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A Newsletter for Campers and Friends of Luther Park

Spring/Summer 2010

Sign up for Summer Camp: *Experience 'Keeping the Earth'*

By Sharon F. Miller
Writer/Editor

Come on up to Luther Park this summer for lots of adventure while participating in "Keeping the Earth." Right now is the time to sign up to become part of the fun!

Come individually or bring a friend to enjoy the outdoors, singing, worship, games, evenings around the campfire, water activities, and more!

This summer's theme, *Keeping the Earth*, is based on Romans 8:19: *For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God.*

"On behalf of all the staff, we hope you join us for this new adventure," said Program Director Anna Treague.

"You'll experience God's teachings and examples of God's glorious creations."

The adventures of camp are times you'll want to remember. To help make that possible, **you will receive a free DVD of your week at camp along with the usual meals, lodging and**

program materials—all covered by camping fees.

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

Day Camp:

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's 2010 Super Summer Staff is waiting to meet you!
See Page 2 for names

Snoopers

(Partial Week): Three nights/4 days mini-camp experience for newer campers.

Treehouse Village:

Rustic hands-on, God & nature-based, week-long camp.

Cabin Camp:

Week long camp adventure providing growth in Christian faith for all grades. Double week is

available for Grades 7-12.

Canoe Trips:

Experience the beauty of the Namekagon and St. Croix rivers. Great for beginners and experienced alike.

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SUMMER OPEN HOUSE JULY 17

Come, celebrate 51 years of outdoor ministry

By Sharon F. Miller
Writer/Editor

Plan now to take a beautiful summer drive to Luther Park's Summer Open House celebration on Saturday, July 17.

There will be plenty fun for all ages at this free "THANK YOU!" day for all friends of Luther Park.

Here's the schedule of events

9-11 a.m. Arrive at your leisure to enjoy coffee/cold drinks and sweet rolls. Sign in and receive your free gift. Tour camp and visit with old friends and new.

11 a.m. Outdoor worship on The Point.

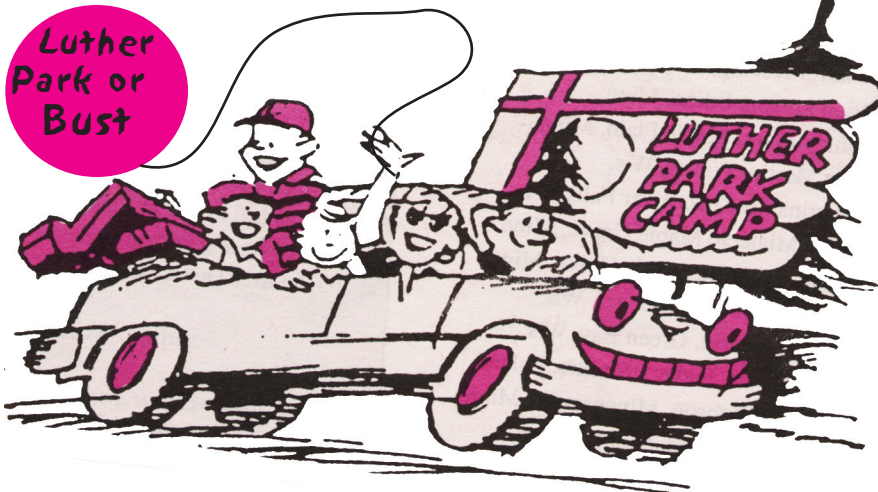
12:15 p.m. Outstanding Christian Service Award, Volunteer Recognition/Other Recognitions, New Board Member Welcome

12:30 p.m. Special Buffet lunch at the Lodge

2 p.m. Old-fashioned Ice-cream Social, pontoon boat rides, tours of camp, waterfront open, with lifeguard, and more.

3 p.m. Luther Park Board Meeting

4 p.m. Depart



Highlights of the day

You'll be glad you came when you see Luther Park's great picnic buffet lunch. You'll also enjoy the ice-cream social, an inspiring outdoor worship service, volunteer and other special recognitions, presentation of the 2010 Outstanding Christian Service Award to Carl and Marilyn Johnson & Randy Johnson from House of Prayer, and welcoming new board members.

Fun for all ages

Come, join us at Open House and experience a touch of the wonder of a summer day at Bible camp. Visit with summer staff members/mentors. Cruise the waters of sparkling Lake 26 on the camp pontoon boat; swim, canoe, hike, try out a peddle boat. Or just relax in the shade, tour the campgrounds and delight in the quiet beauty that surrounds you at camp. See what's new and changing inside and out at Luther Park.

Overnight Accommodations

Overnight accommodations may be available in the cabins or campground. Please call ahead since space is available on a first-come basis. If you are interested in making a full weekend of the event, contact Anna Treague at 715.656.7244, or e-mail: Anna@lutherpark.com for rates and reservations.

Your Participation is a blessing for Luther Park!

We'll be celebrating this year's theme: "Keeping the Earth,"

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SPECIAL ANNUAL REPORT INSERT

See pages 3-6

COMING EVENTS



- JUNE 6-20 Summer Staff Training begins
- JUNE 20 Summer Camp begins
- JULY 16-17 Bikeathon II
- JULY 17 Open House, Volunteer Recog.
- JULY 23-25 Grandparent/Grandchild Camp
- SEPT. 9-12 Scrapbooking & Stamping Retreat
- OCT. 2 20th Annual Quilt Auction, Mount Calvary, Excelsior, MN
- NOV. 11-14 Scrapbook & Stamping Retreat
- DEC. 3 Glad Tidings Advent Dinner

All events take place at Luther Park unless otherwise noted.

QUILT AUCTION AT MOUNT CALVARY,

301 Cty. Rd. 19
Excelsior, Minn.

SATURDAY, OCT. 2
Mark your calendar now.

For more info. see article on Page 7.

Summer Camp (Cont. from P. 1)

Leadership Training (LT): Learn basic leadership skills through hands-on training in the camp setting.

Leadership Mentoring (LM): The next step in leadership development as you mentor new LTs and other campers.

Teens in Mission (TIM) Team: Youth-group leadership training to bring back home and commit to the mission of your church.

Great Lakes Mission Trip: A camp-based mission service experience in the Twin Ports of Duluth-Superior and Burnett County, Wis.

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 soon! Some weeks and programs are filling 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.

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.

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: www.lutherpark.com.

"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 *Keeping the Earth* 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.

"Why Bible Camp?": Thoughts from one who works with youth

Editor's note:
The following article is reprinted, with permission, from the April 15 issue of the Richfield Lutheran Church Good News.



June is Luther Park Bible Camp Month at Richfield Lutheran, and I am often asked this question about what is Bible Camp and why is it important. In a world that is filled with everything from "Art Camp to Zoology Camp" and lots of sports and creative camps in between, the concept of Bible camp has gotten buried in a large pile of possible registration forms. But here's the thing....Bible camp is a unique experience, and Luther Park is premiere in that concept.

Camp provides staff trained in leadership, but more importantly, mentoring and a wonderful listening ear for all those conversations that come with teenage angst or elementary-school friendship groups. And they fill the camp with this concept: no child is ever denied the camp experience. A truly servant heart concept in a world where camps of any kind cost around \$500 per week.

Bible Camp also provides a wonderful routine that many children need during the summer. A routine that starts early and goes all day—with a little FOB (Flop On Bunk) time built in.

And talk about faith life developments! They start with morning Word and prayers before all meals, have morning and evening worship with lots of group singing, share in daily Bible themes, devotional small-group discussions AND round it out with LIFE Groups—where kids apply their faith in everyday life. And it all happens in a northwoods setting where children see God's nature all around them, not just as in a zoo.

In a world that has become 24/7, Luther Park also provides a unique challenge for our children. No MP3 players or iPods allowed. No cell phones permitted during camp. Only faith, fun and fellowship for a weekend, a snoop (half week), a full week or a double week. For many of us it's the experience that provides a breath of fresh air (literally) in the busy world we call life.

Why Bible camp? I can't think of a better place to nurture faith for all of us!

Mary Beth Weibel
Minister of Faith Development (aka Camp Mom)

Open House (Cont. from P. 1)

based on Romans 8:19. *For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God.*

You'll find a map with direc-

tions to Luther Park on Page 8.
We look forward to seeing you at Luther Park this summer.

Luther Park ECHOES From the Point

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Pictures, information and opinions are welcomed and encouraged. Call or send to:
Luther Park 30376 Lakes Dr., Danbury, WI 54830, Danbury, 612.987.6628.

YEAR-ROUND STAFF MEMBERS

Kitchen/Housekeeping	Rhonda Demars	Maintenance	Vic Nelson
Executive Director	Joel Legred	Office	Carolyn Pittman
Maintenance Assistant	Steve Fisher	Program Director	Anna Treague
	Retreat Host Kevin Schommer		

BIKEATHONS: One done, one to go!

What is the Bike-a-Thon?

To help raise funds for the camp, bicyclists seek donations, then ride from the Twin Cities to Luther Park to hand deliver the proceeds.

Why are these dedicated bicyclists willing to ride 120+ miles?

The inspirational faith journey that a church camp experience provides gives new direction in a young person's life! Luther Park needs continue to grow, and with your support the life changing outdoor ministry can continue.

Two Scheduled Ride Dates;

Bike-a-Thon I – June 5-6

Bike-a-Thon II – July 16-17



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LUTHER PARK BIKE-A-THON

How Can I Help?

Think About Riding

You will need a good, recently tuned, bicycle with no known mechanical problems and the ability to ride approximately 75 miles the first day, plus 45 miles the second day. Plus, meet some new friends!

Consider Financial Support

Support the bicyclists by giving a donation to be delivered by pedal power to Luther Park. Your donation is also tax deductible.

Like more information?

Contact Joel Legred, Tel: 612-987-6628 or Email: jlegred@lutherpark.com

Supplement funds provided by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

I/We support the mission of the bicyclists on their quest to deliver, via pedal power, camp funds raised for Luther Park.

I would like to participate on the following exciting ride!

- Bike-a-Thon I – June 5-6
 Bike-a-Thon II – July 16-17

Please make checks payable to:
Luther Park Bike-a-Thon

If you prefer, send donations directly to:
Luther Park Bike-a-Thon
30376 Lakes Drive, Danbury, WI 54830

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zipcode _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Thank you for your donation and prayers.

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WELCOME 2010 SUMMER STAFF

They come from near and far, and we know this staff will bless Luther Park and all of its campers in many ways. Welcome to each and every one as they become part of Luther Park's outdoor ministry this summer! (Photo on Page 1 does not show staff in alphabetical order.)

- Erik Aakhus, Brainerd, Minn.
- Cherise Beggs, Buffalo, Minn.
- Cody Begin, Nowthen, Minn.
- Kate Billison, Rosemount, Minn.
- Laura Buswell, Prior Lake, Minn.
- Jason Conner, Rio Rancho, NM
- Mallory Grams, Hopkins, Minn.
- Ashleigh Harless, Plymouth, Minn.
- Kara Hartman, Davenport, Iowa
- Courtney Hinz, Lakeville, Minn.
- Zach Hoskins, Dayton, Minn.
- Katie Kaderbhai, Lauderdale, Minn.
- Salim Kaderbhai, Lauderdale, Minn.
- Michael Keen, Perth, Australia
- Carl Kent, Andover, Minn.
- Sean Kinney, Rio Rancho, NM
- Joe Larrivy, Duluth, Minn.
- Kristen Lewerenz, Rosemount, Minn.
- LaTrea Martin, Robbinsdale, Minn.
- Heather McCarthy, Rio Rancho, NM
- Sarah McKenzie, Eagan, Minn.
- Crystal Miller, Stacy, Minn.
- Kenzie Parry, Skokie, Illinois
- Thomas Pecoraro, Minneapolis, Minn.
- Adelle Ryan, Perth, Australia
- Kyle Sather, Savage, Minn.
- James Verlautz, Arden Hills, Minn.

BIKEATHON I was successfully completed on June 6. Many thanks to all the participants and sponsors. To date, nearly \$10,000 has been raised, with funds still coming in. Participants are pictured on Page 3. Watch for more information on Bikeathons in future articles.



Bikeathon I participants gathered at Messiah as they prepared to leave for Luther Park on June 5.

Luther Park 2009 Annual Report Highlights

Thanks for 2009 memorial/honorary gifts

Received from January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009.

<p>In Memory of... Pauline Anderson Polly Anderson Reuben & Bernice Anderson Dottie Barry-Nygren Marie Bennett Lavon Benson Bruce Bertzyk Tom Black Eunice Borgstrom Donald W. Carlson James Dalen Madge Danielson Donald H Dooley Peter Erickson Ruth Farah Doloris J. Friberg Allen & Eleanor Gabrielson Dorothy Grotenhuis Glenn Gullickson Wally Hannes Dan Hill Henry O. Hagen Glenn Jacobson</p>	<p>Given by... Evelyn Ramin Mildred Peterson Sandra Jean Anderson Morris Nygren Arduus Tamlyn Bertil & Doris Anderson, David & Shirley Mork, Diane Chambers, Joanne Johnson, Karen Entner, Marsha Ovitz, Maurice Mentzel & Kathryn Iverson, Nancy Wojcik, Paul & Barbara Johnson, Ronald & Janice Wicks, Shirley Nygaard, Terry & Nancy Couillard, Tom & Janet Nelson Joel & Brenda Legred, Scott & Anna Treague & kids, Scott & Tia Stai, Arduus Tamlyn Burton & Sharon Miller, Virgil Carlson Daisy Carlson Avis Johnson Evelyn Ramin Thomas & Patricia Dooley Arduus Tamlyn, Roger & Carolyn Pittman Darlene Lang Willis Friberg Karen Gabrielson Vic & JoAnne Nelson Arlen & Ramona Legred Chuck & Betty Hughes, Joel & Brenda Legred Marilyn Adams Ray & Jan Bier Joel & Brenda Legred, Marilyn Adams</p>	<p>In Memory of... Betty Anne Jensen Alice Johnson David L. Johnson Edward C. Johnson Elvira Johnson Merle Johnson Nathalie Johnson Myrtle Knutson James L. Letson Loved Ones Loved Ones Roger V. Lundgren Ellen Madson Gail Meilahn Nicholas Nelson Virginia Nelson John Okerstrom Gwen Oliva Rosella Olson Roy Overland & Dennis Overland Rudy Palo Eleanore Peterson Donald G. Robey Edith Sandhoff Michael T. Sisson</p>	<p>Given by... Richard Jensen Arlen & Ramona Legred Karen Johnson Marion J. Johnson Marilyn Adams Marion P. Johnson Wayne Johnson Edith Johnson Ray & Jan Bier Charles & Alice Norman Archie & Jean Caple Virgil Carlson Bruce & Rebekka Trippet Marilyn Adams Arduus Tamlyn, Harold & Henrietta Hjelle, Joel & Brenda Legred, Roger & Carolyn Pittman, Scott & Anna Treague Leonard Nelson Joel & Brenda Legred, Sharon Okerstrom, Charles & Tamera Rath (In thanks for Teddy's life) Ray & Jan Bier House of Prayer Lutheran Church Sandra Overland Hildegarde Palo David & Janet Johnson, Eleanor Maas, Hugh & Joyce Heinecke, Lynn Seep Ray & Jan Bier Joel & Brenda Legred, Robert & Shirley Nyhagen Gary Sisson</p>	<p>In Memory of... Bob Slater David Spiel Louis Starita John Strvniska Bob Torgerson Bob Torgerson & Kjell Ewald Charles Werneke Leonore Elaine Winn Margaret Alic Wold Genevieve Young In Honor of... Terry & Nancy Couillard Susan Mattson Carl Calander Eli Carstedt (3-month-old son) Adin, Elizabeth & Eleanore Treasure Britt, Gretchen, Chris & Nick Dottie Nygren (Birthday) Lori Simmons (Birthday) Steven Nygren (Birthday) Theresa Nygren (Birthday) Bethel's 95 Years of Ministry Grandchildren Pr. Judith Mattison Dr. Cheryl Downey Bert & Toots Anderson The Loving Ministry of Jesus Christ!</p>	<p>Given by... Betty B. Slater Joan Voeller Donna Hanbery Gerald & Sandra Doran Roger and Carolyn Pittman Arduus Tamlyn Dennis & Penny Werneke David & Nellie Landrus Roger Wold Burton & Sharon Miller Bertil & Doris Anderson Donald & Laura Nemcek Ethel & Katherine Calander Evan & Brenda Carstedt Lillian & Jerry Moltzau Mark & Susan Libbey Morris Nygren Morris Nygren Morris Nygren Morris Nygren Phyllis Mae Carlson Robert & Patricia Tveit Ronald & Janice Wicks Ruth Downey Terry & Nancy Couillard Thomas VanHousen</p>
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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.

A Message From the Executive Director



Joel Legred

The 2009 Annual Report of Luther Park to Member Churches
Blessings to you as we begin our 51st season of outdoor Christian ministry!

In October of 2008, Luther Park's Executive Committee reviewed outstanding bills, projected expenses, and income sources. The shortfall was serious, and there were no funds from which to draw. Our board of directors sent a letter to our congregations and individuals inviting support and advice regarding the future of Luther Park. Should Luther Park continue to exist? Is there still a need for what the camp offers?

The response was a resounding "Yes!" We entered 2009, the 50th anniversary of our ministry, with a wellspring of support.

- * Tons of former staff members came back for reunions, and hundreds of people attended special events during the year, including the 50th anniversary celebration in July.
- * Donors and congregations provided 50th anniversary gifts throughout the year.
- * Volunteers, as part of the "Fit for the Next 50" renovation project, reroofed the program director's house, painted cabins, began renovation of Fir Cabin, removed the old staff house, painted and reroofed two buildings at the top of the hill, and added finishing touches to the Welcome Center. Our plan is to renovate all buildings on site, upgrading energy efficiency and improving aesthetics.

* Luther Park was able to sell a small acreage—a property across from the main site—for \$250,000 (\$50,000 was used to pay down the line of credit; \$50,000 was set aside to be used as matching funds for gifts received for the "Fit for the Next 50" renovation projects.)

* Bethel Lutheran's gift of \$200,000 (announced in previous years) arrived at Luther Park and is safely invested in the Mission Investment Fund, earmarked for the New Retreat Center as a naming gift, at their request.

As planned, Luther Park made reductions in budget totaling about \$100,000. This included downsizing staff and reducing remaining staff positions to a part-time status for much of 2009. We reduced operating expenses in a number of ways including fewer newsletters and mailings, decreasing the number of weeks of summer camp, increased use of the internet, and in-house printing of publications.

The result of all of this? Your camp will continue to be the number-one place where youth remain active long after confirmation. Bible camp will continue to be a reason people in their 20s and 30s remain active in their faith life. Dynamic college-age counselors will continue to ignite the faith of children and youth!

At our 50th anniversary of Luther Park's ministry, the stories poured in...stories about lives changed, youth connected, pastors called, lay people serving, counselors married, babies baptized, corporate churches enjoying fellowship and communion together in the body of Christ.

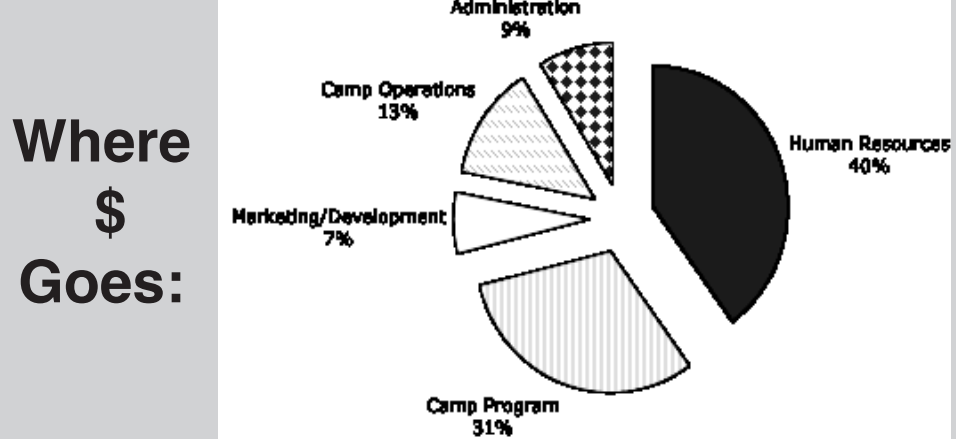
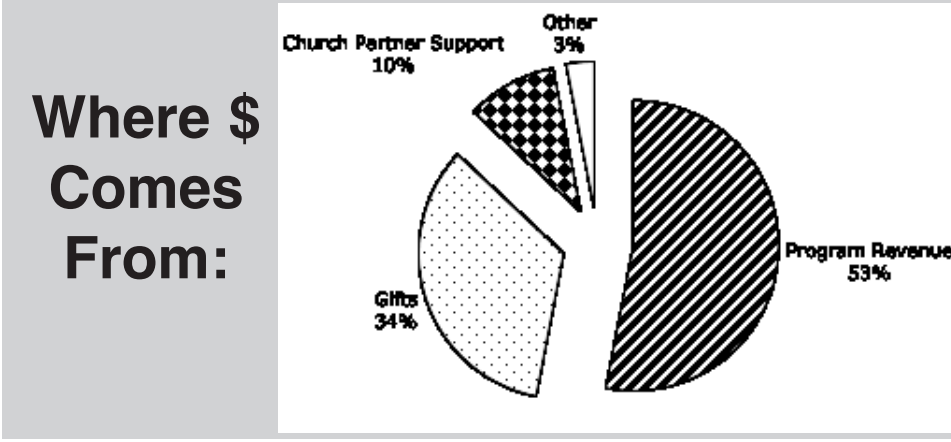
Please consider how you might invest in this important ministry of your congregation. We continue to need your prayers, as well as gifts of time and financial help in 2010.

If you have questions or comments, or would like to be involved in your camp, you can contact me at 612-987-6628, or Jlegred@lutherpark.com. You can also reach Anna Treague, our program director, at 715-656-7244 or Anna@lutherpark.com.

Feel free to check out our web site www.lutherpark.com to register for summer camp, make a donation, or to learn more about upcoming events and activities. May God bless you and keep you in the New Year—a year of hope and promise for God's work among us!

God's blessings to all.
Joel Legred

2009 Luther Park Income and Expenses



Thanks to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for 2009 gifts of \$23,771

Gifts from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans in 2009 totaled \$23,771 through corporate and chapter fraternal programs. Many thanks to Thrivent!

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 \$23,771 Luther Park received includes the following contributions:

GivingPlus Program

\$9,664 to match gifts from individual Thrivent members.



MultiplierProgram

\$1,175 — Current and former employees who enabled the Employee Match: Art Peterson, Linnea Sodergren, Alex Gonzalez, Ronald Lutes.

Central Mpls. Thrivent Chapter

\$1,600 match for funds raised at the Ole & Lena Dinner Show & Silent Auction.

Northwest Hennepin Chapter

\$1,600 match for June Bikeathon; \$600 grant for Lord of Life work project.

Northwest Mpls. Chapter

\$1,600 match for July Bikeathon.

Southern Dakota Chapter

\$1,200 for work project by Family of Christ in Lakeville.

SW Hennepin Cty. Chapter

\$1,200 match for Ole and Lena Dinner and Show; \$1,196 for Year-end Appeal, \$1,200 Work Project (Oliphant Group).

West Hennepin Cty. Chapter

\$1,300 for Quilt Auction.

North Ramsey Chapter (Formerly

Northeast Minneapolis)

\$1,500 for Quilt Auction.

Thrivent Financial's GivingPlus program is no longer offered. For more information on this, please see article below, call Executive Director Joel Legred at 612.987.6628, or e-mail: Jlegred@lutherpark.com,

New choices are yours with the new Thrivent Choice program

As you may have heard, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is launching a new charitable grant program and benefit of membership called Thrivent Choice. Choice Dollars will be designated to some Thrivent Financial members when that portion of the program begins this summer. Thrivent Financial member eligibility will be based on fraternal benefit society product ownership and Thrivent Financial volunteer leadership. Helping direct Choice Dollars will be subject to the Terms and Conditions of the Thrivent Choice program.

As always, Luther Park is grateful for your consideration when you make charitable giving plans. If you are a Thrivent Financial member who learns you will be eligible to direct Choice Dollars, we ask you to consider Luther Park as you help direct Thrivent Financial's charitable funds.

This summer, Thrivent members will receive a letter giving details of the program, the amount of dollars they can share, and how they can tell Thrivent where they want their dollars to go. Their dollars need not all go to the same place. Members can choose more than one recipient.

We hope you'll choose to share some of your Thrivent Choice dollars with Luther Park! Be sure to watch for more information coming soon about the new program.

2009 GIFTS-IN-KIND FROM INDIVIDUALS & ORGANIZATIONS

The following friends of Luther Park responded to many of the camp's needs during 2009. If you have made such a gift and are not listed, please accept our apologies. We are grateful for everyone's generosity.

Donald Bergquist: 1988 Ford Bronco
Art Caple: 32-inch TV, 5 gallons, Dell laptop computer

Larry Embretson: Kitchen countertops for Welcome Center

John & Therese Gamble: Dodge 15-passenger van

Steve Grams: Trailer & carbon-monoxide detectors

Hennepin County Faculty Ass'n.: 6 computers/3 monitors

Drake Kilber: Assorted sports equipment /office supplies

Bev & Dave Knapp: Miscellaneous electrical & plumbing supplies

Carleen Ozanich: Sound system

Steve & Judy Reithmeier: 14-ft. Sea King boat /oars

David & Pat Shirley: 27-inch TV

Tom & Kimberley Spoden: Epson LCD projector

Arolene Stevens: Microwave oven

John Stevens: 8-ft. ladder, assorted paint, brushes, nails, rivets, fittings and tape

Merle & Michelle Waldron: 2 portable PA systems, assorted silent auction items

Ray Wilkinson: 1999 Dodge Grand Caravan

Annual Meeting Report

The Luther Park Corporation held its Annual Meeting Sunday, March 14, 2010, at Zion Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, Minn.

Board President Wade Wacholz called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone, leading the group in reading the Luther Park Mission Statement. Devotions were given by Pastor Mark Schmid, which included a review of his background with outdoor ministry in Montana and highlights of Zion's Recovery Ministry. The March 15, 2009, Annual Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as presented.

Executive Director Joel Legred welcomed and thanked everyone for attending and presented the video from June 2009, "Love to Serve," featuring campers at Luther Park. **FINANCIAL REPORT & PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET**

Legred presented the 2009 Financial Report and a proposed 2010 Annual Budget. He noted Luther Park is planning on a flat budget, based on actual revenue and spending from 2009 (without consideration of the additional gift income resulting from the drive to reduce the year-end 2009 deficit). After review by delegates, the 2009 year-end financial statements were approved as well as the 2010 budget.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Secretary David Shirley presented a slate of nine board member candidates which included **Art Caple**, Bethany on 36th Ave., as a new director candidate.

CANDIDATES FOR ANOTHER TWO-YEAR TERM

Chuck Hughes, Richfield Lutheran; **Janet Nelson**, Elim; **Deana Miller**, Zion (Minneapolis).

CURRENTLY IN SECOND YEAR OF A TWO-YEAR TERM

David Shirley, Messiah; **Merle Waldron**, Lord of Life; **Scott**

Wright, House of Prayer; **Sarah Abelson**, Mount Calvary; and **Kris Pearson**, Diamond Lake.

Nominations were requested from the attendees and a motion was passed to close nominations. The Slate of Candidates was approved.

Delegates recognized the dedicated service of retiring board members: **Norm Okerstrom**, Peace; **Dave Oстераas**, Nativity; **Wade Wacholz**, Shepherd of the Hills; **Ann Harless**, St. Barnabas; **Steve Kerska**, Lakeside.

Legred gave highlights from his written report including: The generous Bethel gift was finalized, which will result in the naming of a new retreat center (when completed); A lake lot was sold, which has helped with capital improvements (including retiring debt from the Welcome Center project); and 2010 camper registrations are up from the same time in 2009. He also reviewed highlights from Program Director Anna Treague's written report.

MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Wacholz gave an update on the work conducted by the Strategic Task Force.

NEW BUSINESS

Tom Nelson from Elim promoted the two Bikeathon fund raisers for 2010 and distributed a new flyer for the events, which are June 5-6 and July 16-17. Chuck Hughes, Richfield Lutheran, provided ticket packets and information about the 14th Annual Ole & Lena Dinner Show & Silent Auction fundraiser for Luther Park at Richfield Lutheran for which Thrivent is giving a \$2,000 match.

Legred closed the meeting by acknowledging Wacholz's excellent leadership as president during Luther Park's journey through "interesting waters."

Minutes were submitted by Secretary David Shirley.



Board Officers Elected at May Board Meeting

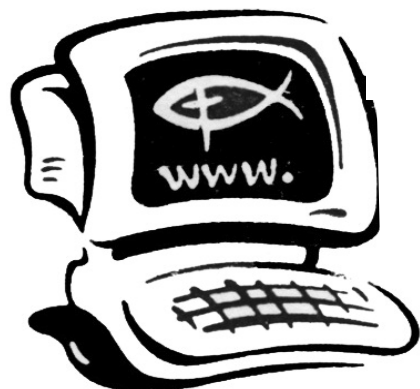
President David Shirley
Vice Pres. Janet Nelson
Secretary Deana Miller
Treasurer Scott Wright



Thanks to Outgoing Board Members

Ann Harless, St. Barnabas
Steve Kerska, Lakeside
Norm Okerstrom, Peace
Dave Oстераas, Nativity
Wade Wacholz,
Shepherd of the Hills

for their
dedicated
service !



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CAMPER NUMBERS

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

Camper numbers for 2009 were

Summer Camps	1,097
Retreaters	1,237
2009 Total	2,334

Planned gifts help sustain a Bible camp's ministry

Editor's note: The following article is reprinted, with permission, from the March, 2010, issue of the Metro Lutheran Newspaper.

In a 180-acre pine forest on Lake 26, Luther Park Bible Camp in Danbury, Wisconsin, has experienced financial challenges like other camps around the country. They are grateful to have support from 40-plus ELCA congregations (in the Twin Cities, northern Minnesota, and northwest Wisconsin) that own and operate the camp, as well as from individual supporters who have made special provisions for the camp's future.

Several planned gifts have been essential in sustaining the camp's ministry. Several years ago, Jessie Bonn left a financial gift for Luther Park through her will because she wanted "every child to attend Bible Camp." Luther Park's board of directors has established a policy that no one is prevented from attending camp simply because of limited financial resources.

Another planned gift was received from Bethel Lutheran Church in north Minneapolis

when the congregation decided to close its doors. (Bethel was one of 17 congregations to found Luther Park in 1959.) This naming gift of \$200,000 will help fund a new retreat center allowing the congregation to continue its ministry through Luther Park.

A few years before, Luther Park received a gift of real estate — a large donated house which they have refurbished. The house, now referred to as the Welcome Center, serves as new staff offices, conference center, and year-around retreat space.

Many gifts have been received that have helped sustain the camp's ministry: gifts of cash and stock, gifts of life insurance, gifts from IRAs, gifts of time and talents, and gifts-in-kind, like used vehicles and brand-new canoes.

Supporters enjoy the camp because it continues to be one of the few places where youth remain active after confirmation. Bible camp is one of the reasons people in their 20s and 30s remain active in their faith life, according to Joel Legred, Luther Park's executive director. Dynamic college-age counselors ignite the faith of children and youth and are inspired in their own faith.

Legred continues: "At the 50th anniversary of Luther Park's ministry, the stories poured in...stories about lives changed, youth connected, pastors called, lay people serving, counselors married, babies baptized, and corporate churches enjoying fellowship and communication together in the body of Christ. Camp works because it's a relational ministry. Camp continues because generous donors believe it's worth their investment."

Luther Park's involvement of inner-city, suburban and rural congregations as partners in ministry is somewhat unique. Most of the churches that started the Bible camp ministry in 1959 are still members of the corporation. Luther Park also has wonderful cultural and ethnic diversity in the community of people who attend the camp each summer and throughout the year.

To learn more about Luther Park, make a cash gift, or sign up for summer camp, visit its Web site at www.lutherpark.com. To talk with Joel Legred about providing a planned gift, contact him at 612.987.6628 or via e-mail at Jlegred@lutherpark.com.

—Glenn Thiel

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 NEEDS

Multiple DVD Burner
3/4 ton, 4-wheel drive pickup with plow.
Convection Oven or money to purchase one

SPECIAL NEEDS

Maintenance:
Gas power washer (portable)
Automotive paint spray gun
Covered Pontoon boat lift
Volunteers/assist with renovation of cabins—Call Anna at camp

Kitchen:
Hobart mixer
3-4 gallon electric soup pot

Program:
Portable DVD Player with screen
Periodic piano tuning
Broomball equipment
Construction paper
Pipe Cleaner
Tempera paint
Crayola markers
Seed beads & pony beads

Office:
Copy Paper (white and colored)
Office Supplies
Computer, laptop (Mac or PC compatible)
Printer Ink (HP 564 and HP02)

Quilt Auction at Mount Calvary Oct. 2

Quilters from throughout Luther Park member congregations are stitching together the pieces of the 20th Annual Quilt Auction. Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Excelsior will host the event on Saturday Oct. 2.

Viewing begins at 11 a.m., followed by lunch at 11:30 and bidding starting at 1 p.m.

You can be part of this showcase of talent and creativity. If you quilt, knit or crochet, please consider making an item for the auction. Or, just come and enjoy.

Quilts, afghans and crafts at the event come in a variety of colors, sizes, patterns and prices. Dozens of Quilt auction attendees have learned that this event is a



great place to find a special gift for a loved one or yourself. If you are interested in helping plan and run this event, please contact Joel Legred at 612.987.6628, or mail e-mail Jlegred@lutherpark.com.

Luther Park has received a commitment of matching funds for the Quilt Auction from the W. Henn. and Ramsey Chapters of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Funds will also be received from Thrivent Community Crossroads, a team-based approach of financial planning to assist clients in making financial decisions in line with their personal goals and values. 🏠

Yah, sure, Oles & Lenas crown an Uffda Royalty Court while raising funds for camperships



You betcha! A whole lot of Oles & Lenas just whooped it up at the Ole & Lena Dinner Show and Silent Auction at Richfield Lutheran Church for the single reason of raising funds for camperships to Luther Park. And lots of campers were there to help serve! Singing, dancing, telling yokes, laughing and eating were all on the agenda. And—don'tcha know—they celebrated the first-ever Uffda Royalty Court.

Pictured above are Uffda King & Queen, Ron & Betty Wilhelmson, Prince and Princess Williard and Vivian Stevens, and Court Yesters Shirley and Allan Clough. All received special gifts.

About \$7,500 was raised including supplemental funds of \$2,000 from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, via the Central Mpls. and SE Henn. Cty. Chapters.

Many thanks to Thrivent, to Richfield Lutheran, who has hosted this event for 14 years, and to all of you who support Luther Park through this unique FUNdraiser. 🏠

Banquet of Blessings salutes Point & Cross Club members



Point & Cross Club members gathered again at St. Barnabas Lutheran Church in Plymouth to enjoy an elegant dinner and hear about how their donations make a very real difference in the life of campers. Following a welcome by Pastor Wayne Peterson, and a well-prepared and served meal, guests enjoyed a camp video presentation, "Go Light Your World." Program Director Anna Treague led the group in song and told about the importance of Luther Park in her life.

Another highlight of the evening was the sharing of guest's thoughts on why they feel Bible Camp is important. Executive Director Joel Legred concluded with an inspiring and informative message.

The Point & Cross Club recognizes donors who share \$100 or more each year for Luther Park's Annual Fund. Each year, in appreciation for their contributions to the ministry of Luther Park, this special evening is planned for Point & Cross members. For more information about the club, contact Joel Legred at 612.987.6628 or e-mail Jlegred@lutherpark.com. 🏠

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 2010.
- ✓ 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 1.
- ✓ 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 Tregue, Program Director Phone: 715/656-7244 E-mail: camp@lutherpark.com
 Luther Park Camp Fax: 715/656-3013 Web site: www.lutherpark.com
 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.

2010 SUMMER SCHEDULE

Date	Cabins	Tree Houses	Canoe Trips	Sr. High Leadership
June 20-25	Gr. 3-6	Gr. 7-9		Gr. 10-12 Lead. Mentoring*
June 20-23 (Cabins only)	Gr. 1-4 3 nights/4 days			
June 27-July 2	Gr. 3-6	Gr. 7-9	Gr. 7-9 Canoe **	Gr. 9-12 Lead. Training
June 27-30 (Cabins only)	Gr. 1-4 3 nights/4 days			
July 6-9 (3 nights/4 days)	Gr. 1-4	Gr. 3-6		
July 11-16	Gr. 7-9	Gr. 3-6		
JULY 17 — SUMMER OPEN HOUSE — EVERYONE WELCOME				
July 11-23	Gr. 7-12	(Double Week, Cabins only)		
July 18-23	Gr. 7-12	Gr. 3-6		
July 23-25	Grandparent/Grandchild Weekend Camp			
July 25-30	Gr. 3-6	Gr. 7-9		Gr. 9-12 Leadership Training
Aug. 1-6	Gr. 3-6	Gr. 7-12	Gr. 9-12 Canoe **	
Aug. 1-4 (Cabins Only)	Gr. 1-4			



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.

Special Programs not listed above

Teens in Mission:

Great Lakes Mission Trip:

Each week (June, July & August). Group registration required.

FEE SCHEDULE

REGISTER FOR A 2ND WEEK (EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE) FOR HALF PRICE!

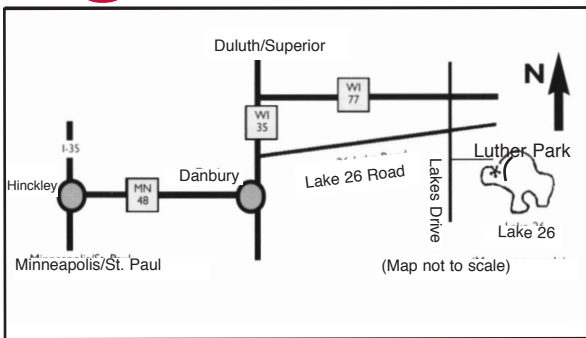
	Member/Non-member*
Partial Week (Snoopers, 3 nights/4 days)\$295/315
One Full Week\$430/450
Double Week\$700/760
Sr. Hi. Leadership\$445/465
— Includes 1 free week —	
Leadership Training, Leadership Mentoring, TIM [Teens in Mission]	
Great Lakes Mission Trip\$450
Campground\$13 per site/per night: \$15 with elec.

All Fees Cover: DVD of your week, meals, lodging and program materials (except Campground). Fees do NOT include transportation. Round-trip transportation: \$80; one-way transportation: \$60. Pick ups at: House of Prayer (Richfield) and Elim (Robbinsdale). Transportation available only for weeks of July 11-16, July 18-23, and Aug. 1-6.
NOTE: Camper fees shown are subsidized by gift allocations. Actual cost per camper, per week is \$500. Check with your church about camp scholarships.

***Non-member churches are those that are not members of the Luther Park Corporation.**

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 & continue to driveway to Lodge. **WELCOME!**

2010 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

Name _____ Grade Completed _____ Age _____ Sex _____ Birth Date _____
 Camp Date: _____ Cabin Mate: _____
 Camper E-mail Address _____

Registering for: Cabin Tree House Canoe Double Week
 Leadership Training Leadership Mentoring TIM Team Grandparent/Grandchild Weekend Great Lakes Mission Trip

Congregation _____ City _____ Amount paid by church \$ _____

Transportation: (✓check one) I will: provide my own transportation
 need transportation to and/or from camp.
 Transportation to camp available only for weeks of: July 11-16, July 18-23, Aug. 1-6.

(\$80 round trip/\$60 one way) Check (✓) one if you are riding the bus round trip one-way
 If one-way, note which way _____

Elim Lutheran/Robbinsdale House of Prayer/Richfield

Method of Payment:

Check/Money Order (Payable to Luther Park)
 Discover MasterCard Visa AMEX
 Amount \$ _____ Acc't. # _____
 Expir. Date _____ Signature _____

Custodial Parent(s) Guardian(s)
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone(s) _____ E-mail _____

Second Parent(s)/Guardian(s)
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone(s) _____ E-mail _____

Emergency Contact _____ **Emergency Phone** _____

Parent's Signature _____ **Date** _____

INSURANCE INFORMATION

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

Camper Name _____
 Policy Holder _____ Birth Date of Policy Holder _____
 Employer _____
 Insurance Co. _____ Insur. Co. Address _____
 Insur. Co. Phone _____ Group No. _____ Policy/ID No. _____
 Family Doctor/Phone _____

Immunization Dates: _____ DPT Shots _____ Polio Immunization _____
 _____ Tetanus Booster _____ MMR _____ Tuberculin _____
Conditions: Asthma _____ Epilepsy _____ Diabetes _____ Heart Trouble _____ Other _____
Allergies: Insect Stings _____ Poison Ivy _____ Hay Fever _____ Penicillin _____
 Other Drugs _____ Other _____

Medications: _____ This person takes NO medications on a routine basis.
 _____ This person takes medication as follows:

(Luther Park administers medications only according to prescription label.)

Special Needs Campers: (Dietary, health restrictions, mobility limitations, diabetes, seizures, etc.)
 Please list: _____

My child has permission to engage in all camp activities, except as noted by myself and the examining physician. In the event I cannot be reached in an emergency, I give permission to the physician selected by the camp director to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for, to order injection, anesthesia or surgery for my child as named below. I voluntarily waive any claim against the sponsoring institution, local churches and camp personnel for any mishap or lost articles, or any and all causes which may arise in connection with activities of the above organization. I understand that unless I provide separate written notice, photos taken of my child at camp may be used for camp-approved publications such as the Luther Park Echoes. **My child and I have read the Luther Park Code of Conduct and agree to follow it. Inability to follow the Code of Conduct gives Luther Park the right to send the camper home without refund at the expense of the camper's parent/guardian.**

Signed _____ / _____
 Camper Parent

Date _____