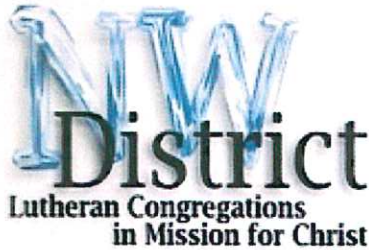


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LCMC Northwest District "The Happenings",

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Dear Pastor, Church Council Members and Congregations;

Greetings from your LCMC Northwest District Chair.

Welcome to our very first email newsletter of the LCMC Northwest District: "The Happenings". Much thought was put into what forms of communications were needed to keep the LCMC Northwest District (Montana, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Alaska) up-to-date and to what resources are available to you at the local level.

Many benefits come with your **FREE** membership to the LCMC Northwest District. Not only do you have access to our website: www.lcmc-nw.com, but you can update information (Advent, Lent, Easter, summer schedule) to your congregation web page. If your church is not already a member of the Northwest District, simply apply for membership at www.lcmc-nw.com/application-congregational-membership/.

Once you are a member congregation, you may have information added or changed on your web page by using the form at lcmc-nw.com/contact/, and it will be edited to your web page.



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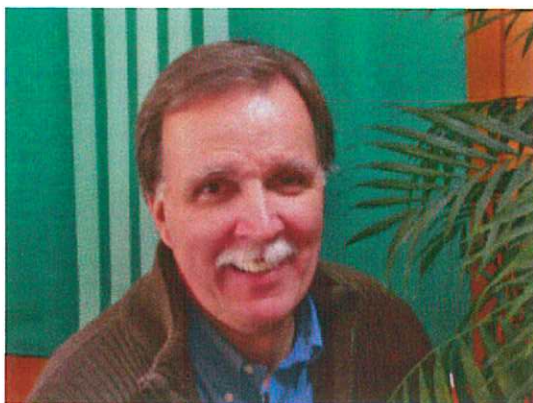
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"SURPRISE"

On Sunday, June 2nd, Pr. Tim Hauge at Christ Lutheran Church in Odessa, WA had a big surprise (actually shock). His wife, Shelly, secretly organized a celebration of the 25th anniversary of his ordination.

Prs Ingrid Aderhold and Rodney Mruk led a celebratory worship service followed by a potluck party. In attendance were extended family members, clergy friends, and parishioners of congregations formerly served by Pr. Tim. Good job Shelly. You really put one over your professional jokester husband!



A service of ordination and installation for Pastor Greg Worch was celebrated in St. Maries, ID on Friday, June 28th. Pastor Rusty Bailey of Swea City, IA officiated.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church is very pleased to have Pastor Worch join their Church family. He arrived in St. Maries on January 15, 2013, to begin his ministry. His wife, Janis, recently joined him.

Before being called to serve at **St. Paul's**, Greg served as a substitute pastor, filling in at various churches in Florida, as needed. He has a wide breadth of experience, having done ministries in the following areas since 2002: prisons, homeless, crisis, and reaching out to shut-ins. Being called by God in 2007, he began to study seminary classes online at *Faith Evangelical College & Seminary* in Tacoma, WA.

Prior to entering the ministry in 2002, he worked with the Ohio State Patrol, and he had served in the United States Navy. One of his passions is reading theological books, and he also knows his way around a home remodeling project.

Both Greg and his wife love the outdoors, and are looking forward to mountain biking, fishing and hunting. When they came for their first visit to the area, they couldn't believe how beautiful it was, with its combination of mountains, rivers, and lakes.

Greg and Janis are originally from Ohio, and they have three "adult" children, Sarah, Mark, and Anna. Janis has had a career in pediatric oncology.

The following is a reprint from LCMC "By The Word"

In May 2011, future members of Grace Community Lutheran Church left an ELCA congregation in La Grande, Oregon. They agreed to pray, study and research future plans. After a couple of months, 30 committed "founders" met to establish a new church under

LCMC. A Constitution and Bylaws were written and approved. A historic vacant church was rented. A search for a more permanent facility found a small congregation in tiny Cove, OR, willing to share their facility with them, beginning in December 2011.

In May 2012, Grace called, ordained and installed its first pastor. We see ourselves as a "royal priesthood of believers" and "called to serve", which is our mission. We are filling a niche to minister to the poor, the rural and un-churched. Our prayers for growth are being answered. Patience is difficult, but we see that being rewarded as we plant seeds.

We have adjusted the traditional Lutheran worship service to accommodate varying levels of Christian understanding. Our members are from various backgrounds, needing a gentle approach for our worship service and education efforts. During Bible studies we acknowledge the Lutheran perspective.

Our congregation is healthy, growing and enjoying our fellowship together. We are financially stable and unafraid to experiment with new missions. A community Bible study and breakfast for men meets weekly. Sunday Bible classes for adults and children and 12 mission projects are underway. Community basketball clinics have been conducted.

Grace had no building of its own, but had a strong desire for Biblical worship and for sharing the Gospel. We had no permanent minister, but had many dedicated people from Oregon and Washington willing to furnish our pastoral needs. Small churches take heed—with God's help, establishing a new church can be done joyously!

For more information, contact Pastor Susan at: pastorsusanfox@yahoo.com

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Rev. Fred Schumacher was ordained at Highland Lutheran Church, Outlook, MT, on February 10, 2013. Pastor John Gerds (Living Waters Church, Sun Prairie, WI) led the service. Participating were Steve Bethal (Sun Prairie, WI) who presented the stole, and Ellen Sedgwick, Highland Lutheran council president. Also in attendance was Pastor David Curtwright (retired) .

Fred studied at Spirit Life Institute, Madison, WI, and The Master's Institute, Minneapolis, MN, before accepting the one-year call to Highland Lutheran. In addition to his duties as pastor and sole staff member at Highland, he also serves as pastor of Faith Lutheran Church, Wanso, MT. He is excited to work in an area where God's love is so needed—the "Oil

Patch" is on its way—please pray!

For congregations that are too far to attend the 2014 Northwest District - (skype (for pastor bible study review-monthly), video links. etc) - We are in the planning stage at this time. Comments about this; please use the Contact Form : lcmc-nw.com/contact/,

Upcoming Events:

Come together with other pastors, leaders and church members to the LCMC 2013 Annual Gathering - being held - October 6-9 in Dearborn, MI = <http://www.lcmc.net/blog/online-registration-for-annual-gathering-now-open/a393.html>

Looking ahead: Mark your calendars for the Spring 2014 LCMC Northwest Gathering - Friday, April 4 and Saturday, April 5, 2014. Look for the next "The Happenings" for the location.

Pat Woods, Chair
LCMC Northwest District

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