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## 2007 Summer Camp

By Kurtis A. Bueltmann -  
Executive Director

Even in the midst of bitter cold and scattering snow flurries, it is time to look ahead to the warm summer sun and glowing campfires, for treasure awaits! As you and your family hunt for summer activities that are both exciting and wholesome, look no further! LuWiSoMo offers many opportunities to create memories that you and your family will treasure for years to come!

This summer's theme, Treasure Hunters, is based on Matthew 13:44, "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes

and sells all that he has and buys that field."

Traditionally, this parable has been interpreted that the kingdom of heaven is the treasure. We discover this treasure hidden in God's Word, and it is of such



great value, we are willing to give up anything for it.

In other parables, the main character is God. If we apply this principle to Matthew 13:44, the man becomes Jesus. God sees us as a treasure buried in this world in the muck of sin. Jesus came to

seek and to save the lost, who for the joy set before Him, endured the cross, paying for the sins of the world and purchasing us with His holy precious blood.

Many of you have already experienced the new Log Cabins that have replaced all of the old cabins. Be sure to tell your friends about them and invite them to join the adventure at LuWiSoMo. What a great opportunity for you to invite your friends to experience the treasure of the Gospel firsthand in a fun, comfortable atmosphere! Many of our camps filled up last year, so sign up early!

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## Women's Scrapbooking and Stamping

By Joan Voigt

First time stampers and scrappers, along with many returning crafters, were welcomed by Elizabeth Miller to the second joint Crafting Retreat in the midst of the first snowfall of the season. Hearts were warmed with renewed friendships and fond memories, as ladies sorted through the volumes of photographs to incorporate into new scrapbook pages.

Sharon Herried of Tomah led the ladies with devotions for spiritual enrichment and renewal during the weekend. Lori Vertel, Close to My Heart Consultant from Sussex, led the stampers in the Krueger Retreat Center with some clever, new stamping ideas. In the Chapel, Joan Voigt, also a Close to My Heart Consultant from Wautoma, demonstrated basic scrapbook pages for

beginners, as well as tips and techniques to incorporate into advanced page layouts. There were make-and-take projects for both stampers and scrapbookers to complete under the direction of the consultants and then take home to enjoy.

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Mother's Day is the theme of the third joint Crafting Retreat scheduled for March 16-18. Jenn Torkelson of Clyman will lead the women in devotions. Creative Memories Consultant, Carol Raczek from Wausau, will lead scrapbook make-and-take



projects in the Chapel. Stamping projects will be led by Stampin'Up! Demonstrator, Marj Colby from Adams County, in the Krueger Retreat Center.

Be sure to call the camp office at (920) 622-3350 to reserve your room and personal table space to join in the crafting fun, fellowship, and making memories. Elizabeth loves to pamper her scrappers and stampers with special surprises.



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### **Special points of interest:**

- Volunteer Opportunities
- Luther Hostel Retreat
- "Feeding His Flock" Updates
- Thank You to Our Donors

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# Volunteers Needed

By Kurtis A. Buelmann -  
Executive Director

**Volunteer Opportunities** - Do you hit the wrong nail when you use a hammer? Then LuWiSoMo needs you! Even if you are not handy with a hammer, you have the opportunity to help LuWiSoMo with some important building and repair projects. Finances are tight, but you can help by requesting a grant from your local chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Each Thrivent Financial chapter offers grants for work projects through their Care Abounds in Communities program. If you would like to help, call the LuWiSoMo office for more information!

Of course, LuWiSoMo can also benefit from those of you who are handy with a hammer as well! Volunteers, especially those with specialized skills such as carpentry, plumbing, electrical, etc., are always needed. Give us a call!



## Wanted: Campground Hosts

**Campground Hosts** - Would you like to spend the summer serving your Lord in the great outdoors? We may have the perfect opportunity for you. Camp LuWiSoMo is actively seeking an individual or couple to serve as Campground Hosts for 2007, from Memorial Day through Labor Day. You would be working with Don and Sharon Herried from Tomah, who have served as hosts in the past, and will continue to do so, God willing! We will provide you with a water and electric site and meals (when available) in return for your service. Duties include welcoming our guests, working in the Canteen, and keeping the bathrooms clean and stocked. If you would like additional information regarding this position, please contact the camp office at (920)622-3350 or email [camp@luwisomo.org](mailto:camp@luwisomo.org). Prayfully consider becoming a part of the LuWiSoMo family!

**Mini Work Weekend March 23-25** - We need volunteers (16 years and older) for a priority project to take down the cabins on Meditation Hill. This project must be completed so the cabins can be rebuilt in the woods behind the office in time to accommodate summer staff. Your local Thrivent chapter can help fund this. Please call the camp office by March 16 to register.

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**All volunteers for Work Weekends  
receive free meals and lodging.**

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**Spring Work Weekend, April 20-22** - We need as many volunteers as possible to help with numerous projects. The weekend will be a rewarding experience, as you join with other Christians in fellowship, hard work, and worship. All participants are invited to join us for our annual Pancake Brunch on Sunday. All registrations must be faxed or mailed to the Camp office at least one week before the event. See our Website for Work Weekend registration forms. No phone registrations please.



**A Week at LuWiSoMo for Free** - Are you a nurse or other health care professional? Are you a pastor? Do you like to cook? Are you handy around the house? You have the opportunity to spend a free week at LuWiSoMo while offering your time and talents for an important ministry! Visit [www.luwisomo.org](http://www.luwisomo.org) or call the office for more information on LuWiSoMo's Helper of the Week program.

# Getting to Know You...

By Elizabeth Miller -  
Horse Stables Director

Nathaniel Hackett, "Doc," as the campers know and love him, is from Butler, Pennsylvania. He has been with us at LuWiSoMo as a Counselor in 2001, 2002, and 2006. As the summer of 2006 was coming to an end, Nathaniel decided to stay on as staff.

Throughout the year, Nathaniel has been helping us out immensely. He has been a huge help in the maintenance department, stables, office, housekeeping, and programming.

In his free time, he likes to eat, read, play cards, play darts, and drive to Oshkosh to see his fiancée. When the weather is cold enough, Nathaniel likes to ice skate, play hockey, and play the new games in the Krueger Retreat Center.

Nathaniel and Sarah ("Country") are diligently planning their August wedding. They met this past summer at camp, Nathaniel as a Counselor and Sarah as the Assistant Stable Director.

After finishing the 2007 summer here at LuWiSoMo, Nathaniel hopes to eventually go on to the seminary.



## Would You Like Cheese with that Wine?

By Elizabeth Miller -  
Horse Stables Director

The theme for Luther Hostel, formerly known as the Seniors Retreat, is "Would You Like Cheese With That Wine?" For the retreat, Reverend Mark Meier from St. Peter, Muscodia and Christ, Highland will be leading our Bible studies, relevant to the theme. We have a wide variety of new events and activities planned including visiting the Kerrigan Brothers Winery in Appleton, WI. We will also be holding a card tournament with prizes for the winners, so bring your partner along. That's not all, so be sure not to miss it! God bless you!



# GoodSearch

Here is another way Internet users can help make contributions to Camp LuWiSoMo. While searching the web, use Goodsearch.com for your search engine. Goodsearch.com donates one cent to a designated non-profit for each search made from their site. Simply go to [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) and designate "Camp LuWiSoMo" as your charity, and continue to do your online searching. It is powered by Yahoo! You can make goodsearch.com your home page too. The more people who use it, the more those pennies will add up!

# The Word is Spreading about Feeding His Flock

By Joan Voigt - Campaign Coordinator

The word is out in South Wisconsin District congregations. The excitement about our Campaign is being shared with many of you already. The message about our need to build a new dining hall and additional family lodging is spreading into congregations. Will your congregation be next?

We have already received 130 pledges to support the Campaign with a cumulative total of \$530,013.03 in pledges. Some congregations are making annual pledges toward this Campaign.



Please prayerfully consider how you can serve the Lord in this Campaign to continue growth in this year-round outdoor ministry with the gifts He has granted you. The success of this project depends on the cooperation and effort of volunteers to work toward the long-term vision for Camp LuWiSoMo to build a new dining hall to meet the growing needs of our campers and those generations yet to come. We will be able to serve more campers in a more comfortable dining hall and family style accommodations, while we continue to provide spiritual enrichment through the outdoor ministry programs offered at Camp LuWiSoMo.

If you would like to schedule a visit by LuWiSoMo staff to meet your congregation and share the word about Feeding His Flock with a presentation to your congregation, please call the camp office (920) 622-3350 or Carl Brakebush (800) 933-2121 ext. 1201.

Be sure to schedule your outdoor ministry experience today with a week-long or weekend get-away in LuWiSoMo's scenic retreat setting, to relax and refresh your spiritual life so you can return prepared to serve the Lord as He calls you on your daily journey. 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.



We send a special thank you to all donors and pledges received for the Feeding His Flock Capital Campaign!

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This year, LuWiSoMo is introducing a week-long Family Camp during the first week in July! Enjoy a week of recreation, relaxation, and restoration. Gary Janetzke, Director of Youth and Family Ministries at the South Wisconsin District Office of the LC-MS, will be a guest presenter.

August 10-12 marks our 46<sup>th</sup> annual Family Weekend Celebration. Our guest speaker this year for the Worship Service is Pastor Ken Klaus, Speaker of the Lutheran Hour. Other activities include a 5K Walk/Run, 10K Race, Chicken Barbecue, Pie Sale, Live & Silent Auctions, Ping-Pong Ball Drop, Children Games, Sing-a-longs, and the most spectacular Fireworks Display you have ever seen!

The Joyful Hearts program is designed for persons who have developmental disabilities. Our trained staff

members are committed to ensuring that each camper receives personal guidance and assistance as needed. Our Helping Hearts Servant Event program has helped us to further achieve this goal. Senior high youth groups, along with their leaders, travel from all over the United States to assist our campers.



LuWiSoMo offers youth programs for age 3 (who attend with a parent) through grade 12. This year we are reintroducing "family groups." In addition to the time campers spend with their cabin group, they will spend a part of each day with an assigned "family group." This provides campers with the opportunity to get to know other campers and counselors in addition to the ones in their own cabin.

In order to offer this opportunity for campers who are deaf and hard of hearing, LuWiSoMo is providing interpreters during the camps the last full week in July.

As a highlight during the week for high school campers, Lloyd Garrelts, member of the Christian band Echelon, will be performing.

LuWiSoMo also offers a number of specialty camps for youth with special interests. One new

specialty camp is Aviation Camp. Campers will have an opportunity to learn the basics of flight as they travel to the Experimental Aircraft Association in Oshkosh and tour the AirVenture Museum, seeing one of the greatest aviation museums in the country! Campers will learn through several

hands-on experiences.

Another exciting new opportunity is Survival Camp, which is designed for youth to learn about the outdoors in a rustic setting. Youth will learn about tree and plant identification, fire building, cooking over a fire, orienteering, and much more!

Other specialty camps include Athletics Camp, Band Camp, Bike Camp, EZ Defense Camp, Guitar Camp, Horse-A-Piece, Hunters Safety, Owl Camp/Space Camp, Rocketry Camp, Sign Language Camp, Swim Lessons Camp, and Adult Band Camp.

Our college-age summer staff are anxious to provide leadership for all the camp activities such as Bible study, swimming, horseback riding, sports, singing, crafts, devotions, boating, and maybe even a treasure hunt! Safety continues to be a top priority as we provide intentional training for our staff in risk management, supervision expectations, First Aid, CPR, and emergency protocols.

Be sure to check our website for a complete list of dates, additional information, and registration forms.

LuWiSoMo exists for you, and we treasure your participation. I pray you and your family can break away from your busy routine and spend some quality time at LuWiSoMo, amidst the treasures of God's creation and God's Word!

## Camp LuWiSoMo's Wish 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:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 4-wheeler   | <input type="checkbox"/> wood working tools                   | <input type="checkbox"/> cross-country skis        |
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Check us out on the  
web at  
[www.luwisomo.org](http://www.luwisomo.org)

## Upcoming Events at Camp LuWiSoMo

For more information and registration forms, please visit us on the web at [www.luwisomo.org](http://www.luwisomo.org)

### **Women's Scrapbooking & Stamping Retreat**

March 16-18, 2007

### **Youth Confirmation Retreats**

March 2-4, 2007  
March 9-11, 2007  
March 23-25, 2007

### **Mini Work Weekend**

March 23-25, 2007  
Cost: FREE meals & lodging

### **Men's Retreat**

April 13-15, 2007

### **Spring Work Weekend**

April 20-22, 2007  
Cost: FREE meals & lodging

### **Pancake Brunch**

April 22, 2007  
9 am to 2 pm  
Cost: Freewill Offering

### **Luther Hostel**

April 23-25, 2007

### **LuWiSoMo Society Dinner**

April 28, 2007

### **Summer Joyful Hearts**

June 3-8, 2007  
June 10-15, 2007  
June 24-29, 2007  
July 1-6, 2007  
July 15-20, 2007  
July 22-27, 2007  
July 29-Aug 3, 2007  
Aug 5-10, 2007

### **46th Annual Family Weekend Celebration**

August 10-12, 2007