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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.

One of my favorite memories is from the summer of 1983 when I served on staff as a counselor. At the end of the summer we had a family week. Some of the family members and staff went on a canoe trip. It was my first time canoeing over to West Battle and it was an adventure going through the channel from East Battle Lake over to West Battle Lake. I remember the fun of canoeing with the families and staff. It was a beautiful late summer day that I still recall even to this day. In 1983 I remember playing a lot of softball games and I remember Terry Border hitting a home run over the snow fence on the athletic field. That same summer I remember birdwatching with Pete Van Proosdy and my cousin Donna Drechsel. In 1985 one of my favorite staff memories was going to the Ice Cream Shop in Henning called the "Dairy Bar." Also, I remember singing in the chapel with Bruce Blocker and Lori (Arndt) Bates playing the piano and Mark Peske playing the guitar. Some of my ongoing memories today are the singing and devotional times down at the point especially in the summer.

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

The good Lord continues to use Lutheran Island Camp to strengthen me in the Christian faith. It goes back to when I was first attended an ACT leadership training weekend in 1978. My pastor at that time was Pastor Abrahams. I was a sophomore in high school and was our newly elected ACT president of our youth group. Pastor said it would be a good thing for me to attend. He was right. It was exciting to meet Christian youth who were in high school and college. I still remember our Bible study time and prayer time and taking the time to pray for one another. As a counselor I remember the opportunities the Lord gave me to talk with my campers as we joined in Bible study and devotions. I remember singing scripture songs and how they also helped me in memorizing the Word of God. I remember the evening talks in the cabin as we discussed the important things in life. Today, I am privileged to see how God continues to work in the lives of our campers and guests and volunteers and staff. Lutheran Island Camp has been used by God to show me through His creation that He provides me with everything that I need in this life and above all how at Lutheran Island Camp I have learned the importance of taking time to be in God's Word and to take time to be in daily prayer. Lastly, it is a blessing to see how God is working in the lives of my own family with the privilege of living here on His beautiful island.

Please feel free to share a personal update with other alumni in the space below.

Greetings in Christ! I was privileged to serve on staff here at Lutheran Island Camp in 1982 and 1985. I met my wife (Toni) at Camp Luther (Wisconsin) in 1984. We were married in 1989. The Lord has given us with 7 wonderful children. I am honored to now serve as the director of Lutheran Island Camp. I have been serving here since December of 2001. Our children attend Henning School which is where my wife also serves as a teacher. We are blessed to live and serve here on the island. My hobbies include: going on picnics, birdwatching, reading, softball, broomball, cross country skiing, family games, canoeing in the BWCA and spending time with family and friends,

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

1982, 1985, 2002-present

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

1982 - Counselor
1985 - Summer Program Director
2002 - Camp Director

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

What year(s) were you a camper at LIC?
1978

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Do you have any special requests or instructions for us?

Dave and Bill, thank you for all of your work in setting this up. What a wonderful opportunity for people to stay connected. Thank you also for your continued prayers! Please stop in and visit your Lutheran Island Camp!