

LUTHERLYN

LIFE CHANGING ADVENTURES IN FAITH

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HAPPY CAMPERS!

We had a great summer...outstanding staff and program, new mattresses, new bouldering room, new HIGH ropes course with an amazing zip-line, new box stalls at the horse barn...and it all added up to HAPPY CAMPERS!



The staff is the heart of summer at Lutherlyn – it always has been – and we have been blessed over the years to have attracted astonishingly gifted, hard work-

ing, safety-minded, faithful young adults to serve as counselors and in the many other staff positions of summer.



Sure, we like traditions at camp, but the tradition of plastic covered foam mattresses that have lost their lift and the mediocre sleep that accompanies them is not one we cherished. New 9 inch, college-

dorm-style, innerspring mattresses with breathable nylon covers have moved in and sleep at Lutherlyn has never been so good. And it's not just a summer thing. Our Woodland Quilters and Crafty Ladies have been raving about them – even one who up 'til now stayed at home and commuted to camp! "Thank you!" to all of you who contributed to the mattress mini-campaign over last fall and winter and made this possible!



Never heard of a "bouldering room?" Actually they are fairly new in the world of indoor sport. It is a great workout, a personal challenge, and skill-

builder...not to mention a whole lot of fun. This new

favorite is located in one of the old classrooms of Derr Hall – the Ed Building. The walls are insulated and covered with high-friction plywood and a thousand color coded hand and feet grips. The colors identify climbing routes. They even cross the ceiling – for the "spiders" living among us. The floor is covered with 5 inches of shredded rubber in case of a fall. The room is heated so retreat groups can use it during the winter!



up...and up. Set on 55 foot telephone poles buried 7 feet in the ground, participants face physical, mental, emotional and even spiritual challenges as they



climb, swing, jump, lean, stretch, balance and dangle their way through the elements. A simple to operate, highly effective harness and belay system operated with

meticulous safety precautions and protocols keep everybody safe.

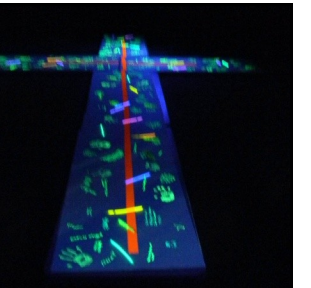
The new zip-line is an 860 foot ride beginning at the top of the climbing wall and zipping down the stream valley passing behind the Amphitheater and the Indian Cave. For the sake of perspec-



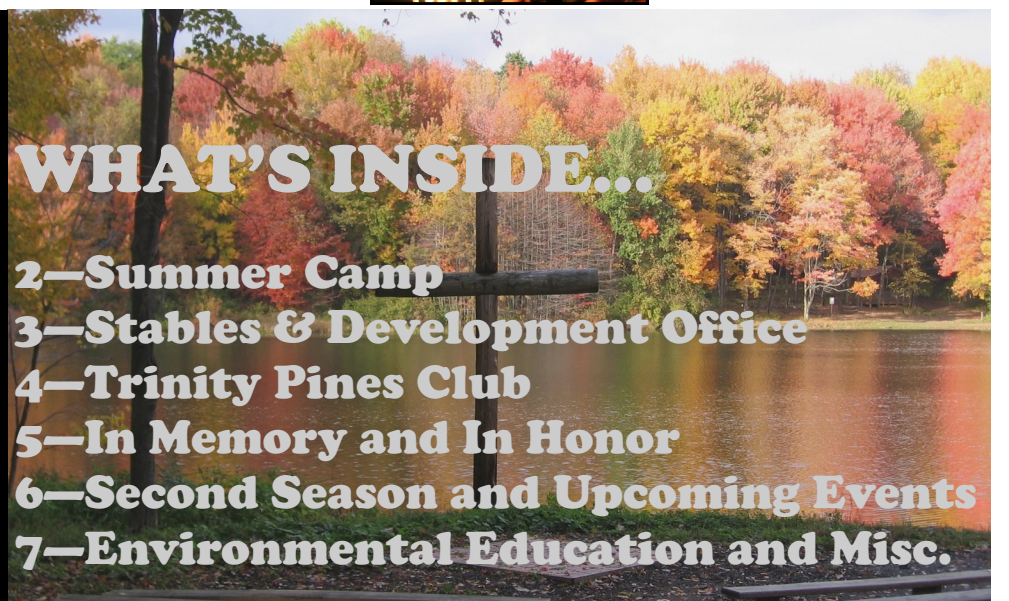
tive, the old one was 250 feet long. The zipline may be accessed via the climbing wall, the cargo net, the rope ladder or after a trip around the high elements circuit. This flexibility allows the zip-line to be used as the culmination of the challenge course experience or groups may use it as a standalone event.



The new stuff makes a solid program even better.



Life-changing adventures in faith are here for the taking.



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Summer Camp



UNDER THE RADAR

Every summer Lutherlyn's campers respond generously to the "Under the Radar" offering project. This summer we raised \$10,367.19 for the Wadena Otter Tail Long Term Recovery effort. Otter Tail County in Minnesota was hit by a barrage of tornadoes in 2010 and is still trying to recover from the devastation. The recovery efforts are rooted in 3 ELCA congregations in Otter Tail County. Randy had the opportunity to go to Minnesota and present the check to the very grateful recipients. "After a year people have forgotten about us, but we still have homeless and hurting people. Your timing couldn't be better. This is HUGE for us! THANK YOU!"

HEY CAMPERS.... WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are trying really hard to get NEW campers and MORE campers! The best way for that to happen is for YOU (current campers who already know how great Lutherlyn is) to tell your friends and bring your friends to camp with you. You will be getting a special mailing in the spring with post cards to distribute to your friends inviting them to CAMP BLAST on May 6th. You can show them all of the cool things that you love about Lutherlyn and, if your friends sign up for summer camp, you can earn some fun prizes and money towards your own registration. Save the date and tell your friends to prepare for an AWESOME day of fun that could lead to a week-long LIFE-CHANGING ADVENTURE IN FAITH this summer!

"I wish you could see how my kids pour over the summer brochure when it arrives; just like a little kid drooling over a toy or candy catalog! It's like Christmas morning when Lutherlyn's summer brochure arrives in the mail!"

SUMMER STAFF SEARCH 2012!

The search is on!! Every summer Lutherlyn hires 60 mature Christian men and women to serve on the summer staff. If you or someone you know is interested in serving God, making a difference in the lives of campers, being part of an intentional Christian community, and having a great time with lots of kids, please check out the "employment" section of Lutherlyn's website— or contact the camp office!

SUMMER CAMP 2012

June 3-15

Staff Training

June 17-23

**1 Confirmation
Life in the Wild!
Horse Camp
Staff-in-Training**

June 24-29

**2 Confirmation
Classics
Small Fry Days
Leadership
Horse Camp**

July 1-7

**3 Family Camp
Horse Outpost
On-Site Day
Camp**

July 8-13

**4 Arts
Rocketry
Classics
Horse Camp
Salmagundi
Confirmation**

July 15-21

**5 Classic
Salmagundi
Young Folks
Adventurers
Horse Camp**

July 22-28

**6 Classics
Salmagundi
Venture
AmazinGrace
Horse Camp
Rocketry**

July 29-Aug. 3

**7 Night Owls
Sports Camp
Salmagundi
Musical Theater
Horse Camp
Jazz**

"Nurse Natalie" - Gone but Never Forgotten

On February 18, 2011 Natalie George passed away. Natalie was a longtime friend of Lutherlyn, a camp nurse, and a camp mom to many throughout the years. Natalie is greatly missed but her legacy lives on through her family and through the many memorial contributions that were used to "spruce up" the Health Hut in her memory.

From Bekah George:

Camp has always been a huge part of my family. My Mom loved camp so much. She would get so excited when it was time to go. My family has been going to camp as long as I have been alive. Our grandparents have been camp grandparents for the past 25 years. Some of my earliest memories are of my family at camp. My Mom was a camp nurse for 20 years and loved every minute of it. Being a camper it was nice to have her there when I was younger; it helped make my camp experience as a younger camper even better. Over the years it became normal for her to be the nurse for three weeks out of the summer, one week for Christa, one week for T.J., and then one week for me. She helped get the elementary schools in Indiana to come to Lutherlyn for their environmental education programs, hoping this would give camp more campers. Having a camp mom was amazing. Not only was she there when I was, but this meant that I could go more than once and spend time with just her. No matter who it was; Mom always treated them like they were one of her own kids. She was there with a smile, band-aid and a hug for whoever needed it, camper or staff. Christa has worked at camp in the past and I work there now, and it made Mom so proud to see us so happy working someplace that we all love. TJ was a camper for many years. In the past few years, Mom got our Dad to come to camp for the week. Dad has come to help with check in, but never stayed. After one year he fell in love, just like the rest of us. One of my last memories of my Mom at was at the Winter Tea. She was so happy to have her



two girls there with her to help. Mom loved getting to share the place that she loved with others, and wanted nothing more than for everyone to feel the same love for camp that she did. I miss my Mom so much, being at camp makes me feel closer to her, and brings back so many memories of her and me when I was younger. Camp is being at home and a place that I will feel my Mom forever. I love you Momma!

From Christa George:

Anyone who knew my mom knows that camp was like a second home to her. She took her role of "Nurse Natalie" very seriously. Though, she was more than just a nurse, she was a mom to all the campers and staff, too. From upset tummies to scraped knees, Nurse Natalie was always there with a smile and a giant mom hug (and probably a goofy dance, too) to save the day. Being at camp is something that she loved and looked forward to all year long. The week was always marked on our calendar, "CAMP!!" Camp is a special place for everyone. It now holds an even more significant meaning to me, as it was the last place that I was with my mom. I am currently finishing up my last semester of nursing school, hoping to follow in her footsteps. Thank you, everyone, for playing such an important role in this amazing "camp family". Please know that all of your kind thoughts and prayers through this tough time are so much appreciated! Nurse Natalie will forever be smiling down on us from Heaven!



Stables & Development

It is nearing the end of our season; the leaves are changing, and the horse's shiny slick summer coat has been replaced with the beginnings of their soft fuzzy winter fur. We have had a busy year full of adventures. We spent a lot of our off season designing our cross country jumping course and an entire stadium jumping course. This year we held our first two mini trials. We had a great time and the competitors seemed to like showing at our grounds. We hope to improve our farm set up over the next few years to make our competitions run more smoothly.



This year we welcomed Skye and Roxie to the herd. Roxie is owned by Katie McNeal, the summer assistant. Roxie is an American Quarter Horse, and is a beautiful palomino. She is one of the most reliable and patient horses I have ever met. She is my go to gal these days and we are thrilled to have her as part of the team. Skye moved in with us in February and has finally settled into our family. He is so cute, little, and fuzzy. If you have ever seen the movie Black Beauty, Skye is Merri-legs long lost twin brother. Skye is a trail riding champion,

and while he is the smallest pony in the barn, he often has led the way to many places around camp. I am often approached by people asking me what they can do to help. They love horses and love Lutherlyn, but aren't sure what they can do to help because they are not "horse people." I think I have created a great solution with the help of my friend Kim at Carousel Horse Tack. I have created a Wish List at Kim's online store. There you can go and purchase goods for the horses at the stables and Kim is local, so shipping is FREE! We do maintain a lot of older horses, and they have a variety of special dietary needs. Your contributions will directly benefit them. We also are in need of helmets for our program. We provide helmets for our riders to wear and we are constantly updating them to provide top notch safety. Our last major need is for fly masks. Our horses spend a lot of their time grazing in the pastures, and their fly masks go through a lot of horseplay. For those of you that do not know what a fly mask is, it is a mask that the horse wears during the summer months to protect the eyes from diseases bugs may carry (and the flies irritate their eyes). I also have a few other items of need on our list. You can view our Wish List at Lutherlyn.com (click on "stables" for a link to the wish list). Kim has great customer service, and will also be able to assist you if you have any questions or problems when ordering.

We have 5 wonderful barn cats that are important members of the family here at the barn. They are always in need of food, flea treatments, and tick treatments.

Our program is so fortunate. We have so many wonderful people in our lives. I sat down last night thinking about how amazing the people that volunteer here are. They help so much, and I can never thank them enough. Whether you donate goods or your services, you are a valuable asset to our program. Horses are such amazing

creatures and they offer so many life lessons for children through working with and riding them. Your donations allow us to continue teaching children the beauty of the horse. I just wanted to say thank you again.

I hope next season is as awesome as this one was. I am looking forward to our May 6th Camp Blast – there are going to be lots of AWESOME things going on at the barn that day! I will be glad to show others what we have accomplished over the past few years and to show you what we have in store for your child when they come to camp. We also plan to have some great demonstrations from local pony clubs, pony rides, and of course our horses will be around for meet and greet.
SEE YOU AT THE BARN.

Happy Trails,
Carla Babcock



Contact Carla at Lutherlyn Stables:
stables@lutherlyn.com
724-865-9694



Welcome to the Family:

Grace Michele Roberts joined the Lutherlyn family on April 19, 2011; just in time to enjoy her first summer at Lutherlyn!

GoodSearch

Do you GoodSearch & GoodShop? Over the past 4 years Lutherlyn has received \$703.77 just from friends using Goodsearch and Goodshop with "Lutherlyn" as their charity of choice. Lutherlyn is a registered charity on www.goodsearch.com. Good Search is a search engine run by Yahoo (similar to Google). The first time that you go to GoodSearch.com you can designate Lutherlyn as your charity of choice. Every time you search the internet from GoodSearch.com Lutherlyn gets a penny. That doesn't sound like much but if 1000 people (that is just 1/10th of the mailing list for this newsletter) do a web search everyday for one year Lutherlyn will get a check for \$3,650! That's a lot of money towards Lutherlyn's ministry for very little effort. When you designate your charity on goodsearch.com the name must match exactly; we are registered as "Lutherlyn". Check out "GoodShop" also. It is a great way for Lutherlyn to get donations based on your on-line purchases. Thank you to everyone who has been Good-Searching for Lutherlyn!



Lutherlyn has over 1200 friends on Facebook! If you are not already friends with Lutherlyn, please search for the person named "Camp Lutherlyn" and friend us. Photos and news are updated regularly!

Do You Need A Will?

In talking with a number of friends of Lutherlyn we have discovered many do not have a will or their will has not been updated for a number of years and, therefore, does not reflect their present wishes and circumstances.

Do you need a will? Is it important that it is current? The answer is a definite "Yes" if you wish all the funds, belongings, and assets you have accumulated to be distributed as you desire and not as someone else, usually the state, determines. The answer is also a definite "Yes" if you wish to avoid problems for your heirs and to save on costs.

And the answer is a definite "Yes" if you wish to include a bequest, which we hope you do, to Lutherlyn or your church or favorite charity. **A bequest has been rightly called "The Last Act of Stewardship."** It is a final opportunity to express thanks to a good and loving God for His many gifts.

Because we feel it important for everyone to have a current will, whether a bequest is included for Lutherlyn or not, we are making available, without cost or obligation, an excellent brochure entitled "How to Make a Will That Works". This very readable brochure will answer many of the questions you may have about wills. It also offers guidance on how to go about the process of having a will written--a process that need be neither difficult nor costly.

You can obtain your free copy of this helpful folder on Wills by phoning Lutherlyn today at 724-865-2161 or by writing or sending the coupon below, to Lutherlyn, PO Box 355, Prospect, PA 16052. e-mail: development@lutherlyn.com. Request your free copy today! You will be glad you did!

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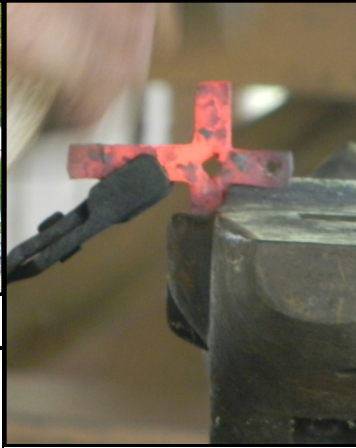
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The "Second Season"



WILD WOMEN WEEKEND

50 women ranging in age from 5 to 70+ spent the weekend together at Lutherlyn for the first "Wild Women Weekend". Mothers, daughters, aunts, cousins, grandmas, and B.F.F.s all had a great time together! The weekend included campfire, worship, outdoor games, tie-dye, crafts, chimney climbing, hikes, a proper tea party (as proper as a weekend at camp can get.... including silly tea party hats), BUNCO, a scavenger hunt, "girl time" (complete with massages, nail painting, and some relaxation), great food, chocolate, and lots of other wonderful adventures! Next year's Wild Women Weekend will be September 28-30, 2012.



WHO ARE THOSE PEOPLE???

If you have been to an event at Lutherlyn lately you have probably seen a horse drawn wagon or a blacksmithing demonstration. Our good friends, Flavius & Denise, own "Dragon Run Forge and Livery" and they have been very kind to Lutherlyn in sharing these wonderful opportunities with our campers. A camper favorite is the cross that Flavius makes at the blacksmithing demonstration. The horse drawn wagon rides (and the donkey that is often tagging along) are loved by everyone and have been a very welcomed addition to the varied opportunities available at camp. You can learn more about Dragon Run Forge and Livery at dragonrunforgeandlivery.com.



2012 Calendar

January

- 13-15—UFO (Unfinished Objects) Retreat
- 22—Winter Tea
- 28—Ambassador Training

February

- 3-5—Winter Retreat (4th-12th grade)
- 4—Animal Tracking Saturday Safari

March

- 1—Dogsledding Special Saturday Program
- 10—Maple Sugaring Saturday Safari
- 17—Stables Benefit Dinner
- 23-25—YouthFest (Jr. High & Sr. High)
- 26-April 1—Mystery Quilting Retreat
- 31—Barn Spring Cleaning

April

- 21—Mini Horse Camp
- 24, 25—Equestrian Gym Class
- 28—Mini Horse Camp
- 28—Work Day

May

- 1,2,8,9,15,16—Equestrian Gym Class
- 6—CAMP BLAST!!!
- 12—Adult Break-Out Adventure
- 25—Golf Outing
- 29-June 2—American Association for Horsemanship Safety Training

June

- 3-15—Summer Staff Training
- 9—Mini Horse Camp
- 10—Trinity Pines Club Banquet
- 17—SUMMER CAMP BEGINS!

July

- 1—SummerFest
- 1-31—SUMMER CAMP CONTINUES!

August

- 3—Last day of Summer Camp
- 25-27—Stables Eventing Camp
- 31-Sept 1—Fathers and Sons Retreat

September

- 3-9—Crafty Lady Week-Long Getaway
- 11,12,18,19,25,26—Equestrian Gym Class
- 17—Judged Pleasure Trail Ride
- 21-23—Wild Women Weekend

October

- 2,3—Equestrian Gym Class
- 6—Work Day
- 13 & 14—Woodland Quilters Quilt Show
- 28—Family Halloween Fun

November

- 3—Saturday Safari
- 16-18—Santa's Workshop Retreat
- 30-Dec. 2—Advent Retreat

December

- 1-2—Advent Retreat

Visit www.lutherlyn.com for details and registration information.



FATHERS & SONS RETREAT

55 men of all ages came to Lutherlyn in early September for the annual Fathers and Sons retreat. The fun included fishing, hiking, canoeing, worship, star-gazing, the zipline, gaga ball, muzzle loading, archery, junkyard wars, wagon rides, metal casting, games, and lots of great fun! The Fathers and Sons retreat is always the Friday and Saturday of Labor Day weekend. Hope to see you there in 2012!

THE WOODLAND QUILTERS

Lutherlyn extends a HUGE THANK YOU to the Woodland Quilters!

In 2011, the woodland quilters raised over \$10,000 for the Lutherlyn Campership Fund. This group of talented and dedicated women have spent countless hours making numerous quilts. They contributed quilts for two quilt auctions in March and they hosted the annual quilt show in October. The Woodland Quilters are Lutherlyn's Quilt guild and anyone is welcome to join or participate. Please contact the Lutherlyn office if you are interested in Quilting at Lutherlyn.

SAVE THE DATE: Camp Blast! May 6, 2012

Camp Blast is going to be a day full of FUN that highlights all that Lutherlyn has to offer. There will be a sampling of ALL of the FUN things to do at camp in the summer (horseback riding, campfire, crafts, gaga, archery, high ropes course, zipline, bouldering room, hikes, nature activities, canoeing, hay rides, games, sports, archaeology, water rockets, disk golf, kayaking, biking, and LOTS more). There will also be tours, displays and activities that highlight the "second season" (non-summer) things going on at Lutherlyn, great food, worship, and presentations. Camp Blast is intended to be an opportunity for friends of camp to bring NEW faces to Lutherlyn! Please save the date and invite friends who are not familiar with camp. This is going to be a HUGE day for LUTHERLYN and we hope that YOU will be a part of it and bring others! CAMP BLAST will also be the CD release party for a BRAND NEW camp songs CD! Not yet convinced that this is THE DAY to be at camp??? How about this.... EVERYTHING IS FREE!!!

Lutherlyn Environmental Education Program

My LEEP Journal

(Many schools have their students keep journals of their LEEP experiences. The following journal entries are a compilation of some that have been sent to the LEEP staff.)

Wednesday morning: *I can't believe that we are finally on our way to Lutherlyn. I'm sooooo excited! My teacher says this is the best field trip ever. He said that the LEEP staff know everything about nature.*

Wednesday afternoon: *The LEEP staff greeted us before we even got off the bus. I'm in Cabin Maple with a bunch of my friends. It has brand new mattresses. We have a deck that looks right out into the forest. We've already seen squirrels, chipmunks, and birds. This morning we made cool nametags from tree "cookies." I think we even get to take them home. After that we learned about ecosystems with Patti and even got to go to a marsh. I thought the marsh would be gross, but it was really neat. We jumped on it and you could feel it move.*

Wednesday evening: *This afternoon we went to the stream and to Chapel Rock. There were so many cool things in the stream – I caught a crayfish, a salamander, and a mayfly nymph. Sue told us that mayfly nymphs mean the stream isn't polluted. I'm going to look for some in the stream at Granddad's. Chapel Rock was a huge rock! We got to climb to the very top. Laura told us about how sand from eastern PA was carried here to form Chapel Rock a really long time ago. It was also cool because we were just talking about erosion in school last week.*

Wednesday night: *We had a great campfire tonight. Jim told us a story about the Three Treasures – clean water, clean soil, and clean air. Todd is a good guitar player, he also taught us the scat song. I can't wait to teach my brother that one. After the campfire, Jen took my group on a night hike and I heard an owl.*

Thursday morning: *Some of us got up early this morning and went bird watching with Kathy. We saw a great blue heron and a Kingfisher at the lake.*

Thursday afternoon: *This morning, Pat took us on a hike to a fox den. We got to sing the scat song again when we found some deer scat on the trail. We found habitats for lots of animals like moles, mice, woodpeckers, groundhogs, rabbits, skunks, caterpillars, toads, and blue blister beetles.*

Thursday evening: *Maddy taught us survival skills this afternoon, now I know how to build a shelter if I get lost in the woods. We even collected wood and built a fire. Maybe Dad will let me help him build the fire the next time we go camping. After survival skills, Beth taught us about the water cycle and I learned what a watershed is.*

Friday morning: *I can't believe we have to go home today, it seems like we just got here. The food was great! This morning we had pancakes with real maple syrup that they make here. Last night we had homemade bread with dinner and we got to make s'mores at campfire.*

Friday afternoon: *During our last activity period we visited Terra Dei Homestead with Vie. It was sooo cool! I learned more about how to save energy in twenty minutes than I did in a whole year of school last year. We also learned about composting and how easy it is. I had no idea that straw could be used to make houses. They had solar panels, too, to help make electricity. My teacher was right this was the best field trip ever! I want to come back for summer camp this summer, too, then I could stay for a whole week!*

LEEP into School

The LEEP staff has developed in-school activity modules for children in pre-school through second grade. All of the modules include hands-on experiences with animal specimens from Lutherlyn's Eberly Environmental Education Center, games, stories, and the knowledge of LEEP staff members. The activities are based on the state standards for primary and early childhood education.

The LEEP staff will be setting up these traveling programs for the months of November through March. Please contact the LEEP staff for more information.



WHAT A SPRING!

The LEEP staff was exhausted by June 4th. It had been a great (and sometimes very wet) spring field trip season. However, it seemed busier than normal. When we had time to sit down and total up the numbers, it was no wonder that we were tired. This spring we taught 4,450 students between March 1 and June 3. That was over 600 more students than Spring 2010 and 850 more than Spring 2009. Maybe we can top 4,500 students in the spring of 2012!

WISH LISTS

Maintenance/Housekeeping

- backhoe attachment for Bobcat (\$9000)
- small pick-up truck
- Dump Truck (1 ton or larger)
- 2 electric golf carts (\$3000 each)
- Reliable mini van or SUV (for program use)
- ATV/4 Wheeler (for trail maintenance)
- volunteers for interior painting
- replace welcome mats at cabins (40 X \$15)

Office

- pens & pencils
- Post-It notes
- copy paper
- cardstock
- paperclips
- rubber bands
- scotch tape
- masking tape
- glue sticks
- scissors
- thumb tacks
- permanent markers
- new 3-ring binders

Crafts

- tacky glue
- scissors
- pony beads
- seed beads
- tempera paint
- embroidery floss
- new markers
- new colored pencils
- paint brushes
- yarn
- construction paper
- colored tissue paper
- glue

Stables

- Sub compact tractor with front loader
- Artificial Flowers & Bushes
- Iron Jump Cups
- New Helmets
- Pony Reins
- Fly Spray & Fly masks
- Probios Powder
- Small Pony Western Girth
- Boots
- Joint Supplements
- Multivitamin Supplements
- Cat Food
- Cat Flea & Tick Treatments

Facilities

- new dish towels
- new bath towels
- new wash cloths
- new twin sheets and pillow cases
- new queen sheets and pillow cases
- new pillows
- new sleeping bags
- pumps of hand soap & hand sanitizer
- Bibles (for campers who don't have one)
- jar candles
- plastic coat hangers
- flat screen televisions
- extension cords and power strips
- dry erase markers and erasers
- new DVD players
- new easels and paper pads

Environmental Education

- Rain coats for kids
- Winter coats for kids
- Winter gloves and hats for kids and adults
- 8 ounce "Cool-whip" containers

Pumpkin Pie Biscotti

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| 3 ½ cups all purpose flour | ½ cup pumpkin puree |
| 1 ½ cups firmly packed brown sugar | 2 large eggs |
| 2 tsp baking powder | 1 tbsp vanilla |
| ½ tsp salt | 1 ¼ cups pecans, chopped |
| 1 tbsp pumpkin pie Spice | 1 ½ cups white chocolate wafers |

1. Preheat the oven to 375°F. Prepare baking sheet with a coating of pan spray or a piece of parchment paper.
2. Toast pecans in oven at 375°F for 3-5 minutes. Allow to cool.
3. Combine flour, brown sugar, baking powder, salt and pumpkin pie spice in a mixing bowl.
4. In a separate bowl, combine pumpkin, eggs, and vanilla. Stir well with a whisk.
5. Turn the oven down to 325°F.
6. Slowly add the wet ingredients to the dry. Only mix to combine.
7. Add pecans to mixture.
8. Separate the dough into 2 parts. Place the dough onto the baking sheet.
9. Press each piece of dough with your hand or a rolling pin into a long oval shape. No more than ½" thick.
10. Bake for 15-22 minutes at 325°F. Baking times will vary depending on your oven. The biscotti should be a light golden brown. Remove from oven. Allow to cool.
11. Once cool, using a serrated knife slice biscotti into ½" slices. Lay flat on a baking sheet. Toast in oven for 5-10 minutes. Biscotti will look golden brown. Remove from oven and cool.
12. While biscotti are cooling. Melt chocolate wafers in microwave. Once the biscotti are cool, drizzle with the white chocolate. Allow chocolate to set.

Enjoy!

Chef Jenn



The Director's Notebook

"You know well enough how the wind blows this way and that. You hear it rustling through the trees, but you have no idea where it comes from or where it's headed next. That's the way it is with everyone 'born from above' by the wind of God, the Spirit of God."

~ Jesus via John

The Winds of Change are loose in the world and they are blowing at Lutherlyn.

The wind blew through camp in a very tangible way as, on a Monday in July, a microburst blew down 28 huge spruce trees on the east side of Dick Road including the ones directly across from the camp entrance. It also took down some trees on our side of the road, all the utility lines on both sides of the road, and broke 9 utility poles. This has radically changed the drive into and out of camp. Many other less obvious trees also came down that week. We miss those trees, but we're getting used to it.

A little more figuratively, but no less dramatically, the winds of change have brought Lutherlyn new climbing and bouldering facilities and new mattresses and this is exciting to campers of all ages! We're still getting used to people talking about our comfortable beds.

Most critically, The Wind – the one Jesus is alluding to – is also blowing through camp. For quite a number of

years, now, we have watched and worried and fretted and experimented in response to "what is happening to our church." I have been evaluating symptoms, puzzling over chickens and eggs, cause and effect. So many obvious things. So many elusive connections. So much volatility. What is there to be done?

The biggest block has been that so many people are either unaware or are in denial that the world has changed. For instance, the world I was born into in 1951 doesn't exist anymore. In those days the vast majority of Americans were engaged in their Christian faith and involved in a church. Whether we know it or not – believe it or not – that's just not how it is anymore. For me, the old world was officially pronounced dead last week by John Roberto. He is an amazing man with a gift for absorbing and digesting information – trends, research, news, scholarship – about "faith formation," making sense of it, and helping the rest of us understand it.

Here is the situation: we are trying to live in a "new world" using an "old world mindset." What that means is that the way we continue to do ministry – curriculum, worship, Sunday school, communication, confirmation, camp programming – is still built on the conviction that most people are engaged in the faith and involved in the church. And if they are not, well, it's because

they are making bad choices or rebelling against the way they were brought up and the problem is theirs and they need to change.

For any number of reasons, the simple truth is that most people are not engaged in the faith and active in the church. There is plenty of blame to go around and mostly it has to do with 100 years of big changes in our culture over which we have no control – and really, nobody has done a very good job of keeping up with it all.

The important thing to know is that most Americans today fall into two categories – categories that we have observed and complained about, but not really taken seriously as a missional challenge. Most people today are "spiritual but not religious" or are "somewhat religious, but not involved."

Here's the challenge that the Spirit has blown into Lutherlyn: Adapt! If you have been struggling with the symptoms as I have over the past decade or more, you may have finally come to realize that no person has THE answer. "Solutions" require us to implement some "best practice" or other and make the problem go away. Adaptation is not about that. Adaptation requires us to change our way of thinking, our ways of doing things, and even our understanding of God in our lives. The church has faced each of these challenges many times in its history. We no longer have a "flat earth" point

of view. We ordain women. We no longer believe that God gives us leprosy as punishment for sin.

At Lutherlyn we have begun to identify our "adaptive challenges" and we will be making some changes over the coming years. Some may not even be noticeable. Others might be obvious. Our goal is to be become as open and inviting to the inhabitants of this new world as we can be. That is, of course, exactly what Jesus did and calls us to do. That is what it is to be church.

Pastor Randy Gullickson



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