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September. And this journey is not limited to NCC members. We are also invited to join!

David is a Newberg native having attended Central School (now the Cultural Center), Renne Jr. High (now an open field), and Newberg High (still Newberg High). He graduated George Fox College (University now) with a Bachelors in Education and a Masters in Christian Studies.

He considers himself Julie's husband, has been a baseball coach for fifteen years, and has held pastoral roles with NCC since, what, the 1990s?

He warmed us up with a parable of the farmer calling the church office looking for the head of the hog trough. The offended reply went like, "You can call him pastor, or David, or Mr. Case, but not Hog!"

"Well," said the farmer, "I have a \$50,000 check for the building campaign and need to know who to write it to."

"Please hold," came the reply, "the big pig just arrived."

Also with an allegory about the message his wife had gotten about the \$10 million she'd just won and whether she wanted it as a lump sum or as installments. "Wouldn't it be great if people could just be honest?"

That said, NCC "hit the jackpot" with its Rotary friends, the [Austin Family Foundation](#), and [Providence Newberg Medical Center](#). Groups and individuals that contribute so much to NCC's commitment to help individuals, families and children win at life. And to help our neighbors with food insecurity.

Another analogy, "As a toddler, stained spinach was the best. As a kid, SpaghettiOs! was the best. In high school, Burgerville was the best." The point? There's always something better in life. Things like:

[Shine](#): An Evening Under The Stars, a special event (DJ, dancing, hair & makeup), for our friends with special needs.

MyZone is a safe place for middle school students to hang out. Not surprisingly, the Study Zone is less popular than volleyball, Foosball, and X-Box.

[Community Kitchen](#) serves almost 400 meals every week.

[Boxes of Hope](#) began 10 years ago and is an

Advent Adventure opportunity providing food for Christmas Break families when kids don't get breakfast at school. 400 were donated last year feeding 2,100 people.

LifeLine Meal Packs are a bag of rice and beans that may not seem like much but they're flavorful, easy to prepare for young students, and very nutritious. Between our club and church volunteers we packed 25,000 meals in our two work parties.

[YCAP](#) asked NCC to host a food pantry. David said, "Yes," then asked what that meant.

Providence asked NCC to assist with a soft launch of four food events. David said, "Yes," then asked what that meant. For this one, 36 families were invited, 56 families showed up.

Costco asked if NCC could find homes for 125 Thanksgiving turkeys. Because the Austin Family had funded a refrigerated truck, they could say yes yet again.

At the end of that giveaway they had 25 birds left. They called Lafayette's Wascher Elementary, who knew exactly which families could most benefit from them.

NCC is part of a school in Maji, Kenya that began with a student population of 50 that is now over 2,000 kids.

During COVID, Providence needed help getting seniors to medical appointments. They then requested rides home to keep beds as free as possible. NCC said yes. Volunteers last year drove 6,000 miles.

Joe Yoder (Providence) asked if NCC could take over for Faith In Action's special needs ministry. David said, "Yes."

The Zone launched first at Edwards, now Joan Austin Elementary to give grade-schoolers a safe, nourishing place to hang out after school.

One father says, "I am able to work an extra hour every day and this makes a big difference in the family budget."

A mom was charging \$900/mo for her two kids at CPRD. She shed tears of gratitude for the safe place NCC made for her kids.

Y'all are seeing a pattern of Yes here, right?

Friends, if I covered all that NCC does for its community, this would be a 10 page newsletter. Let's just wrap it up here with a Facebook post last April from D. Duran,

*"Just because someone lives the Christian life poorly, doesn't mean that Jesus isn't worth following."
~ Pastor David Case.*



Last week we inducted our newest Early Bird, Mayor, Bill Rosacker. Bill was sponsored by Raquel and will be mentored by Raquel Jordan.

Welcome to Rotary, Mayor Rosacker!

Our presentation, last week, was David Case, Lead Pastor, with our weekly meeting host, [Northwest Christian Church, Newberg Campus](#). David was accompanied by Debbie Groat, Executive Assistant.



Before I begin, I gotta say, taking notes with David at the lectern was like trying to transcribe an auctioneer with the biggest difference being it was ALL CONTENT. No fillers, no fluff. It felt like I needed to give my pen a minute to cool enough to pack away.

He opened with a planned return to Jerusalem and Jordan coming next