

April 23, 2019

Greetings in Christ!

“Forgiven” is the theme for 2019 and it is very appropriate after we reflect on the joyous celebration of this past Sunday and Resurrection Day services that many of us enjoyed. On a personal note I (Bill) spent the day with my dear dad in the hospital for yet a third or fourth time in the last month. He had gone in on Saturday and we thought maybe Jesus would be welcoming him home. Instead he rallied and I spent a delightful Easter morning hearing him recount word for word a portion of his favorite Easter sermon. It was beautiful revelation of his faith and excitement as he prepares to experience the gift of being Forgiven.

We celebrate the Easter victory **that Rev. Gary Rokenbrodt** celebrates. He was father of staff member Michael Rokenbrodt. [Click here](#) to be taken to the obituary.

Bulletin insert – We’ve checked and most events at Lutheran Island Camp this summer still have room. A few of the horseback riding camps are starting to fill and one family week is full. It’s time for our children to get signed up. Camp will be having a telethon on May 4th. You will be able to call in and register by phone.

May Newsletter article:

Recently Lutheran Island Camp held an event in Hinckley, MN. Two of the guests attending were Marvin and Lynette Maser of the Hinckley area. What was remarkable is that they had served as counselors back in 1963 at a Lutheran Service Volunteers training camp at which our own Bill Schultz was a camper. A friendship that has continued for well over 50 years! That kind of thing is a common story that we hear often. Well over 400 people have met their spouses at camp. Many hundreds of pastors, DCE’s, and teachers point to their camp experiences as a reason for going into the ministry. Most important is the relationship with that best friend of all, Jesus Christ. We often hear how a camp song, a Bible verse learned at camp, or a special devotional message comes to mind when former campers experience life’s joys and challenges. God blesses camp and campers in a special way.

May 4 is the **Spring Cleanup**. It is a great activity for individuals, families, youth groups, and friends to join in helping the camp get ready for a busy summer.

Plans are moving forward for an **RV PARK** at Christ Serve Ranch. We will have at least 15 to 20 spots available. If you are a camper and would like information about staying for a week or a summer, please contact us at info@christserveranch.org. We will have a limited number of seasonal spots available.

Virginia Anson will be celebrating her 100th Birthday this year and is once again providing a quilt for this year’s quilt auction. This one will be different. In cooperation with the Redeemer Willmar Quilting Group, donated shares of the quilt will be available for \$100 for each share. A generous donor has agreed to match the first 200 shares donated which could generate over \$40,000 for that one quilt. We will soon have information posted on our website if you would like to donate for one or more shares.

Jamboree's scheduled for this Sunday (April 28). Louis will be at Holy Cross-St. Cloud, Wayne will be at Our Redeemer-Moorhead, Rachel Wagner will be at Peace-Hermantown, Dave and Miriam Mueller will be at Trinity-Isle, Melodie Hobbie will be at St. Andrew's-Fargo, Ken will be at Trinity-New York Mills.

Summer 2019 Program Highlight:

Off-Island Explorer Day Camp

Day Camp is coming to St. Cloud this year. Camp activities for children K-6th grade will run from 7:30 am to 4 pm. There will be lots of activities, crafts, games, and so much more. Campers will take a field trip to Lutheran Island Camp. [Click here](#) to download a brochure

Ages: 5-12

Dates: #1 July 8-12 St. Cloud Area

Rates: \$135 basic rate per person

Deposit: \$25

Question and Answer

Question: Is spring at camp yet?

Answer: Just a few piles of snow left, grass is greening; lakes opening, trees starting to bud. Yep it is coming quickly.

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