



# The Happenings

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Greetings and Peace to you all, in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ!

**Pr Travis Powers**

I pray that this letter finds you all well. I am excited and encouraged to see many wonderful opportunities happening within our LCMC NW District that you will have the opportunity to read about in this newsletter. We serve an AMAZING God, AMEN?!

Please keep Eric Hullstrom, our former LCMC NW District VP, and the Hullstrom family in your prayers. He has accepted a pastor call to Buffalo Center, IA. Eric, my friend, colleague and your family, God's blessing, and peace to you as you serve the congregation of Bethlehem Lutheran! During our last District meeting we voted Pastor Craig Nissen in as Vice President of our District to take Eric's place. Welcome Pastor Craig Nissen and family! Pastor Craig serves the congregation of Calvary Lutheran Church in Kalispell, MT.

I have been called and have accepted the pastor position at Our Saviors Lutheran and St Olaf Lutheran churches in Chester and Ledger, MT. Kim, our 6 kids and I have been busy moving over the last few weeks. We are looking forward to new beginnings in both churches.

Some discussion has begun on organizing a confirmation retreat and pastor's retreat. Both are in the very early stages of development. One of the focuses within the district is to provide more educational opportunities for our youth and our ordained and lay pastor's. Coming up will be an opportunity for pastors to attend a one-day theological seminar in Walla Walla, WA. Dates are still being determined.

October 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, the LCMC National Gathering is being held in Hilliard, Ohio. I am looking forward to attending this event. Joining me will be a few of our council members from our Northwest District along with some delegation from our own congregations. The theme this year is Speak It, Live It, Share It. Undoubtedly this

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year's event will include presentations by many wonderful speakers, equipping us to speak, live and share with others the gospel news of our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

A closing word, we are in times of great uncertainty, but take heart believer, one thing is certain and that is God is still on His throne! I encourage you all to do as Christ commanded His disciples to do. GO and therefore, make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit. Let us pick up our feet brothers and sisters in Christ. March out from the four walls of the buildings we have worship in and GO into a world that is so desperately in need of a Savior. Let us proclaim Jesus Christ as King, Sovereign Lord & Savior of all who want to know Him. May we live out our lives in a manner honoring and glorifying to our God. Turn from those things that weigh us down and live our lives according to the purpose God intended. Don't leave an opportunity to share the love of Jesus Christ with all whom you encounter! My challenge for your church is this: Dig deeper into the Word of God and grow. Listen to the whisper of Him who has redeemed you and has called you, His beloved. Fall deeply in love with your Savior who has fallen deeply in love with you!

**Pastor Travis Powers**  
 LCMC NW District President

  
**Thank You!**

*My dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ of the LCMC  
 NW District Board,*

*Flabbergasted, touched, gob-stopped, humbled, loved – pick a word, any word. They all apply to my reaction when I received your most generous memorial gift to Keith.*

*Soon after, my granddaughter (who lost her aunt, father, and grandfather) and I went on our 2nd annual road trip.*

*I was able to add a nicer hotel 2 nights with a good pool, a fancy dinner in a classy restaurant (with lots of forks and glasses), and a safari park to our agenda – and tell her “this is Grandpa’s treat.”*

*It also means I got to go to the national gathering and see my once-a-year friends.*

*Thank you!!*

*May God continue to bless you and keep you in His grace.*

*Pastor Ingrid Aderhold*

**Camp Lutherhaven**  
**Pondering the Ponderosas**  
 by Pastor Joe Beal



**Pr Joe Beal**  
 Christ the Servant  
 Lacey, WA



Ponderosa Pines  
 Tall stately towering  
 high above me

I looked up and pondered their age -  
 They were born before me  
 and will live after me...  
 How brief my life span is  
 in this world!

I rest in this thought  
 God has my lifespan in His hand  
 He alone knows how long I have to go!  
 Rooted in His love,  
 May I continue to grow  
 -JB

Pondering the Ponderosa Pines this song came to me:

*Our lives are in your hands  
 Oh Lord, we want them to be there  
 Our lives and our dreams and hopes and plans  
 We trust entirely to your care.*

*Our lives are in your hands  
 What better place for them to be  
 The one who sees beyond today  
 Must know what's best for you and me.*

*Our lives are in your hands  
 Oh what assurance that it brings  
 To know that you are in control  
 And you alone can see us through.*

-Chuck Girard

**LCMC 21st Annual Gathering and Convention**

**OCTOBER 3-6, 2021**

**UPPER ARLINGTON LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**HILLIARD, OH**

**Theme: Speak It! Live It! Share It!**

**Register now! at [lcmc.net/annual-gathering](http://lcmc.net/annual-gathering)**



## What's in a name?



What's in a name? It's much easier to refer to our denomination as LCMC rather than using the full name – Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ. But what are we missing? A continual reminder that we are called to be in mission for Christ. In the New Testament, Jesus gives several commands to his followers for mission (Matthew 28: 18-20, Mark 16:15, Luke 24:46-47, John 20:21, Acts 1: 8)

My wife and I just returned from a short-term mission trip to Estonia. We were part of a team that went through the Spiritual Orphan Network. Our team partnered with a local Lutheran organization and held a 4-day camp for teens. It was a wonderful experience, and we were blessed by it. For most followers of Christ, our mission field is our family, our neighborhood, and our local community. For some, they will be called and sent out as were Paul and Barnabas in Acts 13:1-3. Not everyone is called to be sent out, but everyone can be part of those who support those that are sent. Those working in the mission field have great need for support, both financial and through prayer.

At our Annual Gathering in May, we heard of several opportunities to support those organizations working in the foreign mission field. In addition to your local ministry, prayerfully consider supporting an individual or organization working in the foreign mission field – the need is great.

Remember the words of the Apostle Paul in Phil 4:14-19

<sup>14</sup> Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. <sup>15</sup> Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; <sup>16</sup> for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. <sup>17</sup> Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. <sup>18</sup> I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. <sup>19</sup> And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

Let your support for missions be a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God.

God Bless You.

**Mot Hedges**



### Need to find a new home

Faith Lutheran of Pierce Idaho has 30 (3 boxes of 10) used LBW's (aka, the green hymnal) in great shape that need to find a new home.

Please contact Pastor Donna if you have any questions:

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