



# The Happenings

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### From the Chairman



#### **Greetings to all the saints in the LCMC-Northwest District from your new Council Chair.**

My wife, Pam, and I have been married for 46 years. We live in Richland, Washington, and have three adult children and two grandchildren. I am retired from the commercial nuclear industry. My wife and I are active at our church in a variety of capacities. Since 2012 we have participated in short-term mission trips to former Soviet block countries.

We just had a wonderful Annual Gathering hosted by Christ Community Lutheran Church in Lebanon, Oregon. I want to thank all the members of CCLC for their extensive efforts in hosting the Gathering in their recently completed facility. I understand that we were the test run for their kitchen (from my point of view it worked well). We had two days of great music,

food, fellowship and inspiring speakers. The keynote speakers were Rev. Perry Fruhling, Coordinator for Pastoral Ministries and Rev. Nate Hansen, LCMC Ministry Board. Next year's LCMC-NW Gathering will be in Richland WA. More information to come in future newsletters.

Three new members were elected to the District Council: Bruce Grohn from Lebanon OR., Elvin Borg from Rochester WA, and Pastor Dirk Jensen from Odessa WA. These new Council members replace out-going members Pat Woods, Pastor Jeff Redlin and Kathy Nida. We want to thank them for their time and service on the District Council.

I hope to see many of you at the upcoming LCMC 18th Annual Gathering October 7-10, 2018, in Des Moines, Iowa. The theme for this year's Gathering is "Growing Up". It is time for our churches to "grow up" and become mature, hearing the call for every member to carry out the work of ministry as God has designed His Church to do. The keynote speaker is **Dr. Kent Hunter, founder of Church Doctor Ministries**. Dr. Hunter will help us to consider how congregations of any size can be focused on the Great Commission and develop a kingdom mindset.

Pastor Joe Beal, one of our

breakout speakers at the April LCMC-NW Gathering, gave us a taste of the power of Dr. Hunter's message. Pastor Beal's church in Lacey, WA, is working through Dr. Hunter's book, Who Broke My Church.

Lastly, I want to personally thank the outgoing Chair, Pat Woods, for all of the hard work that he did for the District. He has a true heart for this District and I hope to see him at future events.

Yours in Christ,

#### **LCMC Northwest District Council**

##### **Executive Committee**

**Mot Hedges, Chair**

**Pr Eric Hullstrom, Vice Chair**

**Mary Stubblefield, Secretary**

**Suzanne Robinson, Treasurer**

**Kathy Nida, Financial Servant**

##### **Council Members**

**Pr Paul Berthelot**

**Shelly Hauge**

**Denel Ingraham**

**Dr Lee Wicklund**

**Pr Dirk Jensen**

**Elvin Borg**

**Bruce Grohn**

##### **District Coordinator**

**Barb Fagley**

*Thanks  
Many Thanks  
Thanks  
Thanks  
Thanks*

We are very thankful for the time and service the following Northwest District Council Members gave in their specific positions:



**Patrick Woods**  
NW District Chair  
Peace Lutheran  
Post Falls, ID



**Pr Jeff Redlin**  
Vice Chair  
Peace Lutheran  
Belgrade, MT



**Kathy Nida**  
Treasurer  
Christ Community  
Lebanon, OR

*A Warm  
Welcome*

Welcome the following who were elected to the Northwest District Council:



**Pr Dirk Jensen**  
Christ Lutheran  
Odessa, WA



**Elvin Borg**  
St. Marks  
Rochester, WA



**Bruce Grohn**  
Christ Community  
Lebanon, OR

*Congratulations*

Congratulations to the following who were appointed to their new Northwest District Council positions:



**Mot Hedges**  
NW District Chair  
Richland Lutheran  
Richland, WA



**Pr Eric Hullstrom**  
Vice Chair  
Living Word Lutheran  
Puyallup, WA



**Suzanne Robinson**  
Treasurer  
United Lutheran  
Waterville, WA



**Kathy Nida**  
Financial Servant  
Christ Community  
Lebanon, OR

**Continuing  
Northwest District Council**



**Mary Stubblefield**  
Secretary  
Christ Community  
Lebanon, OR



**Shelly Hauge**  
Christ Lutheran  
Odessa, WA



**Pr Paul Berthelot**  
Richland Lutheran  
Richland, WA



**Denel Ingraham**  
Holy Trinity  
Spokane Valley, WA



**Dr. Lee Wicklund**  
Community of Faith  
West Linn, OR

# “Equipping the Saints”



## 2018 Northwest District Gathering Highlights

A huge **THANK YOU** to Christ Community Lutheran Church, Lebanon, OR for hosting this years LCMC Northwest District Gathering. Their newly renovated building was able to accommodate the 106 guests who attended the Gathering April 20-21.

### Keynote Speakers



**Richard LaFever**  
The Dalles, OR  
Speaker to the Pastors & Spouses  
and a Breakout Session Speaker

**Pr Perry Fruhling**  
Cedar Rapids, IA  
LCMC Coordinator  
for Pastoral Ministry

**Pr Nathan Hansen**  
Hudson, SD  
LCMC Pastoral Ministry  
Board Member

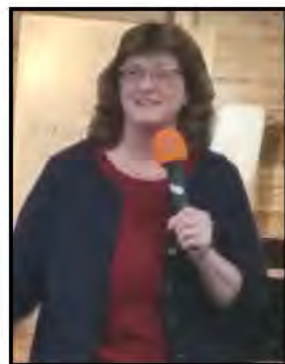


**Pastor Joe Beal - Lacey, WA**  
Breakout Session Speaker

**Pr Fred Westerhold**  
Lebanon, OR  
Preacher for Friday  
evening worship.



**Pastor John Meyer**  
Albany, OR  
Breakout Session Speaker



**Debbie Tracy - Lebanon, OR**  
Executive Director  
for the Obria  
Medical Clinic  
Breakout Session  
Speaker. She also  
had the Mobile  
Unit here for  
people to tour.  
The NW District  
Gathering's  
offering was  
matched by the  
NW District  
Council and given  
to the Obria



**Barb Fagley**  
NW District Coordinator  
Keeping us informed

**Suzanne Robinson and Myra Regan**  
Waterville, WA  
Children's program was offered during the  
Gathering.



**Special thanks** to the Christ Community musicians, **Ardis Debban, Meg Kuster, Kathy Nida and Pastor Fred** for providing the worship music. What a wonderful blessing to worship and praise our Lord in song!  
We also thank **Doug Rawling & Company** from Alberta, Canada, **Alice Borg** from Rochester, WA, and **Pastor Nate Hansen** from Hudson, SD for providing additional instrumentation!

## Northwest District Gathering Offered Children's Program

By Suzanne Robinson, NW District Council member from Waterville, WA

During the Northwest District Gathering in Lebanon, Oregon, Myra Regan and I worked with the children. Our curriculum for the event included the Wordless Bible, and God Knows Your Name. On Saturday the children made a 'magic picture' where they wrote their name inside of a heart with white crayon and then painted over the picture with watercolors. Their name then appeared with the words 'God Knows My Name'. Other activities included playing hop scotch, working with play dough and building a castle for 'King Jesus'. We also watched the movie "Star", an animated movie about the birth of Jesus as told by the animals, which all of us enjoyed.



For future gatherings we hope to invite local children and put on a 'mini-VBS' for the community. The curriculum is geared for children ages 4yr. – 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The focus of the lessons is to introduce the children to Jesus our Savior and show them through scripture how much God loves us. All of the games, songs and crafts reinforce this message.

If you are interested in this program or have questions about it please feel free to contact me at [suzrobin73@gmail.com](mailto:suzrobin73@gmail.com) or give me a call at 509-881-0611.



## Greetings fellow members of Northwest District

What a wonderful Gathering in April. Wish you all could have been there. We enjoyed good music, great speakers, and wonderful food!! What a way to enjoy the fellowship opportunities God provides.

In keeping with the record details of our district, I am asking you to help me keep an updated record of changes. When pastoral coverage changes (a pastor retires or a new pastor is called) I would like someone in your congregation to notify me of those changes. This would include email addresses and phone numbers, as well as snail mail addresses, so we can make sure to keep in contact with pastors through our newsletters. Without these updates, pastors who would like to keep abreast of district affairs often get lost in the shuffle.

Thank you for your participation in Northwest District LCMC.

See you in Richland next year.

In Christ,

**Mary Stubblefield**  
NW District Secretary



## God Has Help

A Sunday school teacher was teaching her class of children a lesson on creation. "Now, children," she said, "who can tell me who makes the flower grow from the seed?" "God does," one boy said, "But fertilizer helps."

## Get Ready to “Grow Up”

### LCMC 18th Annual Gathering OCTOBER 7-10, 2018 DES MOINES, IA

Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ's **Annual Gathering** is a four-day event featuring keynote speakers, worship and Bible study, breakout sessions, vendors and plenty of opportunities for fellowship and networking. Whether you're new to LCMC, just checking us out for the first time, or a long-time member looking to make new friends and reunite with old ones, the Annual Gathering is the place to be if you're looking to get inspired, get informed, get trained & equipped and get connected with other LCMC-ers!



**Dr. Kent Hunter**

"Growing Up" is the theme of our next Annual Gathering, and we've invited **Dr. Kent Hunter** of [Church Doctor Ministries](#) to help us to consider how congregations of any size can be focused on the Great Commission and develop a kingdom mindset.

**Jo Kinnard** will be returning this year to serve as our Bible study leader as we reflect on the text of [Ephesians 4](#). It is time for our churches to “grow up” and become mature, hearing the call for every member to carry out the work of ministry as God has designed His Church to do.



**Jo Kinnard**

For additional information on the Annual Gathering go to website [www.lcmc.net](http://www.lcmc.net).



## 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 now displays 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.



**Steve Hrusa**  
NW District  
Webmaster

**Check out our  
Website!**  
[www.lcmc-nw.com](http://www.lcmc-nw.com)

## LCMC Northwest District includes. . .

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

