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Join our 47th Annual Family Weekend Celebration

By **Ryan Hansen-Program Director**

Mark your calendar to participate in the 47th Annual Family Weekend Celebration on August 8–10, 2008 at Camp LuWiSoMo. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans “Care in Regions” will supplement \$8,000 if we raise \$24,000 AND generate 4,000 volunteer hours for our Family Weekend Celebration. There are activities for all ages and plenty of space to roam and discover God’s creation at Camp LuWiSoMo.

“Heart & Sole” 10K Race and 5K Walk / Run

“When you WALK, your steps will not be hampered; when you RUN, you will not stumble.” Proverbs 4:12

Join more than 100 runners in the 4th Annual “Heart and Sole” 10K Race and the 10th Annual “Heart & Sole” 5K Walk/Run. Everyone is invited to participate, from the serious runner to the casual walker. Cost is \$12 per individual and \$30 per family and includes a T-shirt for each participant.

Sign up at the Family Campground.

Sand Volleyball Tournament

Assemble your team of four for the coed sand volleyball tournament. Sign up in the Information Tent from 8:00-10:00 a.m.

Saturday morning,

*Sand Volleyball
Tournament Guidelines*

- Tournament is single-elimination.
- Each team must have at least one female on the court at all times.
- Coed teams consisting of 4 or more players.
- Only 4 players on the court at once.

Horseshoe Tournament

Pit your horseshoe skills against challengers in this singles horseshoe tournament. Sign up in the Information Tent from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



Silent and Live Auction

More than 70 items will be displayed in the picnic shelter for both the live and silent auction, including handmade wooden items, handmade quilts, exclusive naming rights for one year on camp cabins and roads, and much more!

Worship Service

The guest pastor for Family Weekend is Rev Bryan O’Connor.

Rev Bryan O’Connor began his involvement with Camp LuWiSoMo in 1979 while serving as the District Youth and Family Life Coordinator. The Lutheran Laymen’s League offered to transfer ownership of the 420 acres of land and other assets to the South Wisconsin District so that they might concentrate on their primary ministry to the Lutheran Hour. During those early



Families enjoy campfire sing-a-long

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Charitable Gifting Initiative Grant Received from Thrivent for

‘Camperships for Kids’

By **Joan Voigt-Development Assistant**

LuWiSoMo received a \$46,900 grant from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Foundation designed to generate thousands more in financial gifts to the camp over the next two years. The grant will be used to fund and create the Camperships for Kids Project. The grant is one of 62 awarded by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Foundation as part of its \$4 million Charitable Gifting Initiative program. Executive Director, Kurtis Bueltmann said, “Camp LuWiSoMo’s goal is to offer all children in the South Wisconsin District the chance to experience LuWiSoMo’s faith-

growing opportunities in a Christ-centered outdoor ministry setting, no matter what their financial status.”

“It is our hope that this grant will strengthen Camp LuWiSoMo’s ability to inform potential donors of various options available to them to financially support the camp’s work,” said Brad Hewitt, president of the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Foundation. “As people come alongside with charitable gifts, Camp LuWiSoMo will become increasingly effective in carrying out its ministry.”

As the first step in the two-year grant, Rev Bryan O’Connor has been selected to serve as the Advocate

Coordinator in this project. He will begin identifying an advocate in each of our South Wisconsin District congregations. We will host a retreat in August to train advocates with the help of a local Thrivent Financial representative. Materials and resources will be provided to equip advocates with information about charitable giving opportunities they can take back to their congregations and make contact with their local Thrivent Financial representatives. Please continue to pray for the success of this project so LuWiSoMo can develop an endowment fund to continue to offer camperships for kids in the future.



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Special points of interest

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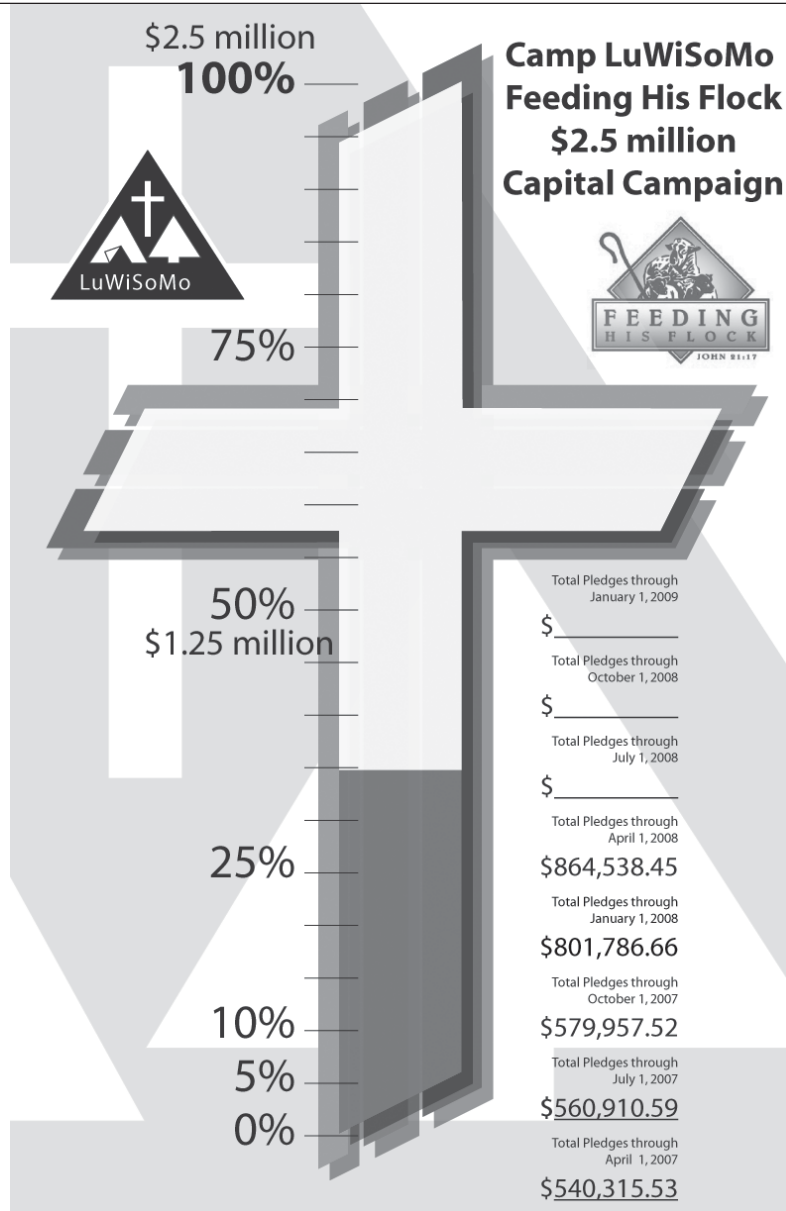
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Please update your cross poster with \$864,538.45 as of April 1, 2008 and color the cross to 34.5%.

Thank you to our Spring Work Weekend Volunteers

By Joan Voigt - Development Assistant

We applaud all of our volunteers and the following groups who applied to their local Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Care Abounds in Communities™ program for funding Spring Work Weekend projects at Camp LuWiSoMo.

- Jamie Stache - West Waukesha County Chapter Thrivent Financial for Lutherans - \$1600
- Rev Randal Poppe - Racine Co. Chapter Thrivent Financial for Lutherans - two \$1600 grants
- Carl Brakebush - Marquette County Chapter Thrivent Financial for Lutherans - \$1600

Projects funded include picnic tables, cabin bunk beds, and tree house remodeling. Thank you Spring Work Weekend volunteers for helping to get camp ready for our summer campers.



Thrivent Financial Sponsors 'Join Hands Day' Project

Youth and adults 'Join Hands' to complete projects to improve our communities and have fun while helping others. Camp LuWiSoMo was awarded a \$500 Join Hands Day grant from the Waushara Thrivent Chapter. Jonathan Poppe, Eagle Scout-elect, will be leading a service project to build beach chairs with the grant for LuWiSoMo. Scouts, high school students, members of Grace Lutheran Church-Racine, and LuWiSoMo volunteers will bring generations together to complete the project on June 21st. If you would like to help with the construction project, please call the Camp office (920) 622-3350, Ext 223.

Events Coming this Fall

Golf Marathon

The 5th Annual Golf Marathon will be held at Waushara Country Club in Wautoma, on Friday, September 19, 2008. Funds raised provide scholarships to children and families desiring to come to LuWiSoMo, but can't afford full costs.

Continental Breakfast and lunch will be provided, along with snacks and beverages throughout the day while you play your 100 holes. Don't let those 100 holes scare you. You will play four balls at a time, playing from your best lie.

Prizes will be awarded for the most pledges collected and more surprises. So head out to the green and help us raise money to bring youth and the developmentally disabled to camp who otherwise would not be able to attend. Just request a packet, complete the registration form, and return it to camp.

If you have any questions regarding this event, please call Elizabeth at (920) 622-3350 Ext 227 or go online at www.luwisomo.org.

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years, Scott and Laurie Hirsig were hired as Camp Directors and funding was raised to build the Krueger Retreat Center.

Rev O'Connor left the District Office in 1987 to begin seminary training, which he completed in 1990. His first Call was to West Bend, Wisconsin where Pilgrim Lutheran was in the beginning stages of starting a daughter congregation. Rev O'Connor served Pilgrim/St. Andrew for 11 and 1/2 years, going through three building projects and seeing the membership grow from four persons to 400. In 1992, President Ron Meyer appointed Pastor O'Connor to once again serve on the Camp Board. Six years later, he began serving as Chairman of the Board, a position he held until February, 2008, when he resigned to accept the position of Camp LuWiSoMo Advocate Coordinator.

The newly created position of Advocate Coordinator is fully funded by a Thrivent Grant. The goal is to establish supporters in the congregations

Fall Work Weekend

We will host a Fall Work Weekend, **October 24-26.** *(Please note the change from our 2008 Calendar of Events.)* A **Chili Dinner** fundraiser will be served on Sunday. If there are any chapters who wish to apply for supplemental funds for the work projects or Chili Dinner fundraiser, please contact Joan at (920) 622-3350 Ext 223 or email joan@luwisomo.org. By submitting a request to your local Thrivent Chapter, this program can help support LuWiSoMo to continue to offer programs to youth, families, church and school groups.

Contact a member of your local Thrivent chapter for a project request form. You can request up to \$1,600 per project. Each Thrivent chapter has a designated amount of money, and once this money is used up, no more project requests can be granted for the year.

Projects include: Nature Center-remodel interior, \$1,600; Campground Bathhouse-remodel interior, \$600; Heat & Insulate Bay in Shop, \$3,000; Maintenance Shop-reside front, \$500; Campground worship area-build benches, \$400.

of our District who will encourage both the use of our Camp and provide necessary funding for a Campership Endowment Fund that will provide the necessary funding to assure that all children of our District will be able to experience this wonderful outdoor camping experience.

Initially, half of all funds raised through this program will be used for camperships and the other half for needed Camp improvements. Rev O'Connor said, "Camp LuWiSoMo must become a self-supporting entity able to stand on its own. At the same time, we must not price ourselves out of the reach of young persons who desire to participate in program offerings. With the support of the thousands of persons who have attended Camp and whose children and grandchildren have benefited from these programs, we can provide the goal of self-sufficiency."

Mother/Daughter Scrapbooking & Stamping Retreat

We have a NEW retreat on October 31-November 2, 2008, for Women and their teenage daughters who love to scrap and stamp. (Grandmothers and their granddaughters are also welcome.) Devotions and activities throughout the weekend will focus on teen issues. Please note: Female parental supervision is required. Reservations without adult will not be accepted.

All women are welcome to join in this fun weekend, but the weekend events will be geared more toward teenagers and their crafting needs.

To find more information about this event and to register, you can go online to www.luwisomo.org and print off a registration form, or call Elizabeth at (920) 622-3350 Ext 227 and she will send you a form via mail.



Kids join the fun and games

5th Annual Ping-Pong Ball Drop

An airplane will drop about 400 ping-pong balls with prize numbers for children 13 and under. One ping-pong ball per child.

Spectacular Fireworks Display

Prepare to experience the best fireworks display you have ever seen, sponsored by J&M Display. Jeff Young is seeking monetary donations for the fireworks. Please call the camp office if you can help at (920) 622-3350.

Chicken Barbecue / Pie Sale

Enjoy the mouth-watering chicken provided by Brakebush Brothers, Inc. of Westfield. Snag some homemade dessert at the pie sale. Serving begins at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday. Chicken and pie will be served until it runs out.

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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 will support the ministry at LuWiSoMo:

Camp LuWiSoMo's Needs List

- Auction items for Taste of Elegance
- small pickup truck (\$2,000-\$3,000)
- utility vehicles (\$7,000-\$8,000)
- golf cart (\$1,000-\$3,000)
- 4-wheeler (\$5,000)
- horse tack (saddles, bridles) (\$10-\$300)
- grooming equipment (hard & soft brushes, rubber curry combs, hoof picks, mane & tail combs) (\$2-\$5)
- new folding machine (\$1,400)
- computer clip art (\$100)
- New two-way radios (\$70 pair)
- Auction items for Family Weekend
- wood working tools
- chain saws (\$300-\$500)
- wood splitter (\$1,000)
- hand tools
- shovels, rakes
- air compressor-small utility (\$200)
- 8' plastic folding tables (\$80-\$90)
- pontoon boat (\$3,000-\$4,000)
- pontoon boat trailer (\$1,200)
- picnic tables
- basketball court (\$14,000)
- Volunteers for Family Weekend
- snowshoes-Kids & Adult sizes (\$200)
- map compasses (orienteeing) (\$12 ea)
- GPS unit (Garamond) (\$250)
- cross-country skis (\$100)
- cross-country ski boots (\$80)
- 5-10 gallon steam kettle
- ice machine
- commercial double decker convection oven
- commercial steamer (Alto Sham)
- Hot Box
- NEW DINING HALL (\$1.5 million)

Upcoming Events at Camp LuWiSoMo

Summer Programs

June 1-Aug 8, 2008

Luther Hostel

Sept 8-10, 2008

Mother/Daughter Scrapbooking & Stamping Retreat

Oct 31-Nov 2, 2008

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Golf Marathon

Sept 19, 2008

Women's Scrapbooking & Stamping Retreat

Nov 7-9, 2008

47th Annual Family Weekend Celebration

Aug 8-10, 2008

Confirmation Retreats

Oct 3-5, 2008
Oct 10-12, 2008
Oct 17-19, 2008

Women in the Outdoors State Retreat

Aug 15-17, 2008

Fall Work Weekend

Oct 24-26, 2008

Kids Christmas

Dec 5-7, 2008

Chili Dinner

Oct 26, 2008



For more information and registration forms, please visit us on the web at www.luwisomo.org