

Prairie Lake News



Camping with Christ....For Lives of Faith

**It's time to say good bye...
& THANK YOU!
to Sally & Amy**

After 15 year and 7 years with Camp of the Cross Ministries both Sally and Amy will be leaving the ministry as of May 15th.

Sally is retiring to be with her husband Tim who had already retired last summer. Amy is looking for a new adventure and is moving to Mandan and will be working for Valley View Heights.

In lieu of a "going away party" at their request- we are having a "card shower and gift shower" for them.

So how can you participate?

You may send cards to:

- Sally Nordquist
PO Box 73
Garrison, ND 58540
- Amy Hansen
3741 Arikara Ave. N.
Mandan, ND 58554

Or if it is more convenient for you, cards may be dropped off at S & J Hardware Store in Garrison and we will get them to Sally & Amy.

If you have any questions- please don't hesitate to be in contact with Janis at 337-2246 or janis@campofthecross.com.

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Did you GoodSearch or Goodshop last month?

From the Office Manager Sally Nordquist

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to work at Camp of the Cross for the last 15 years.

The camp has become a very important place in my life and my family's life. I have met and made many friends through my work at the Camp---from pastors, full-time staff, summer staff, board members, volunteers and constituents and I do treasure those friendships.

Tim and I look forward to spending more time together this summer and the time ahead. We have many hobbies to keep us busy and are looking forward to fishing, golfing and whatever retirement brings.

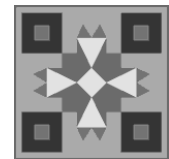
The Camp has come a long way over the last 15 years and I truly believe with Janis's leadership and your support the Camp will continue to prosper!

Work Weekend

Was a huge success! Thank you to the following groups and individuals:

The Women of Grace, McClusky
The Women of St. Paul, Garrison
The Women of Immanuel, Roseglen
The Youth of First, Washburn
The Youth, of Corpus Christi, Bismarck
The Gardner Family
The Striefel Family
Chuck & Nancy Proper
Neila Rae Ludwik
Judy Proffit
Lu Graeber & "Snow Bear"
Vernon Lasher
Vernon & Helen Rostad
Doug Steinmetz
Jan & Irene Clapper
Mark & Shelby Murie
Pastor Chuck Galloway
Tim & Sally Nordquist
MaryAnn and Neil Narum

Mark Your Calendar



- ❖ **Prairie Lake Festival**
June 27, 2009
Auction begins at noon



- ❖ **Prairie Masters Golf Outing**
August 4, 2009
Garrison Golf Club

From the Assistant Director

Amy Hansen

It is with a tear in my eye and a smile on my face that I say farewell as the Assistant Director for Adult Ministries here at Camp of the Cross.

It has been a tremendous honor to be a part of this ministry for the past seven years. This camp is an incredible place where so many have the opportunity to experience the grace of God. Special thanks to all of the staff members who have allowed me to serve beside you. Thanks to campers and retreat guests who have taught me to see God in new and exciting ways. Thanks to all of you who have encouraged me in my work here at the camp.

One of my favorite parts of my job has been to watch as strangers become acquaintances and acquaintances become friends. I have seen God at work as relationships are formed and as community is created and nurtured. Thank you for welcoming me into such a wonderful community!

My future plans include working as the Administrative Assistant at Valley View Heights assisted living facility in Bismarck. I so look forward to this opportunity and am amazed at how my experiences here at Camp of the Cross seem to have prepared me for my new venture at Valley View Heights. I will be forever grateful for the opportunities that I've had at Camp of the Cross and the ways that this place has allowed me to grow, both personally and professionally.

Thank you for the opportunity to work, serve, learn, and live among you in this special place.

Please keep in touch!

Prairie Lake Festival: June 27

Is coming quickly! Mark your calendars now!

How do I submit an item for the auction? You may bring your item to the camp no later than **Friday, June 12**. Be sure to fill out the info sheet so we can properly promote your item.

What kinds of quilts sell well? Best-sellers include queen or king sized quilts, baby or children's quilts, denim quilts, table runners, and wall hangings. We have a harder time selling polyester quilts and quilts that don't have a good filling.

I don't quilt. Can I still submit an item? We've had some very creative entries the last few years that have added great variety to the auction. Some items that have sold well include themed gift baskets, furniture, photographs, artwork, jewelry, and stained glass.

Craft Vendors Needed

Local vendors are invited to showcase their goods by setting up a booth at this "Art in the Park" style craft fair. For a \$25 donation, vendors will be assigned a booth which includes an 8-ft. table and 2 chairs. Vendors are responsible for their own shade/covering and any other display stands. A limited number of spots with electricity are available for an additional \$10. Please note that we are accepting only non-concession (food) vendors.

If you or someone you know are interested in setting up a booth at the craft fair, please contact the camp by June 14! A registration form is available on our web site at www.campofthecross.com.

From the Site Manager- Ben Hamilton

As I toured around camp this morning I smiled and had a great urge to yell, "Spring has arrived!" The ice has melted from the lake and the water continues to rise! I would like to send a huge THANK YOU out to all of those that helped with our spring work weekend and the Men in Mission members. There were a lot of projects and cleaning accomplished with these two groups this past month! Although it was a little chilly many people also enjoyed all of the "toys" the men brought to Ageless Iron. It was great to see the equipment and hear their stories.

HELP NEEDED! Are you available? There are still several projects around camp to be accomplished. Can you scrape paint? Funds have been raised and paint has been purchased for our chapel however, it is in need of your elbow grease to remove the old paint! Not into scraping paint? Give us a call or stop on out and we will use whatever gift you may have.

2009 Summer Staff

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

Mark 10:45

Keep the following young
people in your prayers as they
travel to camp and begin staff
training!!

Leadership Staff

Kelsey Kupcho- On Site Coordinator
Brandon Boyd- Off Site Coordinator
Danika Moran- Day Camp Coordinator
Tynan Nelson- Water Front and In Tents Coordinator
Maria Piccolo- Health Officer
Andrea Neshem-Head Cook
Jennifer Unke- Assistant Cook
Kaity Hughes- Cook Support

Counselors

Amy Redman, Carly Lassila, Carter Hill, Christi Gunsch, Janie Hague,
Jennifer Wegner, Kim Weinand, Laurel Smail, Paul Richter, Philip Wiseman,
Samantha Miller, Jen Kegley, Derek Anklan, Travis Werchau,
Brandon Johnson & Tiffany Grannis

Support Staff

Sarah Hamilton- Environmentalist
Max Buchholz- Photographer
Corbin Styron, Neil Narum & Cody Ahmann- Maintenance

SALT Staff


Mariah Plesuk, Sierra Heilman, Lindsey Wicklander, Kayla Price,
Lacie Weisz, Sierra Lassila & Sarah Elder

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Thank you Sally Nordquist &

Amy Hansen for your ministry with us!!