# CHIPS

## From the Lutherhaven Log

# Coming to Camp?

### Brilliant!

As the thermometer rises and the days begin to grow we are beginning to see the effect of the sun's brilliant light on the world around us. This place is gearing up for a summer filled with laughter, learning, craziness, and time with our Creator. Are you coming?

Our theme this summer is Brilliant! based on the verse John 8:12 "I am the light of the World. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Campers will be challenged to seek the brilliance of God's light while learning how to reflect and shine His light to others. Close to 30 staff members from at least 10 states and a variety of colleges have signed on to spend 11 weeks this year in leading campers through all of the great activities offered at camp like archery, boating, singing, swimming, and a variety of sports.

Camp Lutherhaven offers 22 different programs that include those individually designed for families, children, and teens. The length of programs varies from one day to fourteen days based on the ages of the participants. This year we experienced an early interest with the addition of Basketball Camp. It filled within the first month. The camp will be led by Concordia Lutheran High School basketball coaches, Josh Eggold and Eric Kaschinske. Some of the other camps are beginning to fill also, so check out the website (www.lutherhaven.org) or call the Camp (260.636.7101) for registration information soon. Financial aid is available through the generosity of Camp Lutherhaven friends and supporters for families with financial need.

*Cabin 7 plays "tackle the counselor" with summer staffer Alli Oppenneer*

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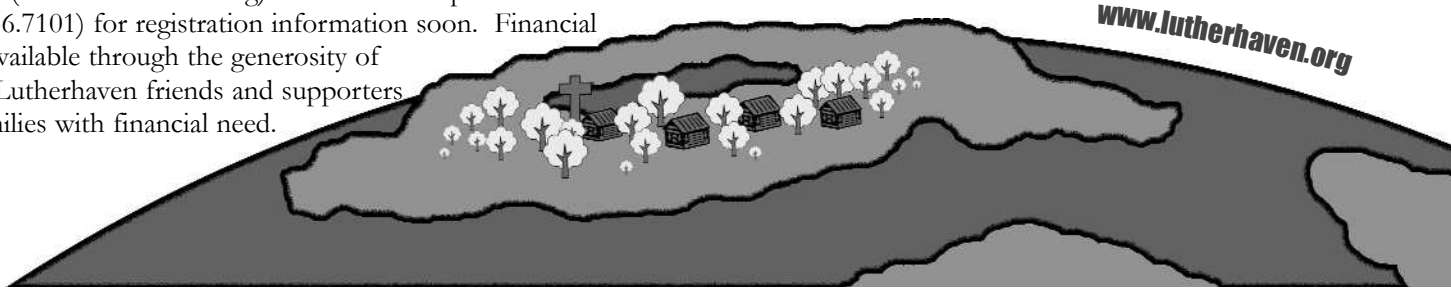

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Reaching out with the love of Christ.

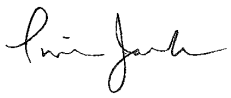
# From the Director

This Spring I've done several double takes out my window as I spotted several birds I had not seen before. You'd think after 14 years I would have seen about every bird one could see in Northern Indiana. But this year, for the first time, I spotted a Swainson Thrush, Wood Thrush, and a Gray Catbird. Not the most colorful of birds, but nevertheless, birds I had never seen outside of a book. Perhaps I'm just getting better at spotting them. More eye catching than these brown and gray colored birds, are others we see more regularly here at Luthehaven. They include: the White Breasted Nuthatch, Bluebird, Red-Bellied Woodpecker, Oriole, American Goldfinch, Rose Breasted Grosbeak, Ruby Throated Hummingbird, Downy Woodpecker, and the Indigo Bunting just to name a few. Keep in mind that I don't go looking for birds. Many people enjoy this hobby, but I can't remember a time where I went out into the woods to simply bird watch. Some of you may be thinking, "What a shame with such variety to view" and I'd probably agree. However I have been blessed to witness this small, yet extraordinary arena of God's Creation.

Bird watching can be like mission work. You go to a location where you hope to find people that have not heard about the love of Christ in the hope that you will have a chance to witness to some. There are people that are called to this kind of Kingdom work. For others of us, God brings people right up to our "window" in order to witness to them. Some are there for us quite regularly, others we may only see once in a great while. All of them need to hear about God's good news through our words and actions. If birds can give us a sense of awe at God's creativity and diversity, one can't help but be astounded by the extraordinary arena of people that God has created.

Summer camp is almost upon us and I can't wait to see who God is bringing by for us to witness to. His brilliant light continues to shine brightly wherever His Word is spoken and His people shine their light.

Who has God been bringing by your "window"? May God shine through each of us with His brilliant light. And keep your eyes open next time you're up here at Lutherhaven. Maybe you'll spot some new birds.



# Get a Taste of Camp on Sundays

Sunday is a great day in the summer to enjoy Lutherhaven and experience worship outdoors, good food, and a variety of recreational opportunities.

Each summer, Lutherhaven holds worship services in its outdoor pavilion. Campers that are coming or going, their families, the community, and anyone else who desires to join us for this 11 am outdoor worship is welcome. Dates and guest speakers are as follows:

May 26 - Seminarian Dave Strable
June 10 - *to be announced*
June 17 - Rev. Brian Pratt
June 24 - Rev. Haupt
July 1 - Rev. Brian Pratt
July 8 - Rev. Tom Eggold
July 15 - Rev. Jim Keller
July 22 - Rev. Tim Sims (Chicken Dinner Sunday)
July 29 - Seminarian Dave Strable
August 5 - *to be announced*

After the service, Sunday Dinner is served in the Lodge Dining Room. Ages 13+: $5.75/person, children ages 6-12: $4.25/person, children 5 & under are free. You may also bring a picnic lunch and dine inside our air conditioned Lodge or sit at a picnic table in the great outdoors. Stay and enjoy the afternoon by swimming, boating, or hiking around Camp until the camp program begins at 2:45 p.m. We hope to see *you* this summer!

*A camper enjoys the view from the top of Muncie Mountain*

# RETREAT!!!

*(Vantage Point, Fall Work Weekend, Congregational Retreat, Day Away)*

*Morning sunlight streaks through one of Camp's Cottonwood trees*

Now more than ever, in our busy schedules, we need to take time / make time for quietness, rest, and renewal. It is easy to become overwhelmed with the pressures of today's culture, neglecting our personal physical, mental, and spiritual needs. Camp Lutherhaven offers a variety of retreats that address this reality.

Consider coming out for a day of rest and renewal found in Lutherhaven's **Vantage Point Retreats**. These 6-hour getaways are scheduled for

- Saturday, July 14, 1:00-7:00 PM and
- Sunday, Sept. 23, 1:00-7:00 PM.

Invite a friend or your home Bible study group for a day that targets deep places within. $15 for individuals and $25 for couples. Contact the office for the latest retreat brochure

Don't forget about Camp's **Day Away Ministry**. YOU are invited out to camp for your own personal day of rest and renewal, at no cost. The Day Away room is typically available Monday through Friday. A welcome packet can set the stage and retreat guides are available upon request. Contact the office to schedule your Day Away.

How about considering a retreat for your church group, men's group, or women's group? How about a special kickoff, annual meeting, leaders gathering, or long range planning retreat? **Congregational Retreats** can have a great impact on your church's Christian fellowship, education, training, leadership, communication, and families, just to name a few. Weekends are currently being reserved into 2007 and 2008. Contact the Camp for available dates.

## Another Retreat Opportunity...

In the spirit of Camp's Memorial Family Work Weekend, **A Fall Work Weekend** is scheduled for October 19 - 20. This is open to families, youth groups, men's groups, women's groups and any other servant workers! We start at 7:30 pm on Friday with an orientation followed by an evening campfire devotion and sing along. After a hearty breakfast, everyone gets started with the morning work session. Following the afternoon session, at approximately 4:00 pm, workers can take off the gloves (from working!) and enjoy the labors of their love at Camp. The day will end with dinner and closing at 6:00 pm. You may also come just on Saturday. All meals, cabin lodging, and children programs are free as a thank you for your time and hard work.

## Registration Form

*For Vantage Point or Fall Work Weekend*

**Vantage Point Retreats**

❑ July 14
❑ September 23

**Fall Work Weekend**

October 19-20

*Check one*

❑ Need lodging Friday night (cabins)
❑ Coming up Saturday only

Name

Address

City/State/Zip

Phone

Email

Names of additional participants

**Cost for Vantage point:**
$15 per person
$25 per married couple

**Cost for Fall Work Weekend:**
FREE

*Send this form and payment (if applicable) to:*
*Camp Lutherhaven, 1596 S - 150 W, Albion, IN 46701*

# Home School Field Trips

Mondays are for Home schooling families at Camp Lutherhaven! Your student is invited to Camp Lutherhaven throughout the 2007-08 school year for a time of exploration, study, and fun!

Using a variety of learning activities and styles, field trips normally happen for 1-5th grade students during the second and fourth Monday of every month and on the 3rd Monday of the month for 6-8th grade students. For just $7 per student, these field trips will begin with registration at 9:00 a.m. and last until 2:30 p.m.

To assure quality programming, field trips will once again be limited to 30 students. Please phone or email to register each month. No walk-ins can be accepted.

*Two inquisitive girls practice their leaf identification*

### Grades 1 - 5

- September 10 or 24 - Flower power
- October 8 or 22 - Birds of Indiana
- November 12 or 20 - You gotta eat!
- December 3 or 17 - Mammal animals
- January 14 or 28 - Snow & Ice
- February 11 or 25 - It's a jungle out there!
- March 10 or 24 - Light studies
- April 14 or 28 - Amphibians of Indiana

### Grades 6 - 8

- September 17 - Pollen & Pollinators
- October 15 - Bird Species
- November 19 - Predator / Prey relations
- December 10 - Mammals of Indiana
- January 21 - Water Properties
- February 18 - Alien Species
- March 17 - Light Studies
- April 21 - Indiana Amphibians

# Blessings from Grants

Once again, Lutherhaven has been awarded a grant from The Lutheran Foundation for our Campership fund, enabling those with financial need to be able to attend a summer camp. This year's amount was for $11,500. This amount, combined with other gifts to this important fund, will help over 100 campers attend. What a blessing!

Camp also again received a grant from the Noble County Community Foundation through their celebrate diversity grant for $1000. These funds will help provide scholarships during International Camp. Part of the Celebrate Diversity Project's mission is to support programs that enrich the lives of the residents of Noble County and promote cultural diversity. Campers that attend, do so alongside international campers and participate in daily, cross-cultural activities.

For the first time, Lutherhaven has received a grant from the Noble REMC to purchase new life jackets and other waterfront safety equipment for $1075. This important grant will help campers stay the safest they can while enjoying all the great waterfront activities inlcuding, kayacking, canoeing, paddleboating, climbing Muncie Mountain, or just floating around the cool waters of Lake Muncie.

Camp Lutherhaven was also pleased to receive a grant from the Indiana LCMS District for continuing education for $2000. This money helped send the staff to the National Lutheran Outdoors Ministry Conference entitled "Eyes Wide Open" held at Camp Sonrise, Pottersville, NY.

We are so thankful for each of these grants and the impact they have on the work that is done here in Christ's name!

# Outdoor Education

### Did you know...?

- Camp Lutherhaven started its outdoor education program in 1969. That's 38 years ago that students began to venture to Camp during the school year.
- In 2006, Camp Lutherhaven served 1135 students for Outdoor Education. That's an 18% increase in the number of students served compared to 2005.
- Camp Lutherhaven will offer 24 home school day retreats for the 2007-08 school year.
- Camp Lutherhaven will have hosted 15 schools for overnight camp programs during the 2006-2007 school year.

Even with all the outdoor education classes that are happening at Camp Lutherhaven, There are still 117 days out of the 180 day school year that are still available.

Are you looking for a day or overnight outdoor education experience for your school? You are invited to bring your class out to Camp Lutherhaven for an educational, fun, and safe event. There are plenty of lessons that can be accomplished in the great outdoors, and Camp Lutherhaven offers affordable and flexible programs and facilities. Programs can be ½ day, whole day, or multiple days of activities and learning. Consider bringing your students out to Camp Lutherhaven to learn a little bit more about God's creation.

*A spider skillfully looks for his next meal*

# Chicken Dinner

*Rev. Timothy Sims*

Chicken Dinner Sunday at Camp Lutherhaven will be Sunday, July 22, 2007. To celebrate the 58th summer of ministry in God's creation, come out for the worship service and stay for the Chicken dinner. After the 11:00 a.m. worship, participants can enjoy a chicken dinner slated for noon in the Pavilion. Chicken Dinner Sunday has over the years helped the Lutheran Camp Association raise funds for capital improvements around the camp property, varying from refrigerators and lawn mowers to new buildings and land acquisition.

Rev Timothy Sims will be the Sunday morning speaker on July 22, 2007. Pastor Sims was born in Dayton, OH. He graduated from Fairmont High School, and then Concordia Senior College, Fort Wayne, IN. He received his Master of Divinity Degree from Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis in 1964.

His first parish was Messiah, Wolcottville, IN; and served there from 1964 to 1968. During his time at Messiah he was the Dean of 2 Lutheran Service Volunteer Camps at Lutherhaven. He also started a new mission in Ligonier, IN. Trinity, Ligonier held their first service on Easter Sunday, 1965.

In 1968 he became assistant pastor at Emmanuel, New Haven, and in 1974 he became the senior pastor at Emmanuel. In 1987 he took the call to be Evangelism/Stewardship Executive for the Indiana District.

Pastor Sims was elected President of the Indiana District in 1991 and served for four terms (12 years) until retirement in 2003. In retirement he serves Saint Thomas Lutheran Church in Ohio City, Ohio.

He is married to Nona (from Kansas City) and they are parents of 4 children, and grandparents to 5. He presently serves on the Board of Directors of Camp Lutherhaven, and is a member of the Advisory Group for North American Missions of the LC-MS.

The dinner will be catered by Goeglein's of Fort Wayne, including chicken, rolls, vegetables, drinks, and dessert. Adult servings will be sold for $7.00 and child servings will be sold for $5.00 at the door.

For more information on Camp Lutherhaven's Chicken Dinner, contact the camp office at 260.636.7101 or at camp@lutherhaven.org.

# Palmreuter Steps Down as Program Director

Mike Palmreuter, Camp Lutherhaven's program director with specialty in youth ministry, stepped down from his position in February to begin a graduate studies program. Mike has been on staff at Lutherhaven since 2001 and was integral in developing the Stepping Stones of Faith, Confirmation retreats as well as overseeing and shaping of the summer camp programs. This has meant a big change for Lutherhaven.

*Mike Palmreuter on the right with co-workers Don Schroeder and Tim Jank*

Executive Director, Tim Jank noted,

"Mike brought a creativity, professional vision, and dedication to his calling during his almost 6 years here at Lutherhaven. We will miss him and yet know God has great things in store for him and for the future here at Camp Lutherhaven."

Starting in February, a search process began with 35 applicants. Through a series of interviews, that number has been narrowed down. In God's timing and His pupose, the right person will emerge ready to be welcomed into the Lutherhaven family.

*Celine Newman*

During this position's vacancy and search process, a recent Lutherhaven alumni has stepped in to help with ongoing duties from this position. Celine Newman, former summer staff person and ministry impact worker came on staff in late February and is serving Camp through the summer until a new full-time person can be found. She has enthusiastically jumped into the busyness of Camp during the leading months before summer camp.

Tim Jank, Executive Director exclaimed,

"Celine has been a tremendous help in filling the gaps, offering her creative touch around Camp. Her willingness to help Lutherhaven during this important transition has been a real gift."

Please keep Mike, Celine, this future new person, and Camp Lutherhaven in your prayers as God works to bring about the best for His Kingdom.

The ministry of Camp Lutherhaven is what it is today because it has at its foundation a community of supporters that are prayerful, generous and committed to the cross of Jesus Christ. The Staff and Board of Directors at Camp Lutherhaven wish to warmly thank all those who have joined hands with us in our endeavor to sustain an outdoor ministry dedicated to the great commission through year round and summer camping programs for children, youth, and adults. If anyone is missed below please notify the Camp office so we may correct our mistake. Many also give beyond our ability to record through in-kind donations and volunteerism. Thank you all!!!

# 2006 Contributors

**To Protect the identity of our donors, we have chosen to not publish them via the Internet.**

# Thank you all!

# Wish List

### General Camp

- Archery bows and arrows
- Clear ziplock bags
- BandAids
- Basketballs
- Beach balls
- Broomball equipment
- Brooms
- Camperships ($111-$244)
- Canoes/paddles
- Chain saw (at least 16")
- Computer software upgrades
- Construction paper
- Disposable small cups
- Djembe (drum)
- Dressers/nightstands for cabins
- Diveway/Parking surfacing
- ~~Electric keyboard/piano or repair~~
  *Thank you!*
- Embroidery floss
- Garbage cans - plastic
- Glue bottles
- Guitar stands
- Hammer drill
- Inner tubes
- ~~Lifejackets/vests~~
  *Thank you!*
- Luggage carriers
- Masking tape
- Megaphone
- Mirrors, full-length for cabins
- Music stands/podiums
- New postcards
- Nice serving dishes
- Outdoor cooking gear
- Paddleboats
- Paintbrushes
- Rit liquid dye
- Recycling can crushers
- Service project teams
- Sidewalk chalk
- Snow cone machine
- Snow shovels
- Tempera paint
- Tile pieces for mosaics
- Tractor auger
- ~~Truck - pickup~~
  *Thank you!*
- Yarn for crafts

### Daniel Retreat Center

- Artwork/decorating plan
- Board/recreational games
- Couches & lounge chairs
- Outdoor rocking/ Adirondack chairs
- Ping-pong table - fold up
- Sitting stools
- Stepping stools

*To donate an item from the list or to find out more information, please contact the Camp office.*

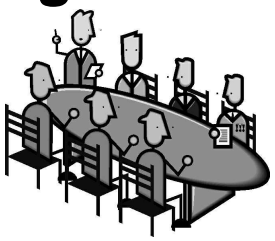
# Help Kids Encounter the World

Why deal with all those stuffy airports and customs agencies when you can get an international experience right here at Camp Lutherhaven? This special program allows refugee campers from countries like Burma, Sudan, and Bosnia to attend camp alongside traditional campers, and is by far the favorite of many campers and staff alike. The week partners the typical summer camp experience with special international foods, crafts, and activities. A special benefit of this mission-minded program is that campers may hear and see the love of Jesus in a way that they may have never experienced before while worldwide friendships are made.

This camp is in partnership with the Indiana District LC-MS and is seeking sponsorships to fund the camp experience for those international campers. Sponsors, which may include congregations, church groups, schools, and individuals, are needed to help send these special individuals to camp. This year all International Camp donations, if qualified, will be matched by Thrivent with 50 cents on each dollor. The goal is to provide a week of summer camp for 40 international campers at $250 per camper. This year we ask that donations be made out to the Camp Lutherhaven with "international camp" written on the memo line.

# Lutherhaven's Annual Meeting

The Annual meeting of the Lutheran Camp Association (which is the legal name for Camp Lutherhaven) is scheduled for September 16th, 2 pm at Camp Lutherhaven. Join with others friends and supporters of Camp Lutherhaven's year round ministry to share information & ideas, talk about what's in store for the future, and to elect several new Board members. Partners, Congregational Representatives, and visitors are invited to attend. Free child care and refreshments will be provided. For more information, please contact Tim Jank at the Camp office.



# Junior High Youth Rally

Mark your calendars, Junior Youth and Youth leaders! Camp Lutherhaven will once again be the site of the Indiana District LC-MS Northern Junior High Youth Rally. This year's theme will be MORE, based on Romans 5:17. "For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much MORE will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ." This annual, overnight event will take place on September 15 - 16, 2007.

This rally is open for Indiana youth in 7th and 8th grade and will include DCE Travis Hartjen, music, inflatable games, worship, field games, Bible Study, and approximately 160 youth and adults from the northern part of the Indiana District. Churches will receive the registration packet from the Indiana District office in May. If you are interested in attending, talk to your church leaders to make sure your youth don't miss out. The registration deadline is at the end of August or when all of the spaces are taken.

# Adopt the Summer Staff

She is a referee, a coach, a teacher, and an advisor. He is a song leader, an entertainer, and a faith leader. A summer camp worker is a rare and special breed of person who gives themselves to the summer ministry of Camp Lutherhaven. They come from 10 different sates and various schools and backgrounds to be an integral part of our team, and we couldn't get through summer with out them.

*Counselor and campers are caught sitting down on the job*

Last year we started a new program to help people show their appreciation for this unique group of people. The "Adopt the summer staff" program was a blessing as each week the summer staff was able to be uplifted and supported in many ways. Whether it was through baked goods, letters of encouragement, devotions, or fresh fruit, your gifts, whether small or big, went a long way in boosting the spirits and energy levels of the summer staff members.

With such appreciation and success we are again looking for individuals, families, and church groups to select a day (or two, or more) that they would commit to demonstrating their support to the 28 summer staff members in some special way. If you are interested in adopting the staff for a day or have questions about it, call or email Celine at 260.636.7101 or camp@lutherhaven.org. She will help you select a day and give you more details on how to be a part of this valuable program.

## CAMP LUTHERHAVEN

Written by Corinne Kauffman
Daughter of John & Sue Kauffman
Member of Southwest Lutheran, Fort Wayne
Age 10

*I love to go to Lutherhaven*
*It is the place I love,*
*Because whenever I get there*
*I feel like a white dove.*

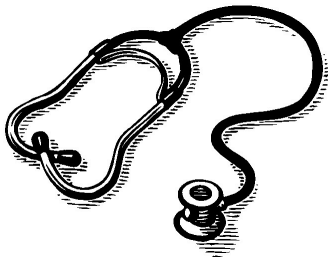
*Like my worries will float away*
*Into a cloud or bush,*
*And when I am in line to eat*
*I do not cut or push.*

*And every day we pray*
*To the one who died on the cross,*
*And freed us from our ugly sins*
*Or we would have lost.*

*Now you see why I like*
*Camp Lutherhaven the best,*
*But you always have to watch out*
*For those buzzing little pests.*

If you have a special poem, picture, or camp story that you think others would enjoy, please send them to us at camp@lutherhaven.org or to 1596 S. 150 W., Albion, IN 46701.

# Calling All Nurses!



Camp Lutherhaven is looking for volunteers who are licensed RNs or physicians to serve for a week (or two) this summer as a Nurse of the Week.

Responsibilities include working with the First Aid Coordinator summer staff person in the distribution of medications, treatments, and reviewing medical records. The Nurse of the Week would also be available for consultation including medical advice and being a resource for health and wellness information.

Nurses of the Week would receive, along with their family, air conditioned housing and meals for their time of service to Camp. In addition, if you have children, a 50% discount for summer camp registration fees is available.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in this important Nurse of the Week position, please contact the camp office for an application.

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