

**Name:** Davina Ethridge (Robbins)

**How have you been involved with Lutheran Island Camp?**

Staff, Volunteer, Camper

**Please share with us one or more of your favorite memories at Lutheran Island Camp.**

Island Camp started giving me memories in 1994, and hasn't stopped! One of my first fondest memories was as a summer counselor, teaching 10-12 year old girl campers to fish, some for the first time in their lives!

A fond memory as a winter staff member was having the LIC Youth Board over to the Log Cabin (where I lived at the time) for leadership training, retreat planning, and just plain having fun together! (Aimee and Amy, remember Bucky's kennel? I still have it... and Bucky is still alive, too! )

Since meeting my husband at LIC in 1996, we've been blessed with children, and now we bring them to the Island! A terrific family memory is swimming at the beach together, there is something for each childhood stage and for teens and adults to enjoy on LIC's beachfront.

We are looking forward to signing up for a winter/spring Little Lamb's Camp, now that our third little lamb is 4 1/2 years old! We will also be sure to attend the Quilt Auction/Reunion next August. My own Mom does her best to never miss it!

Keep up the great work LIC Board and Staff!

**Tell us how God has worked through camp in your life.**

Beginning in 4th grade, attending an LCMS camp greatly widened and deepened my faith. I attended Camp Omega as a camper, and started to see the Christian Church as a much larger body of people than just my own Lutheran School and affiliated churches. It was exciting to learn about Jesus in the great outdoors, because it seemed that he often chose outdoors himself for places in which to teach.

As a counselor, I was challenged to stand firm in my faith and to search myself- did my behavior match my confession? It was a terrific physical, mental and emotional challenge, too. I matured in many ways that summer!

Another time at camp, just two years ago, my faith was strengthened in an extra special way. I attended the Mother/Daughter retreat with my Mom, sister, and my oldest daughter Rachael. While all of us girls already have a very close relationship, we were given direction during the retreat to read the Bible and pray together. We just don't always take time to do this when we meet with extended family. It was powerful and motivating as a Christian woman to read God's Word and to pray to Him with some of the most important women in my life. I really hope to go to that retreat with them again, maybe in 2010!

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I married the first Vicar from Immanuel Lutheran in Parker's Prairie. Rev Shawn Ethridge and I were married in 1999!

We have Rachael (8) Hannah (6) Caleb (4) and Ruth (8mo.)

Bucky, our black lab, was born about 1/2 mile from LIC and actually lived on the Island outside the Log Cabin his first year of life. He is 13 years old as of October 26. Wow!

We're having frozen pizza tonight for supper, after the children help push the couches back where they belong, and I am getting my haircut tomorrow. For more amazing facts about life in

Garfield, MN feel free to stop by and visit! We live in the parsonage right behind St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church (LCMS) right along Douglas County 12 in Garfield, only 34 miles from the causeway (of LIC of course). If you don't have time to stop in, we'll see you at the Island!

**What year(s), if any, were you on the LIC staff?**

1994 and 1996/97

**If you served on staff, what position(s) did you hold?**

summer cabin counselor 1994

youth program director October 1996-August 1997

**What year(s) were you a volunteer at LIC?**

1998, others

**What year(s) were you a camper at LIC?**

2004-present

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