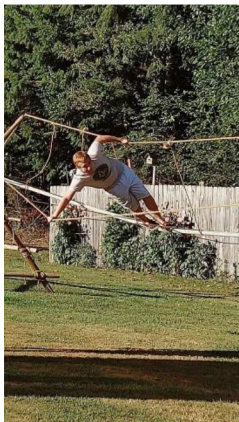


Formidable Forest Obstacle Course: Building Faith While Raising Funds



The Lewis County Gospel Mission routinely floods due to heavy rains, low-lying land, and lack of proper drainage. It's a daunting and expensive task to remedy, but well worth it to us to ensure that we can continue to be a warming haven for our homeless friends during the cold & wet winter season.

In order to raise funds for our "Flood Project," the Lord put it on my heart to hold an obstacle course. None of us at LCGM knew anything about obstacle courses, but we placed our trust in the Lord's leading and started planning for our event. Months later, we were contacted by a couple from Bethel Church who happened to be organizing an obstacle course fundraiser on behalf of their church and had been praying for a charitable organization to donate the proceeds to. Needless to say, the Lord brought us together and LCGM became the blessed recipient of Bethel's event.

During the time that I was praying for God to help us build an obstacle course, my vision was very limited. I envisioned a tiny course, a handful of obstacles (completely built by us), and it being held in a church parking lot or vacant field. Instead, the Lord sent us Hunting's Pumpkin Patch, who generously provided the use of their farm at no charge and our friends at Bethel Church busily built the obstacle course with assistance from some of LCGM's volunteers and guests.



The course was nearly 3.5 miles long, had 20+ challenging obstacles, and was nestled inside the most incredible forest setting. It was better than anything I could have ever dreamed!



This experience taught me a lot about the Lord's generosity and has deeply affirmed my faith. He knows our every need and then goes before us to make the way. Before I even knew I was in over my head, the Lord was already building the obstacle course and

leading others to pray for *us* as beneficiary. I am awestruck by this answered prayer and will surely be telling this story for years to come. The next time I am facing a large problem, I'll remind myself that the solution is already praying to find me. Praises to our faithful and loving God!!!

By: Tricia Ziese, Executive Director

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Would you *prayerfully* consider donating to LCGM? Donations may be made by the following:
Regular mail at: PO Box 631, Chehalis, WA 98532 * Online at: lewiscountygospelmission.org
In-person at: 72 SW Chehalis Ave., Chehalis, Washington 98532

Mission Recovery: Friday Evenings at LCGM



Are you or someone you love struggling with hurts, hang-ups and addiction? If so, please join us for our new Christ-centered 12 step recovery program, called Mission Recovery (based upon Celebrate Recovery).

When: Every Friday, starting at 6:00 p.m.

Where: LCGM, 72 SW Chehalis Avenue, Chehalis

Details: Enjoy dinner (at no charge) and join us for our “Big Group,” including worship music, testimonials, and a short message by our chaplain. Afterwards, guests can participate in optional “Small Groups” which are divided by gender and allow for a safe place to share hurts, hang-ups, struggles and victories while working through a guided 12 step program. For more information, or for encouraging scripture, please follow Mission Recovery on Facebook.

Faith into Action – *Being* the Church Outside the Church Walls

LCGM is a great place for church members to grow their faith outside the church walls and live the life exemplified by Jesus Christ by serving those in need. It only takes 3-4 members of your church to form a team that serves together one weekend day per month cooking brunch. Not only will you grow stronger as a church body, but you’ll also grow in your own walk with the Lord. Contact our office at (360) 996-4474 for our available weekend openings. *Pic: Our Seventh Day Adventist team is serving up smiles!*



Baby, It’s Cold Outside.... Our Homeless Friends This Winter

We can’t imagine a more challenging time to live without shelter than during the cold & wet winter

season. Unfortunately, this is a terrifying reality for several residents in our community and their only option is to hunker down as best as they can during the winter season.

During the day, places like the Lewis County Gospel Mission are a safe place for our homeless friends to sit in a warm building, enjoy a hot meal and coffee, take hot showers, and receive items like coats, gloves, sleeping bags, tent, blankets & hand warmers. We know it’s these little things that mean so much to those struggling out in the cold.



This winter, LCGM will be performing outreach by travelling directly to homeless encampments to deliver food and other essential warming items.

Additionally, we will be partnering with other organizations to tackle one of the most commonly seen issues amongst the homeless community during winter: trench foot (*pictured*).

BLESSING SHOUT OUT!!!

We want to thank our friends at Cooks Hill Community Church for blessing LCGM with approximately \$6,100 raised through their Annual Missions Garage Sale.

Thank you for answering our prayers as we raise funds to build transformational housing in Lewis County!!!

Join the LCGM Team: Accepting New Volunteers!



Do you have a heart for Jesus and for serving those who are in need? If so, we’d love to have you join our team! The Mission is open every day of the year, and there are MANY different ways for you to serve. Come stop by our office and fill out a volunteer application and see how you can literally change lives within our community. There is a homeless and hurting friend at the Mission that is in need of YOUR love and time!!!