



Dear

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” Jesus’ words from Matthew 11:28 provide such promise and hope to us, whether we face the more difficult troubles of life or are simply worn down by our day-to-day activities. But how easy is it to enjoy that rest? Answer: Not very. The pastors’ wives of the Dakota-Montana district cordially invite you to set aside a weekend to be renewed as we sit at the feet of our Savior and hear again of God’s promises.

This letter provides some detailed information to help you plan your trip. Our renewal starts with fellowship and supper on Thursday night. Friday morning is dedicated to Bible Study, then we have lunch and a short application activity. Friday afternoon is open to individual pursuits: some hike, some go to Rapid City to shop, some craft together, some nap, and some share an adventure into the Black Hills (Prairie Berry Winery, Mt. Rushmore, etc.). We meet in Rapid City at a local restaurant for supper, then come back to the ranch for a hymn sing before bed. Saturday morning hosts a closing devotion, then a planning meeting for the next renewal while cabins are cleaned and vehicles are loaded. Lunch is available for those who want it, and we bid each other a fond farewell and Godspeed.

We hope and pray that many of you can join us! His yoke does not always feel easy nor the burdens of ministry light; this retreat offers a unique opportunity to connect with others who understand our special roles in this world. We hope to lift up, encourage, and simply be with one another with the Gospel. God be with you until we meet in September!

In Christ,  
Your fellow Pastors’ Wives

## **Pastors’ Wives Renewal**

**“For Generations to Come”**

**Thursday, September 26 - Saturday, September 28, 2018**

**Dakota-Montana District - Twin Peaks Ranch, Nemo, SD**

**Please register online at [www.pwrenewal.org](http://www.pwrenewal.org)**

- **Cost is \$40, paid online when you register.**
- **Registration deadline is Wednesday, September 11.**

**Questions or registration by phone – call or text Beth Dauck at 605-848-3994**

## **Renewal Schedule:**

*All times are Mountain Time.*

### **Thursday**

4:30-6:30 PM – Check In at the Cantina

6:30 PM – Supper

7:30 PM – Introductions, Ice Breaker, Devotion

8:30- ??? – Fellowship

### **Friday**

8:00-8:45 AM – Breakfast available throughout this time, come when you are ready

9:00 AM-noon – Bible Study – *For Generations to Come*

12:15 PM – Lunch

1:00-1:30 PM – Chic Chats/applications

1:30 PM – group picture!

Hike / Nap / Explore Rapid City / Explore Black Hills / Free Time until dinner

6:00 PM – Dine out in Rapid City

Following dinner, you are invited to meet in the Cantina for singing and fellowship

### **Saturday**

8:00-8:45 AM – Breakfast available throughout this time, come when you are ready

9:00 AM – Encouragement as You Head Home

9:30 AM – Closing devotion

Mini planning meeting for 2019

Clean up Cabins and Cantina

Grab to-go lunch from leftovers

Check-out any time before 12:00

## **Lodging**

Twin Peaks is a hospitality ministry for WELS/ELS Called Workers and their families, offered by Mr. Mark Schwan and managed by Kari Tucker Crosswait. Mr. Schwan is graciously allowing us use of the cabins and cantina for gathering together. The cabins have beds, bathroom with shower, a kitchenette, and a small sitting area. Please register early as the number of beds is limited. If the number of attendees begins to exceed the number of beds, we will do everything possible to accommodate everyone comfortably. Please let us know if you have special needs. A **freewill donation** to Twin Peaks Ranch is suggested. Please give as you are able. A donation box will be provided at the retreat for donation by cash or check. Or you may opt to give your freewill donation online when you register.

## **What to Bring**

Bible, bedding or sleeping bag, pillow, towels (face, hand, and bath), warm clothes for cool nights (cabins and cantina are heated), comfortable shoes if you plan to hike, flashlight for walking to cabin after dark, and any other basic necessities you need. If you are a coffee drinker, plan to bring that too (coffeemakers provided).

### **Fun Optional Items to Bring:**

- Items for our “Show-and-Tell” table – a favorite devotion book, piece of choir music, Sunday School teaching resource, etc.
- Three of your best “go-to” recipes! Please bring enough photocopies to share with the group. (We will let you know that number after registrations are in.)
- A book, craft project, or other relaxing activity to work on during free time.

### **Meals**

We will enjoy meals together in the Cantina at Twin Peaks Ranch. We will dine out in Rapid City on Friday night.

### **Snacks**

Even though the main meals will be provided, it would be great to have some yummy baked goods and snacks there too. If you are able and willing, feel free to bring a baked item or snack to share. We will create a sign-up through [perfectpotluck.com](http://perfectpotluck.com) so we can each see what snacks others are bringing (to ensure a perfect variety of salty, sweet, and chocolaty!). Watch for an e-mail after September 12.

### **Nursing Mothers**

If you have a nursing infant, you and your baby are welcome to attend the renewal together. We would love to have you join us!

### **Can I invite a friend?**

Yes, absolutely! If you know another WELS pastor’s wife (retired pastor’s wife, seminary wife, or vicar’s wife) from any district who would enjoy coming to the Renewal, please invite her. You can direct her to the information at [www.pwrenewal.org](http://www.pwrenewal.org) under “Events.”

### **What if I can’t be there the entire time?**

If you are unable to join us for the entire time, please feel free to join us at any point. Please let Beth Dauck (605-848-3994 or [bethfischer5@gmail.com](mailto:bethfischer5@gmail.com)) know if you will be joining us at a different time, so we can be looking for you!

### **A Note About Extra Registration Money**

Any extra money left over from your registration fees after expenses are paid will be split between a Seminary student family and the PWR organization.

### **Learn more about Pastors’ Wives Renewal!**

Pastors’ Wives Renewal is an organization that exists to encourage women married to pastors in our synod, through the study of God’s Word and the strengthening of friendships and support among these women. Check out their website at [www.pwrenewal.org](http://www.pwrenewal.org) to learn more.

### **Updates and ongoing encouragement**

We maintain a Facebook group, Dakota-Montana and Friends Gems, to help us stay connected and communicate about upcoming events. The group is “secret,” which means it can’t be found via search and no one outside the group can see posts. If you are not already a member, please consider “friending” Beth Dauck, Heather Walther, or other D-M PWs and asking to be added.

## **Directions to Twin Peaks Ranch, Nemo, SD (18 miles northwest of Rapid City)**

- **From the East**—Take Exit 57 in Rapid City. Head South on the I-190 road for Mount Rushmore and the Black Hills. At stop light, turn right onto Omaha St. The Ranch is 18 miles from this point. Stay on this road all the way. It turns into Chicago, then S. Canyon, then Nemo Rd. A couple times you need to veer to the right to stay on the road. It's winding, twisty and curvy, so you will feel like you're on it too long. Look for a small grass airstrip on the right at about 17 miles. The Ranch is on the right just past this. It has two gated entrances that are well-labeled. You may go into either entrance that's open. Follow the long gravel driveway. The 180-acre Ranch has 6 cabins, a large home, a barn, the managers' home, and the cantina. Drive towards the cabins and the cantina. Someone should be waiting for you!
- **From the West or coming through Sturgis**—Take Exit 32. Go South on Junction Avenue, heading away from town. Junction becomes Vanocker Canyon Rd. Continue straight on Vanocker Canyon Rd. until it comes to a T at Nemo Rd. Turn left onto Nemo Rd. The Ranch will be on your left after you pass through the very small town of Nemo. The buildings are set back quite far from the road. It has two gated entrances that are well-labeled. You may go into either entrance that's open. Follow the long gravel driveway. The 180-acre Ranch has 6 cabins, a large home, a barn, the managers' home, and the cantina. Drive towards the cabins and the cantina. Someone should be waiting for you!
- **There is no cell phone service at the Ranch for most providers.** If you have questions prior to getting into no-cell-service area, call the Ranch at 605-578-1291 or Kari Tucker Crosswait at 605-440-1177. It is also wise to leave these numbers with your family in case of emergencies.