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From the Chairman



ARE YOU READY?

It won't be long now, Easter will be past, Spring started and we would have set our clocks ahead one hour. Have you marked your calendar for our Annual Northwest District Gathering? The gathering is open to all, all in attendance can vote. Your congregation may have voted to designate some to come to the gathering, however; all are welcome - please come. The registration fee is \$50.00 ea. for early registration or \$55.00 ea. for late. Two dinners, two lunches and several breaks with Lutheran Coffee (come and see) so you can't beat the price. Please register early so we know how much food to purchase.

Our Keynote Speakers and Breakout Session Leaders will inspire you and help you to see

how our Lord leads and directs His people (you). You will be amazed, encouraged and blessed. We will also be blessed because you are there.

We have heard it said location, location, location. So, the Lord said, Oregon is the place to go, Lebanon is the city, Christ Community Lutheran Church is the congregation. We know our Lord leads because each year the Lord places on the heart of a congregation the desire to hold and help sponsor the Northwest District Gathering. Oregon is a beautiful place, just over an hour to the coast if you want to get wet, or 40 minutes to the mountains if you want to get above it all. Come visit after the gathering. The glory of our Lord's creation will amaze you and take your breath away. (Come and see)

The dates are April 20th and 21st, 2018. Please review the details within this newsletter and the information as it is sent out and available. Our website is lcmc-nw.com, visit us there. Learn who we are, our mission, our love for our Lord and for you.

Remember please to consider serving the Lord with us by joining the LCMC Northwest District Council — we meet quarterly to help in the mission of the member's of the district. There will be

an information form we request you supply so we can know you. Please serve with us. (Come and see).

Your Brother in Christ,

Pat Woods,

LCMC Northwest District, Chairman

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Thanks Be To God

Hello again from Central Idaho. Today the sun is shining – and today the Son of God is shining too. It has been a wonderful Christmas season, and here we are - already pushing into Lent - and on to Easter. Since we last spoke, for all of you who remembered me so graciously in prayer, keep them coming, I'm now into the long and rigorous task of physical therapy for strengthening muscles I lost somewhere, and gait training to help me walk straight and tall. I figure that God *always* asks me to walk straight and tall. The path to Easter and Heaven is a path that God says we should walk with confidence that Christ will rise victorious

again; and with the strength, that the Holy Spirit gives us as Christians, to share the yoke of burden offered to us, to live as redeemed and saved children in a world filled with so much hate and evil. Both in the big world we live in and in our hearts filled with temptations and sin.

I'm so thankful that God has given two congregations pastors to guide and lead them. Odessa and Dayton, two small Washington churches, after much prayer and searching, now have a shepherd to watch over them. In the next newsletter I hope to have pictures and stories to introduce them to you. Perhaps we'll meet them at our annual gathering at Lebanon, Oregon in April of this year.

There are a few more small congregations still looking for pastoral leaders, and I would humbly ask that you always remember all of our churches that are praying and searching for pastors to lead them. Pray for them *out loud* in your worship, so that

everyone knows that we are crying out and asking God to take heed to our needs. We also remember that in all things not our will but God's will be done. I'm feeling so much stronger and better and I just want to shout out how much I appreciate God and all that he has done for not only me but also for so many of our brothers and sisters here in the far, far west. I'm going to try and visit more and more of you in the years to come, but until then, if you have a need that you think that I may be able to help you with – call me at (208) 827-0161.

It seems that I write as much as I talk. That's just me and I want to spread my joy and trust in God around. May your love for God and your trust in His bounty abound in endless joy for all that God is doing in our corner of the country. Thanks be to our gracious and loving God above. Amen and Amen

Barb Fagley,
NW District Coordinator

ATTENTION!

Due to unforeseen conflicts our keynote speakers, Mark Vander Tuig and James Nestingen are not able to attend this years Northwest District Gathering.

We are very blessed and excited to welcome, as their replacements, two speakers from LCMC national. They are:



Pastor Perry Fruhling
LCMC Coordinator for Pastoral Ministry



Pastor Nathan Hanson
LCMC Ministry Board Member

Come and be inspired!

Meet two of our newest Canadian members to the LCMC Northwest District



Resurrection Lutheran Church — Pembroke, Ontario, Canada

Sunday, September 10, 2017 marked the first Sunday that Pastor Doug Kranz was with us as our Interim Pastor. We thank Pastor Doug and his wife Liz for joining us for this part of our journey with the Lord.

We've got various ministries to appeal to the diverse communities we reach in Pembroke and

the Ottawa Valley. Through learning, worshipping, healing, growing (and eating!) together, our small group desires to live out the faith passed down to us by the Saints, so that we can be all God desires for us to be. We are affiliated in Canada with the Canadian Association of Lutheran Congregations (CALC) and internationally with Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC).



Victory Lutheran Church — Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada

Victory Lutheran Church has been a Christian caring faith community since 1978. Our congregation reflects a combination of young and old, traditional and contemporary, new and experienced.

Pastor Jim Bredeson and the people of Victory Lutheran are on a journey with the Bible as our guide. As a church family we walk in faith, we

sing our song, we preach the Word and welcome people of all ages to join us. We believe "Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Corinthians 15:57.

Victory Lutheran Church is in partnership with Lutheran Congregations In Mission For Christ, (**LCMC**) and Canadian Association of Lutheran Congregations (**CALC**).

LCMC Northwest District Gathering April 20 & 21, 2018

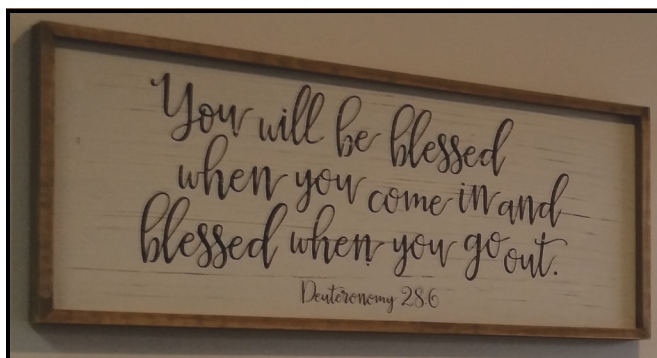
Here at Christ Community Lutheran Church, Lebanon, OR we are looking forward to hosting the 2018 LCMC Northwest District Gathering.

We had our first worship service in our newly renovated building on November 5, 2017.

Join us in April for two inspirational days of worship, speakers, breakout sessions, music, fellowship and sharing ideas! Come see familiar friends and meet new friends in our Northwest District!

A Registration form is included with this newsletter. You can also find the registration form on the NW District website: www.lcmc-nw.com

Come and be blessed!



Meet two of our new U.S. members to the LCMC Northwest District



Central Lutheran Church — Morton, Washington

Central Lutheran was founded Feb. 28, 1954 and the church was built June 1, 1955. We are in a logging area that is predominately Scandinavian and German with a mixture of other cultures.

Our congregation is 95% older/retired members and our worship style is Traditional/Formal. We have a membership of about 60-75. Currently Pastor Greg Wightman is serving us part-time.

We offer a Sunday morning Bible study and a Women's Bible study every Thursday. The second

Sunday of each month we hold a worship service at the Heritage House Nursing and Retirement Community. On the second and fourth Tuesdays we are involved with Project Linus.



Bethany Lutheran Church — Bigfork, Montana

On April 13, 1918, the Bethlehem and Swan River congregations merged to form Bethany Norwegian Lutheran church.

On June 25, 1961, ground was broken and the first worship service in the present building was held on Reformation Sunday, October 29, 1961.

We have three women's Bible study groups, Quilting Ministry, Prayer Team, Visitation Care Team, Choir, Sunday school, just to name a few. Currently serving us is Pastor Christopher Miller. "Bethany Lutheran Church is a community that is seeking to share the Gospel of Christ with the entire Flathead Valley."



Your Gathering offering

Pregnancy Alternative Center, a Christian based organization located in Lebanon, OR, will be the recipient of this years offering. This organization provides counseling, classes, testing, referrals to medical professionals, and ultrasounds to women who may be considering abortion. They have an extremely high rate of success in advocating for life. One of the breakout sessions will be from Debbie Tracy who is the Executive Director.

A Mobile Medical Unit serves the surrounding areas that include Sweet Home, Scio, Halsey and Brownsville.



Children's Program Provided at Northwest District Gathering By Suzanne Robinson



The Northwest District Gathering is for the entire family! Worship times and meals are enjoyed by everyone, including children, and then there is a great learning time for the children. The ages for the children's program are 5yrs. – 11 yrs.

The topics we will discuss are, "The Wordless Bible" and "God Knows My Name". We will be playing games, doing crafts and watching a Christian video. Snacks for the children will be provided, plus meals being served with everyone.

Bring your children, grandchildren, friends or neighbors.



A registration form is included with this newsletter. You can also find the form on our website: www.lcmc-nw.com

Indicate on the registration form if you will be bringing children and provide us with their names and ages so we can be sure to be prepared for them.

A suggested donation of \$5.00 per child would be appreciated to cover the cost of meals and supplies.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Northwest District has some scholarship funds that are available to help with the registration cost of the Gathering. We can help. Requests are on a first come first served basis.

Please feel free to contact
Kathy Nida
mn949@centurytel.net

Or

PO Box 374
Brownsville, OR 97327

**we can
help**

Hotel Information

Boulder Falls Inn (5 star)

We have rooms blocked out here in Lebanon for the Gathering — just tell them you are with Christ Community LCMC.

Very nice hotel. \$119 per night.
Phone 541-451-1000

Shanico Inn (3 star) Basic but clean.

No pool etc. \$75-80 per night.
Phone 541-259-2601

Valley Inn (3 ½ star) Basic, clean,

close to church. \$70-75 per night.
Phone 541-258-8184

**Check out our
Website!**
www.lcmc-nw.com

A Website Reminder

As you probably know, the website not only has information about the LCMC, but it also lists all the current members for the Northwest District.

The website has been redesigned with a newer look and will now display correctly on mobile devices (such as iPads, tablets, cell phones). I want to be sure that the information on the "District Members" page is accurate and up-to-date. Each member's listing can have the following information displayed:

- 1 outside (or inside) photo of the Church
- Church Name
- Physical Address
- Mailing Address (if different from physical)
- Pastor(s) Name
- Church Phone
- Email Address
- Link to your Website

Please check your current listing to see if the information needs to be updated. It would be great to have a photo for each member's listing.

Perhaps you want to change the one that's there to a newer one or you realize that your listing has none and want to have one added.

In any case, if you want to update your listing, please click on the "online form" link on the District Members page. This will submit the information to the current Executive Committee Secretary and myself (webmaster). I will then apply the requested update to your listing and email you when completed so you can review it.

Lastly, I'd like to bring to your attention that there's a new page on the website called "Youth Events" and can be found on the main navigation bar along the top of each page. Each listing will have the event name, event date(s) and a link for more info to the church's website organizing the event. If you have a Youth Event that you would like to have reviewed and added, please contact Pastor Jeff Redlin at jeff.redlin@gmail.com

Thanks to all who helped me with this project.



Steve Hrusa
NW District
Webmaster

LCMC Northwest District includes. . .

Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Canadian Provinces (British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Ontario).

