

Prairie Lake News



Camping with Christ....For lives of faith

Let it Snow!

We've had quite the snowfalls here at camp the past month. Eight inches here, thirteen inches there...it's truly a winter wonderland! With all of this snow, we have great opportunities for sledding, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and all kinds of other winter fun. Come check it out!

Family Fun Fest

February 6-8

People of all ages are invited to this weekend of winter fun, faith and fellowship.

Marriage Enrichment Retreat

February 13-14

Spend great quality time with your spouse.

Artistic Creations

Feb. 27-March 1 (many spots available)

March 13-15 (full)

Stamp, scrap, knit, quilt, paint, or all five!

Quilting Away

March 6-8

Bring your own projects, and a friend or two!

CCM Hits the Road!

February is fast approaching, and, to our staff (especially Wade), that means it's time to hit the recruiting trail! Camp of the Cross will be represented at schools across the tri-state region as noted. If you know of a student attending one of these schools, please encourage them to come and speak with us about summer employment! Traditionally, we are located in the college's Student Union from 9am-3pm.

Men in Mission

March 27-28

Great guys weekend of work and worship.

A Threefold Cord

April 17-18

Explore together areas of challenge and joy as you prepare for married life.

Ageless Iron

April 18

A great day of vintage tractors and engines.

4th-6th Grade Bash

April 24-25

Bring your friends for a weekend of games, food, campfire worship, and our awesome God! Contact your pastor to register.

Work Weekend

May 1-3

Help get the camp ready for summer.

Thank You!

Thank you to all who responded so generously to our holiday appeal. We are blessed to have each and every gift for this incredible ministry. Thank you!

February 2 – University of North Dakota
February 3 – North Dakota State University
February 4 – Concordia Moorhead
February 5 – Minnesota State Moorhead
February 9 – South Dakota State University
February 10 – Bismarck State College
February 11 – University of Mary
February 12 – Jamestown College
February 17 & 18 – Dickinson State
February 19 – Minot State University

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Wish List

- ✓ 8 1/2" x 11" Legal Pads
- ✓ 75 watt CFL light bulbs
- ✓ Avery Mailing Labels (5160)
- ✓ 2 1/4" Calculator Paper Rolls

Mark Your Calendar

- ❖ **CCM Annual Meeting**
Augustana Lutheran Church, Underwood
February 15, 2009
3:00pm (CST)
- ❖ **Prairie Lake Festival**
June 27, 2009
Auction begins at noon
- ❖ **Prairie Masters Golf Outing**
Garrison Golf Club
August 4, 2009

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From the Executive Director Rev. Janis Sloka, III

Happy New Year! I first want to thank everyone for their wonderful support and outpouring of gifts during this year's Holiday Appeal. We can not thank you enough for this financial support. It is very helpful to supplement the income we get from programs and congregational support.

I also want to thank the many congregations that have hosted me or other members of the CCM staff at their Sunday morning worship services and other events over the past year and a half. It has been a wonderful experience getting to know pastors and their congregations who put so much of their time and prayers into the success of Camp of the Cross and its ministries.

After this May, we will have visited nearly all of the constituent congregations that make up the corporation of Camp of the Cross. If we have not already visited or scheduled a visit with your congregation for this winter or spring, please get in touch with the office to put a CCM staff visit on your congregations calendar. We will begin the rotation again this fall and look forward to revisiting our supporting congregations.

As we look to the new year- please be reminded of the Annual Meeting for Camp of the Cross to be held Sunday, February 15th at 3PM CDT. The meeting will be held at Augustana Lutheran Church in Underwood. Our thanks go out to the Augustana parish for hosting us this year. Each congregation is asked to be represented by their pastor and at least one lay person. More information will sent to your congregations as the day approaches.

This summer's theme: Love to Serve!

Each summer, we utilize a curriculum that is produced by the ELCA specifically designed to be used in summer camping ministry. The theme of this year's curriculum is "Love to Serve." As you may know, CCM has two annual programs with a servant focus: Dream Catchers and our Servant Bus. This summer, we will give every camper opportunities for service in our camp community. Campers will serve our site and serve one another in their cabin groups. When that service leads to cabin groups serving one another, it will represent how our world could look someday.

Our goal is to have campers better understand not only who we serve or in what manner we serve, but that they will grow in their own call to service.

"For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Mark 10:45

Again, thank you for a beautiful camp, your prayers and a wonderful ministry to be serving at as a pastor! Please don't ever hesitate to be in contact with me if you have any questions or any concerns. My "door" is always open via a phone call, an e-mail message or a visit to you or you visiting the camp!

Site Notes Ben Hamilton

Here at camp we have joined many of you in the wonderful abundant gift of white powder on the ground. I have a running total of days I have not moved snow this past month and have yet to make that count continue to my right hand. Although I enjoy the warmth and comfort being inside there is something about the snow that makes me come alive.

I am excited today to receive the pieces that hold our main plow blade onto the truck back from the welder. Last month I opened my mouth and mentioned that the plow was in great working order. Less than a day later we were without the front blade and have been moving everything with the side blade. It will be nice to effectively move the snow once again!

Other projects underway around camp are the conversion to Wade's apartment and completion of bathrooms in the storm shelter/staff lounge. The conversion of the apartment has started, and Wade is enjoying his new living room. We look forward to the completion of the kitchen cabinets by the Men of Faith in Bismarck with special help from Bob Lussenden and a grant from Thrivent Financial. Supplies for the bathrooms have been obtained and I look forward to volunteer help from Scott Schonaur and Doug Steinmetz on that project, as well as on the apartment.

I hope you all had a blessed Christmas and will continue to have a wonderful New Year!



Summer Options 2009

We can't wait to have you at camp! Look for more information about each camp (including registration fees) in our summer brochure! The brochure can also be found online at <http://www.campofthecross.com>

Lower Elementary

My Parent and Me/My Grandparent and Me

entering grades 1-5

June 7-9 (Sunday—Tuesday)

June 10-12 (Wednesday—Friday)

Voyagers

entering grades 2-4

July 12-14 (Sunday—Tuesday)

July 15-17 (Wednesday—Friday)

August 2-4 (Sunday—Tuesday)

August 5-7 (Wednesday—Friday)

Pioneer Camp

entering grades 1-7

August 9-11 (Sunday—Tuesday)

Upper Elementary

Homesteaders

entering grades 4-5

June 7-12 June 14-19

June 21-25 (Sunday-Thursday)

June 28-July 2 (Sunday-Thursday)

July 12-17 July 26-31

August 2-7

Art Camp

entering grades 4-7

June 21-25 (Sunday—Thursday)

Guitar Camp

entering grades 4-9

June 21-25 (Sunday—Thursday)

Prairie Dwellers

entering grades 6-7

June 7-12 June 14-19

June 21-25 (Sunday—Thursday)

June 28-July 2 (Sunday—Thursday)

July 12-17 July 26-31

August 2-7

Fishing Camp

entering grades 5-9

June 28-July 2 (Sunday—Thursday)

Pioneer Camp

entering grades 1-6

Aug 9-11 (Sunday—Tuesday)

Junior and Senior High

Pathfinders

entering grades 8-10

July 19-24

In-tents Camping

entering grades 8-10

July 12-17

July 26-31

August 2-7

Kenosee Splashdown

entering grades 8-10

August 2-7

Dreamcatchers

entering grades 8-12

July 19-24

Sakakawea Trekkers

entering grades 8-12

June 21-25 (Sunday—Thursday)

Sakakawea Adventure

entering grades 8-12

June 28-July 2 (Sunday—Thursday)

Rocky Mtn Backpacking

entering 10-12

July 26-31

Disciple Training

entering grades 10-12

June 7-12

June 21-25 (Sunday—Thursday)

June 28-July 2 (Sunday—Thursday)

Disciple Weeks

entering grades 10-12

June 14-19

July 12-17

July 26-31

August 2-7

August 9-11 (Sunday—Tuesday)

NYC Servant Bus

entering grades 8-12

July 9-17 (Thursday-Friday)

July 16-24 (Thursday-Friday)

Adult Ministries

All God's Family Camp

for all ages

August 9-12 (Sunday—Wednesday)

55 + -ers

individuals over the age of 55

June 28-July 2

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Family Fun Fest

February 6-8, 2009



For families of any size ...

spend time in God's creation ...

with the ones you love the most!



\$195 per family (immediate family only)

Arrival at 6:30 pm, departure at 11:00 am Sunday morning

Registration form available online at www.campofthecross.com