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## **NORTHWEST DISTRICT CHAIRMAN NOTES**

Unless we rest in our LORD, all we attempt to do is truly worthless. None of us like the sound of that; however, I have the privilege to work on the District Council with Brothers and Sisters in the LORD who truly love HIM.

We have a lot to convey so the overview presented here will be reminders and future goals. Please help us to make this District's goal to be a servant for you; a sounding board, a link for all the members and congregations to serve each other and develop a common mission to serve our LORD.

This coming annual gathering for 2017 will be in Whitefish, MT. at Christ Lutheran Church on April 28-29, 2017. We hope to have an early start where registration will begin at 9am. That way, our meeting can start in the morning. Be sure to mark your calendars.

My wish would be to develop the servanthood of the District in the consideration of two new programs; one for the development of a Support and Fellowship Family. This would be for ministers, graduates and students currently studying for a call. We need a place where each congregation or member serving our LORD has a place of fellowship in the District where they can be supported, ask and answer any question knowing they are part of a loving family that cares and prays for each other. The second would be a separate youth gathering. A place where the youth can take the time to grow in faith with each other, knowing we love them and we trust them to understand that their world will be a different place than ours. Still, faith, servanthood and salvation in JESUS never changes. Please inform the District via the web-site "[lcmc-nw.com](http://lcmc-nw.com)" as to your congregation's number of youth, their ages, current programs you offer and how many youth may be interested in an annual gathering or weekend "just for them".

These are some lofty goals; however, we cannot accomplish them without you and your input. These programs will not be easily developed but can never work if we never start. Please pray for wisdom as your District Council considers these things while seeking to serve you and to honor our LORD.

Northwest District Chair,  
Patrick Woods

**WE WELCOME TWO CONGREGATIONS  
AS MEMBERS TO THE NORTHWEST DISTRICT - LCMC**  
Good Hope Lutheran Church of Lenore (Gifford), Idaho  
Little Missouri Lutheran Church of Capital, Montana



# “The Happenings” USA and Canada

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## **NORTHWEST DISTRICT ANNUAL “GATHERING” AND GREAT SUCCESS** **By Mary Stubblefield, Northwest District Board Member**

The 2016 Annual Gathering was held in Wenatchee, Washington this past April with over 100 people in attendance. There were inspiring messages and awesome fellowship.

A couple of 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, we can ACT God’s love. This could be buying a child a pair of 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 was, evangelism is not accomplished by preaching at someone or debating facts with them. It is by simply developing a relationship with them; 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, or any question about our Heavenly Father, 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.

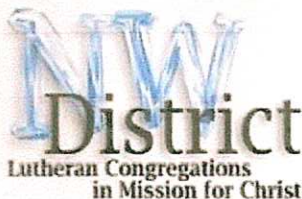
### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

Annual Gathering – April 28-29, 2017  
“Rooted and Grounded in Christ’s Love”

Ephesians 3:17

Hosted by Christ Lutheran Church  
In Whitefish, MT

See our website for further details and  
registration form. [lcmc-nw.com](http://lcmc-nw.com)



### **Northwest District Council Meeting Highlights**

The Council had their first long meeting after the Annual Gathering, and everyone was still excited about all that happened there. Those of you that missed it – I urge you to make plans now to attend the 2017 Gathering in Whitefish, Montana. We’re working to get Steve Lein back to do

a Bible study, and we hope to have the National LCMC New Ministry Coordinator, Dan Clites, and another extremely gifted Pastor, Sean Kelly, the brand new Chair of the Board of Trustees, as our keynote speakers. Please pray for us and the Gathering planning committee as they work hard to make this a special event. I'M SO EXCITED. REMEMBER TO PRAY AND JOIN US as we connect together in Montana. And now the July Council Meeting minutes” quick shots” for your information. We had so much to discuss and decide, and all of us feel like this is an exciting time for our district. Changes coming with the Board members – New people joining the workers, Mentors assigned to train and support, Jobs handed out, Plans for the Gathering, District planning for the National Convention and the fellowship we can share, and Doing normal business. WOW, do we need your prayers and support, so put us on your congregational prayer lists, in your bulletins, and on your Poster Boards. This year along with everything else we are really going to concentrate on highlighting our youth and giving them an opportunity to be alive in Christ together. So, until we meet again - God be with you and may His peace be yours.

## July 2016 Board Meeting

\* All Council members were assigned to their respective tasks and duties. We had several Board members sign up to be mentored for the next year so they can fill upcoming positions that will be vacated by current Board members.

\* Motion was passed to accept the minutes of the April Convention, the April Board Meeting and two addendums to the minutes for business conducted over the phone after the last meeting. Barb also presented a list of all the Continuing Resolutions that have been voted on since 2009. These Resolutions will be maintained as part of the permanent records. A motion was passed to approve these resolutions as presented.

\* A motion was passed by a more than a 2/3 majority to accept the resignation of Keith Aderhold, our web-master. Discussion followed about the difficult transition that his absence will necessitate. It was decided to separate the tasks of the Web maintenance, and our Newsletter publication. A sub-committee was set up to search other sites for how they look, how we may change our site and to make some future recommendations to the council.

\* The District Coordinator gave a report on the recent National Coordinator's Meeting in Chicago. It was also noted that Barb Fagley has expressed an interest in this position and the Council agreed to accept that Moe is willing to work with Barb and mentor her this coming year.

\* Financial support for expenses incurred by those who will attend the National convention on our behalf was approved.

Submitted by Barb Fagley, Northwest District Secretary

## **Pastor Tim Hauge reunited with Jesus August 15, 2016**

It is with heavy hearts that we say goodbye to one of our LCMC pastors from Odessa Washington. Tim was tragically taken from us as a result of a farming accident on August 15<sup>th</sup>. He served as pastor for Christ Lutheran in Odessa for the last fifteen years.

Pastor Tim was also a very active member of the community where he served on the Odessa Fire Department, the Odessa Ministerial Association, and drove school bus for Odessa School District. Everywhere you went in Odessa, Tim had touched lives and been a part of the area. He will be greatly missed by so many.

Please remember the entire congregation of Christ Lutheran Church in Odessa in your prayers as they work through the loss of their dear pastor. Also remember his lovely wife, Shelly, who is a member of the Northwest District board, and their three children, Kelsey (Hauge) Scrupps, Seth and Justin in your prayers as they adjust to life without their beloved husband and father.