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A Newsletter for Campers and Friends of Luther Park

Spring/Summer 2011

Sign up for Summer Camp: *Experience how 'Jesus Chooses Us'*

By Sharon F. Miller
Writer/Editor

There's plenty 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 all the fun: singing, worship, games, evenings around the campfire, water activities, and more!

This summer's theme, *Jesus Chooses Us*, is based on John 15:16: *You did not choose me but I choose you.*

"We invite you to join us at Luther Park as we encounter God's teachings and examples of having servant hearts," said Program Director Kevin Schommer. "We hope you'll join us for this new adventure."

Your camping fee will include your week at camp along with the usual meals, lodging and program materials.

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.

Snoopers (Partial Week)

Three nights/days mini-camp experience. Great for newer campers!

Treehouse Village

Rustic hands-on, God and 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 Trip

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

Luther Park Camping and Retreat Center

Summer 2011



Jesus Chooses Us

~John 15:16

Celebrating 52 Years of Christian Outdoor Ministry

experienced alike.

Leadership Training (LT)

Learn basic leadership skills through hands-on training in the camp setting.

Leadership Mentoring (LM) (Cont. on P. 2)

SUMMER OPEN HOUSE JULY 16

Celebrate 52 years of great outdoor ministry

By Sharon F. Miller
Writer/Editor

It's that time again. Time to gather up your friends and family, get in the old buggy and take a beautiful summer drive to Luther Park's Summer Open House celebration on Saturday, July 16.

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

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 2011 Outstanding Christian Service Award to Steve Grams, Shepherd of the Hills, Edina, and the welcoming of new board members.

Fun for all ages



Come, join us at Open House for a thumbs-up experience!

Come, join us at Open House and experience a touch of the wonder of a summer day at Bible Camp. Check out the newly renovated cabins. 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. You'll 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 Kevin Schommer at 715.656.7244, or e-mail: Programdirector@lutherpark.com for rates and reservations.

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SPECIAL ANNUAL REPORT INSERT

See pages 3-6

COMING EVENTS



- JUNE 12** Summer Staff Training begins
- JUNE 26** Summer Camp begins
- July 1-3 or July 1-5** Family Camp
- JULY 15-16** Bikeathon II
- JULY 16** Open House, Volunteer Recog.
- JULY 22-24** Grandparent/Grandchild Camp
- OCT. 1** 20th Annual Quilt Auction, Mount Calvary, Excelsior, MN
- NOV. TBA** Scrapbook & Stamping Retreat
- DEC. 2** 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. 1
Mark your calendar now.

For more info. see article on Page 7.

Summer Camp (Cont. from P. 1)

The next step in leadership development as you mentor new LTs and other campers.

Teens in Mission (TIM) Team:

Youth-group leadership training to take 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.

For a more detailed description of these camping opportunities, please visit our web-site at www.lutherpark.com.

To reserve a place at camp, you can either 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.


But register soon! Some weeks and programs are filling up. Return the form right away with your \$200 deposit—or the entire fee if you prefer.

Final payment is 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 encouraged to join us this summer, along with staff from all over the world," said Executive Director Joel Legred. "We'll discover what *Jesus Chooses Us* means in our lives."

If you have any questions, please contact Program Director Kevin Schommer by phone at 715.656.7244, email Programdirector@lutherpark.com, or check the Luther Park Web site: www.lutherpark.com. 




Open House (Cont. from P. 1)

Your participation is a blessing for Luther Park!

We'll be celebrating this year's theme, *Jesus Chooses Us*, based on John 15:16. *You did not choose me but I chose you.*

You'll find a map with directions 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

Executive Director	Joel Legred	Office	Carolyn Pittman
Housekeeping	Patti Schaff	Program Director/Retreat Host	Kevin Schommer
Maintenance	Vic Nelson	Registrar	Rebekah Schommer
Maintenance	Steve Fisher	Kitchen	Rhonda Demars

DO YOU HAVE A CAR YOU CAN DONATE?

A recent storm caused a tree to fall on a Luther Park camp car. All of Luther Park's cars are given by generous donors and are essential to the ministry. During the summer, all vehicles are in use for day camps, canoe trips, and other transportation needs.

Donating a vehicle is pretty easy to do and gives the person who donates it some significant tax savings.

If you are interested in learning more about how to donate your car on van, contact Joel Legred at 612.987.6628, or email: jlegred@lutherpark.com. 

**ROAD OPEN TO LUTHER PARK
PLEASE DISREGARD POSTED DETOUR IN
DANBURY AT THE INTERSECTION OF WIS.
HIGHWAYS 35/77, AS WELL AS THE POSTED
DETOURS SOUTH AND NORTH OF DANBURY
ON WIS. HIGHWAY 35.
<http://www.lutherpark.com>**

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 4-5

Bike-a-Thon II – July 15-16



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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 4-5

Bike-a-Thon II – July 15-16

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.

AMOUNT

WELCOME 2011 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!

- Daniel Bennett, Spooner, Wis.
- Jason Conner, Rio Rancho, N.M.
- Matt Erdahl, Chaska, Minn.
- Zachary Fisher, Cameron, Wis.
- Emily Gerst, Minneapolis, Minn.
- Mallory Grams, Hopkins, Minn.
- Max Henkel, Victoria, Minn.
- Courtney Hinz, Lakeville, Minn.
- Zach Hoskins, Dayton, Minn.
- Travis Houle, Minneapolis, Minn.
- Salim Kaderbhai, Lauderdale, Minn.
- Fanni Karakai, Budapest, Hungary
- Suzana Kokalj, Trzik, Slovenia
- Petra Macher, Budapest, Hungary
- Heather McCarthy, Rio Rancho, N.M.
- Arlene Miller, Danbury, Wis.
- Shelley Morton, Cape Town, South Africa
- Kyle Sather, Savage, Minn.
- Scott Shearer, Redlands, Calif.
- Kristin Wall, Rochester, Minn.
- Peter Warren, Mason, Wis.
- Andy Winn, Minneapolis, Minn.
- Allison Wright, Shorewood, Minn.

As of press time, we are still in the process of hiring.

BIKEATHON I was successfully completed on June 5. Many thanks to all the participants and sponsors. To date, nearly \$8,500 has been raised, with funds still coming in. Participants are pictured on Pages 4 & 5. Watch for more information on Bike-a-thons in future articles.

Luther Park Annual Report Highlights for 2010

A Message
From the
Executive
Director

Joel Legred



2010 Annual Report to Member Churches

The Search Institute conducted research showing kids around the world develop faith in similar ways, and the great outdoors was a significant factor in furthering their faith. It makes sense that Bible Camps continue to be the number one place where youth remain active even after confirmation. It's one of the reasons people in their 20's and 30's remain active in their faith life. As a partner with you, we help congregations address one of their biggest challenges: engaging youth in the life of the church.

Thanks for your support of Luther Park in 2010. Congregations have provided campers and retreaters, dollars and donated items, counselors, board members and volunteers. Even with a wellspring of support, Luther Park experienced what a number of our congregations have experienced in the economic downturn. You may recall that in 2009, Luther Park made reductions in budget totaling about \$100,000. This included downsizing staff and reducing remaining staff positions to a part-time status. Operating expenses were cut as well.

Highlights of 2010 include:

- Three thousand people were served through Summer Camp, Day Camp, and Retreat Ministry!
- Hope Lutheran Church in Brule, Wisconsin, is now a Luther Park corporate church. Pastor Scott Stai and his wife, Tia, served on Luther Park's staff a number of years ago.
- Two successful Bike-a-thons raised \$20,000; our Quilt Auction raised over \$12,000; Ole & Lena Dinner & Silent Auction raised \$8,000; and the Glad Tidings Dinner raised over \$2,000. Special thanks to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for providing matching grants for each of our events.
- Many volunteers and Luther Park Staff worked on Fit for the Next 50 projects: Fir Cabin is renovated; the house at the end of the driveway is reroofed and open for retreats; the front four cabins are primed and painted; the Staff House was removed; the commercial water heater in the Lodge was replaced; Welcome Center garage, pump house, sports shed, and garage at the top of the hill all have new roofs, and the pump house and the sports shed have been painted as well. Gifts have been received from individuals and congregations.

Staffing Changes:

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A Message
From the
President

David Shirley



Choices & Decisions

The Bible theme for Luther Park this summer is from John 15:16: *You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name.* There are many references in the Bible, as in life, to **planting a seed** and the fruit the seed will yield. Certainly a Luther Park experience has planted countless seeds that have nurtured future church leaders, seminary students, pastors, and countless persons of sustained Christian faith.

When I reflect on the 52 years Luther Park has been planting seeds to help transform and enhance peoples' lives in their ever-growing faith journeys, I give retroactive praise and thanks to the founders of Luther Park. These were the visionary souls who had the courage and initiative to start this wonderful place. Instead of just thinking about the possibilities of a new outdoor ministry, they made a monumental decision, and thus made Luther Park a reality.

One of my favorite motivational books is titled, *The Travelers Gift*. The book's main character, David Ponder (his name sounds like my life), encounters seven persons/entities throughout history, with each one providing him a single piece of wisdom. Although I will not quote the seven wisdoms from the book, the crescendo of the novel includes the statement: *One decision that you make can literally change the world.* Reading the author's entire rationale for this quote would lead most people to agree. Certainly the decision to attend and/or support Luther Park has changed both the world and lives of many people.

Every day that we, as friends of Luther Park, make a decision to support this outdoor ministry, we have enabled a life-changing direction in someone's life. Support comes in many forms, with our Lord choosing us to make the commitment to maintain and grow this ministry.

As we enter the peak of summer camper season, prayerfully consider how you can decide to enhance Luther Park. Options include: personally asking a youth to attend camp; providing youth camper scholarship funds; working with your church on a Fit for The Next 50 project; supporting one of the exciting fundraisers for Luther Park; or attending the July 16th Summer Open House to personally see how Luther Park is continually improving.

As I enter the last year of official board service, before term limits will mandate my moving on, I pray that Luther Park will continue its progress toward many goals, including the completion of enhanced family retreat facilities.

Thanks to all of you who have embraced this ministry, resulting in continued and inspirational support of Luther Park. You make it happen!

David P. Shirley

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A Message
From the
Program
Director

Kevin Schommer



"For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many." ~Mark 10:45

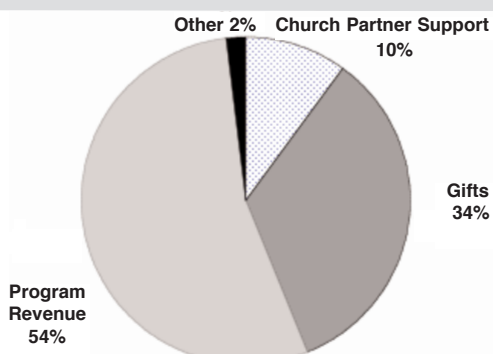
Summer 2010

I started working for Luther Park on July 1 as Retreat Host. Summer was already in full swing with excited campers playing games and energized staff doing ministry. Our summer staff came from all over the U.S. as well as Australia. Our staff touched the lives of many campers last summer. Our Day Camp continues to be great ministry for many of our congregations as we bring Bible Camp to churches.

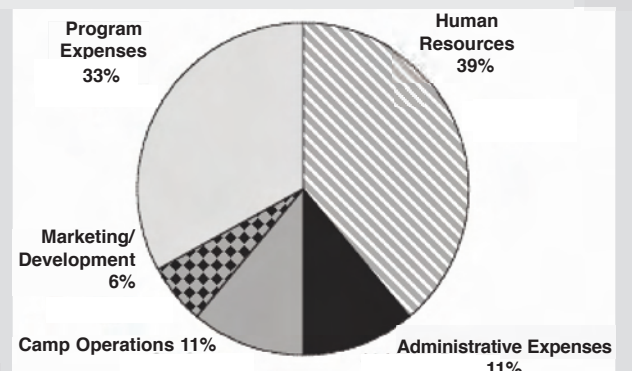
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2010 Luther Park Income and Expenses

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From:



Where
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Gifts in 2010 from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans total \$15,384!

Gifts from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans in 2010 totaled \$15,384 through corporate and chapter fraternal programs as well as the new Thrivent Choice program (see article below). Many thanks to Thrivent!

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans 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 members live better lives and give back to their communities.

The \$15,384 Luther Park received includes the following contributions:
Giving Plus Program
\$2,710—Lump sum payment as program was discontinued.



Multiplier Program

\$1,000—Current & former employees who enable the Employee Match: Art Peterson

Thrivent Community-Crossroads
\$2,500 for Quilt Auction

Thrivent Choice Dollars
\$374—Eligible Thrivent members direct charitable dollars to camps and other non-profits enrolled in the program. (See article below.)

Carver-Hennepin Chapter

Work Project—\$800

Central Mpls. Thrivent Chapter
\$1,200—Match for funds raised at the Ole & Lena Dinner Show/Silent Auction

Northwest Hennepin Chapter
\$1,600 match for June Bikeathon

Northwest Mpls. Chapter
\$1,600 match for July Bikeathon.

Polk-Burnett Chapter
\$500 for Glad Tidings Advent Dinner

SW Hennepin Cty. Chapter
\$800 match for Ole and Lena Dinner Show & Silent Auction;

\$800 Work Project (Oliphant Group)

West Hennepin Cty. Chapter
\$1,100 for Quilt Auction.

North Ramsey Chapter
\$1,200 for Quilt Auction

Thrivent Choice program adds to the bottom line at Luther Park

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans last summer began a new charitable grant program and benefit of membership called Thrivent Choice. If you do business with Thrivent, you may be eligible for this program which lets members direct the company's charitable dollars to camps and other non-profits enrolled in the program. Contributions directed to Luther Park to date total \$4,448 since the program began last fall, including \$374 in 2010. **Listed below are those who chose Luther Park to receive Choice Dollars. Thank you!**

Kenneth Anderson
Teal Anderson
Susan Beal
Ardyce Benson
David Burgwald
Gary Cook
Nancy Couillard
Terry Couillard
Elaine Diekman

David Edlund
Veta Fernlund
Joyce Hegstrom
Cheryl Jechorek
Kimberly Larson
Mariane Lind
Brenda Legred
Mary Lundholm
Myrtle Marlow

Todd Meyers
Claudia Moberg
Michael Moberg
Harold Nelson
John Nelson
Michael Nelson
Karla Nicklaus
Thomas O'Connell
Norm Okerstrom

Alan Olson
Karoline Orvick
Mark Orvick
Mona Pasko
Kristine Pearson
Arthur Peterson
Matthew Peterson
Norma Peterson
Carolyn Pittman

Warren Pratt
Diane Roberts
Howard Skulstad
Dale Stolt
Myrtle Thom
Mary Turnquist
William Turnquist
Robert Weiss

Annual Meeting Report

The Luther Park Corporation held its Annual Meeting Sunday, March 13, 2011, at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Excelsior, Minn.

Board President David Shirley called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Devotions were given by Pastor Brenda Legred who also reported that the Mount Calvary is excited to be a part of Luther Park.

President Shirley led with the tradition of board meetings reading the Mission Statement together. Annual Meeting minutes from the March 14, 2010 Annual Meeting were printed in the annual report and approved as presented.

Executive Director Joel Legred welcomed and thanked everyone for attending and presented a Luther Park video. **FINANCIAL REPORT & PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET**

Treasurer Scott Wright presented the 2010 financial report and the 2011 budget. Some items were highlighted: Liabilities went from \$210,181 to \$179,332; We were able to pay off the line of credit; Assets also went down, due to selling one lakeshore lot; As income was down in 2010, we also reduced expenditures; Special events helped and gifts from individuals increased, but income from organizations dropped substantially. He noted the budget is being kept "fairly flat."

After review, the 2010 year-end financial statement and the 2011 budget of \$329,000 income and \$310,445 expenses with \$18,545 overage for the mortgage were approved.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Secretary Deana Miller presented the Slate of Candidates, which includes **Gerald Gallati**, Nativity, **Randy Johnson**, House of Prayer, and **Susan Mattson**, NE Community Lutheran as new candidates.

CANDIDATES FOR ANOTHER TWO-YEAR TERM

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

CURRENTLY IN SECOND YEAR OF A TWO-YEAR TERM

Art Caple, Bethany (on 36th Ave.); **Sarah Abelson**, Mount Calvary; and **Kris Pearson**, Diamond Lake.

NEWLY ELECTED TO A ONE-YEAR TERM

David Shirley, Messiah

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

Delegates recognized the dedicated service of retiring board members: **Merle Waldron**, Lord of Life and **Scott Wright**, House of Prayer.



Legred gave highlights from his written report, pointing out the incredible number of volunteer hours that go into making Luther Park what it is today. He noted that last year showed positive growth in camper attendance and individual giving and reviewed the Fit for the Next 50 project of

updating cabins. Program Director/Retreat Host Kevin Schommer was introduced.

MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Shirley referred to the Strategic Planning Task Force, stating it would be good for Luther Park to be able to complete the proposed Retreat Center.

NEW BUSINESS

There are two Bikeathons this summer (see information on P. 2), Open House is July 16, along with a board meeting. Chuck Hughes, Richfield Lutheran, provided ticket packets and information about the 15th Annual Ole & Lena event fundraiser for Luther Park at Richfield Lutheran for which Thrivent is giving a \$2,000 match. The Quilt Auction is set for Oct. 1 at Mount Calvary in Excelsior.

Minutes were submitted by Secretary Deana Miller.



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2010 CAMPER NUMBERS

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

Summer Campers 1,050
Retreaters 981
2010 Total 2031

YOUR LEGACY TODAY

for leaving a lasting legacy at Luther Park

Would you like to leave a legacy for future generations that reflects your faith and values?

The Luther Park Legacy Society has been created to help friends of Luther Park leave a legacy.

A Legacy gift to Luther Park will be a seed planted in good soil, because it will help people of all ages deepen their faith in Jesus. You can provide a Legacy gift through a life insurance policy, a will bequest or a number of other ways. If you have already completed your will, a codicil can be added at a nominal charge.

For more information, please contact Executive Director Joel Legred, at 612.987.6628 or email jlegred@lutherpark.com.

Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain."

— Mark 4:8

Board Officers Elected at May Board Meeting

President David Shirley
Vice Pres. Janet Nelson
Secretary Deana Miller
Treasurer Randy Johnson



Thanks to Outgoing Board Members

Merle Waldron,
Lord of Life
Scott Wright,
House of Prayer

for their dedicated service!

Oles and Lenas crown Uffda Royalty Court at 15th Annual event



Yah sure! You betcha! A whole lot of Oles & Lenas just whooped it up again at the 15th Annual Ole & Lena event at Richfield Lutheran Church with the primary purpose of raising funds for camperships to Luther Park. Campers and other youth were there to help prepare, serve and clean up. Fun and frivolity reigned for all throughout the evening. Singing, dancing, yokes, laughter and eating were all on the menu. And—don'tcha know—they crowned the 2011 Uffda Royalty Court.

Pictured above with their prizes are Uffda King & Queen, Ron & Jean Gallatti, (center) Prince and Princess Terry & Carol Meland-Bungert (far left), and Court Yesters MaryLou Maertens and Severt Legred (far right). Mixed in are Ole (Burt) Miller and Lena (Sharon) Miller.

Nearly \$8,500 was raised including supplemental funds of \$2,000 from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, via the Central Mpls. and SE Henn. Cty. Chapters. And additional funds are still coming in! 🏰

Point and Cross Club gathers for Banquet of Blessings at St. Barnabas



Shown at the Point & Cross dinner are (from left) Michelle Russel, her fiance Matt Xiong, Messiah, and Program Director Kevin Schommer. Matt spoke as a camper at the very first Point & Cross dinner in 1997.

Point & Cross Club members gathered for the annual Banquet of Blessings at St. Barnabas Lutheran Church in Plymouth to enjoy 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 video presentation, "What's Right With The World."

Another highlight of the evening was the sharing of club member's thoughts on why they feel Luther Park 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. 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. 🏰

Quilt Auction at Mount Calvary Oct. 1

Quilters from throughout Luther Park member congregations are stitching together pieces of the 21st Annual Quilt Auction to be held at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Excelsior on Saturday Oct. 1. If you quilt, knit or crochet, please consider making an item for the auction. Or, just come and enjoy the day. Quilts, afghans and crafts at the event come in a variety of colors, sizes, patterns and prices. Dozens of Quilt Auction attendees have learned this is a great place to find that 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 email jlegred@lutherpark.com. 🏰

A Message From the Executive Director (Cont. from P. 3)

- Anna Treague, who served Luther Park for 15 years, including 10 years as program director, resigned to spend more time as a mom to her three beautiful children. She did amazing work for us, and was even married here at The Point. She will remain active as a volunteer, and is known for her fantastic scrapbooking retreats.
- Kevin Schommer joined us as retreat host. He and his wife Rebekah live on site. Kevin was on our summer staff in 2001 and 2004 and says Luther Park has been part of his life since Confirmation. Kevin was hired as program director effective January 2011.

We invite you to use your camp for summer camp and retreats. Go to www.lutherpark.com for more information.

We continue to need your prayers, as well as gifts of time and financial help in 2011. Please feel free to call me at 612-987-6628 or send an email to jlegred@lutherpark.com.

Joel Legred

Joel Legred

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"Memories Continue to Evoke Faith"

Peter and Andrew asked Jesus where he was staying, and Jesus said, 'Come and see.' John 1:39

Recently, a camper from 15 years ago came to Luther Park on a women's retreat. She wanted to walk to all the places she remembered... The Point, the trail, the Outdoor Chapel, the dock... sacred spaces. She had memories of other campers, songs, campfires, and time with God.

It seems that even after someone leaves camp, the memories continue to evoke faith. Luther Park has generated memories for multiple generations now. Grandchildren and great-grandchildren of men and women who started the camp are creating their own memories, and growing in faith.

Who in your circle of influence will benefit from a camp experience this summer? Personal invitations go a long way. Is there a grandchild, niece or nephew you could scholarship? Perhaps you could offer to send someone. I believe Bible Camp is one of the most important things children can do in their growing years. If I didn't, I wouldn't be doing what I do. Thank you to everyone who makes this ministry possible. —Joel

A Message From the Program Director (Cont. from P. 3)

Our Great Lakes Mission Trips continue to be very beneficial events not only for the youth and staff who participate but also the communities they are helping. I am very proud of the work they did and so blessed to see how much each of them grew over the course of the summer.

Last summer also brought our Summer Open House. It was a fabulous day with friends of Luther Park, old and new. We had staff from our very first summer of ministry all the way up to the current staff. Campers and parents from numerous years also relived memories. Thanks to all who made that day a very special one!

Fall/Winter 2010

Fall was very busy. We were fully booked from mid-August to the end of October. Renovations on the cabins continued with remodeling Birch Cabin. Our goal is to remodel all cabins and do some upgrades on the Lodge and Log House in the next few years.

Our Program Director, Anna Treague, resigned from her position after being with Luther Park for 10 years (fifteen summers). I was hired as the program director/retreat host in January, 2011.

Winter brought our 6th Annual Advent Glad Tidings Dinner and Silent Auction the first Friday in December. The support from our local churches, area businesses, neighbors, and friends continues to grow as this event becomes a gathering of friends.

Looking to Summer 2011

As I look to 2011, I am very excited about the ministry that is going to happen this summer. We have an extraordinary summer staff shaping up with a great number of returning staff. The Holy Spirit is moving and Luther Park is the place to be in 2011!

Kevin Schommer

Kevin Schommer

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
Reliable Passenger (car or van)
Convection Oven or money to purchase one

SPECIAL NEEDS
Maintenance:
Covered Pontoon boat lift
Volunteers to assist with renovation of cabins
Rubber floor mats
Kitchen:
#4 full-size hotel pan
Serving bowls (large)
Program:
Portable DVD Player with screen
Construction paper, Tempera paint, Crayola markers
Seed beads & pony beads
Office:
Copy Paper (white and colored)
Office Supplies

THANKS FOR THESE GIFTS!
(Received since Fall of 2010)
1994 Chevrolet Astro Van
Five tarps, five oak doors, load of used furniture, & many hours labor.
Furniture for Log House
1997 Dodge extended cab pickup truck, pictured below.



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 2011
 - ✓ 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: Registrar, Luther Park Camp, 30376 Lakes Drive, Danbury, WI 54830-9508
Phone: 715/656-7244 Fax: 715/656-3013 Email: camp@lutherpark.com
Web site: www.lutherpark.com

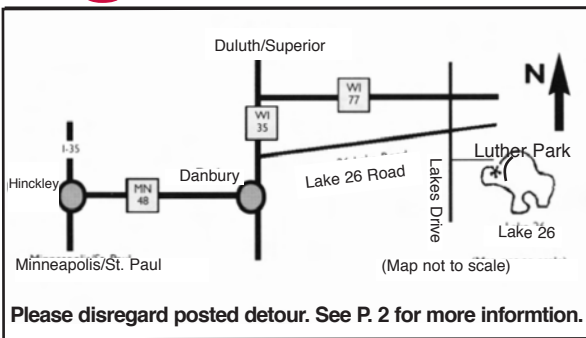
You can also register online at www.lutherpark.com

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 campers' 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



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 left-hand side of road). Turn S. on Lakes Dr. Go about 2 mi. to stop sign & continue to driveway to Lodge. **WELCOME!**

2011 SUMMER SCHEDULE

Date	Cabins	Tree Houses	Canoe Trips	Sr. High Leadership
June 19-24				Gr. 10-12 Lead. Mentoring*
June 26-29	Gr. 1-4 Snoopers (Cabins only)	3 nights/4 days		
June 26-July 1	Gr. 3-6	Gr. 7-9	Gr. 7-9 Canoe **	Gr. 9-12 Lead. Training
Family Camp July 1-3 or 1-5	Families	Families		
July 5-8	Gr. 1-6	Partial Wk.		
July 10-15	Gr. 7-9	Gr. 3-6		
JULY 16 — SUMMER OPEN HOUSE — EVERYONE WELCOME				
July 10-22	Gr. 7-12	(Double Week, Cabins only)		
July 17-22	Gr. 7-12	Gr. 3-6		
July 22-24	Grandparent/Grandchild Weekend Camp			
July 24-29	Gr. 3-6	Gr. 7-9		Gr. 9-12 Leadership Training
July 31-Aug. 3	Gr. 1-4 Snoopers	Gr. 7-12		
July 31-Aug. 5	Gr. 3-6	Gr. 7-12		



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. Please contact us for group registration.

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: 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 10-15, July 17-22, and July 31-August 5.

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**

2011 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 10-15, July 17-22, July 31-August 5.
(\$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 _____



Thriving Financial for Lutheran gifts are shown on P. 6.

Church Partner Support
These gifts are provided each year by member congregations as an expression of their ministry partnership with Luther Park.

- Bethany/36th Ave, Minneapolis, Minn. \$800
- Calvary Minneapolis, Minn. \$500
- Christ Memorial Plymouth, Minn. \$130.25
- Diamond Lake Minneapolis, Minn. \$5,700
- Family of Christ Lakeville, Minn. \$100
- First Lutheran Hinckley, Minn. \$500



- Gustavus Adolphus, Minneapolis, Minn. \$2,000.04
- Hope (Brule) \$278.34
- House of Prayer Richfield, Minn. \$750
- Lakeside, Webster, Wisconsin \$600
- Lord of Life Maple Grove, Minn. \$10,000
- Lutheran Church of the Reformation St. Louis Park, Minn. \$400
- Messiah Minneapolis, Minn. \$200



- Mount Calvary Excelsior, Minn. \$2,000
- Nativity St. Anthony, Minn. \$2,500
- Peace Plymouth, Minn. \$1250
- Richfield Minneapolis, Minn. \$300
- River of Life \$100
- Salem Minneapolis, Minn. \$1,000
- St. Barnabas Plymouth, Minn. \$1,500

- St. John's Lakeville, Minn. \$1,000
- St. Timothy Columbia Heights, Minn. \$190
- Shepherd of the Hills, Hopkins, Minn. \$1,000
- Yellow Lake Danbury, Wisconsin \$250
- 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.

- Calvary Minneapolis, Minn. \$230
- Elim Robbinsdale, Minn. \$1,707.43 (Mardi Gras)
- House of Prayer Richfield, Minn. \$500 (Bikeathon)
- \$210 (Offering) Lakeside Webster, Wisconsin

- (Trash & Treasure) \$500 (WELCA)
- Lord of Life Maple Grove, Minn. \$7,500 (Fit or Next 50)
- Messiah Minneapolis, Minn. \$250
- Mount Calvary Excelsior, Minn. \$5,000 (Foundation)
- \$100 (Esther Circle)
- \$200 (Prime Timers)
- \$973.99 (S.S.)
- Nativity, St. Anthony Minn. \$50
- Richfield Lutheran Minneapolis, Minn. \$700 (Faith for the Future)
- St. Barnabas, Plymouth, Minn. \$473 (Gift of Love)
- Yellow Lake, Danbury, Wisconsin \$100 (ELCW)

Gifts from Organizations
Blue Cross Blue Shield (Dollars for Doers) \$500 for John Stevens Luther Seminary \$1,500 Chaplain Scholarship



THE LUTHER PARK SMILE

It's Priceless...
but your gifts make it happen!

2010 DONORS

Due to recent changes in computer programs and personnel at Luther Park, at this time, we are unable to list all of the individuals making a financial contribution to Luther Park during 2010. Please accept our apologies and know that you are vital to our well-being. Your gifts to the Annual Fund support the ongoing ministry of Luther Park. This base of support also helps us provide scholarships for those in need. Thanks for your understanding & support!



June Bikeathon participants gathered for a photo in Luck, Wis. on their way to Luther Park. Above, from left are: Gerald Gallati, Nativity (LP board member); Stacie Torigian, Matt Settergren, David Shirley, (board president) all from Messiah; Donny Bergquist (Family of Christ); Frank Newman, NE Community Lutheran; Matt Xiong, Lee Cunningham, Rod Nerdahl, Tom Gustafson, all from Messiah; Linda Sandell, NE Community Lutheran; and Chuck Elliot, Nativity.

Mount Calvary completes amazing Servant Weekend project

Mount Calvary's recent Servant Weekend project was an amazing and much needed gift to Luther Park—two dozen volunteers, 50 donors providing \$5,000, plus the Mount Calvary Foundation providing \$5,000 and Luther Park's board providing matching funds of \$10,000

deep-cleaned, and more!
Many thanks to all the wonderful men's and women's Servant Weekend volunteers who gathered for the occasion! Your efforts have changed and will continue to change Luther Park for many years to come.

bringing the total to \$20,000!
Results: A renovated cabin (Birch) with a new furnace, plumbing, bathroom, walls, bunk beds and flooring. Plus, chopped wood, three cabins deep-cleaned, the Lodge and Log House



Executive Director Joel Legred receives a check from Mount Calvary volunteers.

Just think of the hundreds of campers and retreaters who will have life changing experiences while staying in Birch Cabin! God bless you for sharing yourselves in this way.

If your church is interested in arranging for a Servant Weekend at Luther Park, please contact Executive Director Joel Legred at 612.987.6628, email Jlegred@msn.com.



Luther Park
A Place for All Ages...
A Place for All Seasons
Mission Statement
Luther Park is a cooperative ministry of ELCA congregations serving people of all ages through a variety of programs in an outdoor setting. Our mission is to provide an environment in which the Christian faith may be strengthened and people may grow in their personal relationship with God.



2010 Memorial/Honorary Gifts

Received from January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010

(To receive a memorial/honorary gift packet for future use, please call camp at 715.656.7244.)

In Memory of...
Bert Anderson

- Richard Baumgarten
- George Borgstrom
- Lois Eide
- Irene Fosha
- Ruth Gilyard
- Ernie Gove
- Mae Heimkes
- Jay N. Hopps
- Harold Horgan
- Edward C. Johnson
- Thomas Lindquist
- Charles and Bruce Malin
- Grant McLaughlin
- Rosalie Mueller
- Clodaugh Neiderheiser
- Pauline Nelson
- Dorothy Barry-Nygren
- Morris Nygren
- Rudy Palo
- Cy Peterson
- Ione Pratt
- Sandra Sydloski
- Glenda Wanless
- Vera Woll

In Honor of...
Herman & Delores Asproth
Sundra & Gary Arvidson's
50th Anniversary
Phyllis Carlson's Birthday

Tom Nelson
Marriage of Mary Claire Olson and Tom Potter

Given by...

- Marilyn Adams, Scott Branch Family, Amy, Hannah and Garrett DeNure, Tom and Heide Dresser & Family, Gerald Itner Family, Brenda and Joel Legred, Doug and Terry Lindberg, Brian, Renee, Brittney and Jon Nelson, Tom and Janet Nelson, Bob and Bunny Nord, Al and Cindy Olson, Paul and Kelly Olson and Family, Ed and Delores Schulz, Dave and Marianne Tobin, Jan and Ron Wickes, and Terry and Nancy Couillard.
- Ardis Tamlyn, Roger and Carolyn Pittman
- Virgil Carlson
- Marilyn Adams
- Ray and Jan Bier and Family
- Richard and Ruth Berg, Joel and Brenda Legred
- Howard and Kristin Skulstad
- Dennis and Jan Johnson
- Daisy Carlson
- Joel and Brenda Legred
- Marion J. Johnson
- Joanne Johnson
- Wendell and Dorothy Malin
- Marilyn Adams
- Ardus Tamlyn
- Larry D. Cole, Art Caple
- Family of Pauline Nelson, Roger and Carolyn Pittman
- Morris Nygren
- Joel and Brenda Legred, Roger and Carolyn Pittman
- Hildegard Palo
- Joel and Brenda Legred
- Ardus Tamlyn, Roger and Carolyn Pittman
- Marilyn Adam
- Howard and Kristin Skulstad
- Evelyn Ramin
- Cynthia Hurley
- Evelyn Ramin
- Phyllis Carlson, David and Janet Johnson, Andrew Johnson and Kate Gunderson.
- Terry and Nancy Couillard
- James and Devera Brescia, Jeffrey and Greta Buck, George and Janet Cruys, Patricia Flakne, Robert and Kathy Gustafson, John Hahl, Richard Halverson, David and Delores Johnson, Maurice and Muriel Johnson, David and Molly Lagermeier, Dennis and Bev Meyer, Susan Morris, William and MaryJo Morrissy, David Nimmer, Jack and Joyce Provo, Barbara Richardson, Anne Shinler and Nancy Lindsten Taylor.



Mount Calvary Volunteers Enjoy A Meal Together in the Dining Hall

Many circles of campers like these will benefit from the work volunteers completed during Mount Calvary's Service Weekend.

