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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



**“The Happenings”
Newsletter**

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Upcoming 2015 LCMC Northwest District “Gathering”, Faith Lutheran Church—Great Falls, MT—One Year Later, \$5,000 Grant to 15 Congregations (read more), 2015 Annual “Gathering” Information

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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



THE JOURNEY OF FAITH AND PRAYER ONE YEAR LATER FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH GREAT FALLS, MONTANA

Written by: Pastor Ken Waag

On any given Sunday you can join 180 plus other brothers and sisters in Christ for worship in their temporary location in the Columbus Chapel on the second floor of the Columbus Center. Members of Faith Lutheran Church have been on an exciting journey of trusting Jesus to meet their every need as the Montana Supreme Court ruled in March of 2014 that the membership of Faith Lutheran LCMC must relinquish their former church building, property, and congregational financial assets. After making arrangements to lease office and worship space at the Columbus Center (formerly the old Columbus Hospital) the congregation has continued its vibrant ministry – just now in a new location!

In every Sunday bulletin the members of Faith are reminded of their identity and calling as followers of Jesus in the printed words: “We are a **loving** church – called to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. We are a **praying** church – people of prayer who pray for one another and for the needs of our community, world, and all in need. We are a **disciple-making** church – committed to living and sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ and bearing witness to our Christian faith in inviting others to follow and know Jesus. And, we are a **serving** church – serving others in Jesus’ name by feeding the hungry, helping the poor, and being the presence of Christ in a tangible way.”

At their semi-annual meeting on May of 2014, congregational members voted to go ahead with plans to build a new church – a new ministry center! A family from Faith offered to give the congregation a four acre parcel of ground in the southwest part of Great Falls off of Flood Road. Since that time, a Building Team of knowledgeable, skilled, and enthusiastic volunteers has been soliciting input from the congregation, evaluating ideas, plans and designs. An architectural firm was hired to draft plans for a 19,000 square foot ministry center and, in addition to floor plans and renderings, a 3-D model of the ministry center was constructed so church members would have a better idea what the new ministry center will one day look like.

“We don’t simply see a new and innovative church building. We see a **Ministry Center**. This Ministry Center will be “home base” for us. It will be a place where we will gather for worship and prayer, for discipleship formation (Christian Education), for strengthening the faith, affirming the gifts, and empowering people of all ages to follow Christ and serve others in Jesus’ name. It will be a center from which this gospel ministry would be carried out into our community community – organizationally-centered but community-oriented! It will be a center where children and youth ministry will be a primary focus and very high priority and our facilities and building will reflect that commitment. It will be a Ministry Center we call our **home** where we have our own space from which we will carry out the ministry God has given us “for the sake of others.” (Capital Campaign New Building Prospectus)

A Capital Campaign team is currently wrapping up the “leadership” or “advance” portion of the campaign having adopted as its logo: **FAITH...VISION...SACRIFICE...More than just a Building!** The Capital Campaign team has set a goal of raising \$2.5 million for this project with almost half that amount in combined cash and pledges raised to date. We are in agreement with the words of Andy Stanley from his book *Visioneering*: “People will give what they feel they can afford to meet a need. But they will give sacrificially toward a vision that bears the marks of God’s involvement. There will always be needs. The list is endless. But when an opportunity comes along to invest our time and resources in something God is up to, it is amazing how much more of our time and treasure we are willing to invest. (Visioneering, p. 105)

We see great blessings and strength poured out upon us from our gracious God as we live out this grand adventure of following Jesus wherever He leads!



The Future — Faith Lutheran Church — Great Falls, Montana



Have you seen these people in the Mug Shots listed above? (The answer to this question is in this newsletter)

HOW WOULD YOUR CONGREGATION USE \$5,000

Re-printed from 1st Qtr 2015 LCMC Newsletter

By: Kristy Thomas

LCMC Communications & Public Relations Specialist

To celebrate the anniversary of the Reformation, LCMC and the Thrivent Financial Foundation will be awarding \$5,000 grants to 2015 LCMC congregation for use in planning to benefit their local community.

To apply, congregations must complete an on-line application, available at our website. The application includes a short essay describing how the congregation would use a \$5,000 grant.

The program begins January 1, 2015 and ends August 15, 2015.

All eligible applications received by the deadline date will be voted on at our 15th Annual Gathering in Dallas, Texas, in October. Recipients of the grant will be announced at the end of the Annual Gathering, and the results will be posted at our website after the Gathering concludes.

To read the complete details and view our on-line application form, go to:
<http://www.lcmc.net/thrivent-grant/634>

The “Gathering” 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 Web Master

“The Happenings”



“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 and Answers

- check our website at

www.lcmc-nw.com

THERE IS A NEED

This Year There Will Be Five Positions opening on the Northwest District Council.

Won't you prayfully consider joining this leadership team?

WE WANT YOU!

PLEASE ANSWER THIS CALL!

These are your speaker's for the 2015 Northwest District Annual "Gathering" – being hosted by Calvary Lutheran Church in Kalispell MT – April 17th through April 19th, 2015

Have You Filled Out The CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY?

Work on it now while it's fresh on your mind, and bring it with you to Kalispell to share with everybody else!

If you're not sending a delegate, please mail your form to:

BARB FAGLEY

Northwest District Secretary

270 18th Street

Orofino, ID 83544

(or)

KATHY NIDA

Northwest District Treasurer

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Brownsville, OR 97327

The Board is looking to instituting and building up our “Congregational Introduction and Informational Library”.

It is only through **Knowing** each other that we can **Share** in our discipleship and **Encourage** evangelism.

Working Together with Christ as our Leader—Barb Fagley

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

Attention

We have noted that Some Insurance carriers are no Longer insuring (covering) non-profit churches/ congregations.

Watch for notices to this effect!

Be responsible and check your current carrier to see if there has been any changes I your coverages.

Your Board