



LuWiSoMo News

Fall 2019



A Huge Thank You to the incredible Fall Work Weekend Team of over 70 volunteers! We had a great time and finished all the projects on the list and then some! You are such a blessing to His ministry at LuWiSoMo! Thank you! **Spring Work Weekend is April 24-26, 2020.** Save the date and join the fun!

A Summer Of Blessings

As the level of the Round Lake overflowed to a record high, so too did the blessings of ministry and God's impact on lives overflow at LuWiSoMo this Summer!

Over 500 campers experienced LuWiSoMo this past summer, under the theme **"New Creation"**, including staff led off-site summer day camp (VBS) working with congregations in their communities.

We were blessed to host Lutheran Band Camp again in July and enjoy all of these young musicians and the wonderful music they make for the Lord!

Our Joyful Hearts ministry for those with developmental challenges continued to grow in numbers again this summer and a week of Winter Joyful Hearts is happening again the first week in January.

We were blessed with an incredible summer ministry team of counselors, CITs, wranglers, campground hosts and volunteers – most of whom are planning to return next summer!

The campground was busy this past season serving families, church groups and many new friends. We're excited about the updates we accomplished this summer and plans for renewed investment in this wonderful facility and ministry.

Family Weekend was filled with many blessings and much fun and a full house, as we renewed relationships, welcomed new friends and enjoyed time together! Peder Eide, AJ The Animated Illusionist and fireworks by the Young Family made for an incredible *Celebration* Saturday evening and thanks to Life Promotions we were able to move it all outdoors, enabling many guests from

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surrounding communities to be welcomed and experience the Good News in a unique way. And the outdoor sound system also enabled all of us to experience the amazing fireworks display now set to music!

Make your plans now to experience the blessings of LuWiSoMo next summer! **Summer camp registration is open now and reservations for the campground open January 2nd.** See the website for all the details!

Visioning For The Future

Over the past couple of years, the incredible blessing of your generous gifts has helped enable us to operate in the black and retire over \$500,000 in debt, so we're now in a much stronger financial position and able to focus on planning and reinvesting for the future.

This past month we've assembled a visioning team and engaged a professional coordinator who's begun leading us through a visioning process to assess, discover and develop God's vision and plan for His ministry at LuWiSoMo - rooted in almost 60 years of "His-Story" already at LuWiSoMo, but refocused and refreshed for today and the next generations of those He calls us to serve.

This vision and plan will prioritize and guide our focus, energy and investments in program, staff and facility development. Please keep our team and this process in your prayers as we seek to understand and implement God's vision and plans as He continues "His-Story" at LuWiSoMo. together!

Triple Challenge 2019

Support LuWiSoMo by participating in the "Triple Challenge" 2019. Thanks to two donors, your gift **now through January 15th** is *Tripled*! Details on the website.

Book Your Retreat

Winter and Spring are great times for Retreats (youth or adult group getaways and faith building, confirmation, outdoor education, leadership, men or women's groups, families, etc.). Many groups have already booked, but we still have openings. We're also taking bookings already for next Fall. Enjoy the blessings of time together in God's beautiful creation of LuWiSoMo! We have lodging, great food, beautiful facilities and can help you lead or plan activities. Contact us for details or to arrange a tour. Let LuWiSoMo be a blessing to your group!

Attention Nurses

Each week of summer camp we need a volunteer nurse or nursing student to help serve with distribution of meds and as our Health Supervisor. Your meals, and housing for you and your family, are provided. Enjoy time at camp and sharing your gifts! We still have a few more weeks to fill for next summer, so if this sounds like something that interests you or someone you know, please consider being a blessing in this way. Contact us to learn more and schedule your week. Thank you!

Amazon Shoppers

If you shop with Amazon, sign in via **smile.amazon.com** and under "Your Account" select the option to make LuWiSoMo your charitable organization of choice. There is no difference in cost or ordering process for you, except that you sign in at **smile.amazon.com** instead of just amazon.com, but when you do and select LuWiSoMo, we receive money from Amazon based on your purchase. Thank you to all who have been doing this – it adds up!

Thrivent Choice

Reminder to Thrivent members, you can designate your Thrivent Choice dollars to LuWiSoMo. Thanks to all of you who have been doing this! Your dollars add up and make a big impact for the ministry!

Stay Connected

Do you receive emails about happenings at LuWiSoMo? If not, or to be sure we have your current contact info, go to the "Contact" page at **LuWiSoMo.org** to email us your info and let us know you want to stay connected, and we'll make sure you're on the email news list.



Thank you LWML Zone 10 for your support and the many ingathering gifts from your Fall Rally. It was a blessing to be with you, share about His ministry at LuWiSoMo, and thank you in person for all of you do to share the Gospel.

CITs

Counselors In Training (CITs) spend two or more weeks volunteering at camp in the summer, serving alongside our camp counselors and staff. You experience the joys and hard work of camp ministry, while developing your leadership skills and growing in faith. This opportunity is open to current high school students. If this sounds like an opportunity for you, or for someone you know, see the details on our website or contact us. We're already accepting applications for next summer.

Coming Up

Summer Camp Registration – **Open Now**
Winter Joyful Hearts – January 5-10
Craft Retreat – TBA (1st or 2nd Weekend in March)
Spring Work Weekend – April 24-26
Tee Up For LuWiSoMo – May 12



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Email us via the "Contact" page. If we miss your call, be sure to leave a message so we can call you back. We're here to serve you. Let us know how we can help!