

2008 Summer Conference

Leadership Advancement Process

Join Professor Phil Brandt at Camp Lutherhaven, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho July 18-20 and see how St. Paul will challenge us to look at the basics of what makes our congregation a missional and welcoming sort of place for the people of the first century and the twenty-first century.



Camp Lutherhaven Dining Hall near the lake
Early Bird Registration \$150 before May 31! Includes lodging, four meals and all sessions. Late Registration \$175.

Register at
www.cu-portland.edu/lap

Brief Conference Schedule

Friday, July 18 Registration	5-7pm
Evening Sessions	7- 9:30pm
Breakfast	830am
Saturday Sessions	9:15am- lunch
Lunch Sessions/ Fellowship	12:30pm
Supper Study/ Fellowship	5:30pm
Sunday, July 20 Study, Brunch, Worship	8:15am —noon

Citizens of the Heavenly Kingdom — Paul's Vision for a Congregation

We are most familiar with Luther's personal journey through the book of Romans. It would transform him and his theology resulting in the whole movement which bears his name today, our movement, this Church we call home. But Paul wrote to a congregation in Rome, a place where real people struggled to live in **genuine community**. He wrote the Christians in Rome to ask for their support for his missionary journey to Spain, but Paul also had a vision for the

congregation in Rome. He wanted them to be his sending congregation, the people who would commission him, pray for him, and support him. For that he needed a **healthy, vibrant community of Christians** gathered in the name of Jesus who could stand behind him. Romans can be read as the blue print for that community. *Paul gives his vision for just what this Kingdom of God looks like **HERE** where the people of God gather.*

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Save the date!

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About the
Presenter

Pastor Phillip Brandt:

- Associate Professor of Theology, Concordia University, Portland, Oregon
- LAP and MTC instructor since 2002
- Taught EIIT (Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology) distance courses for Concordia Seminary
- Guest lecturer for Concordia Seminary, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan and Concordia Seminary, Nagercoil, India
- Past pastor in Oregon and Utah
- Married Stephanie Nording Brandt and together they have three children, Samuel, Lydia, and Lucas.



Welcoming Center

Registration and all sessions will be held in this air conditioned room.

To Lutherhaven From Missoula, Montana or Spokane, Washington

- ⇒ Take Interstate 90 into Coeur d'Alene
- ⇒ Exit at US 95 South
- ⇒ Travel SOUTH on US 95; you will cross the Spokane River
- ⇒ At approximately 6.5 MILES, turn LEFT onto Kidd Island Bay Road
- ⇒ Follow the signs to CAMP LUTHERHAVEN, approximately 3 miles, turning to the RIGHT onto Valhalla Road and then onto Lutherhaven Road

For more information on Camp Lutherhaven go to www.lutherhaven.com.

For things to do in the area go to coeurdalene.org.

For those who can commute from home for registration is \$85. This includes four meals and all sessions.

Be sure to get some supper before arriving. Coeur d'Alene has many diners.

A Study from Romans

Supplemental reading of [The Story of Romans](#) by Katherine Grieb from John Knox Press is a great idea!

Humans in the 21st century face an increasingly complex world. Our parents could hardly imagine that when we called for help with some gadget, our call is likely routed to India and we speak with a person in New Delhi or Bangalore? Who would have thought that cars would ever run on something other than gas or that a computer might fit in the palm of your hand? Yet for all this marvelous complexity, some human needs remain essentially the same. Paul speaks of a community that is

authentically living in Christ's love, united in the kingdom of God, radically transformed by the gracious rule of Christ.

There is no magic bullet which solves problems for congregations in this complex world. Changing our worship style or hiring a youth minister might all be good things to do, but there is no single key to successful ministry as a congregation. The one essential, however, is that the congregation authentically live out

the calling that God has given to his Christian people, a calling Paul articulated to the Romans nearly 2000 years ago and which has not changed. In a world of tremendous change, people are also hungry for that which does not change. In a generation shaped by situational ethics, people are attracted to a community which lives by rules they do not make up. But most of all, they thirst for a place they can call home, people who know them and love them anyway.