

August 6, 2019

Greetings in Christ!

We are down to just a few events left for the summer. This week we have a servant event group that has come up all the way from Missouri. We also have a very full horseback riding camp and a classic Camp. The week is off to a great start..

As the summer winds down we are saying goodbye to some of our staff and welcoming others back for brief times to fill out the staff.

Our 28th Annual Quilt Auction is finished and it was fantastic. We raised about \$40,000 altogether. We sold over 320 quilts including baby and lap quilts and about 165 silent auction items. The auction started at 10:46 (after opening devotion) and ended at 3:56. Doug Maser did a fantastic job of **moving the auction along and generating some great bids.**

Bulletin insert:

Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers, quilters, and bidders who made the Lutheran Island Camp quilt auction a big success. Over \$40,000 was raised. Next year the auction will be held on Saturday, August 1, 2020.

Christ Serve news:

On July 23, 2019, the Resolution 5-09A was passed by the 67th Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). This resolution reaffirmed the historic position of the LCMS regarding God's act of creation in six natural days. In addition, the resolution instructs pastors to equip and teach members, especially youth, to understand and defend this Biblical witness to God's creative work. The synod provides a number of resources including *Together with All Creatures: Caring for God's Living Earth* (2010) and *All Things Hold Together in Christ: The Intersection of Science and Christian Theology* (2015). For those interested in exploring further, an online learning community will begin on September 29, 2019, and continue on the last Thursday of each month. Guest hosts will facilitate the conversation as we begin working through these synod resources. Look for more details in the coming weeks.

Virginia Ansoorge shares donations continue to be welcome. Each share of \$100 will be matched by a generous donor. The report at the auction was that 136 shares had been sold. Another 8 shares were sold that day. There is still time to purchase a share. Send your check for \$100 to Redeemer Lutheran Church in Willmar. There is a form that can be downloaded from our website under current brochures.

Shoes for the Mission

We were blessed to ship off 142 bags of shoes for our Shoes for the Mission project. We continue to gather shoes so keep them coming. LWML groups and Men's groups might consider gathering shoes for their fall events. We need gently used shoes in pairs.

Question and Answer:

Question: What will be done with the funds that were raised from Virginia's quilt?

Answer: The first \$1000 went to the quilt auction. The remaining up to \$39,000 has been designated to go to the construction and RV projects at Christ Serve Ranch.

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