

March 26, 2019

Greetings in Christ!

We still have plenty of snow at camp, but it is going quickly and 50 degree temps in the next few days should take care of much of it. The long winter of 18-19 is nearly done. We may actually take snow removal off of the Spring Clean-up list.

Newsletter article for April Newsletter below – please share with your church secretary.

Lutheran Island Camp and Christ Serve Ranch

The importance of going to camp has been something that most people would agree with. The lasting impact of a Biblically based camp is both short term and long term has been studied recently and the findings are important for your family. Parents report that the short term impact on their child is general happiness, a desire to participate in church life, and agreement with church doctrine. However, new studies indicate that the long term impact may be even more important. While church attendance didn't follow into college years, adherence to faithfulness did and longer term, past campers were more apt to come back to church, follow the values of their church teachings, and know that they could count on their church and religious friends in time of need. Studies show that long term, campers are more apt to attend church, bring up their children in the church, and positively participate in religious discussions. At Lutheran Island Camp and Christ Serve Ranch we know that God is planting seeds in the lives of children and that He will provide the harvest to bring them home to Him.

Bulletin insert: The Women's Retreat at Lutheran Island Camp is coming up April 5-7. This retreat provides an opportunity for women to gather together, grow in faith, enjoy fellowship with other Christian women, and appreciate the beauty of God's creation. Sign up at www.islandcamp.org

Head cook position-As we have mentioned Deb, our great Head Cook, will be retiring as of May 19th. We give thanks to God for her service. We are looking for a new Head Cook. Please contact us at info@islandcamp.org if you are interested in receiving more information.

This about doing a **Door Offering** at your congregation and use a Thrivent Action Grant as a way to kick start your offering. Sign up for a fundraiser, order t-shirts, and promote the offering. You can send the camp the debit card or use it to cover expenses of promoting the offering.

Summer 2019 Program Highlight:

Explorer VBS

Make your **Vacation Bible School even more** special by bringing the kids to camp for a day. You'll arrive by 10:00 and enjoy lots of activities, Bible lesson time, a picnic lunch, swimming (weather permitting), singing, canteen, and more. We like to limit each day to 100 participants so sign up early. Departure is at 3:00

Give us a call with your tentative date. We'll send you confirmation and a list of things to bring. **Those congregations that have July or August VBS may contact us for arrangements as well.**

Dates and rates: June 3-7, June 10-14, June 17-21 \$15 per person

We are getting lots of registrations in the last two weeks. If you are a past camper, just give us a call to let us know which event you would like so that we can get you on the list.

The Women's Retreat is coming up in a couple of weeks: [Click here](#) to download a brochure.

Prayer List:

- 1.) We ask you to lift up several of our staff, volunteers, and donors who have family that are struggling with health issues.
- 2.) Give thanks to God for recent gifts of land, pledges, hay, shoes, and quilts.
- 3.) Please remember those folks affected by flooding in Minnesota and the surrounding states.
- 4.) Give thanks to our Lord for the geese and other birds that are beginning to return to their summer homes.
- 5.) Praise God for the 50 years of marriage for Marvin and Mary Swyter.

This past weekend Redeemer Lutheran Church in Willmar and Good Shepherd in Alexandria and Faith Lutheran in St. Cloud dropped off shoes for our shoe drive. Summer Camp Jamboree – this Sunday Ken will be blessed to be at Trinity in Bemidji.

Question and Answer:

Question: Where can I find out information about summer programs that you have for families?

Answer: Go to our website and look under Camps. **Excursion** is the name we use for Family and Adult Camps. Or [Click here](#).

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