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A Newsletter for Campers and Friends of Luther Park

Sign up for Summer Camp: Discover the 2009 'Love to Serve' adventure

By Sharon F. Miller Writer/Editor

here's lots of adventure waiting for you this summer at Luther Park Camp, and now is the time to sign up to become part of it!

You can come individually or bring a friend to enjoy the outdoor fun, singing, worship, games, evenings around the campfire, water activities and more!

This summer's theme, Love to Serve, is based on Mark 10:45: For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many.

"We'll encounter God's teachings and examples of having servant hearts," said Program Director Anna Treague.

All the adventures of camp are times you'll want to remember. This year brings some new offers with your registration. Along with the usual meals, lodging and program materials-all covered by camping fees-you will receive a free T-shirt and a DVD of your week at camp.

Here's a brief description of some of the camp programs available:

Day Camp (Grades 1-6) Bible Camp comes to you. Luther Park brings fresh ideas and trained staff to your congregation. Churches must call camp to reserve dates.

Luther Park Camping and Retreat Center Summer 2009



Love to Serve ~Mark 10:45

Celebrating 50 Years of Christian Outdoor Ministry Snoopers Partial Week (Grades 1-4) A great opportunity for first-timers to snoop around and be introduced to camp life. A half-week experience of new friends, fun, crafts, games, Bible stories, campfires and singing.

Treehouse Village (Grades 3-12) An outpost program where youth spend a week, or part of a week in rugged treehouses, working together to grow in a relationship with God, the environment and each other. Cook your meals over an open fire, explore, get away from the crowd and have a ton of fun! Double week is available for Grades 7-12.

Cabin Camp (Grades 3-12) Week-long camp adventure providing growth and expression of the Christian faith. Sing around the campfire, hike trails, go swimming and more. Double week available for Grades 7-12.

Canoe Trips (Grades 7-12) Experience the beauty of the Namekagon and St. Croix rivers. Great for experienced and beginners alike. We supply the guides and supplies. Register individually or as a group.

Leadership Training/LT (Grades 9-12) Learn basic leadership skills through hands-on training in the camp setting.

Leadership Mentoring /LM (Grades 10-12) The next step in leadership development as you mentor new LTs and other campers. (Cont. on P. 2)

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ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, March 15 1:30 — 3 p.m. Shepherd of the Hills 500 Blake Road Edina, Minn. 55343 For directions phone: 952.935.3457 or go to: www.sothchurch.com Each congregation can send one lay representative and one pastor as voting members. **Everyone Welcome!**

For information call Joel Legred at 612.987.6628

123 Help Wanted

Luther Park is Looking for a Few Great People

It's that time again. Luther Park is now interviewing for summer positions as waterfront director, health-care assistant, kitchen staff, and outpost staff.



Call Anna Treague at 715.656.7244: write: Luther Park, 30376 Lakes Drive Danbury, WI 54830; E-mail:anna@lutherpark.com; or go to our Web site: www.lutherpark.com



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ttention former staff, campers, board members, pastors, retreaters, parents, donors, volunteers, and all friends of Luther Park. We need you!



A special part of the day will be the All-Staff Reunion. We'd like to have as many former staff members as possible at this event. Please e-mail camp at: camp@lutherpark.com with your name and address. Spread the word to your former camp friends. With the advent of computers, it's much easier now than it

and NOW



THEN...

This photo of The Point, taken from an old scrapbook, is titled simply "birch and pine wooded point" (Circa 1961). **LUTHER PARK IS CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF** FANTASTIC OUTDOOR MINISTRY **ON SAT. JULY 18, 2009**

Dig out that box of old photos, staff shirt, name tag, summer Bible study, craft project, brochure, music book ... and other mementos. We'd like to display your memorabilia at camp. And we'd also love to have you be there to help celebrate!



The Point today is a favorite gathering place for worship, campfires and other special occasions (Photo by Sharon F. Miller). was years ago to contact friends. Bible camp has changed the lives of many summer staffers and campers. Include a note about how camp may have changed your life.

Are you a founding member or congregation, a past board member, camper, parent of a camper or affiliated pastor? Please contact us with your memories. You are exactly what we need. (Cont. on P. 2)

SPRING WORK DAY Saturday, May 2

Join us for all or part of the day • Get a group together or come individually

• Have fun working together to benefit others • Projects for all ages, gifts & abilities • Help prepare camp for summer • Skilled & unskilled labor needed ALL MEALS & SNACKS FREE • Bring work clothes, rakes, tools, work gloves... and a smile!

CALL: Joel Legred at 612.987.6628 or Anna at 715.656.7244 E-mail: camp@lutherpark.com

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IIIT'S BAACK! Ole & Lena Event is set for April 18 & you're invited !

a! Sure ting! Ole and Lena WANT YOU and your friends to join them for the funniest FUN-draiser of the year.

Uffda! Forget your troubles and cares! Let it all hang down...or out... or over...or whatever. Join us for some fun and frolic. We all deserve a little celebrating and need it after the invigorating winter we've just experienced. Enjoy yourself and welcome spring while helping kids go to camp.

good old-fashioned fun at the

Annual Ole & Lena Spaghetti Dinner, Show and Silent Action. Saturday, April 18, 5 p.m. Richfield Luth. Church, 60th & Nicollet Minneapolis, Minn. Featuring special entertainment by

LeRoy Larson and the Minnesota **Scandinavian Ensemble** (of Prairie Home Companion fame) and



The Strolling Scandinavian Musicians tune up while Ole listens. From left are: Wally Come on, have some Hannes, Burt Miller, Earl Evenstad and Bill Miller. (Photo by Sharon F. Miller).

The Strolling Scandinavian Musicians

If you've never attended before, make this the year to be there! It's sure to tickle your funny bone, while entertaining you with toe-tapping, jump-up-and-join-em music, jokes, and even some old-time dancing! It's great fun, great food and great entertainment, door prizes and prizes for the best (or worst) Ole & Lena stories and attire. So dig out your bib overalls and kitchen frocks and get ready to go. Or

come as you are, sit back, enjoy the food, watch the fun and be entertained!

Tickets, including dinner, entertainment, prizes and more, are just \$18 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. Or RESERVE your table for eight for \$150 and bring your friends or family for a great get-together for a great cause.

The evening is sponsored by Richfield Lutheran Church, Luther Park and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans (via matching funds).

Order your tickets, or reserve your table now by calling Sharon or Burt Miller at 612.869.4997. Leave your name, address, phone number and number of tickets



President's Message

This is hard for them, and they have not complained. Whatever appreciation you can show them, I am sure would be welcome.

Please remember Luther Park when booking adult retreats and summer camp this year. This will help the finan-Calvary, got the call in December about the financial situation, they realized they had not booked an adult retreat for some years and immediately booked a retreat weekend.

We are also attempting to sell a piece the cross near lake).

ing tough times, and yet it is during tough times that we cling to God for faith in the future and strength to get though with grace and dignity.



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Come Celebrate! Luther Park's 50th Anniversary **OPEN HOUSE & VOLUNTEER** RECOGNITION SAT. JULY 18 **OPEN HOUSE EVENTS** Alumni Reunions Historical Displays Worship at the Point, Volunteer Recognition, Outstanding Christian Service Award Lunch, Ice-cream Social Tours, Lake Cruise, and more! For more information contact Joel Legred at 612.987.6628 or Anna Treague at 715.656.7244

Summer Camp

Teens in Mission (TIM)Team A unique one-week camping experience preparing participants for a year of ministry in their home congregations. An opportunity to dream, plan, support and commit to the mission of your church. Register as a group of six to ten.

Great Lakes Mission Trip A campbased mission service experience in the Twin Ports of Duluth-Superior and Burnett County, Wis. Registration by group only.

To reserve a place at camp, you can register online at www.lutherpark.com, complete the registration and health form on the back page of this newsletter, or use the brochure available at your church.

Register early! Some weeks and programs fill quickly. Return the form right away with your \$200 deposit—or the entire fee if you prefer. Final payment will be due two weeks before you arrive at camp.

50th Anniv. Open House (Cont. from P. 1)

At the Open House you'll also hear how you and/or your congregation can help Luther Park by becoming involved in

At Luther Park you'll find friendly staff, great food, music, fellowship, quiet moments in the outdoor chapel, the beautiful northwoods, stars for gazing, and much more-all waiting for you.

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Detailed information about dates available and fees is shown on the back page of this newsletter as well as in the summer brochure and on our Web site.

"Whether you have been to Luther Park previously, or have never visited, you are invited to join us this summer along with staff from all over the world," said Joel Legred, executive director. "We'll discover what Love to Serve means in our lives."

If you have any questions, please contact Program Director Anna Treague by phone at 715.656.7244, e-mail: camp@lutherpark.com. or check the Luther Park Web site: www.lutherpark.com

cial situation. When my own congregation,

of property located across the lake and to the left (if you were to stand at the site of

It is ironic that Luther Park Bible Camp's existence is so vulnerable dur-

It is my prayer that we all, and especially kids, learn to put God at the center of our existence in good times and in tough times.

We all need to be mindful of placing reminders in our lives to keep God at the center such as going to church, reading scripture on a regular basis and calling on God to help us with our daily decisions, attitudes, relationships and goals. It is easy to get caught up with all of life's distractions and allow it to pull us from our center. A camp such as Luther Park is important in our lives in renewing our personal commitments and

(Cont. from P. 3).

realigning our relationship with God. Take advantage of the opportunity of Luther Park by visiting, retreating or camping and receive its blessings on your life.

Thank God for all the blessings on Luther Park over the past 50 years and join me in a prayer that God blesses Luther Park for another 50 years.

You are all invited to the 50th anniversary celebration this summer at the Open House on July 18th.

Yours in Christ,

Paula SBop

Paula Bergs, President Luther Park Board of Directors

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Special thanks to Paula Bergs for her six years of dedicated service on the board of directors at Luther Park. We have appreciated her leadership, guidance and commitment throughout these years, the past three of which she has so ably acted as president of the board of directors. We will certainly miss Paula's

the "Fit for the Next 50" project which involves updating, improving and renovating camp facilities.

The special events and projects we do in 2009 will reflect on what's happened

how you, your friends and family can be part of making our history for the next 50 years by preparing our camp for the future; a future that's built on a strong foundation of faith and vision.

over the past 50 years, while honoring the

At the same time, we'll emphasize

people who made it all happen.

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PROPERTY FOR SALE LUTHER PARK LAKESHORE

2 1/2 acre lot including 216' of lakeshore on SE end of property not previously used by Luther Park. Interested parties should contact Wade Wacholz, 763.225.6000, or e-mail wwacholz@gislason.com asap.

> For photos & other info. go to: www.lutherpark.com

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Luther Park 2008 Annual Report Highlights

Happy campers from Week 9 Treehouse Village 2008 took time out for a photo.

Thanks for 2008 memorial/honorary gifts Received from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008.

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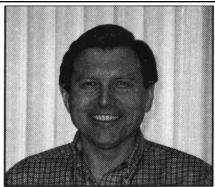
If you are interested in receiving a memorial/honorary gift packet for future use, please call camp at 715.656.7244.



An Update on Luther Park's Financial Condition...

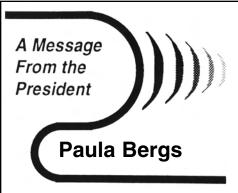
Greetings from Luther Park Bible Camp and Retreat Center. We give God thanks for the prayers and financial support from our member congregations and individuals throughout the year and especially at yearend 2008! Even though we still ended the year with a deficit, it was decreased from \$70,000 to less than \$20,000! Thank you for your efforts on our behalf. And thanks be to God!

We don't anticipate the economy improving greatly, so we took action at the end of 2008 and into 2009 to cut expenses as much as possible while still providing quality ministry to our retreat groups and summer campers. Our challenge/opportunity now is to continue this wonderful partnership that was strengthened in 2008, into 2009 and beyond This year we will celebrate 50 years of ministry (1959-2009). We invite everyone to join us for our Open House on Sat., July 18, when we'll celebrate what God has enabled over the past 50 years and give thanks for all our supporters and member congregations.



Thank you so much for your support in '08. As we look to '09 and the increased costs and scholarship requests that we experienced last year, and possibly will again this year, we ask you to prayerfully consider what you are able to provide in 2009.

Another way that you can support (and enjoy) the camp is by coming to Luther Park for retreats year-round, encouraging children and youth to attend summer Bible camp for a life-changing experience, inviting college age young people to consider working at Luther Park this summer, and making Luther Park visible in your congregation all



Luther Park: A partner for parents in providing a safe place for children to experience something new and to celebrate God's love.

This year is Luther Park's 50th anniversary. For 50 years our camp has provided a place for children and adults to enjoy nature, new friends and to renew and deepen their relationship with God without all of life's distractions.

Life is always full of distractions, and I worry about the new distractions young people face with cell phones, texting and Facebook which forge such impersonal ways for them to develop their relationships. This coupled with tough economic times now, and in the foreseeable future, provides extra challenges for all of us at many levels but especially for parents.



very existence depends on camp and retreat fees, individual giving and church allocations.

This past year was challenging for Luther Park's financial picture. Camper and retreat fees were down significantly last year as people were feeling the economic crunch and did not come to camp in numbers needed to sustain the budget. Individual giving actually increased showing us just how committed many of you are. It is truly inspirational and amazing.

When the December financial crisis came, the response was almost miraculous. The extra giving by individuals and

year long (bulletin board, prayers and announcements, newsletter articles, camp Sunday, etc.).

If you have questions, please feel free to email me at: jlegred@lutherpark.com, or call me at 612-987-6628.

God's blessings to all.

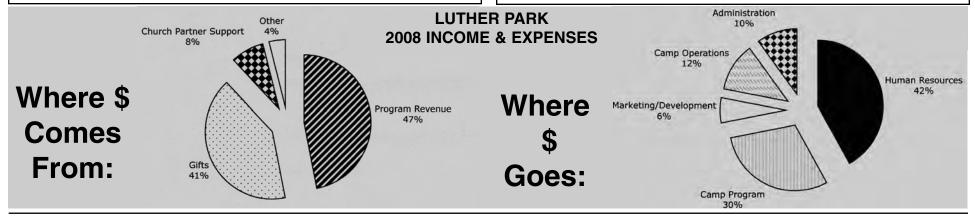
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Executive Director Joel Legred

Luther Park has, for all these years, been a partner for parents in providing a safe place for their children to get away, experience something new and different, and to celebrate God's love. Luther Park's churches transformed a major crisis into a mild crisis-as we are not out of the woods.

The deficit decreased from close to \$70,000 to under \$20,000. The executive board has been meeting monthly with Exec. Dir. Joel Legred to help manage the crisis and decide where spending will be kept down. We cut overall spending for the year and reduced staff to half time for the past few months.

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2008 DONORS The Annual Fund supports the ongoing ministry of Luther Park. This essential base of support impacts all aspects of the camp's work. The Point & Cross Club recognizes indivi-duals who have shared \$100 or more in the last year for the Annual Fund. Faith For The Future Capital Appeal donors are noted by asterisk (*). Gifts-in-Kind and Thrivent Financial for Lutheran gifts are shown on P. 6.

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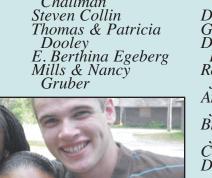


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A Place for All Ages... A Place for All Seasons

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Ascension St. Louis Park, Minn. \$200 Atonement New Brighton, Minn. \$250 Bethany/36th Ave, Minneapolis, Minn. \$1,000 Calvary Minneápolis, Minn. \$500 Christ Memorial Plymouth, Minn. \$*143* Diamond Lake Minneapolis, Minn. \$5,000 Elim Robbinsdale, Minn. \$2,000 *Family of Christ Lakeville*, *Minn*. \$1,500 First Lutheran Hinckley, Minn. \$500 Gustavus Adolphus Minneapolis, Minn. \$2,000 House of Prayer Richfield, Minn. \$2,116.21

Lakeside Webster, Wisconsin Lord of Life Maple Grove, Minn. \$9,000 \$600 Lutheran Church of the Reformation St. Louis Park, Minn. \$400 Messiah Minneapolis, Minn. \$200 Mt. Olivet Plymouth, Minn. \$1,000 Nativity St. Anthony, Minn. \$2.000 Peace Plymouth, Minn. \$1,000



Richfield Minneapolis, Minn. \$300 Salem Minneapolis, Minn. \$1,000 Shepherd of the Hills, Hopkins, Minn. \$1,000 St. Barnabus Plymouth, Minn. \$1,500 St. John's Lakeville, Minn. \$1,000 Yellow Lake Danbury, Wisconsin \$450 St. John's Zion Hinckley, Minn. \$300 Zion Minneapolis, Minn. \$600

Other Congregational Giving



In addition to Church Partner Support, Luther Park receives other generous gifts from churches and *church-affiliated* groups.

Atonement Minneapolis, Minn. \$478.40



Bethany/36th Ave. Minneapolis, Minn \$10,000 & \$50 Calvary Minneapolis, Minn. \$594 Elim Robbinsdale, Minn. \$5,491.68



Diamond Lake Minneapolis, MN \$700 Family of Christ Lakeville, Minn. \$1,000 First Hinckley, Minn. \$200 \$200 (WELCA) Gustavus Adolphus Minneapolis, Minn. \$1,700 Laborid Lakeside Webster, Wisconsin (Trash & Treasure) \$1,500; (WELCA) \$700; (Christmas) \$3,951.33 Lord of Life Maple Grove, Minn. \$5,000 Méssiah Minneapolis, Minn. \$200 Nativity St. Anthony, Minn. \$1,040



NE Community Minneapolis, Minn. \$1,500 Peace Plymouth, Minn. §1,971 Redeemer Minneapolis, Minn. \$100 (WELCA) Richfield Minneapolis, Minn. \$3,000 (Faith for theFuture) \$3.000 ('09 Early Gift) Salem Minneapolis, Minn. \$100 (Youth Fund) St. James Crystal, Minn. \$100 St. Timothy's Columbia Heights, Minn. \$465





Thanks to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for gifts of \$30,671 in '08!

ifts from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans in 2008 totaled \$30,671 through corporate and chapter fraternal programs. Many thanks to Thrivent!

These contributions make Thrivent Financial the single largest donor to Luther Park last year by a wide margin.

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, a Fortune 500 financial services organization, provides financial expertise, personal customer service and a broad range of financial products and services. It is a faith-based membership organization dedicated to helping its three million members live better lives and give back to their communities.

The \$30,671 Luther Park received from Thrivent Financial includes the following contributions: **Giving Plus**

\$14,671 to match gifts from individual

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans"

Thrivent members Employee Match \$900 for Art Peterson **Carver-Hennepin Chapter** \$1,600 Grant for Shepherd of the Hills volunteers for work on the Welcome Center

Central Mpls. Thrivent Chapter \$1600 match for funds raised at the Ole & Lena Dinner and Show Northeast Minneapolis Chapter \$1600 match for Quilt Auction; \$800 Grant for volunteers from Gustavus Adolphus for work on building renovations Northwest Hennepin Chapter \$1600 match for June Bikathon; \$800 grant for Lord of Life volunteers for

building improvements Northwest Mpls. Chapter \$1600 match for July Bikathon **Polk-Burnett Cty. Chapter of Thrivent** \$1500 match for Glad Tidings Advent Dinner & Silent Auction SW Hennepin Cty. Chapter \$1600 match for Ole and Lena Dinner and Show; \$800 for volunteers from Normandale for building renovations West Hennepin Cty. Chapter \$1600 for volunteers from St. Barnabas for work on cabins

If you are a Thrivent Financial member your gift to Luther Park can be enhanced through Thrivent Financial's GivingPlus program. For more information please call Executive Director Joel Legred at 612.987.6628, or e-mail: Jlegred@lutherpark.com

Bethany (on 36th Av) establishes endowment fund at Luther Park

reat things are happening at Luther Park! And one of them is the newly established \$10,000 Bethany Lutheran Church Endowment Scholarship Fund.

Thanks to everyone at Bethany

that commitment."

The Irrevocable Endowment Agreement states that only the income due to investment of the principal shall be available for scholarships. The original principal of \$10,000 is restricted and will

eligible for scholarships. The amount available for scholarships will be determined by May 31 of each year.

Bethany, one of the founding members of the Luther Park Corporation, has been a faithful partner since the inception



Executive Director Joel Legred (center) is pictured with Bethany members (from left): Council President Paula Conrad, Karla Nicklaus, and Bethany Pastor Bruce Nelson.

Lutheran, 3901 36th Ave. S., Minneapolis, for this exciting gift! Proceeds from the fund will be used to help kids attend camp who otherwise wouldn't be able to afford to come. Gifts may be added to the fund at any time. "Our board has made a commitment that no one should be denied a Bible Camp experience for lack of funds," said Executive Director Joel Legred. "Bethany's gift will certainly help with

remain intact, except by action by the Luther Park board of directors in case of of Luther Park in 1958.

We are now looking forward to celebrating Luther Park's 50th Anniversary

2008 GIFTS-IN-KIND FROM INDIVIDUALS & ORGANIZATIONS

The following friends of Luther Park responded to many of the camp's needs during 2008. If you have made such a gift and are not listed, please accept our apologies. We are grateful for every one's generosity.

Austin Lake Greenhouse & Flower Shop: Nativity floral arrangement

Tom & Jeanell Benson: Ten sets/swim fins & goggles

Bernicks Pepsi: Collector's Santa sack & board games

Donald & Marlene Bodin: Altar, lectern, brass candleholders, altar cross & paraments

Bremer Bank: US Mint Proof set 2008

Ken & Dorothy Busby: Handmade church bird house

Café Moonglow: \$10 Gift Certificate

Art Caple: 5 gallons primer, 6 gallons paint Connor's Service Station: Gift certificate/ Lube/Oil/Filter

Custom Outpost Cycles: T-shirt

Dahl's Home Store: Candle

Danbury Hardware Hank: \$10 gift certificate

Bill & Donna Devic: 75 ft. underground copper wire

Emily's Luncheon: Gift basket

Jason & Tara Lynn Focht: Casio keyboard with karaoke

Billie Jean Frisch: Christmas stocking & candle

Furs, Fins & Feathers Sports: Two \$25 gift certificates

Gandy Dancer Books: \$10 gift certificate Got Nails & Tanning: 10 tanning sessions Hair's What's Happening: Hair Products Hole in the Wall Casino: Overnight Package Dave Holton: Sears radial arm saw & table, lawn mower

Jenneman's Hardware Hank: Two wall hangings

Jersey's Sports Bar & Grill: Two bottles of wine

Johnson Lumber Company: \$40 gift certificate

Lee's Sports: Youth jersey

Log Cabin Store & Eatery: Two large pizza gift certificates; 2 T-shirts.

Northwind Book & Fiber: \$10 gift certificate Olsen & Son Drug: \$10 gift certificate

Carleen Ozanich: Tools, Anderson window, misc. items

Palace Theatre: Two movie tickets

Roger & Carolyn Pittman: 3 pc. pottery & crystal platter, 8 field guides for nature study

Purple Pelican Gallery: \$25 gift certificate

R & M Foods/Square One Pizza: Two coupons for Square 1 Pizzas

Schmitz's Economart: \$20 gift card

Siren Antiques Collectibles & Gifts: \$15 gift certificate

Siren General Store: \$15 gift certificate Spooner Ace Hardware: Two \$10 gift



financial duress.

Youth from Bethany will be the first

VISIT OUR

WEB SITE

or

this summer at the Open House on Saturday, July 18.

The Bethany gift will be recognized at this celebration and members of Bethany will be there with us as we honor the congregation's wonderful gift. 🌲

CAMPER NUMBERS

We praise God that Luther Park's ministry has had the opportunity to serve many.

Camper numbers for 2008 were

Summer Camps	1,137
Retreaters	<u>1,167</u>
2008 TOTAL	2,304

certificates Spooner Country Store: Halloween

decoration

Spooner Memorial Library: Two book bags & books

Spooner Outlet: Two \$10 gift certificates The Lodge At Crooked Lake: One night **The Tap:** \$5 gift certificate The Timbers Theatres: 2 movie passes Thistle Bee Candles & Gifts: 2 candles Tim's Black & Orange: \$20 gift certificate for bar or bowling Webster Holiday Stationstore: Large pizza and 12 pack of pop Wild Waters Sports Bar & Restaurant: \$20 gift card Yah Butz In The Woods: Case of Big Butz BBQ Sauce Yellow River Saloon: Two \$10 gift certificates



Winter/Spring 2009

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Point and Cross Club Dinner at St. Barnabas Sunday, May 3

By Sharon F. Miller Writer/Editor

he 2008 Point and Cross Club Banquet of Blessings, is set for Sunday, May 3, 2009, at St. Barnabas Lutheran Church in Plymouth, Minnesota.

In appreciation for member contributions to the ministry of Luther Park, a special program is planned for this evening, along with a dinner you will be sure to enjoy. Members will be updated on what's happening at Luther Park and view a new multi-media production.

The evening begins with a social hour at 5:30 p.m. followed by the dinner and program at 6:15 p.m.

We are appreciative that our friends at St. Barnabas have again offered to host the banquet for the Point and Cross Club. We are thankful for their hospitality and service at this event and celebrate this partnership with Luther Park.

Donors who give \$100 or more per year to Luther Park's Annual Fund are automatically enrolled in the Point and Cross Club.

These gifts help keep the camp's programs strong and allow Luther Park to offer financial assistance to any family



Point and Cross members enjoyed visiting during the reception hour at the 2008 Banquet of Blessings held at St. Barnabas Lutheran Church, Plymouth. From left are: Barb & David Erlandson and Bob & Ruth Oliphant from Normandale Lutheran Church (Photo by Sharon F. Miller).

requesting help.

The Banquet of Blessings provides donors with the opportunity to visit with others who share their commitment to Luther Park and hear testimonials of how their gifts are changing people's lives.

Club members will receive an official invitation to the banquet in the coming weeks.

If you would like to join the Point and

Cross Club for 2009, just go to the Luther Park website, www.lutherpark.com, and click the "donate now" button. Your gift of \$100 or more will establish or renew your membership.

For more information on supporting Luther Park, please contact Executive Director Joel Legred at 612.987.6628 or e-mail: Jlegred@lutherpark.com.

PICTURES FROM THE PAST ••• Below: An early 1970s view of

The Point, dock, beach, & bay from the air. At right: A ribbon-cutting ceremony at the completion of the Log House renovation in 1990. Shown from left: Dick Youngquist, Joel Legred, Kim Jerome, Gerry Nauman, Karon Nelson and Dan Arntson.





Do you have some old photos or memories from the past that you can share with us as we celebrate Luther Park's 50 years of fabulous outdoor ministry. Contact Joel Legred at 612.987.6628. \$

came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

What a wonderful thing to know that Jesus came to serve us and gave His life for us. All of these former, current and

LUTHER PARK WISH LIST

Listed below are some of the camp's current needs. Perhaps you don't have any of them on hand, but would like to give a special gift or a gift in honor or memory of someone. To contribute toward any of these items, just make a check out to Luther Park, note your wishes and mail to: Luther Park, 30376 Lakes Drive, Danbury WI 54830-9508.

URGENT NEED:

1/2 Ton, 4-wheel-drive pickup Heavy-duty 15 passenger van Multiple DVD burner Digital light projector Convection oven/money to purchase

SPECIAL NEEDS: Maintenance: Autos: 7-12 passenger vans Gas power washer (portable) Snowmobile trailer Electric or gas cement mixer Paint spray gun Covered pontoon boat Lift Volunteers/renovation of cabins (call Anna at camp) Lawn mowers Wheelbarrow Kitchen: Hobart mixer Soup Bowls 3-4 gallon electric soup pot Program: Broomball equipment Portable DVD Player (for recruiting) Periodic piano tuning Office: SHARP color copier Copy paper (white and colored) Office supplies Computer, laptop (Mac or PC)

THANKS FOR THESE GIFTS! (Received since Fall 2008 issue) Anderson window Lawn mower Portable sound systems (2) Radial arm saw & table Sets/swim fins & goggles (10) Tools, nails, misc. items

Underground copper wire (75 ft.)



MARCH 27-29 Jr./Sr. High Retreat APRIL 18 Ole & Lena Spaghetti Dinner & Show, 5 p.m. Richfield Lutheran, 60th & Nicollet, Mpls.

Director

A Message

From the

Program

Anna Treague

The Son's Reflection

As I sit here on my first leg of the infamous recruiting trail in the frozen land of Concordia College in Moorhead, I am thinking back to why I wanted to work at a camp and what drew me to Luther Park back in 1995. I wonder if those reasons are even close to why students today are drawn to particular camps?

After talking with some students and former staff, here are some of the things I've discovered. From working at a camp you can:



- gain spiritual growth beyond what you would expect;
- have a great summer hanging out with kids;
- have the opportunity to worship and study the Bible everyday;
- make life-long friends;
- and have a ton of fun in God's great outdoors.

Where else do you find a community of your peers who are all there doing the same things for the same reasons?

Having a servant heart is what it takes, and the cool thing about this summer's theme is that it focuses on just that. Mark 10:45 says: *For the Son of Man* future staff give selflessly of themselves for our youth.

Please join me in prayer as young adults make the choice of working in camping ministries all over the country.

In Christ's Perfect Love,



Anna Treague



	outh & Inicollet, Inipis.			
MAY 2	Spring Work Day			
MAY 3	Point and Cross			
	Dinner, St. Barnabas,			
	Plymouth, 5:30 p.m.			
MAY 17-21	Lifeguard Training			
MAY 21-26	First Responder Train.			
MAY 31-	Summer Staff Training			
JUNE 6	-			
JUNE 6-7	Bikeathon I			
JUNE 14	Summer Camp begins			
JULY 1-5 or	Family Camp			
JULY 3-5	Family Camp			
JULY 11-12	Bikeathon II			
JULY 18	50th Anniversary Open			
	House, Volunteer			
	Recog., Staff &			
	Camper Reunions			
JULY 24-26	Grandparent/Grandchild			
	Camp			
OCT. 3	Quilt Auction, St.			
	Barnabas, Plymouth			
All events take place at Luther Park				
unless otherwise noted.				

Page 8 Winter/Spring 2009 Summer Camp Information

TO REGISTER:

- Register Early! Some weeks and programs fill quickly.
- Select a program based on the grade your camper will complete in June 2009.
- Completely fill out the Registration and Health History Form for each camper. Luther Park requests that the health form shown on this page be filled out each year. Parent or guardian and camper signatures must be on the form. The state of Wisconsin requires a physical exam be completed less than 36 months prior to arrival at camp. However, proof of a physical exam is required only if the camper is under the care of a physician for a medical concern, and it must then be signed by the examining physician and received at camp two weeks prior to the camper's arrival.
- Send the Registration and Health History Form with a \$200 deposit to Luther Park. The deposit is not refundable and non-transferable after May l.
- Final payment is due at the camp office two weeks prior to arrival at camp.
- Upon receipt of registration materials, confirmation, directions to camp, and notice of balance due along with other important information will be e-mailed to you, unless you direct otherwise.
- Registration is on a first-come basis.

Mail to:

Anna Treague, Program Director Phone: 715/656-7244 E-mail: camp@lutherpark.com Fax: 715/656-3013 Web site: www.lutherpark.com Luther Park Camp 30376 Lakes Drive, Danbury, WI 54830-9508

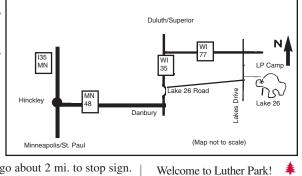
You can also register online at www.lutherpark.com

Luther Park Bible Camp Code of Conduct

- 1. Respect other people and their property. Respect is the most important tradition we have at Luther Park. We expect that you respect yourself, others and their property, Luther Park staff, nature and God. A part of respect is treating others as you would want to be treated. The following will not be allowed: racist comments, teasing, fighting, threats, swearing, and any other behavior that is demeaning to another person. We want a positive week for all who attend camp.
- 2. Safety is our number one concern at all times. Obeying all waterfront rules when: swimming, boating, canoeing and fishing allows everyone to have fun in the sun. Waterfront activities are available only when waterfront staff is on duty.
- 3. Campers must be accompanied by a Luther Park staff person whenever outside of camp property.
- 4. We are pleased to offer an alcohol-free, smoke-free and substance abuse-free environment. Exceptions must be approved by the director.
- 5. Luther Park is a weapon-free environment. Campers may not bring any kind of weapon or explosive device, including firecrackers to camp. Use of any object as a weapon to hurt a person, animal or property will not be tolerated.
- 6. Luther Park reserves the right to store camper's personal items that may be inappropriate to their stay. Items will be returned for the trip home upon permission of the parent(s).
- 7. For your protection, all medications (including non-prescription pain relievers) must be turned in to the camp health supervisor. If you are injured or do not feel well, report at once to your counselor or health supervisor. This is important for your safety and for the good of all campers.
- 8. Every camper is expected to follow the entire camp schedule unless excused by the program director.
- 9. To assure the safety of each camper and to provide the best week possible, campers are expected to follow all Luther Park rules that are presented to them while at camp.

How to get to Luther Park

From Twin Cities: Take I-35 to Hinckley, Minn. Go E. from Hinckley on Hwy. 48 (about 30 mi.) to Danbury, Wis. Then N. on Wis. Hwy. 35 for 2 mi., and E. on Hwy. 77 for about 5 mi. (Watch for white arrow sign on right side of road.) Turn



right on Lakes Drive, go about 2 mi. to stop sign. Go straight ahead at stop sign & up driveway to Lodge — a large brown building on the left side.

From Duluth: Go to Superior, Wis. Take Wis. Hwy. 35 S, then E. on Wis. Hwy. 77 (about 5 mi.-watch for white arrow sign on right hand side of road). Turn S. on Lakes Dr. Go about 2 mi. to stop sign & up driveway to Lodge.

2009 Luther Park Registration and Health Form COMPLETED FORM MUST BE SIGNED BY PARENT/GUARDIAN AND CAMPER (Please Print) A \$200 DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED FOR REGISTRATION _____ Grade Completed _____ Age ___ Sex ____ Birthdate __ Name

_____ Cabinmate: _____ Camp Date: ____ Camper E-mail Address _

Registering for: \Box (Cabin 🛛 Tree House	□ Canoe □	Double Week	□ Family Camp
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□ Leadership Training □ Leadership Mentoring □ TIM Team □ Grandparent/Grandchild

2009 SUMMER SCHEDULE

Date	<u>Cabins</u>	Tree Houses	<u>Ca</u>	<u>noe Trips</u>	<u>Sr. High Leadership</u>
June 14-19	Gr. 3-6	Gr. 7-9			Gr. 10-12 Lead. Mentoring*
June 14-17		Snoopers) only, 3 nights/4 da	ys)		
June 21-26	Gr. 3-6	Gr. 7-9	G	r. 7-9**	Gr. 9-12 Lead. Training
June 21-24		Snoopers) only, 3 nights/4 da	ys)		
June 28-July 3 nights/4 da		Gr. 3-6 ers)			
July 1-5 or July 3-5	Family Ca Family Ca	^			
July 5-10	Gr. 7-9	Gr. 3-6			
July 12-17	Gr. 7-12	Gr. 7-9		www	.lutherpark.com
July 12-24	Gr. 7-12	(Double Week)			

JULY 18 50th ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE - EVERYONE WELCOME

July 19-24	Gr. 7-12	Gr. 3-6		(
July 24-26	Grandpar	ent/Grandchild Ca	amp	
July 26-31	Gr. 3-6	Gr. 7-9		(
Aug. 2-7	Gr. 3-6	Gr. 7-12	Gr. 9-12**	
Aug. 2-14		Gr. 7-12 (Doubl	e Week)	:
Aug. 9-14		Gr. 7-12		-

Gr. 10-12 Lead. Mentor.*

NOTE

Prereq.: Attend Leadership Training or TIM Team Training. ** Weeks where individual youth may sign up. Group registration for Canoe Trips may be booked anytime.

FEE SCHEDULE

REGISTER FOR A 2N	D WEEK (EQU	JAL OR LESSER VA	LUE) FOR HALF PRICE!

	Member/Non-member
Partial Week (3 nights/4 days)	
One Full Week	\$430/450
Double Week	\$700/760
Sr. Hi. Leadership	\$445/465
Includes 1 free week & recharge weeker	nd in Fall.—
Leadership Training, Leadership Mentoring, TIM [To	eens in Mission]
Great Lakes Mission Trip	\$450
Campground\$13 per site	e/per night: \$15 with elec.
Family Camp I (July1-5) \$ 125 per person/Log House.	
7 p.m. Wed. to Noon Sun. (4 nights, 10 meals; Thurs. b	reakfast-Sun. brunch)

Family Camp II (July 3-5) \$80 per person/Log House,

7 p.m. Fri. to Noon Sun. (2 nights, 4 meals) Thurs. breakfast-Sun. brunch (Ages 5-12, 1/2 above rate; under age 5, FREE.)

All Fees Cover: Free T-shirt, DVD of your week, meals, lodging and program materials (except Campground). Fees do NOT include transportation. Round-trip transportation: \$80; one-way transportation: \$60 (Transportation not available for Family Camp). Pick ups at: House of Prayer (Richfield) and Elim (Robbinsdale). Transportation available only for weeks of July 12-17, July 19-24, and Aug. 2-7.

NOTE: Camper fees shown are subsidized by gift allocations. Actual cost per camper, per week is \$600. Check with your church about camp scholarships.

INSURANCE INFORMATION

(Please fill out completely & send copies of both sides of camper's insurance cards)

Camper Name Policy Holder	Birthdate of Policy Holder	
Employer Insurance Co	Insur. Co. Address	i
Insur. Co. Phone Family Doctor/Phone	Group No Policy/ID No	

Teens in Mission, Great Lakes Mission Trip: Each week (June, July & August). Group registration required.

Special Programs not listed above

L	Parent's Signature Date	¹ Date
i	Emergency Contact	Signed/ Parent
i.	Phone(s) E-mail	expense of the camper's parent/guardian.
i	Address City State Zip	the Code of Conduct gives Luther Park the right to send the camper home without refund at the
i.	SecondParent(s)/Guardian(s)	My child and I have read the Luther Park Code of Conduct and agree to follow it. Inability to follow
1	Phone(s) E-mail	taken of my child at camp may be used for camp-approved publications such as the Luther Park Echoes.
i.	Address City	with activities of the above organization. I understand that unless I provide separate written notice, photo
i.	Custodial Parent(s) Guardian(s)	and camp personnel for any mishap or lost articles, or any and all causes which may arise in connection
i.	Expir. Date Signature	my child as named below. I voluntarily waive any claim against the sponsoring institution, local churche
	Amount \$ Acc't. #	physician. In the event I cannot be reached in an emergency, I give permission to the physician selected the camp director to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for, to order injection, anesthesia or surgery for
	Discover Master Card Visa Amount	My child has permission to engage in all camp activities, except as noted by myself and the examining
1	Method of Payment: I rogram. Enclosed is my donation Check/Money Order (Payable to Luther Park) of \$	
I.	Program Enclosed is my donation	Please list:
I.	□ House of Prayer/Richfield In datation to the camp fee, 1 wish to help support the Campership	Special Needs Campers: (Dietary, health restrictions, mobility limitations, diabetes, seizures, et
	Elim Luth./Robbinsdale In addition to the camp fee, I wish	(Luther Park administers medications only according to prescription label.)
	If one-way, note which way:	
	(\$80 round trip/\$60 one way) Check($$) one if you are riding the bus \Box round trip \Box one-way	
	Transportation to camp available only for weeks of: July 12-17, July 19-24, Aug. 2-7.	Medications: This person takes NO medications on a routine basis This person takes medication as follows:
	Transportation: $(\sqrt{\text{check one}})$ I will: \Box provide my own transportation \Box need transportation to and/or from camp.	
Į.		Other Drugs Other
Į.	CongregationCity Amount paid by church \$	Allergies: Insect Stings Poison Ivy Hay Fever Penicillin
I	Weekend 🗌 Great Lakes Mission Trip 🛛 Family Camp I 🗍 Family Camp II	Tetanus BoosterMMRTuberculin Conditions: AsthmaEpilepsy Diabetes Heart Trouble Other
I.		Immunization Dates: DPT Shots Polio Immunization