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POINTS OF
INTEREST:

- **Gideon Challenge Grant** could help Camp LuWiSoMo build the new dining hall—learn how!
- **Welcome new staff members** Terry Schmeckpeper and Hannah Froehlich.
- **Camp Gift Certificates** make great Christmas gifts!

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From the Director's Desk By Terry Schmeckpeper

Camp has a powerful effect on people. I continue to hear stories from people about how God has used LuWiSoMo to change them.

I know the feeling. I was a camp counselor and lifeguard at this very camp many years ago. I said at that time that someday I would be a camp director at a camp like LuWiSoMo. Look what God has done.

God is at work and has truly given us a rare gift in this camp. It is far more than buildings, land, staff, and programming. It is more than the new network of friends or the good feelings we get from a fun time at camp. Camp LuWiSoMo is a tool God is using in your midst.

The Camp Board of Directors and I are looking hard into how



we can best use this gift to continue creating "God connections" for people. The same economy that affects you affects us too. It has forced us to look at a whole new set of possibilities and opportunities. We are asking God for His help.

We would like your help, too. Please pray for us, for camp, and for those God will bring to camp. Come use camp to increase **your** "God connection." And

come help us provide camp for others.

Next summer we are planning to host a reunion for people who have worked at Camp. That's a lot of people! What stories of Camp they can tell.

In 2011, Camp will celebrate 50 years of service and we want to have a reunion of everyone who has been touched by camp. We could be talking thousands of people at Family Day! Each one with a story.

What a **Bold Witness camp is for others**. Tell your story of how God is at work in your life. Help us do that with camp ministry.

Gideon Challenge Grant

Are you one of 300? By Rev. Bryan O'Connor

At the Family Day Service I described the new Gideon program as the way we can fund the new Dining Hall. In the Old Testament God worked with a man named Gideon to conquer a huge army with only 300 men. God was leading and the men were faithful. God has given us a

challenge and help to conquer also. We have recently received a matching grant of \$250,000 that we can use for our project. The catch is we must raise a matching amount—a lot of money unless you see the Gideon connection. The \$250,000 divided by 300 people

is only \$834! That's something most of us can do if pledged over two years, especially if we can visualize the building rising before us and LuWiSoMo opened to new opportunities to serve. Please contact me or call camp and help us conquer this building challenge.



Golf Outing By Elizabeth Miller



A long day of golf results in an opportunity for many to come to camp.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the 5th Annual Golf Marathon a success. On Friday, September 19th, these fine golfers and their sponsors helped raise over \$7,000 in pledges to give children and developmentally disabled the opportunity to attend camp in the summer through our Campership program.

A warm thank you to our 2008 Golfers:

- Carl Brakebush, Westfield
- Chris Brakebush, Westfield
- Matt Holin, Westfield
- Eunice Matter, Racine
- Rev. Brian O'Conner, Waukesha
- Audry Scheck, Racine
- Terry Schmeckpeper, Wild Rose
- Sue Winter, Wautoma

We are already busy planning the 6th Annual Golf Marathon. If you are interested in helping to coordinate this event, or have ideas to make the event unique, please call Elizabeth at (920) 622-3350 ext. 227.

We hope to see more of you next year join in the fun-filled day to provide Camperships for kids!

Need a Great Christmas Gift?

Are you looking for a unique gift that will be remembered forever? Give a Camp LuWiSoMo Gift Certificate! You choose the amount, tell us who the recipient will be, and the personal greeting you would like included and you will receive the certificate within 3-5 business days. Gift certificates can be used for horse rides at the

LuWiSoMo Stables, a stay in our campground, or for a special souvenir at the canteen. **Gift Certificates are also available for week long summer camp programs and weekend retreat programs.** For more information or to order a LuWiSoMo Gift certificate, please contact the office.

Registration for Adult Retreats and Summer Programming begins December 1, 2008.

Watch for brochures and schedule information coming soon!



LuWiSoMo Society

Thank you! Your gifts each year make it possible for the camp to offer our programs at deeply discounted rates.

Participants are charged for only about half of the total amount of what it costs us to provide the programs.

The rest, I am told, is covered by gifts from you. You help us keep costs down so all participants can come and we still can continue to operate at this level.

If you haven't given your gift yet this year, please don't wait! We would like to finish the year with all the bills paid and new scholarships funded.

Enjoying breakfast in the picnic shelter.



Memories Made at Camp LuWiSoMo By Joan Voigt



David Akin of Oshkosh, Wisconsin and Dawn Swart of Lansing, Michigan, along with the support of their family, became engaged Memorial Day weekend at Camp LuWiSoMo. David requested a special

The proposal took place at the tree house stop.

wagon tour for his proposal which took place at the tree house stop. The couple has had many memories at Camp LuWiSoMo. Dawn said she hopes to return to LuWiSoMo for their honeymoon or a vacation. After the wedding and relocating to Wisconsin, Dawn would like to participate in the "Nurse of the Week" program at LuWiSoMo.

Congratulations to David and Dawn! We look forward to seeing you in the future at LuWiSoMo.



Do you have a special memory to share? Send an e-mail with your story and a picture if available to hannah@luwisomo.org.

Are you an advocate without even knowing it?

LuWiSoMo Advocates By Rev. Bryan O'Connor

Can you be an Advocate?

The answer is Yes! But, a better question might be, am I already an advocate without knowing it? An Advocate:

1. Prays for the Camp and it's staff. They pray that God will use them mightily to share His love with all who come to LuWiSoMo
2. An Advocate keeps their congregation informed about exciting events and happenings at Camp.
3. Advocates request bulletin board space and keep the current brochures posted for all to see.

4. Advocates may ask for time at Voter's meetings or other congregational events to speak up for Camp.
5. Advocates might try to organize a LuWiSoMo campout weekend for fellow campers in their congregation.
6. Advocates have been known to encourage their congregation to budget monies to provide scholarships so young persons can attend LuWiSoMo.
7. Of course, Advocates regularly contribute; whether it be toward the ongoing operations, or for the Feeding His Flock building campaign.

Plus they speak to others whom they know might be capable and willing to support Camp LuWiSoMo.

If you have a love for Camp LuWiSoMo and are doing any of these things, or would consider doing any of these things, then you qualify as an Advocate for Camp LuWiSoMo. Please connect with me, Pastor Bryan O'Connor at bd2010@sbcglobal.net and become part of an exciting network of Camp supporters.

It Takes All Kinds By Elizabeth Miller

It takes all kinds of time, talent, and treasure to make Camp LuWiSoMo run smoothly and look fabulous. A need had been spotted—our rooms were missing something. We decided to look for someone to make crosses for us to hang in each of the Retreat Center and Dorm rooms. In Spring of 2008, the students at Racine

Lutheran High School delivered. A number of students worked together with Nate Bickel, Dean of Students, to design and make crosses for our lodging facilities. The talent and creativity used to make 26 wooden crosses is amazing and greatly appreciated! Certainly God has gifted these individuals with not only a servant's heart, but a

talent in woodworking. Thank you, Racine Lutheran, and thank you to the wonderful group of students that participated in this event!



Crosses hand-made by Racine Lutheran High School students.

Warm Welcomes



Above: Terry and Ruth Schmeckpeper; Hannah and Pete Froehlich.

Transitions can be challenging, but thanks to the wonderful support of the LuWiSoMo family, our new Executive Director, Terry Schmeckpeper, and new Program Director, Hannah Froehlich, are settled in and ready to serve you. Both individuals joined the staff in June and look forward to exciting happenings in the future.

Terry Schmeckpeper – comes to us from Minneapolis MN with his wife Ruth. Terry has a ministry background as a DCE for 22 years, and work experience in the insurance and resort businesses too. He brings a special perspective to the ministry here at LuWiSoMo. They both have a strong love for Jesus and are glad to be here to share it with you.

Hannah Froehlich is excited to be at LuWiSoMo! Hannah spent the past four years teaching high school English. She previously served at LuWiSoMo from 2000-2004. She is humbled and awed by the opportunity she has been presented with to spread the love of Jesus in this great setting. Hannah and her husband Pete are happy to be the newest residents at camp.

Special Thanks

Thank you to all those who volunteered their time and talents to help the ministry at LuWiSoMo over the summer!

Over the course of three months, we had four Servant Event groups, as well as myriad individuals who came to show support for Camp LuWiSoMo through their hours of service. **Servant Event** groups came from Missouri, Illinois, and Wisconsin to work with the Joyful Hearts program. Christ's love certainly was shared through their actions and attitudes.

Helpers of the Week came to serve in many capacities from nurses providing first aid and distributing medication to serving food to painting build-

ings and hauling trash. No job was too little and no job went unnoticed. Thank you to all our Helpers of the Week.

Servants-in-Training are the high school volunteers who give up a portion of their summer vacation to work at camp. They worked with both Youth Camp and Joyful Hearts programs. We thank you for all you did to assist the counselors and help the campers to know and experience the love of Jesus. Finally, a HUGE thank you to our **summer staff!** We appreciate all you sacrifice to share your faith and your joy for the Lord!

Interested in volunteering? Information is available on the Service Opportunities page at www.luwisomo.org or by calling (920)622-3350 x226.

Family Weekend Celebration 2008 was a wonderful success! Thank you to all who volunteered their time, talents, and energy to make the experience fun for everyone who attended. Having the Camp LuWiSoMo family together for the weekend sharing in God's glory and blessings was truly the best way to end the summer. Thank you for making our celebration a part of your family's schedule.

Join us for Family Weekend Celebration next year **August 14-16, 2009**. There are some exciting opportunities coming, including a brand new Family Challenge, so watch for more information coming soon!



A Servant Event participant helps a Joyful Hearts camper with archery.



Chef Paul's Recipe Corner: Scripture Cake

For this recipe, first look up the following Bible passages* to determine the necessary ingredients—no looking ahead to the directions!

Ingredients:

- 2/3 C Psalm 55:21
- 2 C Ecclesiastes 5:12
- 1 C 1 Corinthians 3:2
- 3 C Exodus 29:2
- 2 tsp. 1 Corinthians 5:6**
- 1/2 tsp. Jeremiah 1:11
- 1/4 tsp. Matthew 5:13
- 6 x Job 6:6(b)

Directions:

- Preheat oven to 350.
- Mix butter, sugar, milk, flour, baking powder, almond extract, salt and eggs well.
- Once ingredients are thoroughly mixed, place batter into a greased 9"x13" pan.
- Bake for 40-45 minutes.
- Check with a toothpick. If the toothpick comes out clean, the cake is done.
- Cool and frost with your favorite icing.

*All Scripture taken from the **NIV** translation.

**Hint: Yeast is not the only leavening agent.

Solomon's Advice: Proverbs 24:14

Watch for the summer brochure for full details and more information!

Small Changes, Same Camp By Hannah Froehlich

As the calendar page turns, some exciting things come with it. Summer programming for 2009 is planned and in preparation, so be on the look out for the summer brochure. As you prepare to join hundreds of others who will come to proclaim that they too are **Imperfectly Perfect**, keep in mind some of the following changes:

- **Drop off and Pick up times:** We've heard your requests! In an attempt to make our registration time more friendly for those who travel distances, **registration will now be on Sunday at 1:00 PM for Youth Camp. Pick-up will be Friday at 11:00 AM**, following the closing program at 10:00 AM. Joyful Hearts registration will still take place at 4:00 PM on Sunday with pick up at 10:30 AM on Friday.
- **Discounts: To qualify for the Full Payment discount, registration form and full payment must be postmarked by March 31st.** A new discount will be offered this year for all campers who attend one of our full-week camps in the month of June. A \$10 "Straight from School" discount will be applied to all week-long camps before June 26.
- **Free T-Shirts:** All first-time campers, campers who have not been to LuWiSoMo in at least two years, campers who bring a friend (registrations must be sent together), or families who send multiple children (registrations must be sent together) will receive a **free theme t-shirt!** (a \$12.00 value).
- **New Helper of the Week Position:** We're looking for servants to help with our Housekeeper of the Week position! For more information, check out the Helpers of the Week brochure on the Service Opportunities page at www.luwisomo.org.

While some changes are happening for the 2009 Summer Season, rest assured that Camp LuWiSoMo is striving to create the most positive experience for everyone who attends.



Guitar campers perform at closing program.

Upcoming Retreats

For more information and registration forms, visit www.luwisoma.org or call the office (920)622-3350.

DECEMBER 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
					Kid's Christmas	
7 Kid's Christmas	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

} **Kid's Christmas (Dec. 5-7)** This year Kid's Christmas will look at the theme *God's Special Sidekick*. A play-off of the summer theme *Heroes*, this weekend will explore the role each Child of God plays in the work of the kingdom.

JANUARY 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Winter Joyful Hearts			Winter Joyful Hearts		Winter Joyful Hearts	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Winter Joyful Hearts			Winter Joyful Hearts		Singles Retreat	
18 Singles Retreat	19	20	21	22	23	24
					Winter Adventure	
25 Winter Adventure	26	27	28	29	30	31

} **Winter Joyful Hearts (Jan. 4-9 & Jan 11-16)** For two weeks in January LuWiSoMo offers the winter camping experience for individuals with developmental disabilities. In addition to crafts, singing, and fellowship, campers will experience outdoor recreational activities as the weather and personal mobility allows.

} **Fellowship Retreat For Young Singles (Jan. 16-18)** Singles ranging from 18 to 40 are invited to come together for fellowship and reflection with other Christian singles. The focus of the weekend will be an exploration of a Christian's relationship with Christ and the struggles of worldly expectations vs. God's timeline. In addition to discussions and Bible studies, outdoor recreation including tubing, cross-country skiing, and broom ball will be available as weather permits.

} **Winter Adventure (Jan. 23-25, Feb. 6-8, & Feb. 13-15)** These weekends are a great opportunity for church youth groups to come fellowship with others as they enjoy God's wondrous creation through outdoor recreation and Bible study. This year's theme is *Bundle Up!* which will explore the armor of God and its relation to our every day lives.
 } **Women's Fiber Crafts (Feb. 20-22)** Women 18 and older who currently have or would like to learn a fiber craft are invited for a weekend of fellowship and work in a Christian setting.

FEBRUARY 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
					Winter Adventure	
8 Winter Adventure	9	10	11	12	13	14
					Winter Adventure	
15 Winter Adventure	16	17	18	19	20	21
					Women's Fiber Crafts	
22 Fiber Crafts	23	24	25	26	27	28

} **Confirmation Retreat (March 6-8 & March 13-15)** These weekends are an exciting opportunity for church groups to come together to study the catechism. The theme for spring is *The Ten Commandments: A Guide, A Curb, and A Mirror*.

} **Women's Scrap & Stamp (March 20-22)** Bring your supplies and scrap or stamp the night away! This is a great opportunity for Christian fellowship as women join together to work on completing those scrapbooking or stamping projects. Devotions and Bible study round out the weekend.

MARCH 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
					Confirmation Retreat	
8 Conf. Retreat	9	10	11	12	13	14
					Confirmation Retreat	
15 Conf. Retreat	16	17	18	19	20	21
					Scrap & Stamp	
22 Scrap & Stamp	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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 from which the ministry at LuWiSoMo could benefit:

Office:

- New folding machine (\$1400)
- Hand held two-way radios (\$70)
- Computer clip art (\$100)
- Online Registration Sponsorship (\$250)
- Small office supplies
- Copy Paper

Arts & Crafts:

- Fabric Paints for Memory Quilts (\$20)
- Fabric for Memory Quilts (\$100)
- Fabric for new curtains in Retreat Center (\$100-\$200)

Maintenance:

- Small pickup truck (\$2,000-\$3,000)
- Utility vehicles (\$7,000-\$8,000)
- Golf cart (\$1,000-\$3,000)
- 4-wheeler (\$5,000)
- Woodworking tools
- Chain saws (\$300-\$500)
- 18 Volt Milwaukee Drill (\$150)
- Wood splitter (\$1,000)
- Hand tools, shovels, rakes
- Air compressor-small utility (\$200)
- 8' plastic folding tables (\$80)
- Mattresses (\$179/each—200)
- Non-permeable Mattress Covers (\$5/each—200)

- Box Fans (\$10-\$20/fan—35)
- Picnic tables

Recreation Equipment:

- Snowshoes — Kids & Adult sizes (\$200)
- Map (orienteering) compasses (\$10-\$14)
- GPS unit (Garamond) (\$250)
- Cross-country skis in all sizes (\$100)
- Cross-country ski boots (\$80)
- Horse Grooming equipment (\$2-\$5)
- Horse tack (\$10-\$300)
- Pontoon boat trailer (\$1,200)

- Basketball court (\$14,000)
- Sports Equipment (\$20-\$30)
- Pinnies
- Archery Targets (\$200/target—5)

Kitchen:

- 5-10 gallon steam kettle
- Ice machine (\$3,000)
- Commercial double Decker convection oven
- Carter Hoffman Commercial Steamer (Alto Sham) (\$3,000-\$5,000)
- Hotbox
- Silverware
- Bowls for family-style serving



We can't do it without you.

That's the bottom line. Without the help of individuals and congregations, Camp wouldn't survive. If you have the ability, please consider helping us through one of the options to the right.



I WANT TO HELP!

- I want to help meet needs! Enclosed is my donation of \$ _____ to go toward the cost of _____.
- I want to help a child go to camp. Enclosed is my donation of \$ _____ for the Campership fund.
- I want to help camp. Enclosed is my donation of \$ _____ for the general fund.
- I want to help camp run smoothly. Please send me information on volunteer opportunities.
- I want to help spread the word about camp. Please send me information about being an Advocate.

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State, Zip: _____
 Church and City: _____
 Phone: _____
 E-mail: _____





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Camp LuWiSoMo is 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 God's Word.



Imperfectly Perfect By Hannah Froehlich

The lead character in one of my favorite Disney movies, *Mary Poppins*, is a special sort of nanny. Growing up, I admired her talents and abilities. My favorite scene in the movie is when Mary takes out her tape measure to record her height. Instead of a number, the tape reads, "Mary Poppins: Practically Perfect in Every Way."

It strikes me that this is the draw of Mary Poppins. She's mysterious and wonderful, but she's also practically **perfect**, and isn't that what we all seek? We look for **perfection** in our food, our clothes, our vacations, our friends, and ourselves. We're programmed to seek **perfection**, yet many times we end up entirely disappointed. We look for **perfection** but can find it nowhere.

Our disappointment comes because **perfection** does not exist in our world. Mary Poppins herself is only *practically* perfect. This phrase acknowledges the shortcomings we all possess. We are **imperfect**, but our Heavenly Father doesn't see that **imperfection** when he looks at us. Why? Because our world did glimpse **perfection** once, in the form of Jesus Christ, who came to earth and lived a perfect life. He took our sin even though he didn't deserve it. He died and conquered death so that when God the Father looks at his children, he no longer sees our flaws and **imperfections**—he sees **perfect**, pure and holy children. We vainly seek **perfection** in the things of the world when in reality **Perfection** seeks us.

2009's summer theme is **Imperfectly Perfect** based on *Romans 5:8*,

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." In our Bible studies and chapel services we will rejoice in the Grace bestowed on us as we look at our **imperfections** in light of the mercy and forgiveness of **Perfection**—Jesus Christ.

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PERFECT
ROMANS 5:8

