

May 21, 2019

Greetings in Christ!

Spring is struggling to burst forth in a manner that we would expect. Temps are 20 degrees lower and we have had more than sufficient rainfall – almost 2 inches more in May alone. Everything is beautifully green.

Bulletin insert: Lutheran Island Camp provides great programs for children and families. There is still room in many of this summer's events. Visit the camp's website to register or use one of the brochures we have available here.

Newsletter article for June:

On June 2nd, nearly 30 young people will be installed at Lutheran Island Camp as the 2019 summer staff. The service will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Henning. This year's staff comes from around the country. Most are college students completing at least their first year of college. Many are studying for the ministry or church work of some type. They will have gone through a recruitment process by the NLOMA. They have had over 80 hours of training and will be ready to care for the hundreds of children who come to Lutheran Island Camp. As a congregation we will be praying for the camp and staff and we ask that each of our members lifts the camp up in your prayers.

Our thanks to **volunteers** who have stopped by at camp to help out with various projects. This week already we've had volunteers for mowing, quilt auction and Christ Serve Ranch. If you have some extra time, we could use help this spring and summer with projects that range from our gardens to the quilt auction, from answering phones to help with mailings, from mowing lawns to fishing guides, from help with our Shoes for the Mission project to forming a Thrivent Action Grant Team. We need you and appreciate you!

We encourage congregations in our district to **Link to LIC**. If your congregation has a website, please encourage your webmaster to put on link on the website to Lutheran Island Camp's website and/or Facebook pages.

2019 Summer Program Highlight:

Science Camp Weekends

This adventure is a shorter version of our Science week. Get out and explore God's creation with us this summer. Daily adventures will allow campers to consider the wonders of each day of God's creation. The sky, the waters, and the land of Christ Serve Ranch, and other field trip destinations, will be the laboratory for a study of Minnesota's unique landscape. We will be doing some horseback riding, kayaking, hiking, and camping so be sure to come prepared for adventure. **Ages:** Trailblazer (7-11), Voyageur (12-14)

Dates: #1 - June 14-16, #2 – July 12-14.

Cost: \$175

Deposit: \$25

This week at camp we've had several Outdoor Education groups enjoying both the Island and the Ranch.

Question and Answer

Question: Does the camp do background checks on staff and volunteers?

Answer: Yes, we require background checks on all of our staff and most of our volunteers. Some volunteers who have no contact with children and who are at camp for a few hours are asked to be with and under observation of a staff member.

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