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LuWiSoMo and Director Prepare for Transition

By Kurtis A. Buelmann - Executive Director

At the age of 23, I began serving as the Executive Director at LuWiSoMo. It is hard to believe that twelve years have already passed. Before coming to LuWiSoMo, I had spent two years at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. Since the LuWiSoMo Board believed having a pastor on staff would be a benefit to the Lord's ministry at LuWiSoMo, I was encouraged to finish my seminary work, which continued at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne. I am excited to announce that, Lord willing, I will graduate on May 16, 2008!



Many Camp ministry opportunities have grown over the past 12 years at LuWiSoMo.

With my impending graduation, the LuWiSoMo Board unanimously voted to request me for placement, and the Placement Director at the seminary expressed a strong willingness to place me at LuWiSoMo. However, in a split vote, the SWD Board of Directors refused to forward this placement request to the seminary. Apparently, the vote centered on the appropriateness of calling an ordained pastor to serve as a camp director.

While some may not agree with the reasoning behind this decision, it presents an opportunity, both for LuWiSoMo

and for my family. LuWiSoMo has the opportunity to search for a new

Executive Director with strengths in areas where I lacked. My family and I have the opportunity to serve the Lord in a fresh and completely new setting. I will most likely be placed in a congregation, and my family and I are excited about the possibilities.

As I look back at the past twelve years at LuWiSoMo, I am

humbled. During this time, over 100,000 people have walked the gravel roads. Every program at LuWiSoMo has placed an emphasis on proclaiming the love of God shown to us in Christ



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Enjoy A Taste of Elegance at LuWiSoMo

By Kurtis A. Buelmann Executive Director

Most people come to LuWiSoMo in a t-shirt and shorts (or maybe jeans if the weather is cold). One of the beauties of LuWiSoMo is the opportunity to kick back, relax, and be casual. However, on Saturday, September 27th, you will want to come to LuWiSoMo wearing your best suit or dress. While the atmosphere will be relaxed, the dining will be exquisite, and the attire will be formal. September 27th is LuWiSoMo's first Taste of Elegance!

This dinner event will begin at 12 noon in the Chapel of St. Barnabas and features both a live auction and a silent auction. The menu will be prepared by Chef Paul

Sattler. The cost per plate is \$35. You can also reserve a table of six for \$200 or a table

of 10 for \$300. This is a great opportunity to show your support for the Lord's ministry at LuWiSoMo while experiencing LuWiSoMo in a whole new light! Seating is limited, so you will want to make your reservation early.

LuWiSoMo is also seeking items for the auctions. All new and antique items are welcome and greatly appreciated! Donors will be publicly acknowledged. This provides a great opportunity for your business to get some additional exposure.

For more information about a Taste of Elegance or about donating for the auction, please contact the LuWiSoMo office.



Formal attired guests will enjoy exquisite dining and live and silent auctions at A Taste of Elegance on September 27th.



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Help LuWiSoMo by Partnering with Your Local Thrivent Chapter

By Kurtis A. Bueltmann



As many of you know, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has a Care Abounds in Communities™ program. By submitting a request to your local Thrivent Chapter, this program can help LuWiSoMo accomplish some worthwhile projects. The first step in the process is to contact a member of your local Thrivent chapter for a project request form. You can request up to \$1,600 per project. Now is the time to do this, early in the year. Each Thrivent chapter has a designated amount of money, and once this money is used up, no more project requests can be granted. Please take time to start this process. If you need help with any step in this process, please contact Joan at (920) 622-3350 Ext 223 or email joan@luwisomo.org. Possible projects that would be a blessing to the Lord's ministry at LuWiSoMo include:

Project	Est. Proj. \$	Cost		
Build new picnic tables			1,600	
Log Cabins-build bunk beds	600	Heat & Insulate Bay in Shop		3,000
Tree Houses-enlarge & replace stairs	3,200	Waterfront-build beach chairs		500
Nature Center-remodel interior	1,600	Maintenance Shop-reside front		500
Campground Bathhouse-remodel interior	600	Campground worship area-build benches		400

Canned Goods Challenge

By Chef Paul Sattler

I would like to issue a huge Thank You along with a Big Challenge. First of all, I would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to Peace Lutheran Church of Neenah for the generous donation of canned food. They donated over 15 cases of #10 canned food. With six #10 cans to a case, that is over 90 cans.

In addition, we send a big Thank you to Lakeside Cannery of Belgium for donating 64 cases of canned

vegetables. Your generosity helps us provide good meals at a low cost for our campers.

Now for the challenge: I would like to challenge all churches and schools in the South Wisconsin District to meet or exceed that number. Please contact the office if you have donations or questions. We still can use the following types of canned goods to help keep meal costs down:

Pasta Sauce; Pizza Sauce; Applesauce; Peaches; Pears; Fruit Cocktail; Pineapple, chunk or sliced; Manwich Sauce; Baked Beans; Tomatoes, whole, diced, juice, or sauce; Ketchup; Jelly.

Cash donations directed specifically for food are welcome.

Thank you, Chef Paul



Food donations help keep costs down for campers.

Chef's Corner By Chef Paul Sattler - Food Service Director

Brownie Mix

4 cups flour
4 tsp baking powder
4 tsp salt
8 cups sugar
2-1/2 cups Cocoa
2 cups butter



Mix all ingredients together. Store in airtight container. Makes 18 cups. (Best if stored in fridge if using butter.) Grease bottom of pan only. For 8x8 inch pan: use 2 cups of mix, 2 eggs, 1 tsp vanilla, 2/3 c nuts (optional). Pour mixture into pan. Bake for 22 minutes in a 350° oven. For 9x13 pan: use 3 cups of mix, 3 eggs, 1-1/2 tsp vanilla, 1 c chopped nuts (optional). Pour mixture into pan. Bake for 33 minutes in 350° oven. The more you mix it, the more it will be like cake.

LuWiSoMo in Transition

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Jesus through His death on the cross and His resurrection, securing for us the promise and hope of forgiveness and eternal life with Him in Heaven! Many ministry opportunities have grown, such as the Joyful Hearts program for people with developmental disabilities, which now serves over 120 people each summer and has expanded into a winter program as well. New facilities have been built, including a large picnic shelter, four tree houses, a home for the Maintenance Director, eight youth log cabins, and two summer staff cabins. The campground has been expanded by adding 38 sites with water and electrical hookups, three family log cabins, a new shower house, a dump station, and a new playground. Crosses have been built at all the major fire pits. The Chapel of St. Barnabas has been

beautifully remodeled into an incredible facility for year-round use. With Feeding His Flock, the groundwork has been laid for a much needed dining hall and kitchen, as well as new accommodations for families.

While I cannot take credit for anything the Lord has accomplished at LuWiSoMo, it has been an honor to be His servant in such an exciting place of ministry. I have been privileged to serve under the LuWiSoMo Board of Directors and alongside the dedicated staff. The Lord has truly blessed LuWiSoMo with many fine people that I have grown to love and respect. I have especially appreciated the love and support of my



"... it has been an honor to be His servant in such an exciting place of ministry."

wife and children through all the joys and challenges.

It is my prayer that LuWiSoMo continues to be dedicated to providing faith-growing opportunities in a Christ-centered outdoor ministry

setting for all ages to refresh the whole person through the blessings of people, facilities, and most importantly, God's Word. LuWiSoMo continues to offer many exciting opportunities for you and your family, and LuWiSoMo still needs your support as the Lord's ministry here continues to grow and flourish!

Helping Hands Needed for Work Weekend

By Joan Voigt - Development Assistant

Spring Work Weekend is scheduled for April 18-20, 2008. Tom has several work projects including building projects, remodeling, newsletter mailing, and spring clean up projects to get the



Volunteers of all ages help out with our mailings.



Spring Work Weekend volunteers go to great lengths to get camp ready for summer.

camp ready for over 9,000 campers that will flock to LuWiSoMo this summer to focus on our Risen Hero, Jesus Christ. Many helping hands will make these projects possible to complete. You can take this opportunity as individuals, families, or youth groups to spend a weekend at Camp LuWiSoMo for free! Participants will be assigned work projects based on information collected on their registration form.

All registrations must be faxed or mailed to the Camp office at least one week before the event. Registrations will not be taken over the phone. Late registrations will not be accepted.

If you are a Thrivent member, please check with your Thrivent Congregational Coordinator or your local Thrivent Chapter to see if they have funds for volunteer work projects. When you make your reservation, please

let us know if you have a group of Thrivent members with funding from your local Thrivent Chapter so we can help complete the forms and provide any required receipts.

A worship service will be held on Saturday evening in the Chapel of St. Barnabas. All are invited to stay for LuWiSoMo's Annual Pancake Brunch fundraiser that will be served Sunday, April 20th from 9 am until 1 pm also in the Chapel of St. Barnabas. Funds raised during this event will be supplemented by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.



Volunteers help with spring clean up to get LuWiSoMo ready for summer campers.

You Can Help Feeding His Flock Campaign Pledges Rise!

By Carl Brakebush - Campaign Chair and Joan Voigt - Campaign Coordinator

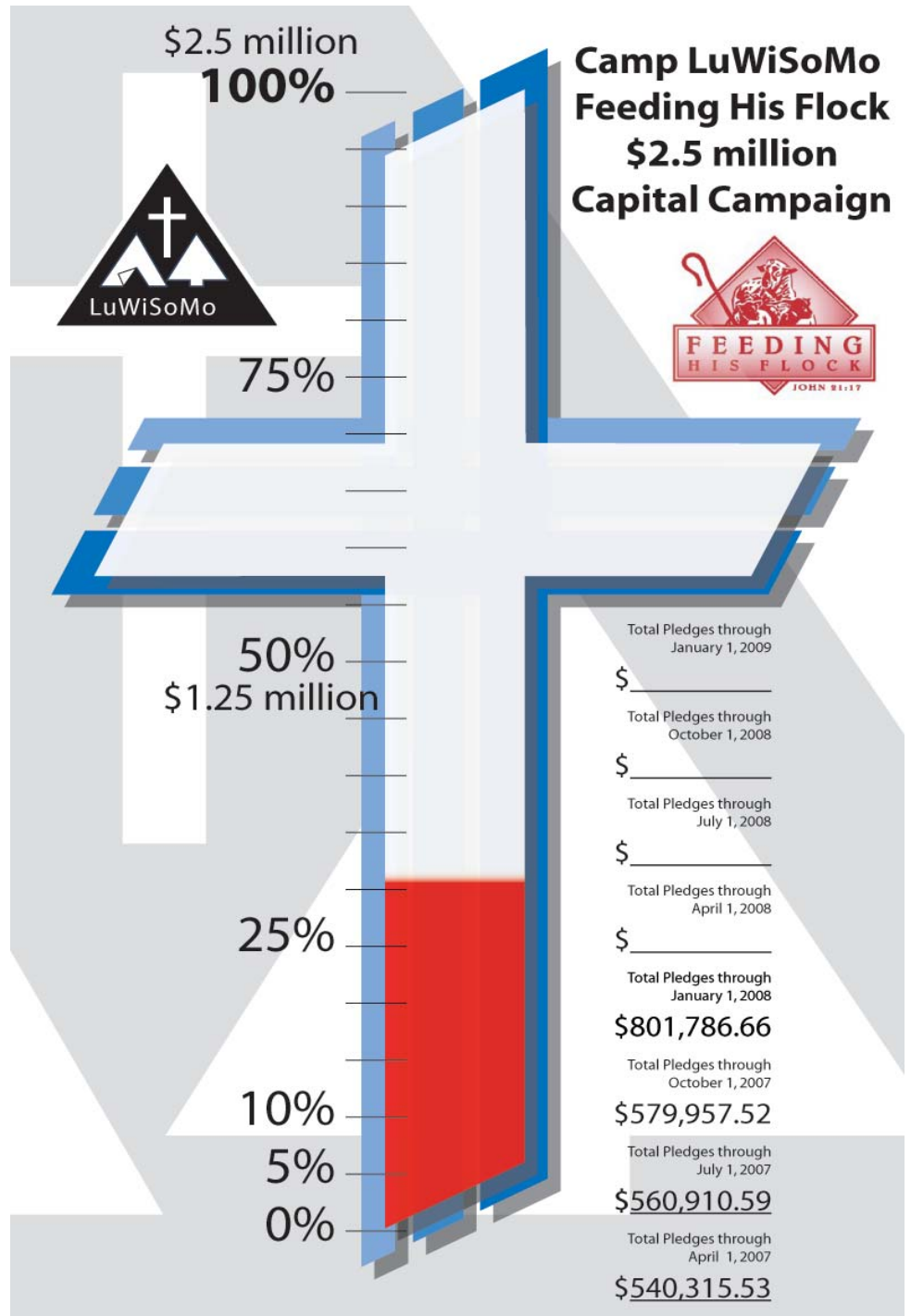
GREAT NEWS!!! The Kitchen and Dining Hall building project is getting closer to reality. As of January 1, 2008, we have over \$800,000 in pledges. Our Task Force and the Camp LuWiSoMo Board has a plan to be able to start construction on the original designed Kitchen and Dining Hall.

At this time, we are seeking to meet our most immediate need, the building of the upper level Kitchen and Dining Hall. We would construct the outside walls but leave the space below empty. If you remember, this lower level will hold the Family Suites and Meeting rooms and is the walk out Basement and Storm Shelter that we so badly need at camp.

Please update your posters with \$801,786.66 for Pledges through January 1, 2008. Pledges have risen to 32%! Please color in up to 32% on your cross.

We estimate that we will need an additional \$500,000 in pledges to be able to complete this phase of the project. If you have not made a pledge yet, please prayerfully consider how you can use the gifts the Lord has blessed you with and help this much needed building project. Since we are getting close to the third year of the three year original pledges for some of you, we thought it was appropriate to ask you to consider an additional two or three year pledge for Feeding His Flock. The cost of the total project is still estimated to be about \$2.5 Million. Please make a prayerful decision to continue your pledge for one, two, or three more years.

Would you like to increase your donation by up to \$300? If you or someone in your household is a Thrivent member, you simply complete a Thrivent Giving Plus Form with your donations. Thrivent will supplement half of your dollars up to \$600 per person per year.



If you would like to make a pledge to support the new Dining Hall Project, please email joan@luwisomo.org or call Joan at (920) 622-3350 Ext 223 to request a pledge form or Thrivent Giving Plus form. You can also print a pledge form from our website at www.luwisomo.org by going to the "Feeding His Flock" tab and selecting the pledge form link or by clicking the

"Camp LuWiSoMo" link under Ministry Menu on the South Wisconsin District website at <http://swd.lcms.org>.

The Lord has blessed Camp for a long time and we see those blessings bearing fruit in all those that have passed through our camp. Your support and help is very much appreciated. Please keep Camp LuWiSoMo in your prayers always.

A Special Thank You to our Society Members

The ministry of Camp LuWiSoMo is possible due to the caring people committed to providing support through prayers, commitment, and financial support. The Staff and Board of Directors at Camp LuWiSoMo thanks all who continue to help our mission in ministry by touching the lives of children, youth, and adults through our summer and year-round programs. If anyone is missed on our donor list, we extend our sincere apologies, and we ask that you please notify the camp office so we may correct our mistake. Many also give beyond our ability to record by donating items and volunteering their time. Thank you all for this continued support. May the Lord continue to bless you.

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Spring Retreats

By Ryan Hansen and Elizabeth Miller

Ladies - The 5th joint Stamping and Scrapbooking Retreat, held on November 9-11, was by far the biggest



Ladies enjoy scrapbooking their memories.

in its history with close to 60 women attending. For the first time, the option was given to arrive on Thursday. One-third of the women took advantage of this extra day. There was fun, flexibility, and relaxation throughout the weekend while being able to stamp and scrap until the wee hours of the morning.

In 2008, we will offer a spring and a fall Scrapbooking and Stamping retreat on April 4-6 and November 7-9 which will be for adults only.

A **NEW** retreat has been added October 31-November 2 for Women and their teenage daughters or granddaughters who love to scrap and stamp. Devotions and activities throughout the weekend will focus on teen issues.

If you have not taken the opportunity to come to this retreat in the past, survey says...it's a lot of fun!!! We hope to see you next time!

Adults - Pastor Randal Poppe will be leading the Spring Luther Hostel on April 21-23. This is an adult retreat for anyone who likes to have fun and wants to grow in their faith and knowledge of God. Pastor Poppe will be leading us in Bible Studies throughout the retreat revolving around the Passover, and on Tuesday night we will celebrate the Seder Dinner. We will be guided through the ins and outs of what happened that first Maundy Thursday, gaining a better understanding of the Passover and the Institution of the Lord's Supper.

Men - Relax and refresh your Christian life with a spring retreat at Camp LuWiSoMo. The Men's Retreat will be held on April 11-13, 2008. Rick Adams, Principal at Trinity Freistadt Lutheran School, will be leading the second in a video series called, "The Man That I Want to Be." This retreat will provide spiritual enrichment for men to be a better father, husband, and Christian man. If there is a man in your life who you think could benefit from this retreat or think that you could gain some insight about being a stronger Christian man, call our office or visit our website for more information.



Men will gain spiritual enrichment and insight about being a stronger Christian man at the Men's Retreat.

HEROES



1 Corinthians 1:27

Join us this summer as we explore heroes of the Bible. Don't forget to check our website to view our new Summer 2008 Brochure. Register by March 31st to receive an Early Bird Discount.

Camp LuWiSoMo's Needs List

Ever since its inception, LuWiSoMo has relied on donations from generous people - donations of time, talents, finances, and equipment. Here are a few of the items that the ministry at LuWiSoMo could benefit:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> utility vehicles (\$7,000-\$8,000) | <input type="checkbox"/> chain saws (\$300-\$500) | <input type="checkbox"/> map compasses (orienteeing) (\$12 ea) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> golf cart (\$1,000-\$3,000) | <input type="checkbox"/> wood splitter (\$1,000) | <input type="checkbox"/> GPS unit (Garamond) (\$250) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4-wheeler (\$5,000) | <input type="checkbox"/> hand tools | <input type="checkbox"/> cross-country skis (\$100) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Suburban vehicle THANK YOU! | <input type="checkbox"/> shovels | <input type="checkbox"/> cross-country ski boots (\$80) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> horse tack (saddles, bridles, halters) (\$10-\$300) | <input type="checkbox"/> rakes | <input type="checkbox"/> 5-10 gallon steam kettle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> grooming equipment (hard & soft brushes, rubber curry combs, hoof picks, mane & tail combs) (\$2-\$5) | <input type="checkbox"/> air compressor-small utility (\$200) | <input type="checkbox"/> ice machine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>new</i> folding machine (\$1,400) | <input type="checkbox"/> 8' plastic folding tables (\$80-\$90) | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial double decker convection oven |
| <input type="checkbox"/> computer clip art (\$100) | <input type="checkbox"/> pontoon boat (\$3,000-\$4,000) | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial steamer (Alto Sham) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> two-way radios (\$70 pair) | <input type="checkbox"/> pontoon boat trailer (\$1,200) | <input type="checkbox"/> Hot Box |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> picnic tables | <input type="checkbox"/> NEW DINING HALL (\$1.5 million) |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> basketball court (\$14,000) | |

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Upcoming Events at Camp LuWiSoMo

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Confirmation Retreats

Feb 29-Mar 2, 2008
Mar 7-9, 2008
March 28-30, 2008

Pancake Brunch

Apr 20, 2008
Cost: Freewill Offering

Luther Hostel

Sept 8-10, 2008

Women's

Scrapbooking & Stamping Retreat

April 4-6, 2008

Luther Hostel

Apr 21-23, 2008

Golf Marathon

Sept 19, 2008

Men's Retreat

Apr 11-13, 2008

Summer Programs

June 1-Aug 8, 2008

A Taste of Elegance Dinner & Auction

Sept 27, 2008

Spring Work Weekend

Apr 18-20, 2008

47th Annual Family Weekend Celebration

Aug 8-10, 2008



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