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“For it is by grace you have been saved through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.”
Ephesians 2:8-9

From The Chair

The LCMC Northwest District is dedicated to serving the member Congregations, Chapter and Individual Members of the District and everyone who attends the annual gatherings. Should there be any success it is due to the hard work of the district board and committee members. None of it is done without the blessing of our LORD JESUS.

If you have received a blessing from this year’s gathering, many say they have, please take a moment to thank our LORD JESUS for HIS blessing.

For several years I have received the blessing to serve as Council Chair, the blessings of service have been immeasurable. One more year of service is all I have remaining before I must retire from the board, I have been again asked to lead as District Chair. My I do so in JESUS NAME.

Each year we set a goal to focus on; this year will be our youth. Join with us; work with us, help us to do better each year so that our blessing of service continues to be immeasurable.

Pat Woods
Northwest District LCMC Chair



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“Answering the Call” at the LCMC 2016 Northwest District “Gathering”

Our 2016 Northwest District “Gathering”, held in Wenatchee, Washington, was a success with inspiring messages and awesome fellowship.

A couple points that really struck me were how we can use unplanned “random acts of kindness” to share God’s love with those we meet whether they are strangers or acquaintances. If we see a need and are able to, can ACT God’s love. This could be buying a child shoes; paying for someone’s meal at a restaurant; or helping a neighbor with yard work. The opportunities are limitless.

The other thing that hit me is, evangelism is not best accomplished by preaching at someone or debating facts but by simply developing relationships with others; praying; listening and waiting; being prepared and ready to share God’s message of love when the opportunity presents itself. When the other person brings up God or forgiveness etc., that is when they are most likely ready to hear what we have to share. I find it amazing that God uses us, as broken and sinful as we are, to reach out to others who also are broken and sinful. It is in our relationships that we get the opportunity to share His love and His message of saving grace.

Mary Stubblefield

LCMC Northwest District Board Member

The offering this year is being sent to the Chelan Douglas Community Action Committee to be distributed as they see the needs to aid those affected by the forest fires last year. The offering was \$1,353.00.

There are 80 LCMC Northwest District congregations. Forty-six of those are member congregations.

This year 19 member congregations were represented at the “Gathering” and 5 congregations who have not yet joined that LCMC Northwest District were there and picked up applications.

Installation and Ordination

Pr Valerie Beesley

Submitted by: Barb Fagley

On Sunday, May 15, 2016, I had the fortunate privilege of attending the Ordination / Installation of Pastor Valerie Beesley at Good Hope Lutheran Church in Lenore, Idaho. The service began with a calling together of the community of believers. Pastor Valerie used an example of the church, not as a building made of wood or stone, but instead a family of believers brought together for the purpose of building a sturdy and concrete life in Christ together. Each member being a specific stone in the building with their purpose and place well defined by God and each special stone held together by the mortar of the Holy Spirit. A life-long friend, Pastor Althea Sondahl, presided over her Ordination into God’s call to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament. With her Installation, her entire congregation laid hands on her and asked her to commit herself to care, to baptize, to teach, to declare forgiveness of sins, to proclaim the good news of God’s word, to lead worship, and preside at Holy Communion. With a prayerful heart she committed herself to her new trust and responsibility for this, her tiny flock of believers, saints and disciples. Even believers, saints and disciples. Even though I have known Valerie for a long time and have prayed for her during her education process, and was grateful to see such a joyful, sure, and happy ending, I was still caught up in a very meaningful service that really reminded me that we are all indeed a group of believers held together by the Holy Spirit for purposes known and unknown to us, but always and intimately guided by God’s mighty hands. All who attended were blessed...especially me.

Congregation & Clergy Directory Update

Stay connected! Help us keep our records accurate and up-to-date. Please take a moment to review your congregation—(www.lcmc.net/congregations) and your profile (www.lcmc.net/pastors).

Need to make changes? Located the update forms for congregations and clergy on the LCMC website, (click on Documents, then Applications & Forms then Update Contact Information and select the appropriate form). Submit the completed form(s) to the LCMC office.

Questions? Contact Cathy Nichol: cathy@LCMC.net or 734.788.7476



WANTED! Have you seen this lady hanging around our meetings?



She is the "Sassy" Secretary

IN THE SPOT LIGHT



The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer Chimacum, Washington

The congregation of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer; welcomes you to attend church with us on Sunday morning.

Here at Redeemer, we have a biblical worldview. We seek to know God's heart and will for our lives through His inspired Word and strive to live out our calling as disciples of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ by learning from him, imitating him and seeking to be filled and guided by the Holy Spirit.

We are thankful to be a part of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ, LCMC, an affiliation of churches that have a common heart for mission, evangelism as the Holy Spirit empowers us to live out Jesus' Great Commandment and Great Commission.

We come from a wide variety of backgrounds, represent a wide range of age groups, all pursuing to live out the relationship that God offers us through His Son, Jesus Christ. As a result we have a strong focus at Redeemer at being involved in a small group Bible study, fellowship or ministry group. We offer the Alpha Course three times a year to help newcomers connect and to folks in the community to explore their faith in a fun, safe environment. We also have a Preschool, youth group and Sunday morning children's church to meet the needs of young families in our area.

Sunday School: 10:00 am
SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:00 am

We are located at 45 Redeemer Way, Chimacum, Washington. Phone number: 360.385.6977

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NOTES FROM THE “SASSY” SECRETARY

I guess the title fits me. At least at the Annual Gathering no one came forward and said it needed to be changed. But listen, who had time to discuss titles – was that one of the best conventions ever?? The fellowship was great, the facility was awesome, the speakers were amazing, the food was good ... all around it was excellent. At least that’s my sassy and humble opinion and I hope that you all agree. The Gathering Committee for the 2017 meeting is already hard at work, and I sneaked in and saw the facility where it will be – unbelievable. I can’t wait. Well, I have two sets of minutes for your perusal. The first set is the convention business meeting and the second set is of our brief board meeting following the convention. Hope all is well with you and yours. Until we meet again - God be with you and may His peace be yours. Remember -- “YES, YES LORD – WHAT’S YOUR QUESTION GONNA BE? FEEL THE CALL !!!

2016 Annual Gathering Business Meeting

- * Gathering opened at 3:04 PM with a welcome by Pat Woods, Chairman.
- * Pat explained how the Gathering would run and gave facility directions.
- * Introduction of the 2015-2016 Board and notification that three board members would be leaving their positions, making a total of 4 open positions to be filled by general election of the gathering.
- * Pat announced that our current Web-Master will be resigning in December. This is an important paid position. Pat prayerfully asked all who have ability to give considerable thought to filling this position.
- * Our offering beneficiary was identified as the Chelan-Douglas Community Action Council. This is a locally run 501(c)3 charitable organization serving the needs of at least twelve associations in the surrounding area. This location has suffered much with the summer 2016 fires, and many peoples and charities are struggling to build up their resources again.
- * Pastor Murray Stanton briefed the gathering on how to write the checks for the charity receiving our offerings and he also explained how to donate dollars to the Northwest District. He covered the fact that belonging to National LCMC does not automatically enroll you as a member of the NW District, nor does any funds that you donate to National come rolling down to our organization. All donations must be made out specifically to the NW District in C/O Kathy Nida, our Treasurer.
- * Business meeting opened at 9:00 AM the following morning, and a quorum was met for any business items presented for vote.

* Minutes were printed in the membership package distributed on arrival. Motion was M/S/P to approve the minutes as presented.

* Treasurer report was presented by Murray Stanton. On December 31, our banking balance was \$20,367.86. Details of expenses and revenue were discussed and a motion as M/S/P to accept the report. The gathering floor felt that more detail was needed at the next gathering. That will be discussed in future board meetings.

* Kim Weist of Odessa has set up a Facebook page – NW Lutherans, check it out.

* Pat called for nominations from the floor to fill the four council positions open. Five names were submitted and all five agreed to serve, if elected. As there were more nominations than positions, it was decided to conduct a written ballot to resolve the election. After a duly conducted count, Pastor Eric Hullstrom, Suzanne Robinson, Denel Ingraham, and Dr. Lee Wicklund were elected to serve three year terms on the Council.

* Sarah Stanton, Misty Redlin, Mary Stubblefield, and Jeff Redlin, along with Shelly Hauge as an advisor volunteered to serve on next year's Gathering Committee.

* Gathering closed after worship at 7:44 PM.

April 2016 Board Meeting

* Devotions were dispensed with as we would be worshipping later.

* Motion was M/S/P to accept the Executive Board members as a slate: Pat Woods/Chairman, Murray Stanton/ Vice Chair, Barb Fagley/Secretary, and Kathy Nida/Treasurer. Sub-Committee positions will be assigned at our next meeting.

* Motion was M/S/P to accept two new congregations into the NW District. Welcome to Good Hope Lutheran of Lenore, ID and Little Missouri Lutheran of Capitol, MT. We await a Chapter application from St. Paul Mission Congregation in Idaho also.

* Motion was M/S/P to give Kathy Nida authority to dispense all funds needed to pay gathering expenses up to the previously approved amount.

* Dates and locations for the next three meetings were decided.

- Next District Council we be: July 18, 2016

Meeting at: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church – Spokane Valley, WA

* Noted that our District Coordinator, Moe Bessey, will complete her term of service in April 2017. This position will be open for perspective volunteers.

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Your Northwest District Council:

Pat Woods—Chair - (Executive Committee)

Pr Murray Stanton—Vice Chair —(Executive Committee)

Barbara Fagley—Secretary—(Executive Committee)

Kathy Nida –Treasurer -(Executive Committee)

Denel Ingraham

Pr Jeff Redlin

Pr Eric Hullstrom

Suzanne Robinson

Shelly Hauge

Mary Stubblefield

Lee Wicklund

Maureen (Moe) Bessey—District Coordinator

Keith Aderhold—District Web Master

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Our Newest Congregation Members to the LCMC Northwest District

I like to take this moment to welcome Good Hope Lutheran Church of Lenore (Gifford), Idaho and Little Missouri Lutheran Church of Capital, Montana as our newest congregation members to the LCMC Northwest District.

Pat Woods

LCMC Northwest District Chair

If you or your congregation would like to have information added to the next LCMC Northwest District “The Happenings” please submit to: lcmc-nw.com/contact/



**2016th Annual Gathering
October 2-5, 2016
Crowne Plaza Hotel
Denver, Colorado**

For more information go to LCMC's
website: www.lcmc.net

Click on Events and then Annual
Gathering.



Valhalla Evangelical Lutheran Church Celebrating Their Centennial

100 years after the congregation was organized, we are preparing to celebrate the centennial of Valhalla Evangelical Lutheran Church. They are located in Valhalla Centre, Alberta Canada. The day is set for Sunday, June 5th, 2016. God's Spirit is still working amongst us here and we pray that this celebration will be to the glory of God and in thanks for what His Son, Jesus Christ, has done in dying and rising again to give us new life!

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Some pictures of our 2016 LCMC Annual Northwest District “Gathering”; held at the Red Lions Conference Center in Wenatchee, Washington on April 15th and 16th, 2016.

