

Points of Connection

Northwest Mennonite Conference Newsletter
January 2008



Happy New Year!

May 2008 be a year of the Lord's blessing in your family and your church.

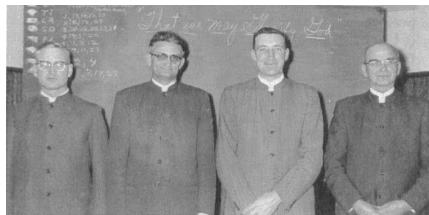
Have you made any New Year's resolutions? Any resolutions relating to your spiritual life? More specifically, how about your Bible knowledge? Are you feeling the need for some in-depth learning?

As a Conference, we would like to be a resource to our churches. We are convinced of the necessity of Scripture-based beliefs, and so are offering something new: LIFE Weekends. We will come to your church and teach a seminar on a Friday night, all-day Saturday and Sunday morning. The host church will provide coffee breaks, Saturday lunch and accommodation and meals for the teachers. The cost is only \$30 per person.

Topics available include: Old and New Testament Survey, How we got the Bible, The Gospel of John, and Church History I and II.

Northwest has a history of strong Bible teaching. In the past this was done through Winter Bible School: 3-week-long Bible School Sessions held in several church locations (usually Tofield, Carstairs and Duchess) when farmers had time for a break. Attended mostly by young people, it also served as a "Bridal School", as some of our older people can confirm! Men like Stanley Shantz, Clarence Ramer, Paul Voegtlin and Milo Stutzman traveled to different locations to teach these classes. It was a highlight for years.

Today is a new day, and we would like to do a new thing! Contact your pastor and line up your LIFE Weekend soon!



Calling All Men!

(Yes, you!)

Come to Men's Retreat at Camp Caroline.

Dates:
January 25-27/08

Theme:
What I've always wanted to say to men!

Speakers:
Bryn Thiessen
Harvey Penner
Jose Gurdian
Cost: \$160

Register: Contact your pastor or Mal Braun at 403-337-2412 Or email malellie@telus.net Check out the great facilities at: Campcaroline.ab.ca

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Did you know....

***Collin and Terri-lyn Weber** had a baby girl, Mikayla Joy, born January 2, 2008.

***Ryan and Jeralyn Miller** had a baby boy, Silas Owen, on December 28, 2007, brother to Ashlyn and Kyleigh. They plan to return to the Philippines this month.

***Gordon Grove** was happy to come home from the hospital on Dec. 19. He is going to Medicine Hat for speech therapy twice a week.

*Our **Northwest Annual Convention** will be held in Medicine Hat March 28-30th.

*The **Boys Club** of the Salem Menonite Church in Tofield baked Christmas cookies for inmates.

*The **Coaldale Mennonite Church** has agreed to sponsor a refugee family from Columbia.

***Ray Landis** will complete his last Sunday as interim pastor at Fish Creek Christian Fellowship on January 27th as they now have a permanent pastor.

*The **Meserete Kristos College** in Ethiopia will be graduating 61 students on January 5. **Carl and Vera Hansen** will take a furlough for several months beginning in June. They hope to spend a month in Alberta this summer.

***Pastor Trevor Kiriaka** of the West Zion Church in Carstairs is working on his Doctor of Ministry degree.

*The **Bluesky Church** had a Covenant Service for Norman and Lillian (Haas) Nicholson, who are returning to Burkino Faso this month.