

January 26, 2010

Greetings in Christ!

January weather has returned to the Island and with it the reminder of how difficult it is to plan events, meetings, and programs during this time of year. It's nice to know that we are assured in the hope we have of eternal life with our Creator.

Speaking of weather challenges, our guests this week are the Circuit Counselors from Minnesota North and North Dakota except that none of the North Dakota counselors could make it because of the blizzard conditions that hit that state. Several Minnesota pastors couldn't make it either. We have several other groups arriving this week so we are praying for some good weather to greet them.



We're going to raise \$30,000 for camperships. Who will this help?

This will help 60 parochial school kids ages 10-15 from around the upper Midwest to attend one

of our Young Scientist camps or Creation Safari camps.

It will allow 15 Native American children to come to camp for a week at no cost.

It will bring to camp 20 refugees, many of whom are Buddhist, Hindu, or Muslim, at no cost.

It will provide camperships of up to 50% to at least 50 children in the Minnesota North District.

You can participate in this effort by joining in our special **I love a camper appeal** on February 14th. Congregations are asked to have a special door offering that day. Families and individuals will be encouraged to donate on-line at our website or to send their contributions directly to camp. You can go to the website to download bulletin inserts, information for your newsletter, and information on how people can provide a campership for a child or *simply make a donation* that will be joined with others to help with the overall effort. Donations can also be sent to us through the mail. Go to our website and click on the logo to be taken to the "**I love a camper page**".

Upcoming events:

February 12-14	Trailblazer Winter Adventure
February 12-14	Father/Son Ice Fishing Weekend
February 19-21	Men's Retreat
February 26-28	Polar Plunge
February 28	VBS workshop
March 5-7	Lay Leadership and Elder Retreat
March 26-28	Little Lambs and Sheep Retreat
April 16-18	Women's Retreat
April 18	Creation and Life Issues Convocation

Summer Registrations are coming in. It's a good idea to get your registrations to us as soon as possible so that you won't be disappointed. There are also some discounts

available for those who register early. If you are registering for one of our 5-day, overnight camps and pay in full by April 1, you can take of \$20. And if you are one of the first 100 youth campers to register, we'll give you a \$5 canteen card!

We are looking for **globes!** Our theme this year is "A World For Christ" and we'd like to have lots of **maps and globes** available to show our campers where mission work is taking place. If you have a world map or globe that you aren't using and would give to camp, please drop it off or send it to us. We are also looking for people who might have spent time in foreign countries and who might have clothing, decorations, recipes, games, or other items from other countries that you would be willing to share with our campers.

We continue to receive gifts directed to completion of the Chapel. Recently St. Mark's Lutheran in Benson provided over \$1600 for that purpose. We have quite a lot to still get done before this summer. We hope to bring in some heaters in February so that volunteers can continue their work on the paneling. We also want to rebuild the canteen before this summer. If God has blessed you in a special way recently, perhaps you would consider given a percentage of that blessing for our chapel project.

Question and Answer:

Question: Our family has been supporting Lutheran Island Camp for many years. We'd like to know how best to continue that support after we're no longer here.

Answer: There are several ways you can do that including some that would actually provide you with benefits right now. For example you could set up a charitable annuity, transfer ownership of a life insurance policy, or purchase a unit in our Friends of Creation-science Limited Liability Company. The best thing to do would be to give us a call and one of our staff can meet with you.

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