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From the Chairperson



Dear Members of the NW LCMC District:

I hope and pray everyone is doing well and are staying healthy!! This past year has been like no other!! We have learned many things over the course of the pandemic. We have learned many ways to worship, social distance, making masks, the list could go on.... Thanks be to God, I hope we are seeing the light at the end of the tunnel.

We are planning to have the NW LCMC District Gathering at Camp Lutherhaven May 14-16. Camp Lutherhaven is located 11 miles south of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, along the west side of beautiful Lake Coeur d'Alene. It is an AWESOME camp. I visited the camp this past weekend to get a tour of the facilities and I was blown away at the beauty, even in the cold. I knew this was the place we needed to have this years Gathering. It will be a great time of renewal, time to catch up

on friendships we have made through the years, and a time to play, while being safe outside. The camp is big enough to host our needs.

We chose this site too, because we really want to encourage families to come. Whether young or old we would like you to come. Our team hopes we can fill our spiritual bellies with the WORD, song, and relaxation. You are invited to stay at camp or in Coeur d'Alene. Information provided in newsletter.

We have invited Mike Bradley, LCMC National Service Coordinator; Pastor Craig Nissen from Calvary Lutheran Church in Kalispell, MT; Bryce Formwalt, Harvest Workers (an online community equipping leaders to answer the call of ministry); and Bob Baker, executive director of Camp Lutherhaven.

We feel this list of awesome speakers will be able to fill our needs as we learn our new normal in our world.

PLEASE contact me, Shelly Hauge 509-988-0824, or email shelly.hauge@yahoo.com, for any questions you may have. I look forward to seeing you all in May.

Blessings and Peace,

Shelly Hauge,
LCMC Northwest District Chair

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ and of the NW District, Grace and Peace to you from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Greetings from Montana. Like many of you across the region, we are experiencing changes in our area. Many of these transitions have to do with new pastors coming into our state. At the same time we have said goodbye to several beloved leaders that we will dearly miss.

We welcome both Craig Nissen (Calvary Lutheran Church, Kalispell) and Robin Bjella (American Lutheran Church, Winifred). Our prayers are with all our pastors and churches as many are facing times of both trial and opportunity.

Thankfully, we as the whole LCMC have begun several ministries aimed at assisting congregations and leadership in need. If you have not heard already, conflict coaches are available to assist your congregations that may be in the midst of a difficult situation. Please reach out to myself, or the LCMC Pastoral

Coordinator Perry Fruhling, if you feel like one of these teams may be a resource.

Another opportunity coming soon is a ministry focused on caring for, educating, and refreshing pastors who have persevered through more than this past tough year. Look for more information coming shortly. Again these are resources for all LCMC congregations to use, not just those who are a part of the NW District.



I hope to see you at the upcoming gathering, and plan to be there with my family. We would love to meet you and hear about your ministry and ideas for where we are going. Peace be with you always.

In Christ, **Pastor Drew Nelson**



Mary Stubblefield
NW District Council Secretary

Free church items

Resurrection Lutheran Church, Springfield, Oregon has disbanded. A few items are available for the asking. They include a Baptismal Font, Candle snuffers, Altar Paraments, and Choir robes.

(There are 20 purple choir robes and 8 white choir robes with 20 neck sashes that are pink on one side and white on the other side.)

If interested, please call:

Mary Stubblefield 541-409-2878

Church Constitution Review

The Northwest District Council suggests that all congregations review their church's constitution and by-laws to clarify if they are pertinent to your congregation.

In Particular, review the procedure established if the congregation should dissolve. This would include notifying the district and proper dispersal of remaining assets if the property is sold.

Typically, sale proceeds are given to another congregation(s) or a charitable Christian 501c.3 organization.

Council nominations

The NW District Council is requesting nominations from NW District members to serve on the district council. Due to the interruption of Covid-19 there will be at least four positions open.

The current council collectively agreed to extend their terms by one year to avoid having to replace two years worth of members leaving all at once. If you, yourself would like to be a part of the council or know someone who you think would be a good candidate, please let us know.

You can mail any nominations to me at:

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We will be voting on the nominees that expressed an interest last year if they choose to remain interested as well as the new nominees.