

September 22, 2009

Greetings in Christ!

Our summer like weather continued right through the weekend. It was just what we needed for our guests at camp. We enjoyed having parish nurses and a large confirmation group from Huron, South Dakota. We also had a delightful Open House at Christ Serve Ranch. We'll share more about that in tomorrow's e-news.

Pastors-we're looking forward to seeing you at the Pastors' Conference next week in St. Cloud. Kirk Lee and Dave Strohschein will be leading the Clergy Conversation concerning the Make a World for Christ Appeal during the conference. Please bring your thoughts, suggestions, and list of potential volunteers.

Board meeting news: The board of directors met last Friday and did their annual walk-through of the camp's facilities. They saw the great progress that has been made in the chapel; saw the new devotional area in Sunset Village as well as the new patios; saw several other projects including a new walk-way and work on the unit lodge. In other action, the board received the annual audit and authorized submission of reports to the IRS and the Attorney General. They also heard an exciting report of the Make a World for Christ Appeal. Committee reports were presented by the Public relations/Program committee and the Properties committee. We were also pleased to greet Gene Meyer of Willmar who attended his first board meeting.

God continues to bless us with some busy weekends. This coming weekend we'll be busy with several groups including the spouses of professional church workers, our Autumn Adventure, and the Mary Kay advance.

There is still room for more kids in our **Autumn Adventure** so give us a call to register your child.

Don't forget to come out for our **clean-up weekend!** We can really use your help this year. If you want to know what tools to bring, give Marvin a call at camp.

Our "**Responding to Evolution**" weekend with Brian Young is filling up. We've recently booked in groups from Bemidji and Breckenridge as well as a number of other individuals and couples. If we need to, we'll try to keep some of our cabins open to meet the need. We hope to have a special announcement concerning that weekend in the next few days. We're trying to line up a debate between Brian and a college professor who has been especially vocal in his negativity toward our creation science programs.

The Island is continuing to be beautiful! Leaves are starting to change color, the lawns are still nice and green, and the air is fresh and refreshing. We'd love to have you stop out for a visit. The coffee pot is always on, so bring the cookies and we'll have a great visit. Our Senior Days is a great way to enjoy the scenery and to hear about the great things happening at camp.

We want to thank a couple of farmers for their generous gift of hay for our **Horse Outreach Program**. We have been blessed with nearly enough hay given or bought at

a good price now to get through the winter. We probably need about 30 more big bales to be set.

Program and Facility renovation and updating: We continue to make good progress on Lydia Cabin which has been completely rebuilt. The siding has been nearly all put on and it won't be long until the roof gets up. We'll be using it as a hermitage and for meetings and other events. You may have noticed our new corral behind the maintenance shed. We keep Bonnie and Clyde (our wagon team) there as well as an occasional horse that needs special care or is getting ready for a new home.

Don't forget to put August 6-8, 2010 on your calendar. We'll be celebrating the entire weekend with an all staff (paid and volunteer) reunion, our Annual Quilt Auction, rededication of the Chapel, and a Mission Festival that will serve as the kick-off for our congregational phase of the Make a World for Christ Appeal.

We are beginning to explore doing an international mission trip in 2011 that would be in conjunction with the missions we'll be supporting through Make a World for Christ. Youth participating should have gone through our Christ Serve Leadership Training program. That program is available in October, December, and next June. Sign up for one of those events.

Question and Answer:

Question: What will you be raising money for in the Make a World for Christ Appeal?

Answer: Phase 1 or the Basic Goal will raise funds to renovate the ERC and to add a new kitchen as well as an initial amount for three mission projects selected by the district convention. Phase 2 or the Challenge Goal will continue to raise funds for the mission projects, pay-off some debt and begin a new Adult and family facility. Phase 3 or the Celebration Goal will raise the final amount for the mission projects, pay-off some additional debt (if it is still there) and provide additional square footage in the adult facility.

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