



Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Newsletter



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Summer 2008 Just for Life!

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Family Camp:	Families (all ages)
Mini-Camp:	Completed grade 2
Villager:	Completed grades 3-4
Vagabond:	Completed grades 5-6
Fishing Camp:	Completed grades 5-8
Venturer & Jr. Valiant:	Completed grades 7-8
Veteran & Sr. Valiant:	Completed grades 9-12
Voyage:	Completed grades 9-12
L.Y.L.E.:	16 years and older (Lutheran Youth Leadership Experience)
Victory:	Mentally/Physically Challenged Adults
*Camp New Day:	Children of incarcerated adults
	<i>*Camp New Day utilizes FLLC site & staff, but is <u>not</u> an FLLC program.</i>



Please note that all camps in **BOLD** are *NEW* or *redesigned*.
High School age campers actually have a possibility to be at camp for 5 weeks
(Veteran, Sr. Valiant, L.Y.L.E., and Voyage)!!



Register online at www.fortunelake.org, email registrar@fortunelake.org or call (906) 875-3697.



Jeff's "Little" Corner of Camp

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Bwana Asifiwe!

Just a quick note from the physical side of things here at the camp. We moved. Well, kinda. The offices are now in the downstairs of the parsonage. Well, kinda. Pastor Art's office is upstairs there, and I'm upstairs in the dining hall - mostly. The move is done; except for the bits left behind that still need to be dealt with. We are moving in other areas too! High-speed internet should be in place come spring. We've lived with dial-up (remember dial-up? . . . yeah . . .) for these many years, and now will be moving right into 1998! Moving forward with changes in Hickory-Hemlock, the Chapel, and other areas as well. Come out and visit! And bring your gloves

Be blessed, Jeff

Camp Grandparents:



We are looking for loving, caring, Spirit-filled grandparent-age people to join us for a FREE WEEK at Fortune Lake in our beautiful 'adult-centered' Emanuel Lodge. During your stay, we simply ask that you be around and available to share in camp events and give a gentle hand with those youth who need some 'extra TLC' during their time away from home. Camp Grandparents are needed for weeks: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 8. Please consider this awesome experience. It's a fantastic way to relax and share your God-given talent of CARING. For more information, please contact Soren at: 906-875-3697 or programdirector@fortunelake.org

Guest Pastors

Pastors, A.I.M., L.L.M., and Church Youth & Family Leaders...we need YOU! Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp would like to fill every available camp week with at least 4 church leaders. Your stay at Fortune Lake in Emanuel Lodge is FREE OF CHARGE in exchange for your leadership and guidance at camp. In 2007, we had at least 1-2 pastors/leaders for every week. Everyone stated how great it was to be involved, and it certainly helped to strengthen the ties between YOUTH, LEADERS, CAMP & CHURCH communities. Please prayerfully consider becoming part of this faith-building program! For more information, please contact Soren at: 906-875-3697 or programdirector@fortunelake.org

Volunteers... We Love Um!

The summer of 2007 hosted a large number of volunteers. 67 to be exact! We had guest pastors, leaders, camp grandparents, volunteers and alumni assistance. The lists to sign up for the summer of 2008 are in the office, call today to sign up! I know the kids look forward to seeing you again and so do we!

We are starting up our **FLAMES** Program again and this time they will be HOT! By becoming a congregational contact person you will be the link that connects camp and church. Contact Soren at camp for more information.

Calling all Nurses!

Would you be willing to "donate" a week or two to camp? Fortune Lake prides itself on safety. Parents from across the Midwest trust their children to us because they know our reputation. Use your time at camp to nurture your relationship with God and explore your talents in our camp setting. Give us a call and let us know what week(s) you are available.

Camp Work Projects

Do you have an unbelievable ability when it comes to planning events? Do you like to be in the public's eye promoting causes that are dear to you? Do you have the knowledge and skills that our property or program committee need? Volunteers are the backbone of many of our programs. God gave each and every one of us gifts to use in His service. Volunteers are needed on committees, during summer camp and throughout the year at our many youth events. The nature of our ministry allows you the opportunity to be involved with the on-going upgrading of this facility. Come with your own crew; join in an existing work crew, or begin from scratch with fellow volunteers. There will always be plenty to do here, and we need many hands to make this work.

Current Projects and some in the not so far off future -

Painting - Many of our buildings are in need of a new coat of paint inside. We need people with 'attention to detail' skills, and we will need paint

Carpeting - (right after the paint?) Many of those same buildings need new carpeting. Fund raiser?

Logging - we need to do some select cutting of our property for safety, and to benefit the overall health of our natural areas. Volunteers will be marking trees in the spring, and we need experienced people to down, prepare and move the logs for roadside pick-up. This is not an all-out logging operation, and as such will be done on an intermittent basis as labor is available.

Roofing - Hickory-Hemlock has a new metal roof ready to be installed when the weather allows (no wind!). But first - the use of this building may be changing, requiring some exterior renovation prior to putting on the new roof.

Office - Now that the office is in place, air conditioning should be considered. For the sake of the office supplies (paper, copiers, folding machine, etc.) and the staff. Humidity control could be addressed at the same time.



Soren's Scribbles...

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Greetings fellow followers of Christ Jesus! We have been active and alive in Christ Jesus, and are eagerly awaiting your return to camp (or your first time here). Programs developments have been buzzing with new excitement and a continued commitment to sharing in your experience and growth in faith-development. Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp is excited to add new and improved programs! For instance, take a look at these 4 hot items for summer camping:

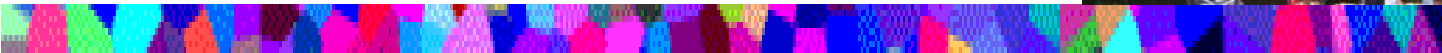
August 10-15 offers 3 new or improved programs:

Family Camp has become more affordable! Kids 7 & under are now FREE, and all ages 8+ are just \$200/person! Don't miss out on this wonderful Family faith-bonding time together. Family Camp schedules can adjust according to your family needs. Each day is filled with excitement through Bible Studies, Meals, Waterfront activities, family gatherings, games and more!

Fishing Camp is a new program to Fortune Lake. Due to popular demand, we have scheduled a grand week of Fishing and Faith development for 5th - 8th graders. There will be an opportunity to fish in three different venues: Lake fishing, trout pond fishing and River fishing. Some fishing gear is available, but bringing your own will add more to the excitement and the understanding of your own gear!

Voyage Camp has returned! We are partnering with Boundary Waters camp in Minnesota for a tremendous outdoor canoe experience. You adventure begins and ends at Fortune Lake. Throughout the week, Voyage counselors will be helping you to develop a strong personal faith and some brand new outdoor living skills. This is a once in a lifetime deal...don't miss out!

Our athletic cross training program, Valiants, has now been split into 2 age levels. First, Jr. Valiants (completed grades 7-8) are active in their faith and fitness as they develop and practice the skills necessary to increase their overall conditioning and strength of body, mind and Spirit! Then, our Sr. Valiants (completed grades 9-12) hone in on their athletic and personal faith-building abilities using scripture, plyometrics, guest coaches, and a wide variety of activities. The Sr. Valiants is a rigorous 'cross training' program designed for overall fitness, not just a certain sport or activity. Talk with any of our past Valiant campers, and they'll all agree that the Valiant program is definitely one to attend!



Cartridges for Kids



"Help your environment and Fortune Lake at the same time!"

Fortune Lake is now accepting donations of recyclable items. Empty Inkjet and Laser Cartridges, used Cell Phones, Digital Cameras, Laptops, PDAs, Plam Pilots, iPods, DVD Movies, Video Game Consoles and Video Games are being collected at Fortune Lake. We will be accepting these items year round and will use the money received to fund programs at camp.



Fun Funds at GFS

Fun Funds is a unique, year-round rebate program available to Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp. Every purchase made at GFS by our organization members will count towards our rebates. This program is available to anyone—you need not be a member of Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp to qualify. Contact us at (906) 875-3679 or at officemanager@fortunelake.org if you would like to join this free program.



Art's Alliteration

Rev. Art Weiss, Executive Director,
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There is a quotation that reads:

***'If you are planning for one year, plant grain.
If you are planning for ten years, plant trees.
If you are planning for 100 years, plant men.
If you are planning for eternity, bring young men and women
into the redeeming fellowship of Jesus Christ.'***

This may seem a strange quote to use to introduce myself to you, but I think it is an appropriate place to begin. Most introductions begin with: Who is your family? Where do you come from? What have you done? What do you believe? What are the principles that guide your life? How will our lives be enriched by your presence?

Each of the four focuses of the quote above help to introduce what I understand to be necessary components of my life, my work in Camping Ministry and the direction I see for Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Association.

Grain -- This focus is about the **regular - routine - annual** things that need to be attended to:

Safety -- training staff to use caution at all times, train in first aid, waterfront safety; care for individual needs; respect of differences and individual abilities

Food Service -- providing healthy, nutritious, balanced, appetizing meals; meeting all industry and state standards of food safety and cleanliness

Maintenance/housekeeping -- keeping facilities and equipment in good working order and presentation; being good stewards

Accountability -- publicity, registration process, financial recordkeeping; resource development – fees, annual gifts of support

Trees -- This focus is **organizational**:

Philosophy -- what is the program philosophy of operations; what is the focus of our operations; dealing with ownership, corporate identity

Art cont.

Connectedness -- how do we relate to and create partnerships with our participants, congregations, Northern Great Lake Synod, the wider church – ELCA and other denominations

Managerial -- how do we function; how do we direct and manage our ministry; supervision; policies; procedures; risk management

Structural -- what facilities should we have to implement our organization and philosophy; raising funds for capital investments and development

Men -- This focus deals with **relationships**:

Person to person caring relationships -- associations that last a lifetime- built on common experiences and commitments; living together in Christian Community

Individuals -- the people who participate in programs -- Campers, Retreaters, Parents, Pastor, Youth Leaders; full-time and seasonal staff -- staff selection and training; public relations

Leadership development -- guiding individuals in skill enhancement to serve the camp, their congregation, the synod, their communities

Financial Security -- establishing endowments for the continued stability of financial support; developing and securing planned gifts through bequest, annuities and trusts

Fellowship of Jesus Christ -- This focus must **undergird and encircle all that we do!** This is the **canvas** on which we paint Camping Ministry!! This is the **Rock** on which we stand!!!

Christian Worship -- people, piety, time, place, prayer, preaching, and music all combine to enliven our lives lived together in Christian Community

Bible Study -- The study of the Bible as God's Word is central to our understanding of God's plan for us. Focusing on God's word and its guidance and meaning in our daily lives lived in His presence and Grace

Prayer, Reflection and Devotions -- In a Christian camp, campers encounter the living God as Creator, Lord, and Sanctifier. We meet God at work in the world. As Creator, God is present as we live, play, work, and eat in the outdoors. As Lord, we celebrate the presence of Jesus among us. And through the Spirit, we are made holy and experience the joy of new life together.

This is the outlook and direction I bring to the ministry of Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp. I have served as a pastor of the church for thirty years, **sixteen years as a parish pastor and fourteen years in camping/outdoor** ministry. I come with a passion/love of **congregational ministry** and the way in which **partnering** with camping/outdoor ministry can **enrich and compliment** that missional work.

I look forward to opportunities for **discussions** of how we can partner in ministry, to develop **relationships** with churches, groups and individuals, and to continue our Christian **Pilgrimages** together.



*"The only limitation in your life is the limitation of your own thinking."
-- James A. Ray*

Fortune Lake Needs List...

Plow truck-with plow– New or nearly new.

Insulation and installation for Shop

Scaffolding/ladders– Commercial grade scaffolding and 8’ and 10’ (type III) fiberglass step ladders.

Gravel for road maintenance

Baseballs, softballs, gloves, bats

Basketballs, volleyballs, 4-square balls

Refrigerator

Freezer–Upright or Chest

Board Games

Books–Children’s and New “Cranberry” ELW, NIV or NRSV Bibles

100 cup Coffee makers

Office Supplies–Copy paper, envelopes, stamps, pens, printer ink, toner, etc

Always need:

Shovels, rakes, claw hammers, hand tools etc. Specific building materials (call first)

We can also, always use funds towards any of the above items,



Fortune Lake Wish List...

Tractor with backhoe* - In the past, we were generously allowed the use of a backhoe for several weeks, and were able to do quite a few projects not otherwise practical.

\$20000 +

* with a cab and heater, it can be used for snow removal ,eliminating the need for a plow!

Quad -Four Wheeler - Golf Cart Often times we use a pick up to run from one end of camp to the other. When we don’t need to carry something large, a smaller vehicle would be better.

\$5000 - \$8000

Wire-feed Welder (Hobart/Miller, 135/185 or larger) –To keep some of our equipment (plow, tractor and others) in repair and to facilitate repair and upgrading of trailers, picnic tables, canoes, etc.

Reconditioned–\$375 - \$425

Chapel Renovations! - Bathroom and a serving/warming kitchen, and equipment to transport food & beverages.

Hefty Dock Section Funds (\$500 each section)

Music & eMedia funding for equipment & supplies

Instruments in good working order.

Build New Podiums and easels

“Industrial Strength” Ping Pong table

Computers New or nearly new

Office Desks, chairs and chair mats

100 cup coffee makers

CO Detectors

New or “Gently” used furniture for the common areas





It might have taken 20 years, but we did it! The offices of Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp have moved. Our thanks to Ruth Warmanen, Chris Kuzak, Carl Lind and Peter Johnson who helped make this transition much easier. Art, Nicole and Soren can now be found at the parsonage. Jeff has stayed behind and has taken over the former copier room. Art has his new office in the upstairs of the parsonage, the former living room. Soren has the first room to the left as you go down the stairs in the basement. The room to the right as you go downstairs is a copy/work room. Next to the work room is Nicole. This current set up seems to be working well. Next time you are at camp, stop by and check out the new offices!

Notes from Nicole



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Phillip Brooks once said "You can keep a faith only as you can keep a plant, by rooting it into your life and making it grown there." It has been 6 months since I started here at camp and it is hard to believe we are gearing up for the summer of 2008 already although, we might be right on schedule because I see they are putting out shorts and swimsuits already! I am looking forward to all of the children growing roots at camp this summer.

My husband, Chris, and I are raising twin teenagers. Everyone's first instinct is to say, "Ohhh twins, I've always wanted twins." Don't get me wrong, they are two of my most precious gifts from God, but there are days that are hmmm 'interesting'. I often say they are the best of friends and the worst of enemies. No one can fight like a girl, NO ONE! But overall they are wonderful. They are in 7th grade and are already thinking about colleges and their future. I tell them time and time again to slow down, enjoy being a kid, too often they don't.

They have been to camp on several occasions and I must say that here they are away from the pressures that society and peers place on them. Everyone here has encouraged them to be who they want to be! I have a picture at my house that says, 'dance as if no one is watching, sing as if no one is listening and live each day as if it was your last.' That was my parenting motto, until camp. Now my girls sing for us to listen, dance for us to watch and live each day as if it was their last. Every night I thank God for His work through the staff and for His gift of Camp.

Praying for the future of our youth,
Nicole

Check our website often for upcoming events! This spring we are buzzing with activities and our weekends are booking fast. Do you want to hold a retreat during the week? We have several weeks open so, get your friends together and head to camp. We are planning our Quilt Auction already and we know that this year will be exciting! This would be a great time to schedule a midweek quilting retreat.



"Children have more need of models than of critics." Carolyn Coats

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Come and experience a reflective, renewal, or even an 'aha' moment at the camp. We are your outdoor ministry facility, and holding your event here would benefit you and the camp. We can plan your visit (our program staff); we can host your planned event, or any combination in between. Call our office for details.

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Check out our website www.fortunelake.org often for updates. Bookmark us, add us to your favorites! Email us or call us with your suggestions. If you do not see what you are looking for, let us know.

Save the date...

Annual Meeting

March 2, 2008

3:00 PM

Central Standard Time

2008 Summer Staff Applications

Attention! Summer Staff Applications and references are now being accepted for our 2008 summer season! Applications, references and our recruiting brochure are available online at www.fortunelake.org or request one via email: programdirector@fortunelake.org