

November 3, 2009

Greetings in Christ!

October is completed, finished, done, over with, concluded, ended, over, defunct, departed, extinct, past, has waned, done for, vanished, disappeared, and caput. We say “great” bring on the cold, the wet, the snow, the misery – oh yeah, that was October! It was a very wet, very cold month and we struggled to get everything done that needed to be done. Our focus changes rather dramatically now as we prepare in earnest for the rest of the winter, the spring, and, of course, our Summer 2010 camping season.

Island Christmas Dinners: We are pleased that accomplished guitar player and musician Jonathan Moeller, a son of the Immanuel Lutheran-Parkers Prairie congregation will be providing our entertainment for the December 20th Island Christmas dinner. We are working on the final dinner and hope to announce it next week.

Christ Serve Ranch and the Creation-Science Environmental Learning Center will be highlighted in an upcoming Fargo Forum. We ask for your prayers for our staff and volunteers who will be interviewed about these projects. As many of you know, we have come under some attacks by those who view Creation as a fairytale and the Bible as a storybook. Even some in our own church have attacked our creation programs as “unnecessary”, too controversial, or not within the mission of camp. Yet an ever increasing majority of people are beginning to understand the significance of what Lutheran Island Camp and the Creation-Science task force are trying to accomplish. And, support continues to grow for the project we have undertaken. And, in the last year alone we’ve had nearly 700 people attend programs related to our efforts here at camp and in other venues. In 2010 we plan for even more.

Make a World for Christ Appeal: God continues to bless us through some wonderful volunteers who have agreed to help with this gigantic effort to raise funds. A sub theme of our campaign is the raising up of missionaries to do God’s work. That is certainly something we take very seriously here at camp. We are working with Alumni Chair [Dave Mueller](#) to identify where many of our former campers and staff are located. We already know that many of them have gone into full time professional church work. Others are providing mission support through congregations throughout the world. We are so blessed that God has used the camp to further His work.

Development: We have been truly blessed by many Thrivent matching gift forms arriving in the past couple of weeks. Last week we received some wonderful in-kind gifts from a lady who is downsizing her house and possessions. We transported a couple of pick-up loads and a trailer load of furniture, lumber, equipment and other things. We were also blessed so much by a couple of wagon loads of pews, furniture, and other items from Trinity Lutheran in Pelican Rapids, which closed its doors recently.

Teen Trek Winter Extravaganza: We’ve attached a brochure for the upcoming Teen Trek Winter Extravaganza. Brian Young will be the featured speaker.

Our **Summer Schedule for 2010** is down from our website for a week or two. We have had a number of changes that have happened and decided that until we get everything a little more finalized with some of them that we would take those pages down.

This week we are welcoming our **November Quilting Retreat!** Welcome all. David and Shirley Vik will be our hosts for the weekend. If you would like to participate in our hosting program, please give us a call. We'd be happy to share information with you.

We are looking forward to hosting many of the Lutheran Camps in the Midwest. Their staffs will be arriving at the Island the week of December 6 and will be here for 3-4 days. We expect as many as 60 people to join us from Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Missouri, Indiana, Nebraska, Minnesota, and North Dakota.

Question and Answer:

Question: How can I ask a question or get information about something at camp?

Answer: You can reply to this e-mail, but not "reply all". Or you can direct your questions to info@islandcamp.org or info@christserveranch.org if your question is about Creation-Science. You can also call us at the number below. Some questions may be answered through this part of the e-news, others will receive direct answers.

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