therefore keep our event costs lower for you. Our current mailings include the information packages for our Fall and Spring Seminars along with necessary updates during the year for these two major SOAR events. We understand that some of our members will prefer to receive hardcopy packages delivered by the postal service; of course, we are willing to use the mail for those who prefer hardcopy. However, if you are willing to help us save mailing costs by accepting email communication, **please indicate this preference on the registration form.** Thank you.



Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Speaker of The Lutheran Hour®, is our keynote speaker. Dr. Zeigler began serving with LHM as Speaker of The Lutheran Hour in October 2018. Prior to that, he served as pastor of Epiphany Lutheran Church (2014-2018) and assistant pastor at Timothy Lutheran Church (2012-2014), both in St. Louis. Before becoming a pastor, he served as an aircraft maintenance officer in the Air Force. Michael grew up in a military family, living throughout the U.S., from North Dakota to Alabama, Virginia to Colorado. His family moved eleven times before he finished high school in Springfield, Missouri. He graduated from the U. S. Air Force Academy in 2001 with a general engineering degree and served five years in the Air Force. He left active duty in 2006 to prepare to be a pastor at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, completing a Master of Divinity in 2010 and a Ph.D. in 2014. He continues to serve part-time as an Air Force Reserve officer at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, and as a guest instructor at Concordia Seminary. Michael and his wife, Amy, have four children. Amy enjoys being a home-school and Sunday school teacher, cooking, crafting, and being a catalyst for events aimed at strengthening bonds between family and friends.



Tia Saucedo has devoted the past twenty years to Adult Day programs and helping people age in place. She got her start in the field as a direct care provider and she now oversees Seniors' Resource Center's Caregiver and Respite programs, that focus on older adults with Dementia. Seniors' Resource Center is dedicated to enhancing the independence, dignity, and quality of life for seniors in the Metro Denver Area and surrounding communities. Some of her presentation topics are: the difference between dementia and Alzheimer's disease, the most common types of dementia, the warning signs for dementia, getting a dementia diagnosis, and the latest hopeful research updates. She has a passion for supporting caregivers and helping them to protect their relationships with those they are caring for. Over the past year, she has developed an adult day without walls, helping clients combat isolation, while providing food, meals, and supplies, along with daily virtual activities and at-home-activity kits. Tia is active with the Alzheimer's Association, Jefferson County's Aging Well project, and is a member of the steering committee for Dementia Friendly Denver. Tia has a Certificate in Gerontology from the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs.



Rev. Dr. Tilahun Mendedo serves as the Executive Development Officer of Lutheran Bible Translators. Tilahun was born and raised in Ethiopia. He knows firsthand the value of the heart language to communicate God's promises. Dr. Mendedo spearheaded the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus effort to develop a strong, accredited training system. The effort utilizes many local Bible schools and training institutions the church has throughout Ethiopia. He served as the seventh President of Concordia University in Selma, Alabama from 2010 – 2016. Tilahun draws on his experiences and relationships in Ethiopia and the USA. He is delighted to serve God by making His Name known to those who have never had the Bible in a language they understand. Dr. Mendedo is a gifted event speaker, Law and Gospel Preacher, Mission Communicator, and Higher Education and Cultural Education presenter. He has spoken at District, Synodical, LWML, LCMS conventions and National Youth Gathering events.





Rev. Roger Schlechte is President of the Rocky Mountain District-LCMS. Denver has been “home” since 1991. After serving Emmaus Lutheran Church, he was trained and certified as an Intentional Interim Minister. He served two congregations in that capacity. From 2010 to 2018 as Intentional Interim/Rebirthing pastor at Resurrection in the City (RitC) (formerly Mount Calvary), he worked with the congregation as it made the bold decision to close and re-birth as RitC. “Love God. Love your neighbor.” reflects his passion to reach those who do not know Jesus and his ministry with RitC. Both brought energy and clarity to his work with the Rocky Mountain District. His prayer—that the District’s focus, “Know the Truth. Understand the Culture. Live the Faith.” will be embraced personally and collectively by congregations. Pastor Schlechte is married to Karen. He has three sons and daughters-in-love, five granddaughters and two grandsons. He enjoys gardening, hiking, traveling, and tutoring at RitC’s SOAR tutoring program.



Dr. Mike Rodewald serves as the Chief Executive Officer for Lutheran Bible Translators. He is committed to growing the vision and of LBT, capacity, and inviting others to join the Bible translation movement to reach even more people with God’s Word through the language they understand best. Mike served as an LBT missionary in rural Liberia (western Africa) with the Bandi ethnic group from 1981-1987. Then he and his family served with the mostly pastoral Kalanga ethnic group in Botswana from 1993-2007. They also served with the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod living in South Africa from 2008-2014, where Mike served as Regional Director–Africa before returning to the US to serve as CEO for Lutheran Bible Translators. Mike resides with his family in Concordia, MO where Lutheran Bible Translators international offices are located. Mike has a Ph.D. in Missiology from Concordia Theological Seminary, an MA in Linguistics from the University of Texas–Arlington.



From its first season in 1976, The Lutheran Chorale has shared its love of music with the front range community, performing a rich variety of musical works with a special emphasis on the abundant choral tradition of Lutheran heritage. Under the direction of Conductor David Hodel, former Assistant Conductor DeLoy Goeglein and Conductor Emeritus Wesley Broderius, the Chorale has performed major works by composers such as Bach, Handel, Brahms, and Verdi, as well as contemporary anthems, spirituals, secular pieces, and motets. The Lutheran Chorale numbers over 60 members. It is composed of volunteers who share an interest in singing a wide variety of music. The have collaborated with local area churches, secular choirs, and the Lakewood Symphony. Yearly performances

include 6-8 major concerts each season performing for special events such as fundraisers, civic organizations, dedications, and conventions.

**What is the Fall Seminar?** This program is geared for those 55 years and older; however, anyone who has an interest in hearing the various topics is welcome to register.

#### Where will the Seminar be held?

Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
2100 Wadsworth Blvd.  
Lakewood, CO 80214  
303-238-7676  
[www.bethluth.net](http://www.bethluth.net)

The meeting room is an acoustically sound area and seats over 300. All rooms are wheel-chair accessible.



**Questions?** Call Bob Mohling at 720-201-0842, or Harriet Oehlkers at 720-408-9380.

# REGISTER TODAY

Registration deadline is September 13, 2021. No refunds after this date!

**ONLINE** at [www.rslc.org](http://www.rslc.org), click the Event Registration button and then District Adult Seminar, or

**MAIL-IN REGISTRATION FORM** (additional copies of this form may be reproduced locally)

**Note: Register a friend (or couple) who has not previously attended a SOAR event at one-half cost of registration. Please complete the Half-Cost Guest Registration Form and submit with your registration form and check.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Single: \$50      ☐ Couple: \$100

☐ I have provided my email address and want to receive future event information by email.

Fee includes:

Continental breakfast (Monday morning), three meals (Monday lunch and dinner, Tuesday lunch), speaker fees, break-time refreshments, and conference costs.

**Attendees must make their own lodging and Tuesday morning breakfast arrangements.**

Make check payable to: **Active Adult Ministry**. Mail completed form and check to:

**Harriet Oehlkers**  
16071 Oakland Ct.  
Brighton, CO 80602

## ----- Half-Cost Guest Registration Form -----

First-Time Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street, City, State and ZIP)

Home Congregation/City: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Single: \$25      ☐ Couple: \$50

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**SEE INSIDE FOR PROGRAM AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION**