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Like the new look? Our website, newsletter and letterhead have all been upgraded. Luther Crest is moving forward and getting a facelift in the process! Come along for God is good!

SON RISE

New Dawn, New Life
News from Luther Crest
Spring 2009



From the *Messenger* to SON RISE

With the resurrection of Jesus Christ, a new dawn came to creation, offering new life. We are living in the Son Rise!

In the change from Messenger to Son Rise, this newsletter will be focusing on the important ministries of Luther Crest, past - present - and future. The goal is to inform you. We have sought to be more responsible with the resources we have, both in the paper used and the cost to print it. We have reduced the number of pages, gone to two-colors, and have increased the paper quality.

Gifts from our many supporters are critical to the operation of our ministry, and can be found in our yearly Annual Report and on our website.

We are interested in your comments on this newsletter. Let us know what you think.

Thank you for your continued friendship with Luther Crest!



Luther Crest is called and committed to Christ-centered ministry through creation and community.

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Holtz Happenings - Dave Holtz,
Executive Director, Luther Crest Bible Camp

I have been blessed to be saved by Jesus Christ and to serve alongside him, the staff, board, friends and guests here at Luther Crest Bible Camp!

In January I had the privilege and honor to host a conference in which David Anderson with the Youth and Family Institute was the keynote speaker. We spent the day along with 40 participants from other congregations, learning about how we as congregations, parents, mentors, pastors, friends, camp directors and so on are each uniquely and importantly involved in Passing on a Vibrant Faith to the youth. Our hearts were challenged and our minds were filled with great and insightful means to be active and pertinent in the lives of the youth we interact with today.

In the end, I was relieved and excited to know that what we are doing at Luther Crest, what we offer as opportunities for our congregations and communities, is in line with the work of Passing on a Vibrant Faith. Our programs provide and combine for key areas of practicing faith, caring conversations, devotions, service, rituals and traditions. Our staff and volunteers are authentic, available and affirming to our campers and guests in all that we do as Christian disciples. Luther Crest and the Youth and Family Institute will be partnering more in the future. Stay tuned!

Friends, you are invited to bring your child, grandchild, family, congregation, friends, community, service, or youth group to Luther Crest this year. Jesus calls us to him. Come to camp and experience Jesus' love!

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Special Spring 2009 Registration

Detach and mail to Luther Crest one completed registration form per **REGISTERING FAMILY**, indicating which Spring event(s) you are registering up for.

Name(s), with ages for any kids _____

Home Telephone _____

Primary E-Mail _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

I want to be at Luther Crest this spring! Please register me for:

- Spring Awakening Creative Retreat, May 1-3
 - I will arrive Thursday for the Early Bird option
 - I would like a single room (\$20 extra each night)
 - I'm interested in the Make & Take creative ideas sessions
 - I would like to pre-register for a massage (add'l charge)
 - \$40 deposit per person required with form by 4/24/09
- Father/Son Fishing Retreat, May 16-17
 - We will bring our own boat for fishing
 - We're willing to share our boat, can take ___ more people
 - \$20 deposit per person required with form by 5/05/09
- Memorial Servant Weekend Camp Cleanup, May 23
 - I would like to come early and stay Friday night
 - I'm interested in the following areas (check all that apply):
 - Cleaning summer cabins & other facilities
 - Gardening / landscaping Painting
 - Basic maintenance Decorating
 - Office Work Other _____
 - Please return form by 5/12/09

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Check our website for more upcoming events!

Spring Awakening Creative Ret, May 1-3



Bring your creative projects: scrapbooking, stamping, maybe knitting, crocheting, or puzzles! Learn more during creative stamping and scrapbooking sessions with great *Make and Take* items!

Registration begins at 4:30 pm on Friday; and the retreat concludes at 3:00 pm on Sunday, and includes six meals. There is an Early Bird option beginning Thursday at 3:00 pm (\$40 additional, on own for meals until Friday supper).

Cost is \$124, includes lodging in the Adult Retreat Center, and Friday supper through Sunday brunch.

Father/Son Fishing Retreat, May 16-17

Pack the fishing gear, and come to camp an excursion of fishing on Alexandria's Chain of Lakes!

Our registration begins at noon at the Lake Carlos public access south of LCBC. Enjoy lots of fishing, evening "lunch" on the lake, a campfire, and fish fry Sunday morning. We conclude with worship Sunday at 11 am. Price \$55/person, with lodging in one of our Cabin Retreat Centers.

Luther Crest has a limited amount of space on our pontoons and boats, so we ask those who are able to bring their own boat.



Memorial Servant Weekend, May 23



Show your HANDS-ON support and help us get camp ready for summer!

This is a GREAT way to support your camp, as an individual, a family or a group from church. *No charge for this event!*

We will have projects of varying skill level, working from approximately 9:00 am through supper and sending worship service.



Luther Crest is pleased to announce the news that we were the first organization to receive a grant from the Youth and Family Institute Foundation. This grant assisted in providing the educational opportunity in January called the Passing on Vibrant Faith Conference. Thanks to the staff and board of the Youth and Family Institute for this grant and for their work in the church!

"A Part" of Luther Crest's Ministry - *Dee Peshek, President, Board of Directors for the Luther Crest Bible Camp Association*

I am **a part** of several different things: a family, a church, a circle of friends, a corporation, a board of directors. What are the things of which you are **a part**? Does that list change?

At the Luther Crest Annual Meeting on February 8, 2009, we had some parts that changed. We said thank you to Rick Larson, Algene Larson, and Greg Anderson who have decided to change their part with Luther Crest Bible Camp. After serving on the Board of Directors for varying terms, they have decided to be **a part** of Luther Crest in different ways other than by serving on the Board.

At the same meeting we experienced the joy of adding new members to the Board of Directors by welcoming Gwyn Dalum, Polly Hedstrom, Pastor John Krochel, Pastor Rob Nelson, and Sue Gustner to the Board. We look forward to working with each of them as they become **a part** of the corporate person of LCBC Board of Directors.

And we rejoiced with those you will continue to be **a part** of the LCBC Board of Directors: Allan Rutter, Kathy Orloff, Pastor Melissa Ehrhardt, Pastor David Sperstad, and myself.

Luther Crest is people sharing Jesus as **a part** of their lives. Its home site is the location on Lake Carlos in Alexandria, MN. But Luther Crest is people - staff, counselors, board members. You are **a part** of Luther Crest as you participate in any of the many events all year round. You are **a part** of Luther Crest at the quilt auction, a week-long or week-end gathering.

You can be **a part** of Luther Crest in the winter, spring, summer, or fall by sharing your excitement about what is happening at LCBC with your congregation and friends. You are **a part** of Luther Crest when you make a financial contribution to Luther Crest so that these year-round events can continue.

Thanks for your willingness to be **a part** of sharing Jesus through the ministries of Luther Crest Bible Camp and for being **a part** of Luther Crest in a way that is most meaningful for you.

Giving Begets Giving

Your generous and faithful support of Luther Crest is needed now more than ever. It is through givers' hearts that Luther Crest continues to be an active role in the lives of congregations in Minnesota.



Last fall, Bernice Eggert, former Board member and friend of Luther Crest and member of Good Shepherd Luther Church in Henning, Minnesota, passed into glory leaving Luther Crest an estate gift. Bernice over the years had a heart of gold. Strong in faith, a leader, a risk taker and a faithful follower of Christ Jesus, Bernice found herself in the middle of children's lives on a daily basis, thus her love and support of Luther Crest.

Her estate gift which she set up through Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will provide the needed funding to continue to place Luther Crest at the forefront of outdoor ministries in the ELCA. We thank God for Bernice's leadership in the church, at camp and through her gift. Bernice Eggert will be the inaugural member of **Foundations of Faith Society** for 2009, which is the society that encourages, recognizes and honors people who have included Luther Crest in their will or estate plan. Thanks be to God!

For more information about the **Foundations of Faith Society** please contact Dave Holtz, Luther Crest executive director.

Luther Crest needs YOUR help!

Love to paint? We would like to finish painting Luther Crest West's dining hall this summer. Call our office at 320-846-2431 to get your group together!

To-date, groups have claimed 6 of the 15 guest rooms in our Adult Retreat Center "ARC Adopt-A-Room" program.

Thanks much to Bethesda in Alexandria, Crosswinds in Starbuck, Immanuel in Wadena, Kathy Ortloff, Osakis Lutheran, and West Moe in Brandon for their adoptions. We will be painting these rooms this spring. Come to see the re-furbished rooms, and then adopt one of the remaining ones!



Program-specific Donation Needs

4-person water ski tube, kneeboard	Arts supplies
3-4 person tents	New ELW cranberry hymnals
Wood chips for hiking trails	Basketballs, volleyballs, footballs
1995 or newer Snowmobile for grooming our cross-country ski trails	
Money for new vacuums, pottery equipment, and new archery equipment	

Thank you, Holiday Bake Sale Volunteers!

2008 volunteers: Destini and Heavyn Bordak; Rebecca Breddin; Ellie Dodds; Dawn Hanson; Nicole, Maddie, and Jack Holtz; Christy Johnson; LaRae Johnson; Bri-Anne Keihn-Yeats; Faye Schmiesing; Linda Wagner.

Thanks to the many hours spent baking by our staff and the volunteers above, Luther Crest was able to raise \$6,233 through our 2008 Holiday Bake Sale, plus another \$1,500 in matching funds from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.



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In 2008, LCBC received \$16,082.50 in matching funds from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans! Thank you, Thrivent Financial and members!

LCBC Quilt Auction, Saturday July 11, 2009

Come and see the many fabulous, personally made quilts by women for all over Minnesota at the Luther Crest Bible Camp Quilt Auction. If you would like to serve on the Quilt Auction Committee and would like more information, please give executive director Dave Holtz a call or email him, daveh@luthercrest.org.

LCBC Golf Scramble, Monday August 10, 2009

The beauty of God's creation blessed us last year with a couple inches of rain, but this is going to be different. Come and share a day with us as we "Golf for Kids!" 2009 is expected to be a year in which scholarships and support will be needed! We invite you and/or your congregation to get a crew together and come GOLF FOR KIDS! Contact executive director Dave Holtz for more info!

Pastors, Youth Directors, Involved Parents: Join us at camp with the youth from your church to share with and support them in their experience!

While you're signing up for summer camp, **check out our NEW programs:** Football Camp, Hi-Can-Bike, Guitar Camp, and special Grandparent Camp and Family Camp programs!

Our **Women's Week 2009** flyers will come to WELCA unit presidents soon. Registration forms are also on our summer brochure!