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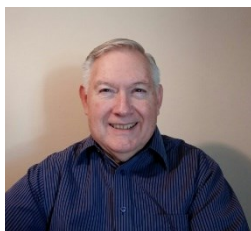
Upcoming 2015 LCMC Northwest District “Gathering”, Survey Form from the Northwest District Board, FREE church altar.

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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

UPCOMING 2015 LCMC NORTHWEST DISTRICT “GATHERING”



Mark you calendars now for April 17th-19th, 2015.

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

It is my pleasure to invite you to the **2015 LCMC Northwest District Gathering** to be hosted by Calvary Lutheran Church, 2200 U.S. Highway 2, in Kalispell, Montana 59901.

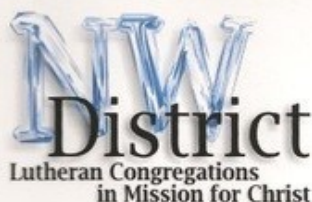
Non-Northwest District members are welcome. If you are not yet a member of LCMC Northwest District, I encourage you to join your fellow LCMC brothers and sisters for a great time of worship, education and fellowship.

Once again, the District is offering a pastors and staff leader brunch on Friday morning (April 17th at 10:00am—noon) as a time of Bible study, renewal, and idea exchange. This is a great time to meet and reacquaint yourself with other church leaders in our area.

Pat Woods, Chair
LCMC Northwest District



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2015 NORTHWEST DISTRICT ANNUAL GATHERING

Calvary Lutheran Church, Kalispell, MT

Early Registration (before March 17th) \$50.00 per person
\$55.00 **after** March 17th or at the door

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: _____

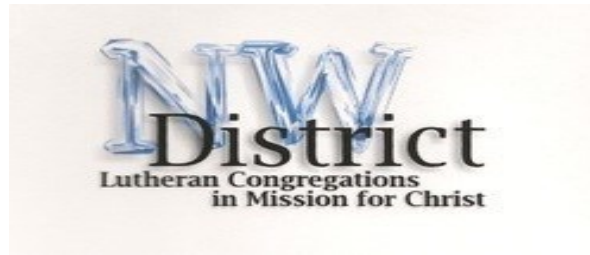
Mail registration form to: Kathy Nida, PO Box 374, Brownsville, OR 97327
Copies of registration form on our website: www.LCMC-NW.com

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

Break outs:

"Jesus wasn't a Baptist, Methodist, Lutheran, etc." – Pastor Tim Hauge	M_____ S_____
The Church and Mental Illness – Pastor James and Suzanne Robinson	M_____ S_____
Prairie Peace Lutheran in Cut Bank, their story of faith and Prayer	M_____ S_____
Bible study based on 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 – To be announced	M_____ S_____
Women in the church (Quilting) – Laura Estes	M_____ S_____
Media in the church (websites, etc.) – John Bent	M_____ S_____
Grief Share – Grace Bent	M_____ S_____
Lutheran Community Services Q & A – Dan Fox	M_____ S_____

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



**THE DATE IS APPROACHING FAST FOR
LCMC 2015 NORTHWEST DISTRICT “GATHERING”
APRIL 17-19, 2015**

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

We hope to see you at the 2015 LCMC Northwest District Gathering to be hosted by Calvary Lutheran Church in Kalispell, Montana, on April 17-19, 2015.

Our keynote speaker is Dan Fox from Lutheran Community Services of Spokane, Washington. The title of his talk is “Rally the Community Around Mental Illness” with a break-out session entitled “Mental Health First Aid”. Please see the enclosed brochure for the other wonderful break-out sessions.

Also this year we are offering a children’s program during the adult sessions entitled “The Wordless Bible” and “Teach Us to Pray” with crafts, games a lot of fun.

No charge for children, but please register them with their ages. Thank you.

WHERE: Calvary Lutheran Church
2200 U.S. Highway 2
Kalispell, MT 59901
(406) 752-4102

WHEN: APRIL 17th – 19th, 2015 (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday)

COST: Early Registration Cost is \$50.00 (before March 17, 2015) per person
After March 17, 2015 the Registration Cost is \$55.00 per person
(This includes materials, two dinners and luncheon)

Please feel free to copy the brochure and poster as you need to.

Questions? Please visit our website, www.lcmc-nw.com

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BREAK OUTS:



“Jesus Wasn’t a Baptist, Methodist, Lutheran ...”

Pastor Tim Hauge is a 1988 graduate of Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio. Pastor Tim currently serves as pastor of Christ Lutheran Church (LCMC) in Odessa, Washington. Pastor Tim is married to his wife Shelly and they have three grown children and two grandchildren. The title of the workshop speaks for itself.



Pastor James and Suzanne Robinson have been strong advocates for mental health for over twenty years. They have been involved with Federation of Families for Mental Health and National Alliance for Mental Illness. They have taught classes to parents with children with mental health issues. They offered a breakout session at the LCMC National Gathering in 2011 on the church and mental health. Their focus is to help families know that they are not alone in dealing with the “red tape” and the stress of getting the best possible help for their child and for the families who are affected by mental illness. They also take a look at how the church can help with the healing and support of these families.

Prairie Peace Lutheran Church in Cut Bank Montana will be sharing their faith journey with Q&A time by Pastor Fred and several members of the congregation.

Music and Worship leaders Pastor Jeff and Misty Redlin



Pastor Jeff and Misty recently moved to Belgrade, Montana where Jeff serves as Associate Pastor at Peace Lutheran Church.

In 2001 Jeff and Misty released a CD of original Christian music called “Gethsemane” and in 2008 Misty released a solo CD called “Give In and Pray.” They are blessed to be serving Christ in LCMC and are thankful to be back in their native state of Montana.



Laura Estes, from Christ Lutheran in Odessa, WA, is a “professional” quilt pattern designer, has been sewing pieces of fabric together nearly her entire life, making garments, home décor and quilts. Making quilts of all types is a therapeutic activity. You may read more about her sewing and quilting adventures at laurassagecountryquilts.com

Laura will be providing a workshop at our Gathering where you will learn many methods of creating service quilts, as well as T-Shirt diapers and flannel receiving blankets while developing a comfortable working rhythm. Develop collaborative methods of completing

Keynote Speaker

Dan Fox

Lutheran Community Services of Spokane, Washington



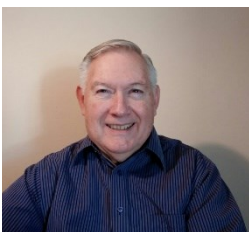
Dan has worked with individuals challenged by domestic violence, sexual abuse and physical assault for more than 25 years. For the last ten years he has worked as a Clinical Manager in the Sexual Assault and Family Trauma Unit at Lutheran Community Services Northwest in Spokane, Washington. Dan Fox has Bachelor's degree in Sociology from Washington State University and Master of Social Work degree from the University of South Florida. He is licensed in Washington State as an Independent Clinical Social Worker and is a Washington State consultant for Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavior Therapy. He is a part-time professor at Eastern Washington University's Social Work Department and an Adjunct professor at Whitworth University. Dan has run a Restorative Retelling group for the last 10 years which assists survivors who have had a loved one die of homicide, suicide and other violent death.

Children' Ministry: This year we will be providing a special experience for children of all ages, while parents enjoy the keynote speaker and breakouts. Our leaders are **Wanda Evenhus and Suzanne Robinson** both from United Lutheran in Waterville, WA. Together they have decades of experience teaching children about our Savior along with music, drama, and having fun. The children will learn the “Wordless Bible” and “How to Pray”.



Pastor John Bent will be doing a workshop on Media in the Church. Bring your laptop and he will be going through the steps of building your own church website and using Face Book. John graduated from Montana State University in 1973 with a degree in Wildlife Management. He also attended Lutheran Bible Institute in Seattle. His MDiv was at Wartburg Seminary and he has done post-graduate work at Asbury Seminary in Kentucky.

Grace Bent will be leading a workshop on GriefShare. After significant loss in her life, Grace began GriefShare in 2005. She credits the Lord and GriefShare for turning her “mourning into joy”. Grace has served as Director of Music and Worship at Christ Lutheran in Whitefish, MT since 2003. She and her husband John have lived in Whitefish for 23 yrs. They have two married daughters and five amazing grandchildren.



Patrick Woods is serving his third year on the Northwest District of LCMC board, currently serving his second year as Council Chairman. He is a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Post Falls, Idaho.

Mr. Woods has been blessed to work on 5 non-profit boards and as President of 4. Patrick loves to talk about the Lord, study prophecy and encourage people he meets to know and serve our Savior.

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Schedule:

Friday, April 17th:

10:00-Noon pastors & spouses get together
 11:30AM-3:00PM Registration
 3:00PM Call to Order and Introductions
 3:30PM Praise and Worship
 4:30PM “What is Our Identity as LCMC”
 5:45-6:45PM Dinner
 7:00PM Open Mic – Q&A

Saturday, April 18th:

8:30-9:00AM - Registration
 9:00AM - Praise and worship
 9:30AM – Business Meeting Opening
 9:45AM – Keynote Speaker – **Dan Fox**
 10:45AM – Refreshment break
 11:00AM – First Breakout
 12:00PM – Lunch
 1:00PM – Praise music
 1:30PM – Keynote Speaker – **Dan Fox**
 2:45PM – Second Breakout
 3:30PM – Break
 3:45PM – Third Breakout
 4:30PM – Business Meeting and Open Mic
 5:45PM – Keynote Speaker – **Dan Fox**
 6:30PM—Concludes the 2015 Northwest District
 “Gathering” Business Meeting
 6:30PM – Dinner
 7:15PM—Northwest District **Board Meeting**

Sunday, April 19th:

10:30AM Worship with Communion (optional)
 Close of Northwest District Gathering

Children’s Ministry during general sessions after the worship times. PLEASE indicate children’s names and ages on the registration form.



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
 Bill McLean
 Lon Roberts
 Suzanne Robinson
 Shelly Hauge
 Mary Stubblefield
 Maureen (Moe) Bessey—District Coordinator
 Keith Aderhold -- Northwest District WebMaster

“Discipleship and Evangelism starts with PRAYER”,

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Annual Gathering

April 17-19, 2015

Calvary Lutheran Church

2200 US Hwy 2

Kalispell, Montana

(406) 752-4102

Questions - check our website at
www.lcmc-nw.com

**CONSIDER A NORTHWEST
DISTRICT COUNCIL POSITION ??**

**Would your Church consider
hosting the 2016 LCMC
Annual Northwest District
“Gathering”?**

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

God has consistently blessed the LCMC Northwest District with exciting growth. In some ways, this is a challenge; in a region as geographically and demographically diverse as ours, the mission of being a meaningful and useful body to the LCMC congregations in our District is new and sometimes uncharted territory.

It's also a mission of possibility, and this is what the Northwest District Council desires above all things—that our actions be of the greatest effectiveness to member congregations in the advancement of our stated goal...Mission For Christ.

Our annual gathering is the Northwest District's primary means of accomplishing this task—and while it always has been a blessing to those attending, the NWD Council is always striving for improvement. The purpose of *any* “gathering,” by definition, is connection with others; something which the Council and Gathering Organizing Committee want to facilitate as much as possible.

Accordingly, this year, we ask that each Individual, Chapter, or Congregation receiving this letter prayerfully prepare a brief (approximately three minute) statement on “*who you are*” to be shared at this year's District Gathering—to be held at Calvary Lutheran Church, Kalispel, Montana on April 17-19th. It is also asked that those who will be sending delegates designate a delegate to present the statement before the gathering at a time set aside for sharing (those not sending delegates are nevertheless asked to submit a statement to be shared with those attending.)

The intention of this exchange of statements is to help acquaint us as congregations, individuals, and brothers and sisters. Even at a gathering, it is all too easy to “hang back” and not fully engage with one another—and in this, much potential blessing is lost. Is your church in search of ways to engage youth? Perhaps another congregation has the answer. Is your congregation going through a call process, and dealing with questions pertaining to that search? Perhaps another congregation has insights to share. These are just examples of the sort of specific needs and resources which **may** correspond within our body, but are “unlinked” simply because our awareness of member congregations has not been formally expanded as quickly as membership has.

The preparation of such a statement may sound daunting, but this need not be the case—a two-page form of typical information accompanies this letter as a guide (please add additional information as needed) and it's suggested that the statement be prepared by a group such as the church council rather than an individual (like the Pastor or Church Council President) to present a well rounded view.

Your assistance in this effort is much appreciated, and the LCMC Northwest District Council hopes that this sharing of “introductions” proves to be as valuable a help to discipleship and evangelism (this year's theme is 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18) as the speakers, break-out sessions and national updates will be.

Sincerely,

Pat Woods, Chair

Name of Congregation/Chapter/Individual _____

Historical Information

When was Congregation founded? _____

Location _____

Church Building? _____

Ethnic or Special Geographical History? (example: Scandinavian, German, etc., Farming, Logging, Coastal, Industry in area):

Former Denominational Affiliation (if any...new congregation?) _____

Membership on rolls (estimate) _____

Estimated Sunday Worship Attendance _____

Congregational Composition:

Older/Retired _____%, Middle Aged/Working _____%,

Younger/Starting Families _____%, Teens _____%, Children _____%

Worship Style:

Traditional/Formal _____

Informal _____

Frequency of Communion? _____

Active Men's/Women's Groups? _____

Music Ministry (Choir, etc)? _____

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Other Activities and how do they incorporate into your church: VBS? Ecumenical Activity? Community Work? Bible Study? Other

Special Activity? Explain_____

Other *Desired* Community Outreach? Explain_____

Mission Focus (if any)_____

Pastor (are you looking for a Pastor?)_____

Areas of Greatest Strength:_____

Areas of Need _____

Immediate Goals for the Future:_____

HOTELS IN KALISPELL MONTANA

Blocks of rooms have been reserved at a special price for two very fine hotels in Kalispell for our Northwest District Gathering April 17-19, 2015.

In order to secure these special prices, please,
make your reservations before February 17, 2015.

Red Lion Inn - \$85.00 per night
20 N Main Street, Kalispell, MT 59901
1 (855) 901-0002

Holiday Inn Express - \$109.00 per night
275 Treeline Road, Kalispell, MT 59901
1 (888) 542-1903

www.hiexpress.com/kalispell

Links and information are also provided on our website: www.lcmc-nw.com

**** Calvary Lutheran has *limited* outdoor space for “Dry Camping” ****

Help Wanted?

We are currently looking for
volunteers for the 2016 LCMC
Northwest District “Gathering”
Planning Committee

CHURCH ALTAR NEEDS A HOME!

FREE

St Mark's Lutheran Church –9485 N. Maple
Street—Hayden Idaho 83835—contact:
208-772-2372 or email: bhsecretary@frontier.com

Altar Top: 7 foot, 1 inch wide and 30 inches deep.
Stands 40 inches tall

Made of a medium dark wood (kind ?)