

February 5, 2019

Greetings in Christ!

What a roller coaster of weather. Nearly 100 degrees in “feels like” temperature change in two days and then this week we will be experiencing some great winter weather with up to 6 inches of snow to come this week.

Our Annual Quilt Auction is coming up on August 3rd. It is always a big deal for camp but this year it will be even bigger. We are inviting all past staff members to join us for a **special reunion** that day. Enjoy the Auction and then spend some special time with other former staff members. Even if you can't make it, please complete the questionnaire, there will be some other events coming up in the coming years. [Click here](#) to fill in the questionnaire.

We are looking for **new board of directors and volunteers**. Lutheran Island Camp and Lutheran Island Camp Foundation each have boards of directors. Several of our board members have retired and we are also increasing the number on our Foundation board. In addition we have several advisory committees and task forces, including our Science and Environmental studies and our Equine College programs. We are also looking for congregational ambassadors who will represent Lutheran Island Camp and Christ Serve Ranch in your congregation.

On Sunday, Ken was blessed to worship and give an update on camp and the upcoming Summer Camps at Messiah Lutheran in Sartell. This coming Sunday he will be worshipping and giving an update to Trinity Lutheran in Sabin.

Monday and Tuesday of this week Louis and Ken are attending the 3CA conference in Alexandria. Over 30 camps from around Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Nebraska and Iowa are in attendance.

Our beloved head cook Deb is leaving camp later this spring and we want to find a great new person to head up our kitchen business. We are looking for someone with at least 3-4 years' experience.

Men's Retreat is coming up in just a little more than a week. Grab a couple of more friends, sign up, then get ready for a great weekend.

The **Polar Plunge** is always on the first weekend of March and it will be again. Youth from around the state will be joining us for the plunge into 32 degree water.

Help us with **Science Kits**. Our Science and Environmental Learning Center is developing a lending library of science kits. These kits will be available for parochial schools throughout the upper Midwest. They will include a curriculum, equipment, resources, and everything that is needed for 3-4 weeks of course work. We have 6 of the kits complete and are ready to move on with the next ones. Each kit requires about \$1000 to put together. We hope to have your help to move forward. [Click here](#) to go to the Christ Serve website. Click on the donate button at the top to give online or send a check to Christ Serve Ranch c/o Lutheran Island Camp Foundation, 45011 230th St. Henning, MN 56551.

We are looking for Teen Servants and Junior Counselors. If you are 15 and older [click here](#) to go to the information to help you sign up.

Summer Staff are in the process of being hired. If you know someone who would like to work at camp, contact us or go to [click here](#).

Summer 2019 Program Highlight:

Parent Child Trailblazer Camps

Dates and programs: These weekend events are for 6-11 year old youth and an adult. They are for those children who want to have a special experience with a parent, grandparent, uncle or other special adult in their lives. This year we are offering weekends that will have a special emphasis. Be sure to select the weekend that will provide the activities you would like to participate in.

Ages: 6-11 years old with an adult.

Dates and programs: Horseback Riding Weekends: #1 June 14-16; #2 August 9-11, #3 August 16-18. **Fishing Weekends:** #1 June 7-9, #2 July 19-21, #3 August 16-18. **Shooting Sports**

Weekends: #1 June 21-23, #2 July 26-28.

Costs: \$120 per person for Fishing; \$150 per person for Shooting Sports; \$200 per person for Horseback Riding

Deposit: \$50 for each person

Former staff member **Aaron Wagner** and his wife Samantha welcomed Lydia Avery Wagner in on February 2, 2019. 11 pounds 4 oz. 18 and $\frac{3}{4}$ inches long. Congratulations. Aaron is the son of Dan and Ellen Wagner who are also former staff members who met at camp and were married at camp in June of 1979.

Question and Answer:

Question: I have children who are 11 and 12 years of age and are coming to camp for the first time. Can they stay in the same cabin?

Answer: If they are signed up for the same program and you want them to stay together, we will get it to happen. You may run into a little problem if you register online. The computer program won't let you register for a program outside your age. The easiest is to give us a call and register by phone or send in a registration form by mail or email.

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