

**Pastor/ Teacher Conference at Great Wolf Lodge Grand Mound, WA,
October 15-17, 2014**

The theme for the 2014 conference is, "Open the Gates."

Open the gates. With this theme we are looking at how God has opened the gates to heaven, forgiveness, worship and life. In this theme we would look at how God with intent and purpose opened the gates so we could have life to the full. In the same way we open the gates in our life with intent and purpose to show love, kindness, compassion, patience, etc. We also open the gates to others so with intent and purpose we include them in our life, give them the gospel and rejoice in their friendship.

Agenda

Wednesday, October 15

4:00-7:00 PM Registration by mail, time to pick up packets
7:00 PM Worship with the Lord's Supper

Preacher: Pastor Matt Zimplemann

Presiding Minister: Pastor Geoff Cortright

Theme: Open the Gates

8:30-10:00PM Fellowship

Thursday, October 16

7:30-8:00 Morning coffee
8:00-8:15 Opening Devotion

Pastor: Pastor Brian Hackmann

Text: I John 5:13-15

Theme: The Gate is Open! Therefore we have confidence to approach God in our need.

8:15-8:30 Housekeeping
8:30- 9:30 Session 1 Dr. Carrie Pfeifer

Differentiating Instruction for All Learners

9:30-9:45 Break
9:45- 10:45 Session 2 Dr. Carrie Pfeifer

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10:45-11:00 Break
11:00-12:15 Session 3 Dr. Carrie Pfeifer

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12:15-1:00 Lunch
1:00-2:00 Session 4 Dr. Carrie Pfeifer

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Family Time

5:25 Fellowship

Friday, October 17

8:00-8:20 Opening Devotion

Pastor: Pastor Matthew Kimmel

Text: I Peter 2:9-12

Theme: Our Lives become an open gate through which others may look and give glory to God.

8:20-9:00 Reports

President John Steinbrenner's report

Pastor Alex Ring's ELS report

John Meyer, MLC report

Pastor Andrew Schwartz WELS Kingdom Workers report

9:00-9:30 Break and check out

9:30- 10:30 Break out groups

Early childhood education

Teachers -- Dr. Pfeifer will be available for an optional Q and A

Pastors Pastor Joe Johnson (Amazing Grace in Milwaukie Oregon): I John 5

10:45-11:15 Wrap up and final reports

Christian Education

Evangelism

Home Missions

Special Ministries

11:15-11:30 Closing Devotion

Pastor: Pastor Tony Pittenger

Text: Revelation 21:10-14, 21-27

Theme: The gates will remain open forever in our heavenly home.

2015 Pastor Teacher Conference Theme: Molded or Transformed: The two words carry different ideas about teaching and ministry. Quite often we talk about molding a child. Transformed carries with it the New Testament work of the Holy Spirit and what love does for us. Our whole being is transformed into the likeness of Christ. Our thinking is changed. Our motives are changed. How do you look at ministry? Molding or Transforming?

2015 Pastor Teacher conference location suggestion:

Location 1: Leavenworth, WA Oct 15-17. From Sunshine Circuit.

Differentiating Instruction for All Learners

Students bring a wide variety of strengths and needs to any classroom. Effective teaching requires planning appropriate instruction for the individual development, learning style, culture, strengths, and needs of all students while maintaining a vibrant learning community. The key elements of differentiated instruction consider the interests, learning styles, and readiness of students and based on these differences teachers adjust the content, processes, and products of the lesson.

This workshop will take teachers beyond the philosophy of differentiated instruction and guide them in the creation of a differentiated lesson. Teachers will create a variety of pathways within the lesson to

differentiate for the interests, learning, styles, and/or readiness of their students. Teachers participating in this workshop should bring materials necessary for working on a specific lesson within a unit of instruction--a teacher's manual, a developed unit plan guide, support materials, etc.

Dr. Pfeifer will be available for an optional Q and A/Sharing session on the morning of October 17th. In a classroom of 25 students, most teachers will find 25 unique learners with specific and differing needs. How can one teacher address those unique needs in a manageable way? This workshop will show how differentiated instruction can work to the educational benefit of all of your students and respect your time and energy as a busy teacher. Planning structures, activities, and assessment ideas will be presented in addition to ways that teachers can modify and accommodate for students with learning disabilities.