



The Happenings

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From the Chairperson



Greetings from the NW LCMC District:

My name is Shelly Hauge. After 5 years on the NW District Council, I have accepted the position of Chair for my 6th year. I am from Odessa, WA. Odessa sits in a farming community in central Washington and I have been here since 2002. I have 3 grown children, my daughter lives 2 doors down, and my 2 sons live in Spokane. I proudly watch my 3 grandchildren! I enjoy quilting, sewing, reading and traveling with a special group of ladies. I attend Christ Lutheran Church.

As I look forward to this next year I am reminded of John 5:20 "For the Father loves the Son and shows Him everything He is doing, and He will show Him greater works than these so that you will be amazed." Very fitting in my devotional, "Experiencing God" by Henry and Richard Blackaby I read, "It is possible for us to be so busy trying to bring God into our activity that we don't even notice

Him at work around us." As we look into our communities, it's easy to get tunnel vision and if we were to take off the blinders we can see God's touch in everything around us. I challenge each one of you to prayerfully consider where God's work is already in action and to join in and serve Him in new and/or different ways!

We have an amazing event(s) coming to the District in June! I encourage each of you to seek them out!!

Conflict Resolution Workshop

Saturday June 1st 9:30 - 2:30
Our Savior's Lutheran
27201 99th Ave. NW
Stanwood WA

Sunday June 2nd
Holy Trinity Lutheran
2511 South Pines Rd
Spokane Valley

The workshop is put on by Pastor Perry Fruhling, Coordinator for Pastoral Ministry for LCMC. He is a trained facilitator for Peter Steinke's "Healthy Congregations" and has considerable experience in the field of conflict management. Even if you don't think your congregation is in conflict... I think it would be worth the time to see what Pastor Perry has to say!!! I plan to go... I might learn something about myself!!

Another event is the **National Gathering**. This year it will be held in Omaha, NB September 29- October 2. This years speakers are Greg Finke and Grace Johnson. "Listen Up" to God calling...

Sounds amazing!!!

LCMC Northwest District Council

Executive Committee

Shelly Hauge, Chair
Pr Eric Hullstrom, Vice Chair
Mary Stubblefield, Secretary
Mot Hedges, Treasurer

Council Members

Pr Paul Berthelot
Pr Dirk Jensen
Elvin Borg
Bruce Grohn
Pr Joe Beal
Pr Drew Nelson

District Coordinator

Barb Fagley
Interim, Maureen Bessey

Finally, I want you all to know how special each one of you are! God is working in our congregations and communities!!! Keep up the awesome work!!

Blessings,

Shelly Hauge
LCMC Northwest District Chair

*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:



Denel Ingraham
Council Member
Holy Trinity
Spokane Valley, WA



Kathy Nida
Financial Servant
Christ Community
Lebanon, OR



Suzanne Robinson
Treasurer
United Lutheran
Waterville, WA



Dr. Lee Wicklund
Council Member
Community of Faith
West Linn, OR

**A Warm
Welcome**

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



Pr Joe Beal
Christ the Servant
Lacey, WA



Carol Ann Buelow
Emmanuel Lutheran
Walla Walla, WA



Pr Drew Nelson
Conrad Lutheran Parish
Conrad, MT

Congratulations

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



Shelly Hauge
NW District Chair
Christ Lutheran
Odessa, WA



Pr Eric Hullstrom
re-elected
Vice Chair
Living Word Lutheran
Puyallup, WA

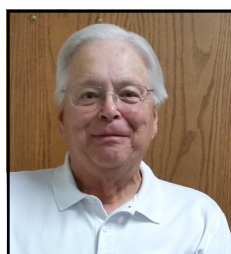


Mary Stubblefield
Secretary
Christ Community
Lebanon, OR



Mot Hedges
Treasurer
Richland Lutheran
Richland, WA

**Continuing
Northwest District Council**



Pr Paul Berthelot
Richland Lutheran
Richland, WA



Elvin Borg
St. Marks
Rochester, WA



Bruce Grohn
Christ Community
Lebanon, OR



Pr Dirk Jensen
Hayden, ID

District Coordinator Update



Barb Fagley
NW District
Coordinator

We extend our deepest sympathy to Barb Fagley in the death of her husband, Richard Fagley.

Richard, 78, passed away in March, 2019. His funeral was held on April 5,

2019 at Faith Lutheran, Pierce, ID with Pastor Ingrid Aderhold officiating.

Blessed be his memory!



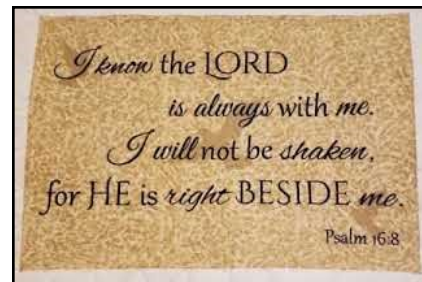
Moe Bessey
Interim
NW District
Coordinator

Recently Maureen (Moe) Bessey accepted to be the Interim NW District Coordinator while Barb Fagley regains her health and strength.

A "Prayer Quilt" was prayed over at the LCMC Northwest District Gathering on May 3 - 4, 2019. The quilt was then delivered and pre-

sented to Barb so she would know and feel how the prayers of her brothers and sisters in Christ are covering her.

Please continue to pray for Barb as she takes this time to heal.



Congregation Information



Greetings. Just a reminder to everyone that if any information about your congregation, (such as, pastor change, address, phone or e-mail changes) that information can be submitted online at www.lcmc-nw.com

where it goes directly to Steve Hruza, our website master. Or you can send me an e-mail or 'snail mail' and I will make the change and contact Steve.

Thank you for your participation in keeping our information current. Our newsletter is done quarterly and is mailed to all the

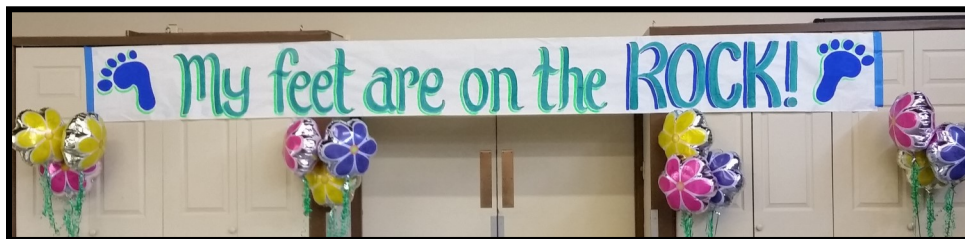
churches. If you personally would like to receive the newsletter just submit your request to me, with your name and address, and I will add you to the mailing list.

Mary Stubblefield
NW District Secretary
manwdist@gmail.com

LCMC Northwest District includes. . .

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





“Standing Firm in a Shifting World” Psalm 62:6

2019 Northwest District Gathering

A huge **THANK YOU** to Richland Lutheran Church, Richland, WA for hosting this years LCMC Northwest District Gathering, May 3-4. The church easily accommodated the 130 registered guests. Their Gathering committee and volunteers all did a terrific job!

The two-day event included: Inspiring speakers, uplifting music, delicious meals (they went whole hog - literally - by barbecuing a whole pig for pulled pork sandwiches) and as always, a great time seeing friends and meeting new ones.



Pr Corey Smith Pr Steve Ernst
Richland Lutheran Church



The charity spotlighted at the 2019 LCMC-NW Gathering was the Tri-City Union Gospel Mission.

The Mission provides a three pronged approach of Rescue, Recovery, and Restoration to address the homeless problem.

Rescue: they provide a shelter for men and women & children.

Recovery: they have a 13 month in-house addiction recovery program.

Restoration: they have a transitional housing program with case managers assigned to follow-up with people who have graduated from the Recovery program.

The offering collected at the Gathering was \$2,336.58. This amount was matched by the LCMC-NW District, so the total amount donated to the Tri-City Union Gospel Mission was \$4,673.16.

—Mot Hedges



After many years of faithful service, Kathy Nida has resigned from the LCMC-NW Treasurer/Financial Assistant position. All future donations, reimbursement requests, and correspondence for the Treasurer should now be directed to the following address:

Mot Hedges
LCMC-NW Treasurer
901 Van Giesen
Richland, WA 99354

Meet Pastor Drew Nelson — Conrad Lutheran Parish, MT

Drew S. Nelson serves in Conrad, Montana at both Pondera Valley and Golden West Lutheran Church with Kori Anne, his wife of 8 years, and their two daughters, Abigail and Madelyn. Together they have partnered in ministry with their church and community there for two years. Look in recent editions of *Connections* magazine to see articles he has written. Before, Drew went to seminary in Fergus Falls, MN at Lutheran Brethren Seminary and graduated in 2016. He also served as a youth and associate pastor at Grace Lutheran Church in Erhard, MN during the later years of and following seminary. Ministry for Drew and Kori began as they first met swing dancing and eventually volunteering to be leaders in the youth ministry of the church her father served in Minneapolis. The youth pastor there would officiate their wedding only months later and during the honeymoon Drew would take a phone call to interview at the church the newlyweds would be at the end of the same summer called to, Gethsemane Lutheran in Dassel, MN. From the very start of it the pace has been unrelenting. Drew was born in 1990 in Rapid City, SD and baptized at South Canyon Lutheran Church. He went to Sunday School, sometimes youth group, attended confirmation but refused to be confirmed. After high school, Drew went into the US Army, thought he would excel, and only a year later found himself hurt, home, and lost instead. Wandering the streets of Sioux Falls, some soon-to-be friends began to

bring him along. In short time they had Drew applying to North Central University where he would be exposed to doctrine and practice he had never heard nor seen. This caused him to dig into the foundation he was first given by the family and church that brought him to baptism. The seed that was planted began to finally sprout as he eventually transferred from North Central to the University of Northwestern, St. Paul. Although still an outsider and feeling like the only Lutheran there Drew would graduate with an undergraduate in ministry to better serve in his first call. Today Drew continues to move dynamically as he was nominated and approved to serve as a board member for the NW District (LCMC). His aim is to work in such a way that our resources are brought together, but most importantly made available to those who need to hear the Good News. Also an ambassador for the Augustana District (LCMC), Drew sees opportunity for our two districts to begin working together. Finally, he wants to be known as a man undeserving of everything. He does not deserve to be given any place or title he has. He needs to mature. Often he will say that he has no idea what he is even doing or wonder why

people even listen to him. Faith is a struggle and he fights daily with the Word of God. His prayer life is miserable so he would be jealous for your intercession. He will need your help with everything, he can be rude, or lack patience and when he falls short please forgive him. To conclude we asked him for a short quote. Instead, he asked a question, "Who would you rather hear about, me or Jesus?"



The Nelson family
Kori Anne, Madelyn, Abigail, Pastor Drew



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 little boy said, "but fertilizer helps."

Meet Pastor W. Andrew Young — Peace Lutheran Church, Belgrade, MT

Dear LCMC Northwest District. I want to introduce myself. My name is W. Andrew Young. I'm married to my lovely wife, Amy, and we have two young sons, Wesley and Samuel. For the past five years, I served as the Youth and Family Minister at Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS) in Bellingham, WA. I had great experiences serving at Trinity and met wonderful people along the way, but after feeling called to accept the invitation as associate pastor at Peace Lutheran in Belgrade, MT, my family and I moved to Montana on November 5th, 2018.

I have loved working with an amazing pastoral staff at Peace, getting to know the wonderful congregants, and meeting new people in the community as well. We feel blessed to live in a caring community where we can walk to church, to our sons' schools, to restaurants, to sporting events, to

the local library, etc. We also have family that lives close by, which is a wonderful gift! I look forward to the ministry opportunities that God calls us to do for his glory, pointing people to Jesus.

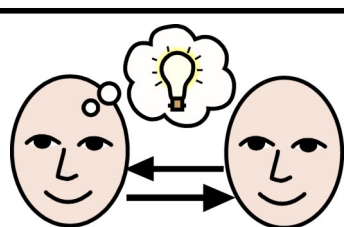
Theologically, I find Lutheran theology profoundly simple (I love it!)--in that we are saved by God's grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone (Ephesians 2:8-9). Everything that we do is through God's gift of grace and faith through Jesus. Feeling called to pursue certification in the LCMC, with God's help, my hope and prayer is to share God's grace with everyone I come in contact with. Also, being new to the LCMC, I enjoyed meeting people at the district convention in Richland, WA.



Pr Bob Coughlin Senior Pastor
Pr Andrew Young Associate Pastor
Peace Lutheran Church

I'm excited to meet more brothers and sisters in Christ in the LCMC-- as we share the gospel of Jesus with people around the world.

In Christ,
W. Andrew Young
Associate Pastor
Peace Lutheran Church
Belgrade, MT



Several years ago I volunteered to create a Pinterest board for the Northwest District. Pinterest is a great place to find, post and **share ideas**. We all need a new

idea now and then, and knowing someone else has tried and was successful, is reassuring.

Who am I? A juggler of seventeen hats and I am lazy, so I will search out the easiest way to do something. I design and market quilt patterns, teach Sunday school and confirmation, write a recipe column, garden and take long naps, all to the glory of God.

Join me on Pinterest, message from there for approval to post to the board. Happy pinning!

Laura Estes
Faith Lutheran, Odessa, WA



Christ the Servant Lutheran Church in Lacey, Washington has begun a 3 year partnership with *Church Doctor Ministries*. They will consult with us and help us become a more thriving, Kingdom of God focused body of believers. We are praying and planning for revival in our church and all the churches! This will include Holy Spirit renewal in the congregation and guidance in making disciples in our community. We are just starting but very excited about what is to come... Stay tuned!

Pastor Joe Beal