

Prairie Lake News



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November 2009

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR CCM!

GERMAN SUPPER AT ST. PAUL CHURCH-GARRISON

Friday, October 30th from 4:30-7:00. Join the CCM staff for a Fleischkuechle German Supper supporting Camp of the Cross. The meal will include fleischkuechle, potato salad, German potato salad, and desserts. Free will offerings received will be used to benefit CCM, sponsored by St. Paul Friends of the Camp.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT CCM!

7TH-9TH GRADE BASH-OCTOBER 30-31

What a crazy fun time we have planned. **Masquerade: Behind the Mask** is our theme. Outrageous games, semi-healthy food, time with friends, and teen-gearred worship. Grab a friend or two and sign up through your congregation, or get a registration form from the camp website. \$30 per youth.

ARTISTIC CREATIONS—WE STILL HAVE OPENINGS!!

Don't miss your chance to get caught up on your scrapbooking and stamping! November 13-15 dates still has openings for approximately 20 people. Send in your registration form soon!

SCANDINAVIAN SUPPER

November 21st, seatings at 4:00 (featuring a children's menu), 5:30 and 7:00. Call the camp for advance tickets. Cost is \$15/ adult, \$5/child ages 5-12, and children ages 4 & under are free.

OR BOOK YOUR OWN RETREAT!!

Looking for a place to hold your group gathering? CCM has dates open to meet your needs, and will even cook for your group of 25 or more! Call CCM for details and availability.

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From the Program Directors Anna & Jared Rendell

Thanks so much for the warm welcome to Camp of the Cross and western North Dakota! We are getting settled to our life here while diving into to all the great things going on at CCM and in the surrounding communities. We look forward to getting to meet and know you as friends of Camp of the Cross. Feel free to give us a call or email just to say hi. May God in His great love continue to bless you and bless this place.

The retreat season has been a blessed busyness so far this post-summer season, with retreats each weekend and a few during the week. The Camp of the Cross staff have had a blast hosting, serving, learning, and worshipping with retreaters. We've had quilters, scrappers, stampers, confirmation groups, the United States Air Force, Pastors, and more at camp this fall. We would love to see even more people out to camp for a retreat whether you are young or old, looking for a time to be with people or retreat all by yourself.

From the Site Manager Ben Hamilton

Thank you! October marks my one year anniversary here at CCM. It has been a great year with many relationships formed. To all of you who have shared your time and made donations to this place I thank you, there are too many to name!

As mentioned last month, there was a donation towards the purchase of stain for our Retreat Lodge. God provided great weather on work weekend and the Retreat Lodge was completed. With one building done, God multiplied the gift! The following week two more donors stepped forward, and with the help from another 10 volunteers, the two remaining Retreat Cabins were completed. Again a huge thank you to all who made this happen. You are a blessing to this ministry.

From the Executive Director Rev. Janis Sloka, III

As I reflect and pray about the last couple of months at CCM, I continue to be thankful for all who responded to our request for additional income to help defray the expenses that we were not able to pay. Along with this current blessing, other things have been on my mind as well, and I would like to share with you briefly one of the most important ones to me that I have come to cherish.

After two years now, I continue to be amazed about the history, the countless hours, the energy, the "sweat" and the love people have put into the ministry and the facilities at CCM over the years. It is remarkable how many people have been involved in the ministry from the beginning. I learn of someone new almost every day. Every single one of them has taken a special place in my heart. Thank you!

We recently had our annual Ambassadors Meeting and it is exciting and refreshing to hear the stories of how CCM came to be. And most importantly for me these days, is to hear the years of joy in serving God in this place on Lake Sakakawea.

We all have been blessed and continue to be blessed with a breathtaking place of retreat, beauty and a space of history and memories. Camp of the Cross is where you and I and others come away with Jesus to experience anew God's refreshing love and grace. Whether you came for a retreat, summer camp or just stop in for a few hours of peace and quiet, God is ever present here and will continue to be present in the lives of who come here and leave.

I thank you for your prayers and support that have created such a beautiful place.

Peace,
Janis

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CCM is excited to be starting some NEW! programs for Summer 2010! Check out the preliminary information below...

Sports Camp: June 27 – July 1 Entering Grades 3-6
Sports Camp will feature volleyball, soccer, football, and golf. Campers will get training from coaches and older athletes, have competitions, as well as do other "regular" camp stuff

Camp Celebration: June 13-16 All Ages
Camp Celebration is a new camp for God's children with mental and physical disabilities. We will play games, spend time in worship, have Bible study, and have time to relax.

Advanced Fishing Camp: June 27-July 1 Entering Grades 9-12
This camp is for the next level of fishermen and women ready to spend the whole day on the water. Come explore the difference between fishing for walleye and fishing for people. HUH? We'll discuss it at camp!

Senior High On-Site Camp: July 11-16 Entering Grades 9-12
Come to camp and stay onsite for the whole week! We will be a fun-packed and faith-challenging week as we dive in to what it really means to be a follower of Jesus. There will be some "special privileges" as the elders on camp.

Give the Gift of Camp this Christmas!

Would you like to make sure your child or grandchild is able to attend camp next summer? Would you like to send your significant other to a retreat? Get them a Gift Certificate from CCM! Their gift in any denomination can be applied towards any summer camp or retreat they choose. Call the camp office for more details.

Do you want to receive the Prairie Lake News via e-mail?

Just e-mail Mandi at info@campofthecross.com from the e-mail you would like to receive it at. Also, please include your full name, and the mailing address you would like to be removed from the paper mailing list. Thank you!

NEEDS LISTS

OFFICE SUPPLIES

- Stamps
- Copier Paper

FOOD SUPPLIES

- Coffee
- Peanut Butter

PROGRAM SUPPLIES

- Flag football flags & good footballs
- AVP Outdoor Volleyballs
- Soccer balls
- LCD Projector

MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES

- Hose Reels
- 25 ft Extension Cords
- 16 New 8ft Lifetime plastic tables to replace old wood ones falling apart

WANTS LISTS

OFFICE SUPPLIES

- Wall Shelving for Books

DINING LODGE

- Bookcase/Shelving to display canteen items for sale

PROGRAM SUPPLIES

- Portable sound system (call the camp for details)
- Plastic storage containers with lids for organizing and storage, all sizes.

MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES

- Pressure Washer (min 2500 psi)

KITCHEN SUPPLIES

- Good, Industrial Oven Mitts
- White flour towels

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