

# The Expedition



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## Event Calendar

**Kid's Christmas**  
December 2-4, 2016

**Winter Joyful Hearts**  
January 8-13, 2017

**Women's Scrapbooking**  
January 20-22, 2017

**LLL Father/Son Retreat**  
February 10-11, 2017

**Women's Scrapbooking**  
March 10-12, 2017

**Spring Work Weekend**  
April 21-23, 2017

**Youth Summer Camp**  
June 11-Aug. 11, 2017

**Joyful Hearts Camp**  
June 18-Aug. 4, 2017

**Band Camp (Grades 5-9)**  
July 23-29, 2017

**Family Weekend**  
August 11-13, 2017



## Here I Am Lord!

While the weather outside looks nothing like summer, summer is always on my mind! With nearly 100 campers already registered for summer camp, we are excited to start thinking out our 2017 summer theme, "Here I Am Lord."

The initial theme idea was submitted in a contest this summer by Anna Loeber, who has been a long time camper and high school volunteer. At her suggestion, we will be digging into the stories of



the Bible that show the power of God when he calls on His people.

Like those in the Bible stories we will explore, God also calls on each of us every day. He has truly blessed us with countless gifts including His own Son who died for each one of us. To show our thanks, we must have a willing heart to respond to God's call by saying, "Here I Am! Send me!" To register for summer camp, please visit [www.luwisomo.org](http://www.luwisomo.org) and click on the summer camp banner.

## New Executive Director

After graciously serving as camp president since 2013, "Wild Bill" Durling stepped down in April of 2016. The acting Vice President, Matt Kohler "Sheesh", became the interim President. He was named full time Executive Director and President in October of 2016.

Matt has been a part of camp since 2002 when he served as a camp counselor until 2004. In the fall of 2004, Matt used his teaching degree from UW-Oshkosh and began teaching middle school mathematics and social studies in Plymouth, Wisconsin.

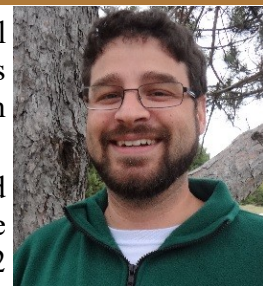
From 2005-2008, Matt spent a part of his summer volunteering at Camp

LuWiSoMo until returning as Summer Program Director in 2009.

Matt resumed that job in the summers of 2012 and 2013 when

camp reopened. In 2014 he gave up his teaching job in Plymouth and took a full time job at camp. Before serving as Vice President in late 2015, his full time job was to go around to churches and schools to promote camp.

Matt is excited to serve at Camp LuWiSoMo and asks for your prayers as he leads camp into the future.



## Meet the Staff

In each of our next newsletters, we would like to introduce you to our staff. This month we would like to introduce Pam Klett.

Pam began her employment at Camp LuWiSoMo shortly before summer camp began. She oversaw getting all the summer paperwork together as well as checking in new campers when they arrived for their week of camp.



After a successful summer, Pam has stayed on staff to make calls to campers and churches to let them know the great opportunities happening at camp. She has been a tremendous blessing to the ministry of Camp LuWiSoMo.

Pam grew up in the Milwaukee area. While attending UW-Milwaukee, she met her husband Rick whom she has been married to for 33 years.

Together they have two children, Amanda and Ricky. Amanda and her husband Dana live in Milwaukee with their twin sons, Avery and Ethan, and their younger brother Isaiah. Ricky and his fiancé Ellicia live in the Madison area.

In her free time, Pam enjoys working in her garden, working on arts and crafts projects, and trying out new recipes in the kitchen.

Aside from working at camp and her faith, her greatest passions are spending time with her grandsons, family, and friends.

Please pray for Pam and that God would continue to use her to spread God's Word and the ministry of Camp.

## Meet a Horse

One of the things that makes Camp LuWiSoMo unique is its horse stables. With our horse stables we are able to provide horse rides for all of our campers including our Joyful Hearts campers. We also offer horse camp where campers learn how to care for a horse during the week.

Our mission field also expands with our stables. When our own LuWiSoMo campers aren't using the stables, we are teaching Boy Scouts, campers from other camps, or giving public horse rides. The stables allow camp to touch the lives of countless people who would not normally come to camp.

To be able to maintain quality horse programs we currently have at camp, we are looking for people to sponsor our horses. In this newsletter, one of our horses, Red, is going to introduce himself.



"Hey y'all! I am Red. Just plain Red. I am a sixteen year-old Appaloosa/Morgan/Arab mix gelding. I've been at Camp LuWiSoMo longer than any of the other horses, so I guess you could say I'm the grandpa of the stables, even though I'm not the oldest one here. This is my farm

and I love it! All the kids and visitors love me for my good looks and great personality! Won't you sponsor me?"

If you want to learn more about our sponsorship program and meet our other horses, please visit [www.luwisomo.org/sponsor-a-horse.html](http://www.luwisomo.org/sponsor-a-horse.html).

## Camp Needs

Camp is always in need of items to continue expanding God's work here. Below is a short list of some of the items needed. For a more complete list, please check out [luwisomo.org](http://luwisomo.org). If you are interested in donating, please contact Matt Kohler ([president@luwisomo.org](mailto:president@luwisomo.org)). Do you like work projects? We have those too!

- New furnace in the Chapel
- Recreation room
- New roof on the Shepherd's House
- New toilets and showers in the campground shower house
- Iron filters for the campground shower house
- Second shelter for the horses
- Markers and Construction Paper
- Kickballs
- Rhino Skin Ball Sets
- Picnic Tables
- 6-foot and 8-foot plastic tables
- Sound panels for the dining hall
- Kayaks
- Horse Tack (call for details)
- Orienteering compasses
- Telescopes
- Two set of 100 folding chairs for outdoor events
- Dump trailer
- Chainsaws
- Wood splitters

## News from LuWiSoMo

God has done some amazing things at Camp LuWiSoMo over the past year. Here are just a few highlights:



Summer camp continues to grow. In 2016 we had 286 youth campers and 79 Joyful Hearts campers (campers with disabilities). When we reopened in 2012, we only had 132 youth campers and 32 Joyful Heart campers. God is good! 2017 registration numbers are already up from 2016, so we are excited to see continued growth with high camper retention rates!

LuWiSoMo hosted 9 weddings this year, the most in its 55 year history! Weddings were held on Meditation Hill or in the Chapel with receptions held in our spacious reception hall or outdoor picnic shelter. We look forward to more weddings in 2017!

We were also excited to be surrounded by quilts, scrapbooks, and other various crafts during our Women's Crafting and Quilting Retreats. There are new events coming up this winter and spring, so check them out for a nice weekend away from home and all the crafting time you could want!



Our Lutheran schools and churches in both the North and South Districts continued to use Camp for Confirmation Retreats and Outdoor Education Retreats. Groups are rebooking for 2017 and we hope to continue bringing in new groups. We are hoping to expand our Outdoor Education program into the public schools, so please contact us for information if you think your child's school would be interested.

Fall Work Weekend was a success! We were able to get fall cleaning nearly completed and cut and stacked a large amount of wood for next season. However...last year the campground grew tremendously and we nearly used up all of our wood reserves. If you are able, please join us for our Spring Work Weekend on April 21-23, 2017 to continue stockpiling wood for next season.

As previously mentioned, our campground once again showed tremendous growth. We are excited by this growth and also excited to announce we have found a full time campground host for 2017. Please join us next summer to enjoy a nice relaxing week in the woods!

Do you enjoy winter? Come join us at camp for ice skating, tubing, and snow shoeing, weather permitting. Find more details at [www.luwisomo.org](http://www.luwisomo.org) once the snow starts flying!



## New and Improved



Camp has begun to make some much needed improvements thanks to a generous donation designated for capital improvements. Some of the completed projects include a new roof on the Krueger Center and freshly waxed floors in our dining hall and entry way. Additional projects include parking lot lighting, Krueger Center upgrades, and upgrades to the old shower house in the campground. A special



donation was also given at the Taste of Elegance this past October that allowed us to purchase new tires for our tractor and snow tires for our truck.



## A Little History

*Portions of this article were taken from The Expedition, Spring 2002.*

Eugene Sattler, LuWiSoMo's first full-time director, first referred to the barn as the Chapel of St. Barnabas. On May 17, 2002, the LuWiSoMo Board officially named this 49 year-old building the Chapel of St. Barnabas (*now 73 years old*).

Who was Barnabas anyway? Barnabas was a Levite from the island of Cyprus. Barnabas was the example of rightful giving, in contrast to Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 4:36-5:11). Shortly after Saul's conversion (who later became known as Paul), he went to Jerusalem. When all of the Jerusalem disciples rejected Saul for fear of his past, Barnabas stuck up for Saul and convinced the other believers to accept him (Acts 9:26-28). He accompanied Paul on his first missionary journey, although Paul was the main speaker (Acts 13-15). When they prepared for their second missionary journey, Paul refused to take along John Mark, the Gospel writer, because Mark had deserted them earlier. Barnabas, however, stuck up for Mark, who also happened to be his cousin, and they went on a separate missionary journey (Acts 15:36-40; Col. 4:10). Just like many of the staff at LuWiSoMo go by nicknames, Barnabas was a nickname. Joseph was his real name, but the apostles called him Barnabas, which means Son of Encouragement (Acts 4:36). Scripture contains many examples of Barnabas encouraging the early Christian churches, and especially the work of Paul.

This is how we view the relationship of LuWiSoMo with the congregations in the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod. The congregations carry the responsibility of Word and Sacrament ministry, and LuWiSoMo supports this ministry as a helper and encourager. The play on words also hints of the Chapel's uniqueness (BARNabas).



## Power of LuWiSoMo

This fall we held a contest for our summer campers to share what they loved about Camp LuWiSoMo and why others should come. Campers had the choice to either write a paragraph or film a 30 second testimonial.

The winners for the writing entries are: Cole B. (*Grades 3-5*), Trinity R. (*Grades 6-8*), and Jesse G. (*CIT*). Our winners for the video entries are: Jakatta A. (*Weekend*), Laura T. (*Grades 3-5*), and Jade B. (*Grades 6-8*).

Congratulations to our winners and thank you for sharing your camp experience!

**Did You  
KNOW ?**

On November 1st,  
Camp LuWiSoMo  
celebrated its 55th  
Birthday!

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## Thank You!

We want to take a moment to thank all the people who have supported the ministry at Camp LuWiSoMo. Perhaps you come for retreats, send your children to summer camp, or attend our Family Weekend celebration. Maybe you support camp by volunteering your time. Others may support camp financially with regular donation. Your support has allowed Camp LuWiSoMo to touch the lives of thousands of people of all ages for the past 55 years. We ask for your continued support and prayers so that we can continue share the Good News for at least another 55 years! Our staff and every person who come to camp are grateful for your support. Thank you.

## Trivia

Please submit your best guess (only one guess per person) to [trivia@luwisomo.org](mailto:trivia@luwisomo.org) for a chance to win a free LuWiSoMo t-shirt.

How many benches  
are at the campfire  
pit at the beach?