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To Learn! Why Do We Go To Summer Camp??

"All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you." - John 14:25-26

My daughter benefited from camp by growing in her faith, being away from home, and fostering her independence.

My camper discovered how worship, Bible study, and fun can all come together. Camp also strengthened and grew his independence.

No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.
 - 1 John 4: 11-13

To Experience!

To Grow!

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My son has grown in his faith and independence and loved his first camp experience. He's been singing songs from camp ever since he left camp!

To Leave!

My daughter always returns from camp more "centered." Counselors were outstanding and she was very inspired by their ministry.

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." - John 20:19

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The bidding process for the upgrade to the septic system has been started and the camp expects bids to be received by March 30, 2012. Once the bids are received the camp will be making a determination as to who will be doing the work.

The camp has opted to go with a holding tank system rather than an elaborate treatment center and drain field system. The initial cost savings to the camp will be substantial when comparing the cost of the two types of systems. Undoubtedly there will be more annual expense with loading fees throughout the years but the camp has been bearing some of that cost already for the past three years due to weekly pumping through out the busy summer months with the current drain field in partial failure.

When the excavation work begins in early May we will see two large 7700 gallon holding tanks installed near the existing drain field. Also, included in the project will be the installation of a smaller holding tank for the Benson cabin where a year round program staff person resides. The camp is also replacing a steel grease interceptor tank at the dining hall and replacing it with a new 1000 gallon concrete grease interceptor tank.

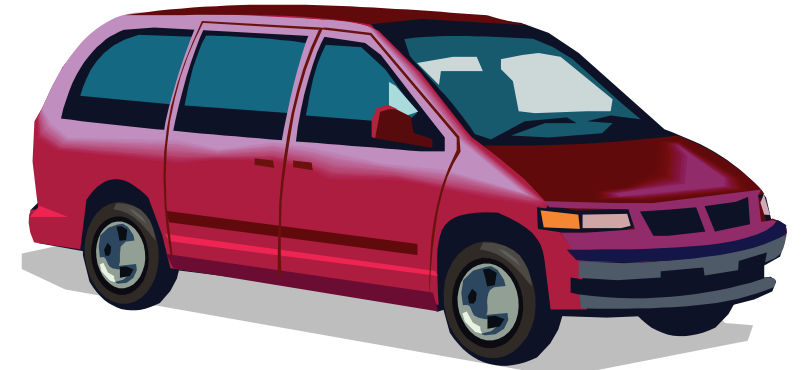
The addition of these new holding tanks will help the camp operation in several ways. During summer months over the past three years we have had weekly pumping of almost every tank in the main part of camp. This pumping normally took place on Friday afternoons after the week camp session. With the addition of the two holding tanks, the pumping will take place outside of the main camp site and the pumping can occur as needed through out the summer.

The other advantage of having the holding tanks is less pump time for the camp lift station. In years past, with the main drain field in partial failure, it was very apparent that the drain field was not handling the volume of gray water flow, thus resulting in more pump attempts by the lift

station to saturate the field. The two holding tanks will greatly reduce the pumping time of the lift station since they will instantaneously handle the load volume.

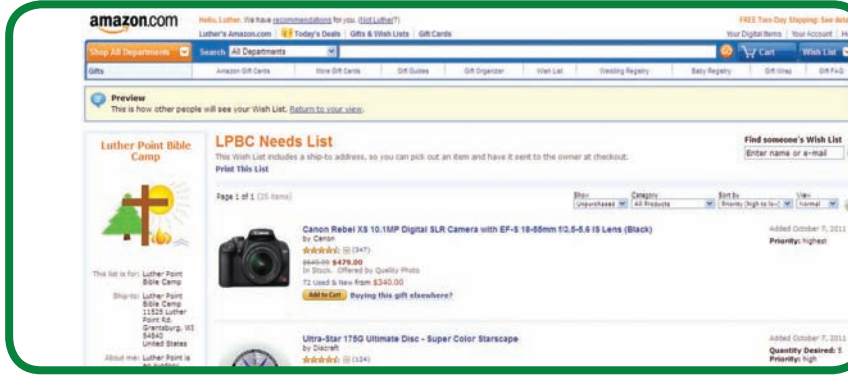
Funding for the OMDT appeal continues to flow into the camp office. We have been very intentional about sending gift and pledge reminders to individuals and families who have made a commitment to the appeal. We have been very pleased with the gift and pledge responses due to the reminder notices. The overall total gifts and pledge commitments stands at a little over \$800,000. The camp Board of Directors is very grateful for the generous gifting and pledge commitments so far. The Board is continuing to look at ways to continue on with the fundraising efforts for the OMDT Appeal. Thank you very much to everyone who has made a gift or pledge commitment to this important project.

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Rev. Craig M. Corbin
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DIRECTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Greetings from Camp!!! I would like us to consider a perspective from the journey of Moses and the Israelites in the desert. Deuteronomy 2:7 “The Lord your God has blessed you in all the work of your hands. He has watched over your journey through this vast desert. These forty years the Lord your God led you all the way in the desert these forty years, to humble you and to test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands.”

Then continuing on with Deut: 8: 2 “Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the desert these forty years, to humble you and to test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands.”

Think about it, FORTY YEARS IN THE WILDERNESS. No permanent home, living in tents, wondering where your next meal will come from, facing the harsh weather conditions, encountering “not so nice people” of various tribes, leading a group of people who seemed to be continually grumbling about the state of affairs, at times being at war, and in the midst of all this trying to build a community with new laws and practices. Wow!!!!???

A monumental task if you ask me. How in the world did Moses do it? As I reflect upon the two verses from Deuteronomy I see some key reasons why Moses was able to persevere in the midst of all the trials and challenges. Those reasons include the following, “the Lord has blessed you,” “The Lord has watched over your journey,” “the Lord has been with you,” “the Lord led you,” “the Lord humbled and tested them.” In a nutshell it can be summed up with one word “Immanuel” or in other words translated, God with us.

As I think back over the last couple years, I have oftentimes felt that the camp ministry has been experiencing sort of “a wilderness”. Certainly a different kind of wilderness experience than Moses and the Israelites, but none the less “a wilderness”. The camp’s wilderness has come in the form of fewer campers coming to camp, retreat groups becoming less and many of the retreat groups that are coming are for shorter periods of time and less meals. The costs involved in running the camp ministry continue to rise in a variety of areas especially in the area of insurance, energy and food costs. Many of these factors have put significant strain upon the camp from a financial perspective and I would venture to say, strain on staff as well. From my perspective a certain kind of “wilderness” experience.

That being said, I believe it is important for us to be continually

2012 Spring Clean-up Days
 Saturday, May 5
 Saturday, May 12

Help prepare camp for summer!
 Enjoy a day in the beautiful camp environment doing a variety of projects including raking, cleaning cabins, and other maintenance projects.

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Get Your Team Together For the Annual Luther Point Golf Scramble
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At The Frederic Golf Course

reminding ourselves and the faith community in which we dwell that the Lord is with us. Our Lord is faithful, our Lord has continually blessed the camp ministry, oftentimes in ways that bring us great surprise. We have also come to realize that at time we are being asked to be humbled.

The other part of this experience that I think is important for us to consider is the “time” perspective. We live in a current culture that seems to have instant gratification right at our fingertips. For many of us, we expect things to happen quickly, right now. In the current cultural and economic environment I would venture to say that a lot of folks would like to see and would prefer a quick turnaround to a more positive situation. Honestly, I would love to see the camps situation turn around with a quick and decisive increase in camper participation and retreat groups and less stress on finances. I also realize that the camp goes through periods of ebbs and flows. In a certain sense, it is a part of the human experience for all of us. Certainly, there must have been times when Moses was thinking and asking the question, Why Lord? How much longer can we tolerate this wilderness experience? Moses must have had doubts and questions about their uncertain future and whether or not they would ever reach the land “flowing with milk and honey.”

As I think about some of the challenges and opportunities before us I have come to realize they are not going to change overnight. I also think from a time perspective, our struggles and challenges are short-term compared to the wilderness experience that Moses and the Israelites faced.

It is also good and necessary that we continually remind ourselves that we live with a promise. That promise and that covenant commitment we have is with our Lord and Savior. We continue to move ahead one day at a time knowing and trusting that “the Lord is blessing the camp,” “The Lord is watching over our journey,” “the Lord is leading us,” “the Lord is humbling and testing us.” “The Lord is with us.” God is Immanuel. This is most certainly true!

Yours in Christ,
 Rev. Craig Corbin

RETREAT @ LUTHER POINT!

Luther Point Bible Camp's 4th Annual
Break-In-The-Lake and Pancake Breakfast
 to Support the Campership Fund

Join Us as We Celebrate the Beginning of Another Great Summer at Luther Point!!

Saturday, May 12th

Join the fun!
8am - 11am: Pancakes
 Served in the Lokta Center

11:00am: Break-In-The-Lake
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Over the last couple of months our ministry team has been very busy!! Our weekends have been filled with lock-ins for elementary, junior high and senior high youth, retreats at Luther Point, as well as Sunday worship services and Sunday School.

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| Apr 15: Friends' and Volunteers Banquet | Jun 10-15: Week 1 Bible Camp | Jul 22-27: Week 6 Bible Camp |
| Apr 26: Prayer Shawl & Knitting Ministries Retreat | Jun 13-15: Adult Women's Canoe Trip | Jul 29-Aug 3: Week 7 Bible Camp |
| May 5: Spring Clean-up | Jun 17-22: Week 2 Bible Camp | Aug 5-10: Week 8 Bible Camp |
| May 12: Spring Clean-up | Jun 24-29: Week 3 Bible Camp | Aug 5: End of Summer Celebration |
| May 12: Pancake Breakfast/Break-in-the-Lake | Jul 8-13: Week 4 Bible Camp | Sep. 7-8: Choral Retreat |
| May 20-24: ARC Emergency Responder Training | Jul 13-15: Families of all Shapes and Sizes Weekend Camp | Oct 5-6: Senior High Weekend Camp |
| May 24-27: ARC Lifeguard Training | Jul 15-20: Week 5 Bible Camp | Oct 19-20: Junior High Weekend Camp |

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Consider a legacy that will live on

I am not totally sure what was on the hearts and minds of the folks who started the idea of a Bible camp back in the early 1940's. Perhaps they were only thinking of the current moment and what a camp might be and what is could be for their

children. More than likely they did not think about the fact that they were in essence actually leaving a living legacy for generations of families and youth for many years to come.

One of the questions we have for you is, what are you thinking about in regards to your life long legacy? In your estate planning, have you given consideration to leaving a legacy gift to Luther Point? In order for this ministry to stay vibrant where it is possible to provide camping and retreat opportunities for generations to come, the camp has established the Luther Point Foundation.

One of the primary purposes of the Foundation is to be able to provide campership support to youth and families who may not be able to otherwise have a Bible camp experience.

Your legacy gift to the Luther Point Foundation through your estate plan will have an effect upon future generations. The Foundation is one way to assure that the Bible Camp will have the means to provide opportunities for people of all ages to be drawn close to Christ, the church and each other through the 21st Century and beyond.

Luther Point invites you to consider leaving a living Legacy by including the Bible Camp and its ministry in your estate plan. This can be done simply and easily through a bequest in your will or by adding a modification to an existing will.

You may also choose to make a gift of life insurance or through making a gift that will return to you an income for life such as a Charitable Gift Annuity, a Pooled Life Income Agreement or a Charitable Remainder Trust.

Additional information about the Foundation is available from the camp. Contact us at 715-689-2347 or email Info@LutherPoint.org. Financial consultants can also be excellent resources in helping you make your estate plans.

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 Did you know that Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has a new charitable giving program? They are no longer matching gifts of any kind. Rather, members are able to direct a set amount of "Choice Dollars" monthly or quarterly to give to Lutheran organizations of their choice. We invite you to designate your allocated Choice dollars to Luther Point Bible Camp in addition to your regular giving.

Member Eligibility Requirements

- To be eligible for Choice Dollars, you must be a benefit member age 16 or older. Individual eligibility is also based on:
- Holding a Thrivent Financial volunteer leadership position or
- Having \$800 or more in annual premiums of qualifying insurance products or
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Step by Step Internet Instructions

- Log on to www.thrivent.com
- Sign in with your username and password or register for an account.
- Once you have registered and signed in, scroll across the top tool bar to "Thrivent Community." Click on "Thrivent Choice."
- You will see a box "How Do I Direct My Designated Choice Dollars?" In the box, click on "Get Started."
- In the middle of the next page, type "Luther Point Bible Camp" in the Organization Name box and click search.
- Luther Point will come up with a button to press, "Direct Now." Click that button. You will be able to assign all or part of your choice dollars to Luther Point.
- Click the "submit button" and your Thrivent Choice Dollars will be sent to Luther Point.

Phone Instructions

- Call 800-847-4836
- Follow the prompts that are given.
- You will be asked for the last four digits of your Social Security Number.
- Then you will be sent through an automated operator system.

January 1, 2012 thru March 1, 2012

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Join Us for a Retreat Experience!

Luther Park and Luther Point are excited to offer another year full of **joint retreat offerings**. We pray that these retreats serve as opportunities for others to engage in relationships with others who share common interests. If you have a retreat idea that you would like to help organize please contact Laura@LutherPark.org, or Liz@LutherPoint.org.



It's not too late to register for the **Prayer Shawl retreat at Luther Point on April 26th**. Join knitters from all over our area from 9am-3pm for a fun day of fellowship! This is an excellent opportunity to gain new skills and ideas for prayer shawls and other knitting ministry opportunities. Enjoy devotions and fellowship in the comfort and stillness of Luther Point Bible Camp. Cost is \$30/knitter and includes a delicious camp meal! Don't forget to bring yarn, knitting needles or crochet hooks, and a friend!

We are thrilled to be offering the **Choral Retreat again this year on Saturday, September 8th**. Come be among other singers as you master pieces of choral music all the while fellowshiping with one another in a setting that fosters relaxation and recreation at Luther Park.

We are also excited to be offering several **Recharge Retreats and Weekend Camps again this year!** These enriching retreats take place at Luther Point AND at Luther Park! The Recharge retreats are designed to energize the enthusiasm of school-aged campers. Luther Park Recharge dates are as follows: Elementary age: Oct. 19-20; Middle School age: Nov. 2-3 and Jan. 4-5; and High School age: March 8-9th. Luther Point Weekend Camps dates are as follows: Elementary age: March 15-16; Middle School: Oct. 19-20; and High School: Oct. 5-6. Come be RECHARGED in a setting that promotes renewal, enthusiasm, and FUN!



We know it's hard to think so far ahead, especially when it comes to Christmas, but we want to make sure you mark your calendar for this one! **Advent Fellowship and Cookie Baking Retreat** will be returning for another year of delicious goodies and Christmas fellowship! Join us at Luther Point Dec. 1st, and/or at Park Dec. 8th! Each participant will bring home about 10 dozen cookies from a variety of recipes! Came last year? No problem! Recipes will be different and just as exciting as last year's! Great opportunity for the whole family to come and share with the Christmas spirit!

Save the date: March 22-23, 2013! **The Spirituality of Bread Baking Retreat** will return to Luther Point! Space is limited for this incredible opportunity as you learn how to make a variety of artisan and yeast novelty breads and enjoy Christian fellowship!

We will also be offering a few additional retreats that will encourage you and the gifts that God has given you! **Be on the lookout for the 2012-2013 retreat schedule** that will be sure to get you excited about all that God is doing at Luther Park and Luther Point.

Register for Programmed Retreats Online! LutherPoint.org

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2012 Summer Schedule - Register Online Now!



There once was a middle school girl who had to go to camp for three summers as a confirmation requirement. During those weeks, she would spend all of her free time at the waterfront and swimming off the raft. But, for the rest of the time she hardly uttered a word, no matter the activity. She didn't participate in Bible study. Instead, she picked at the grass. She rarely sang the songs during worships or campfires. As a matter of fact, during any worship in the chapel, she gathered the dirt and sand on the floor and made designs in it. To this day she doesn't remember her counselors' names. This girl, when asked if she'd ever want to be a counselor, vehemently said "no." This girl was me.

Fast forward to May 2008. After taking a couple of wrong turns, I drove down Luther Point Road too scared to acknowledge that I was back at Luther Point and about to be a summer counselor. This meant I had to, God forbid, talk to people. I was going to have to talk to people about faith, about God, about my life. Was I ready for what was coming my way? No. I was petrified.

Why on earth am I here? I do not fit in here. I don't have a strong enough faith. I'm not outgoing enough. I don't have any Bible verses memorized. I'm not even that familiar with the Bible. I'm not cool enough. The campers won't like me. Here went nothing.

Fast forward again to March 13, 2012. I am sitting here at my desk in the Luther Point Bible Camp office. I can't help but smile. I can't believe I am sitting here as a full-time employee of Luther Point, loving my job. I can't believe I was once a girl who did not enjoy summer camp, a girl who had no clue as to why she decided to be a counselor. I can't believe how many life-long friends I have made because of this place. I can't believe how instrumental God has been in the path my life has taken. I can't believe that some of the happiest times of my life has happened here in this place called Luther Point—God's creation.

I know it's cliché to say, but it is undeniably true: God works in mysterious and unfathomable ways. God sees one of His children who has been exposed to something bigger and greater than we can even fathom. God sees potential. God sees promise. God sees His child, whom He loves. God sees a child who is getting a unique opportunity to see the Holy Spirit working in nature, in adult role models, in youth. This Child of God has been planted with the Holy Spirit. And this seed will grow. We just might not see it right away. I am a living testament to that fact.

Summer camp is powerful. We don't always realize it. Look at me—it took me nearly eight years to realize the impact camp had on my life. And for some, it'll take longer.

This summer let your child, your friend's child, your niece, your nephew be doused with the power of the Holy Spirit and get a taste for living in and with the Spirit. Let a child in your life be planted with God's agape love. Give your child a chance to go to summer camp so that in eight years he or she is able to sit, reflect and say, "Wow...God did that. God has a plan for me. God knows what's best even when I am petrified with making a decision. And...what on earth was my counselor's name again?"

God's Peace,

Liz Bowman
Program & Retreat Coordinator

Greetings,
It is at this point in your "The Point" experience that you may be wondering - "Why are there two Program people here? Is this the biggest typo in history? Is it the world's greatest optical illusion? Why does it take two people to do one person's job?"

Starting with the last question first, the answer is no, but it does take two half-time people to do one person's job. Hopefully the answers to the middle two questions are obvious. And finally, the first question can be answered with a few terms - collaboration, efficiency, and creativity.

As Luther Park and Luther Point continue along in their mutual mission we as a staff are continuing to ask ourselves the question - "What is the best way for us to work together for the sake of these two outdoor ministries?" This is a bigger question than it sounds. We are seeking to be two camps that are working together as much as possible, but at the same time still trying to maintain the valued traditions that make each camp unique.

We felt the best way to balance these was to be able to have someone involved in the programs of both camps while also having someone at each camp that is focused on the unique programming of that site. So, I will be working with both Luther Point and Luther Park, doing many of the administrative tasks related to programming that are shared between camps, as well as doing the majority of the promotional work for both camps. Liz (and Laura at Luther Park) will serve as the on site Program Coordinators, working on the day-to-day programming for each camp, as well as coordinating the retreat ministries of each camp.

Together, we are excited to be collaborative, efficient, and creative with the programming of our mutual mission. We deeply believe that God is at work in powerful and transformational ways through outdoor ministry, and that we are able to strengthen our ministries when we work together.



Grace and Peace,

Jesse Weiss
Program and Promotions Director

Summer 2012 Program

Highlights:

(See Schedule on Right For Dates and Times)

F.L.O.A.T.

This leadership training excursion takes place in Voyageur National Park on a 50 foot houseboat. The boat will cruise the lake and tie up to shore at night. There will be plenty of time for swimming, hiking, and enjoying nature. A guest facilitator will help the campers explore what it means to be a leader and how Christ calls us to serve.

F.L.O.O.D.

A week-long servant event in the city of Milwaukee. As a participant in the real life of the city you will live through some of the most important issues facing our world today. Campers and staff will be hosted by a local ministry while they experience ministry through service, sharing, reflection and prayer, as well as good fun in the city.

Lake Superior Kayak Trip

(Please Note the Date Change)

An experience like no other! Campers will spend one day receiving kayak training at Luther Point and then will take off for a three-day, two-night trip with trained guides in the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore on Lake Superior. Nights will be spent sleeping in tents on different islands while cooking over the fire and taking in the beauty of Lake Superior. No kayaking experience necessary.

River Kayak Trip

Come and experience the thrill of traveling the river in a kayak, surrounded by God's creation. Campers will spend one day learning kayaking skills at camp and three days and two nights out on the river. Campers will also learn essential camping skills. Throughout the days of camping and paddling, there will be plenty of time for worship, Bible Study, swimming, and star gazing. No kayaking experience necessary

Weeklong Family Camp

The ultimate family experience! Come and join the Family Camp tradition at Luther Point this summer. Children's Bible Study is led by counselors, with babysitting available for young children. Adults will have their own inspiring Bible Study time led by a special guest facilitator. There is plenty of time to boat, swim, fish, make crafts or just have some quiet time.

Program, lodging and meals are included in the cost.

Grandparent/Grandchild Camp

This half-week program is a special time for grandparent(s) and their grandchild(ren) of all ages to spend time together in a Christian community. There will be an opportunity to learn new songs, worship, enjoy age-appropriate Bible Study, play games, create crafts, swim, relax, and spend alone time with your grandchild. Counselors will lead activities, as well as help supervise grandchildren.

Families of All Shapes and Sizes Weekend Camp

If you can't spend a whole week, try a weekend! This camp is a wonderful opportunity to take some time away and grow your family's relationship with God and with each other. The weekend will be spent with summer camp counselors in structured times of worship, Bible Study, and games, but also with plenty of family free time in order to enjoy the fun activities the camp setting provides. Families of all shapes and sizes are welcome!

TL Training May 11-12. 19		Emergency Response Training May 20-24		Lifeguard Training May 24-27		General Staff Training May 27-June 8	
Week	On-Site Programs	Off-Site Programs	Day Camps				
June 10-15 Wk 1 BUDDIES I	Jr. High / Confirmation Camp (7-9 gr.) \$395	Adult Women's Canoe Trip (Wed. - Fri.) \$100	2 Day Camps				
	Saddlers Horse Camp (5-6 gr.) \$475						
June 17-22 Wk 2 BUDDIES I	Jr. High / Confirmation Camp (7-9 gr.) \$395	Trailblazer Outpost (7-9 gr.) \$410	2 Day Camps				
	SR High Servant Camp (10-12 gr.) \$415	50-60 Mile Canoe Trip (7-9 gr.) \$410					
June 24-29 Wk 3 BUDDIES II	5 th / 6 th Grade Camp \$395	Pioneer Outpost (5-6 gr.) \$410	2 Day Camps				
	June 24-26: 3 rd / 4 th Grade Camp \$197	River Kayak Trip (10-12gr.) \$410					
	Mon, June 25 Day-at-Camp \$30	June 27-29 GRPARENT / CHILD CAMP (see below)					
	Tues, June 26 Day-at-Camp \$30						
July 7	Mid Summer Staff Training						
July 8-13 Wk 4 BUDDIES II	Jr. High / Confirmation Camp (7-9 gr.) \$395	Trailblazer Outpost (7-9 gr.) \$410	3 Day Camps				
	Trotters Horse Camp (6-8 gr.) \$495	35-40 Mile Canoe Trip (7-9 gr.) \$410					
July 13-15	Families of All Shapes And Sizes Weekend Camp Friday-Sunday (see below)						
July 15-20 Wk 5 BUDDIES III	5 th /6 th Grade Camp \$395	50-60 Mile Canoe Trip (7-9 gr.) \$410	3 Day Camps				
	GoFishN' Camp (5-6 gr.) \$415	F.L.O.O.D. Milwaukee Servant Trip (10-12 gr.) \$420					
	July 15-17: 3 rd / 4 th Grade Camp \$197	July 18-20: 3 rd / 4 th Grade Camp \$197					
July 20-22	Staff Family Weekend Friday-Sunday						
July 22-27 Wk 6 BUDDIES III	5 th /6 th Grade Camp \$395	35-40 Mile Canoe Trip (7-9 gr.) \$410	2 Day Camps				
	GoFishN' Camp (7-9 gr.) \$415	F.L.O.A.T. Houseboat Trip (10-12gr.) \$420					
	July 22-24: 3 rd /4 th Grade Camp \$197	July 25-27: GRPARENT/ CHILD CAMP (see below)					
July 29- Aug 3 Wk 7 BUDDIES IV	Wranglers Horse Camp (7-9 gr.) \$500	Pioneer Outpost (5-6 gr.) \$410	2 Day Camps				
	Drama, Guitar, and Fine Arts Camps (7-9 gr.) \$425						
	July 29-31: 3 rd / 4 th Grade Camp \$197	Aug 1 - 3: GRPARENT/ CHILD CAMP (see below)					
Aug 5-10 Wk 8 BUDDIES IV	Weeklong Family Camp (see below)		Lake Superior Sea Kayak (10-12 gr.)		5 Day Camps		
	Mon., Aug 6: Day-at-Camp \$30	Tues., Aug 7: Day-at-Camp \$30	NOTE DATE CHANGE				

Dates may be subject to change. Visit WWW.LUTHERPOINT.ORG for complete summer camp info.

MEMBER CHURCH* PRICE with DISCOUNTS:

One standard week in camp: \$ 395.00
Member Church* Discount: -55.00 (\$27.50 for half week)
Early Bird Discount:** -15.00 (\$7.50 for half week)
TOTAL MEMBER PRICE \$325.00

Campers from qualifying* Member Churches may also qualify for ONE of these Member Church Incentive Discounts for a standard week in camp:

Invite a Friend* Discount:** \$60.00 (\$30.00 for half week)
Sibling* Discount:** \$30.00 (\$15.00 for half week)
Multiple-week* Discount:** \$30.00 (\$15.00 for half week)

REGULAR PRICE with DISCOUNT:

One standard week in camp: \$ 395.00
Early Bird Discount:** -15.00 (\$7.50 for half week)
TOTAL PRICE \$380.00

Campers who are not from qualifying* Member Churches may also qualify for ONE of these Incentive Discounts for a standard week in camp

Invite a Friend* Discount:** \$30.00 (\$15.00 for half week)
Sibling* Discount:** \$15.00 (\$7.50 for half week)
Multiple-week* Discount:** \$15.00 (\$7.50 for half week)

*To qualify for Member Church Discounts, your church must have paid 100% of their member church assessment (\$2 a baptized member) in 2011.
 **To qualify for an Early Bird Discount, your registration must be postmarked by March 30, 2012

***INCENTIVE DISCOUNT DEFINITIONS:
Invite a Friend: Invite a first-time LPBC camper and you will receive the discount.
Sibling: Oldest camper pays full price. Additional campers from the same household receive the discount.
Multiple-Week: First camp session pays full price. Additional camp sessions by the same camper receives the discount.

REQUIRED DEPOSIT: \$125 for full week. \$65 for half week and weekend. \$7.50 for day at camp.
DISCOUNTS MAY NOT BE APPLIED TO REQUIRED DEPOSIT. Deposit nonrefundable after May 1. Prior to May 1 a \$15 processing fee will be charged.

GRANDPARENT GRANDCHILD CAMP PRICES:

\$120 for each Grandparent
 \$120 for each Grandchild

WEEK-LONG FAMILY CAMP PRICES:

\$295 for 13 & older
 \$195 for 6 -12 years old
 \$115 for 2-5 years old
 Maximum of \$995
First timers discount of 50%

FAMILY WEEKEND CAMP PRICES:

\$135 for 13 & older
 \$105 for 6 -12 years old
 \$50 for 2-5 years old
 Maximum of \$480
First timers discount of 25%

There is a 15% discount for all Family Camps if you bring your own tent or camper (camping space is limited)

Day At Camp, Grandparent-Grandchild Camp and Family Camps DO NOT QUALIFY for Incentive or Early Bird Discounts

Luther Point believes EVERYONE should be able to come to Bible camp. There are many generous donors who have provided camperships. These are available to anyone (including families, adults, and youth) with a desire to come to camp regardless of their ability to pay. A Campership Request Form must be filled out. You can get one from your church or on our website.

CHECK THE WEBSITE LUTHERPOINT.ORG FOR CURRENT DATES AND INFORMATION! (Look under summer camp)

Early Bird Registration Deadline is March 30
 Some camps fill up much earlier than this. Please register early to guarantee a spot.
 Register online at LutherPoint.org

For Complete Camp Info and To Register:
www.LutherPoint.org