

Pacific Region newsletter

We are a Region of 24 churches - WA, OR, ID, CA, AZ, and TX!



Can you recognize these faces?

Pastors of the Pacific Region North

UPCOMING EVENTS for our family of churches:

- July 31-August 2:** YC13 Youth Convention
YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park, CO
- October 4-6:** Region-North Women's Retreat
Red Lion Inn on the Quay, Portland, OR
- October 18-20:** Youth Retreat
Warm Beach, Stanwood, WA
- October 25-26:** Men's Retreat
Black Lake Bible Camp, Olympia, WA

Phil & Wendy Heiser: Maple Park, Lynnwood, WA

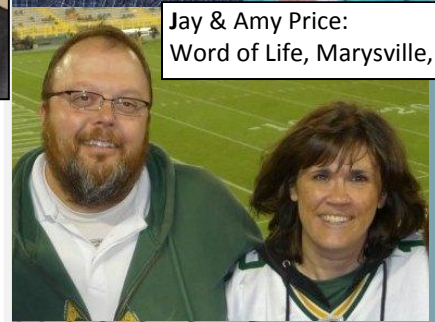
David & Nancy Overland: Lead Pastor, Maple Park Lynnwood, WA

Bob & Katrine Hosmer: Anchor of Hope, Stanwood, WA

Jim & Sharon Jensen: Community Church of Joy, Sammamish, WA



Jay & Amy Price: Word of Life, Marysville, WA



Transitions...

Thanks to **Pastor Dick and Sue Mattila** for their years of ministry at **Cornerstone Community Church, in Ferndale, WA.**

We express appreciation to **Pastor Randy and Linda Paulson** for their ministry at **Rock of Ages in Seattle.** They will continue to live in the Region after they retire at the end of June.

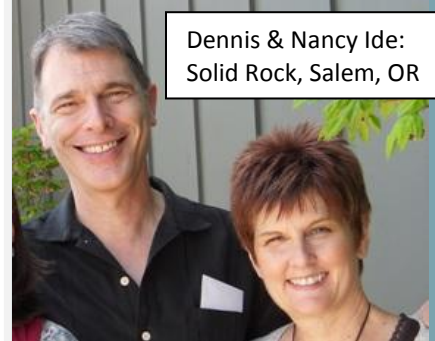
Farewell to **Pastor Keith and Donna Wolderich**, who have moved from **Cornerstone, in Ferndale, WA, to Grace LB in Bismarck, ND** where Keith is serving as Associate Pastor.

We pray God's blessings on these couples and their families during these transitions!

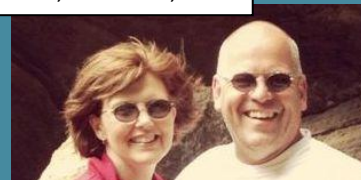
Chris & Carrie Leingang: Faith, Kelso, WA



Dennis & Nancy Ide: Solid Rock, Salem, OR



Dirk & Alyssa McIvor: Grace, Edmonds, WA



Marty & Mim Valder: Hope, Everett, WA



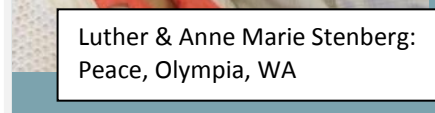
Roger & Sue Olson: Rock of Ages Japanese Ministries, Seattle.



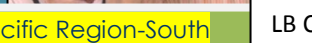
Steve & Sue Paulson: Greater Grace, Portland, OR



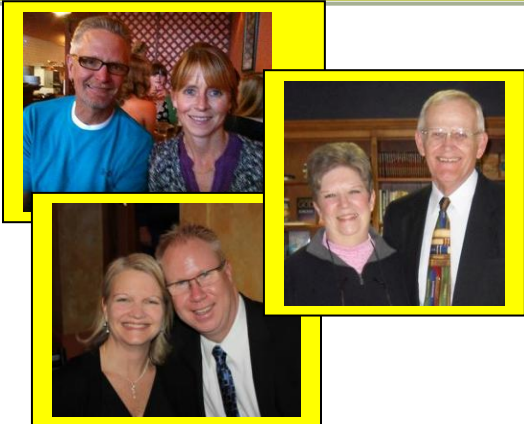
Luther & Anne Marie Stenberg: Peace, Olympia, WA



Harold & Eileen Tjelta: (retiring soon) LB Church of Nampa, Nampa, ID



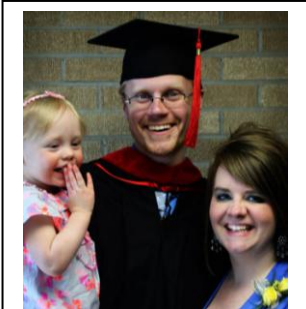
Coming in the next Newsletter: Pastors of the Pacific Region-South



Who's new in the Region?

2013 LB Seminary graduate, Caleb Larson, his wife Sarah (Helland) and daughter Kaylen moved in early July to Buda, Texas, to serve the Good Shepherd Ministries church.

We are so grateful to God for providing this ministry couple, and thankful that they answered God's call to move from MN to Texas!



Pastor Kyle and Erika Sears have accepted the call to serve as the Restart Pastor in Pasadena, CA beginning July 1. Kyle is transitioning into the LB from a church plant in Hutto, TX, and has completed the approval for call process and will be enrolling in the Distance Learning program offered by our LB Seminary this fall. Kyle and Erika are eager to begin the restart process in Pasadena and are looking forward to getting to know their new church family.

What's new in the Region?

Check out **THE CALL** at **Rock of Ages, Seattle, WA** where young adults (and those young-at-heart) meet for coffee & conversation, for worship, and for sharing around God's Word by young adults who have a passion for knowing and following God in their lives. First Friday of each month at 7:00 pm (July 12, though, rather than July 5) Details at: [f](#) "Rock of Ages Lutheran Brethren Church." Look for the event, "Friday Night Church."

VESPERS, also begun by young adults, has met twice-monthly during the school year, and will begin again in the fall.

Vespers, a Sunday evening gathering at **Maple Park, Lynnwood, WA**, is "a congregationally-led evening worship service for all ages and generations where we are challenged to pray, think, grow, and listen to God as a people, in a form that seeks to blur the line between what we have deemed 'contemporary' and 'traditional.' ... built around the Word of God in scripture and the sacrament of Holy Communion, all enveloped in prayer and dependence on the guidance of the Holy Spirit."

Details at: [f](#) "Vespers at Maple Park" or www.mapleparkchurch.com

75th Anniversary
Celebration
Immanuel
Pasadena, CA
Oct. 18-20, 2013

Please pray for the pastoral transitions in:

Cornerstone, Ferndale, WA
Bethel, Bellingham, WA
Rock of Ages, Seattle, WA
Immanuel, Eugene, OR
LB Church of Nampa, Nampa, ID
Immanuel, Pasadena Re-start, CA
Victoria, Fontana, CA
Victory, Yuma, AZ

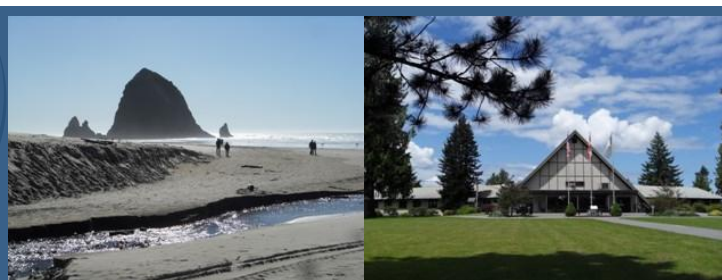
In Memory:



Rev. Dale Carlson passed away on April 5, 2013, from cancer in his abdomen. He is survived by his wife Kathleen and three adult children.

Rev. Carlson served as pastor of many Lutheran Brethren congregations, including the following congregations in Canada: Elim Church in Frontier, SK, and Emmanuel Church in Edmonton, AB. He also served Bethel Church in Faribault, MN; Faith Lutheran in Blue Earth, MN; Ebenezer Church in Mayville, ND; Lutheran Brethren Fellowship in Williston, ND; Anchor of Hope in Stanwood, WA. At the time of his passing, he was serving Bethel Lutheran Brethren Church in Bellingham, WA.

We thank God for Dale Carlson's service to God's kingdom. Blessed be the memory of Rev. Dale Carlson.



We have great local worship, teaching, and fellowship opportunities! MARK YOUR CALENDAR for these opportunities for larger gatherings:

1. Cannon Beach weekend Leadership Retreat. We'll hear H.B. London from Focus on the Family MARCH 7-9, 2014
2. LB Bible Camp week at Warm Beach next summer JUNE 24-29
3. CLB Biennial Convention @ Fergus Falls, MN JULY 30-AUGUST 1
4. National Women's Ministries Event @ Fergus Falls, MN AUGUST 2