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"OUR MISSION FOR CHRIST"

"The Happenings"

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"For it is by grace you have been saved through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast."
Ephesians 2:8-9

"We reserve the right to correct or edit any article submitted for grammatical errors."

Over the past several years we have witnessed the beginning of the evaporation of our religious freedom as well as the fear to use the Holy Scriptures as our only and final authority. The security of religious freedom as guaranteed under the Second Amendment to our Constitution is ignored by our Judicial System as we are told how to act even contrary to written Holy Scriptures

We have witnessed the attacks against faithful Christians just because they confess they are Christians!

At the National LCMC Gathering this year in Dallas, some helpful ideas were given to consider as we face these social issues as the Judicial

System seeks to destroy our family as we have known it in all of known past history.

Keep an eye out for the discussions and suggestions at the national site "lcmc.net". May the Lord bless us as we seek to serve and honor Him in all we say and do.

Patrick Woods

LCMC Northwest District Council Chair



[Sample Constitutions and Bylaws](#)

As more and more new congregations join LCMC, LCMC is receiving more requests for samples of constitutions and bylaws for their review and to assist in the creation or rewriting of their own constitutions and bylaws. LCMC does not have a "model" constitution and does not require approval of a congregation's constitution. Go to the LCMC website for samples:

www.lcmc.net/constitutions-bylaws/415

LCMC Council Service Opportunity

Submitted by Pastor Murray Stanton

As Christians, we are called to service...in our congregations, our communities, and the world. Uniquely equipped and spiritually gifted through faith, each one of us is surrounded by opportunities for service that are a blessing as well as a calling. As part of an association of congregations whose very name invokes the Great Commission—“Lutheran Congregations *in Mission for Christ*” -- we of the LCMC are especially blessed to have an exciting opportunity in service to each other; participation in LCMC Districts—“hubs” of connection that can bring us into closer relationship with each other and help us maximize our resources for effectiveness in witness and life.

As the current members of the LCMC Northwest District Council plan for our District’s next Annual gathering, we would like to encourage all of our LCMC brothers and Sisters to participate in the District on a personal level. We encourage all LCMC congregations in our Geographical boundaries to join the District if they have not done so, and we specifically invite participation through service on the District Council; a number of Council openings are filled at each District Gathering as staggered terms of service are completed. Please prayerfully consider bringing your own gifts and talents forward in this opportunity for service, and consider and encourage others to do so as well. As God blesses us with increasing numbers of member congregations, service on the Northwest District Council by a representative composition of Council members is both a desirable goal and a chance to strengthen our fellowship. As the District Annual Gathering approaches, please keep the possibility of service on the Northwest District Council in mind; the effective potential of our fellowship is realized through the actively combined gifts of brothers and sisters in service.

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Beyond the River Academy offers
a new class on
Intentional Interim Ministry!

For details, contact:
Pastor Warren Baker
birders1and2@gmail.com
712.330.2018



It's that TIME Again

It's that time again! The annual "Gathering". The annual Gathering is coming up April 15 & 16, 2016 in Wenatchee, Washington. The theme for the "Gathering" will be "Answering the Call" based on 2 Peter 1:3.

We will be having Rev. Mark Vander Tuig and Rev. Dr. Steve Lien from national LCMC as guest speakers. So mark your calendars and plan to join us in Wenatchee. Tuig and Rev. Dr. Steve Lien from national LCMC as guest speakers. So mark your calendars and plan to join us in Wenatchee.

Submitted by LCMC Northwest District

Planning Committee for the 2016 Annual "Gathering"



Your Northwest District Council:

Pat Woods—Chair - (Executive Committee)

Murray Stanton—Vice Chair —(Executive Committee)

Barbara Fagley—Secretary—(Executive Committee)

Kathy Nida –Treasurer -(Executive Committee)

Denel Ingraham

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Shelly Hauge

Mary Stubblefield

Maureen (Moe) Bessey—District Coordinator

Keith Aderhold—District Web Master

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In this newsletter, you'll read an article written by a Pastor who is a member of our District Board. In it, he talks about service and our abilities to strengthen our fellowship. Those of us who serve on the board really feel that we are a part of a family. We bear each other's burdens, lift each other up in prayer, and lift each of our member congregations up in prayer. We meet together, eat and laugh together. And, all that serious stuff is often mixed with a bunch of casual stuff. To that end, the ladies of the Board decided to go really casual, and this fall we met on the Oregon Coast, in a lovely condominium, to share a few days of fun, games, exploring, and well, let's face it, a little bit of "wine-ing". We had a GREAT time, and I'd like to share some photos of our activities. (Only the ones we could safely print.) If you can pick us out and name us, we will refuse to acknowledge on the grounds that we may be incriminated. You ladies out there ~ I invite you to think seriously about serving on the Northwest Board. Who knows, we may make this an annual event. This article was written and signed by "Anonymous"



Our Newest Congregation Members to the LCMC Northwest District

We would like to take this moment to welcome Joy Lutheran Church of Billings, Montana and Medicine Lake Lutheran Church of Medicine Lake, Montana as our newest congregation members to the LCMC Northwest District.

Patrick Woods

LCMC Northwest District Council Chair

If you or your congregation would like to have information added to the next LCMC Northwest District "The Happenings" please submit to: lcmc-nw.com/contact/

IN THE SPOT LIGHT

Christ The Servant Lutheran Church (CSLC)
Lacey, Washington

Vacationing or just touring around Lacey and the area South of Seattle—We welcome you to stop and refresh your body and soul with us on Sundays—Worship 8:30 am (Traditional)
10:45 am (Praise Service)

You will find us at 4300 Carpenter Rd SE - phone (360) 456-2755

The Core Values of CSLC

God's Word: We look to the Bible as our source for living.

Growth: We are intentional about bringing the Gospel to those who don't know Christ's love. We develop mature Christians through encouraging attendance in small groups and Bible studies.

Giving: "Serving All as Christ Serves Us." We encourage members to respond to God's grace through their time, talents and treasures.

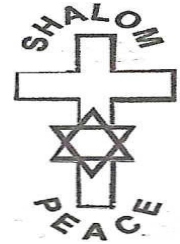
Faith: Through prayer and worship we prioritize gathering around Word and Sacrament with joy.

Family: Youth and Children are embraced and welcomed in our Worship services, education and life together.

Friends: We encourage the gathering together of believers to uplift, encourage, and just have fun.

Pastor Joe Beal welcomes you and your family to join our family on Sundays for worship and fellowship time.

SHALOM MINISTRY



November 2015

Dear Shalom Ministry Team Friends,

I fully believe it is important to thank you for the prayers and financial support of the Shalom Ministry Team and to share some of the work the Shalom Team accomplished with the help of the Holy Spirit this past year. I list below some of the calls we have received for help this past year.

- We received nine calls from LCMC pastors requesting help with conflict matters.
- Seven churches requested help with the call process in finding qualified pastors for their congregations. We were able to supply pastors for four of those churches.
- The Shalom Ministry Team also participated with Beyond the River Academy in the Order of Installation and Ordination of four pastors. We traveled over 7,000 miles to help with these installations.
- In partnership with Beyond the River Academy, the Shalom Ministry Team developed an “Intentional Interim” course to train pastors interested in interim work. Seven pastors have completed their studies and are available for call.
- This past year the Shalom Ministry Team received over 138 telephone calls for help and advice which could be handled by conference calls, computer skype or e-mail.
- Currently we are working with four congregations seeking interim pastors and are hoping to have two of these pulpits filled by December 1, 2015.

It's important to note that this past year we have had the joy and honor of working with the LCMC Pastor Coordinator, Rev. Dr. Steve Lein. All of us serving on the Shalom Ministry Team are very grateful for this relationship with Pastor Steve.

Yes, it has been a a busy year for the Shalom Ministry Team. We could not provide the support and services to LCMC pastors and congregations without your prayers and financial support. Please remember that the Shalom Ministry Team does not charge any congregation for our services other than transportation and lodging.

As you look ahead to the New Year, please accept our grateful thanks for your prayers and financial support. Although we made our budget this year, we can use your continued help as we go forward answering the call from hurting congregations.

May our God bless each of you and bring you His perfect peace in the New Year.

Shalom,
Pastor Warren Baker, Chairperson

Please send contributions to:
Shalom Ministry Team
P.O. Box 15
Spirit Lake, IA 51360



MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW TO ATTEND THE LCMC 2016 NORTHWEST DISTRICT “GATHERING” APRIL 15 & 16, 2016

Greetings to the LCMC pastors and congregations of the LCMC Northwest District (Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Canada).

It is our pleasure to invite you to the 2016 LCMC Northwest District “Gathering” with Rev. Mark Vander Tuig and Rev. Dr. Steven Lien from the National LCMC office, to be held in Wenatchee, Washington at the Red Lion Inn.

Non-Northwest District members are welcome. If you are not a member of LCMC Northwest District, we encourage you to join your fellow LCMC brothers and sisters for a great time of worship, education and fellowship. If you want to become a member of the LCMC Northwest District—the membership is FREE! Just go to www.lcmc-nw.com and click on “Becoming a New Member”. There are membership forms there for individual, congregational and chapter memberships.

WHERE: Red Lion Inn in Wenatchee, Washington
1225 N Wenatchee Ave., Wenatchee, WA (509) 663-0711
WHEN: APRIL 15 & 16, 2016

Early registration is strongly encouraged. Room rate: \$134.00 per night with full breakfast.

COST: Early Registration is very important this year.
Cost is \$50.00 (on or before March 25, 2016) per person

After March 25, 2016 the Registration Cost is \$55.00 per person
(This includes materials, and meals. Children FREE but must be registered)

For more information and registration visit our website at www.lcmc-nw.com
or contact Shelly at 509-988-0824, Jeff at 541-405-6107, or Suzanne at 509-881-0611.



2016 NORTHWEST DISTRICT ANNUAL "GATHERING"

Early Registration (before March 18th) \$50.00 per person

Red Lion Inn in Wenatchee, WA

Early registration is very important this year.

PLEASE register NOW! \$55.00 **after** March 18th—April 8th

NAME: First: _____ Last: _____

Spouse: _____

CHILDREN: Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

(no additional charge for children)

Need child care for infant to 3 years of age: _____ yes How many: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____ Phone: () _____

CHURCH: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

Mail registration form to: **Kathy Nida, PO Box 374, Brownsville, OR 97327**

Copies of registration form on our website: www.LCMC-NW.com

**Choose two breakouts you and two breakouts your spouse would like to attend:
(M) for myself and (S) for spouse**

Break outs:

Answering the Call to "Serve" – Rev. Dr. Steve Lien M_____ S_____

Answering the Call to "Witness" – Rev. Mark Vander Tuig M_____ S_____

Answering the Call to "Lead – Church Leadership" – Denel Ingraham M_____ S_____

Answering the Call to "Pray – In the Quietness" – Pr. James Robinson M_____ S_____

Bible study based on 2 Peter 1:3 (4-8) – Pr. Fred Westerhold M_____ S_____

Children's Ministry – During General Sessions Child(ren) ages _____

Dinner attendance Friday _____ (number) Saturday _____ (number)