



Lutheran Camp Ledger

VOLUME 3, ISSUE 4

WINTER 2009

Winter Retreats for Youth and Adults

Upcoming Events

November 13-15
Scrapbook Retreat

****NEW DATE &
TIME!****

Sunday, November 15 @
3:00 p.m.
Lutheran Camp Association Annual Meeting
(See page 3)

Dec. 31- Jan. 1, 2010
Jr./Sr. High New Year's Overnight Registration form included in this newsletter!

January 15-18, 2010
Scrapbook Retreat

February 5-7, 2010
NEW! Mother/Daughter Retreat See article for details!

March 5-7, 2010
Scrapbook Retreat

March 12-14, 2010
NEW! Father/Son Retreat

April 9-11, 2010
Women's Retreat

April 23-25, 2010
Spring Family Camping Weekend

April 30-May 2, 2010
Scrapbook Retreat

June/July, 2010
Summer Camp (See p. 2)

Saturday, August 21
2nd Annual Trivia Night Fundraiser!

The winter retreat season is upon us! This year brings the return of several **favorite retreat weekends**, plus some new additions. Retreat program director, Denise Lawrenz, reports, "We are excited to offer a **Mother/Daughter Retreat** this year. This has been a request we've heard over and over, and God has provided the opportunity for us to do it this year!" The winter will also bring the return of the annual **New Year's Bash** for junior and senior high, as well as two more opportunities for **scrap booking**.

New Year's Bash

The New Year's Bash is an overnight for youth in **grades 7-12**. You're also likely to find a few summer staffers back on the mountain that week. We have a great time playing games- inside *and* outside, singing karaoke, **toasting marshmallows** at the campfire, and ringing in the new year in a safe, fun atmosphere. We'll do some Bible study, drink hot cocoa, watch the ball drop and



eat pizza. In between all the activity is time for **reflection** on the year ending and prayer for the year beginning. There's no better way to start the year than **worshipping the One** who is the Beginning and the End. Families are welcome to stay and enjoy the night with their youth. Our theme this year is "**Shine!**", and we'll focus on becoming lights for a cold, dark world in the new year.

New Year's Bash begins at 7 p.m. on December 31 and lasts until 11 a.m. on January 1, 2010. See the registration form on page 4 for more information.

Mother/Daughter Retreat

One of our outdoor ministry opportunities at Lutheran Camp is to provide a place for families to **grow in relationship** with each other and with Jesus. This year we are able to offer a fantastic new way for families to do that! Our first Mother/Daughter Retreat *Continued on page 3*

Russellville Johnnies Dominate LCPJ Trivia Night

Thanks to all who participated and made the 1st Annual LCPJ Team Trivia Bowl such a smashing success. On Saturday August 22nd at Peace Lutheran in Conway, ten teams of eight matched wits and knowledge over a broad list of trivia questions - everything from Johnny Cash to Lutheran "Name That Tune". Chris Lawrenz and the kitchen staff provided food and snacks including some awe-

some sliders that would put several national chains to shame. A good time was had by all, and running away with first place was the team from St. John's Russellville. A total of \$2,700 was raised for the general operations of the camp.



Winning team - The Russellville Johnnies

Mark your calendars now for the 2nd Annual LCPJ Team Trivia Bowl to be held Saturday August 21st, 2010 at Peace Lutheran Conway. Form your team of eight and hit the study books! For more information, please call the camp at (501) 727-5656.



Memories of Summer Camp

On these chilly winter days, here's a few fond memories of summer camp to warm you up.

First is a poem written by summer camper Elyssa Henry, a 7th grader from Faith Lutheran Church in Benton, AR.

Camp Petit Jean

*I see the blazing sun as it leaves the beautiful sky
I see hundreds of trees covering the valley
I hear the call of the graceful Canadian geese
I hear children laughing at the camp I love
I smell delicious food as it is being cooked
I smell pine cedar trees that surround the camp
I taste juicy hotdogs over the campfire
I taste light brown marshmallows
I feel the silk guitar I am about to play
I feel the cool breeze through the window
I feel safety, loved, and inspired*

Next is a letter from Sarah Elizabeth Tooley, a member of Peace Lutheran in Conway. Sarah Elizabeth received one of the ten Mid-South LWML camperships given this year. She writes:

Dear Lutheran Camp,

My name is Sarah Elizabeth Tooley. I am 10 years old.

I came to the Lutheran Camp 2009. It was fun to be away from home for the first time!

Games were a highlight of my time at camp. I had tons of fun swimming, diving, and sliding off the water slide. I also enjoyed playing the human clue game. F.O.B. was a time to rest after all the fun we had. It helped a lot.

I was excited when I got mail. It was hilarious when we went up to the front and sang little kid songs. The meals were delicious. The tacos were especially good to eat. The canteen was cool!

All the counselors did very nice things to help us get through our week at camp. They helped us get through emotional times and times when we were hurt. They did a good job of taking care of us.

Campfire was special because of the singing. I liked the devotion skits. I liked watching them because I don't get to see drama very much at home. The messages taught me good lessons about God.

As you can see, I enjoyed camp very much. I plan to come next year. I am thankful for the people who gave money for me to be able to be a camper at the Lutheran Camp on Petit Jean. My walk with Jesus grew by enormous measures! He is my forever friend.

I'll see you next year!

Love, Sarah Elizabeth Tooley

Summer Camp 2010 Schedule*

Pathfinders (K - 2nd)

July 7th - 10th

Explorers (3rd - 5th)

June 13 - 18

July 11 - 16

July 25 - 30

Trailblazers (6th - 8th)

June 20 - 25

July 18 - 23

August 1 - 6

Owl Camp (8th - 10th)

June 27 - July 2

*This is a tentative schedule, all dates are subject to change. A final schedule will be published by late December.

2009 Donors

Mrs. Edwina Atkinson

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Barnard

Mrs. Emily Bergmeier

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bertrand

Mrs. Fern Bess

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Brown

Ms. Karen Cooper

Mr. and Mrs. David Davies

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dittmer

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Drittler

Mr. and Mrs. Jon Eno

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Enzor

Mr. and Mrs. Melville Galatas

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Golchert

Mr. and Mrs. James Greve

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Greve

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Haynes

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Helmich

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hermani

Ms. Deborah Howard

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hutchins

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hutchcroft

Rev. Paul Jilg

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jones

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffery Josey

Ms. Megan Kobs

Mr. Theodore Kuegele

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Kuegele

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lasuzzo

Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Lawrenz

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lawrenz

Mrs. Phyllis Lawrenz

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Kersenbrock

Mrs. Anna Mentink

Ms. Eleanor Mitchell

Mrs. Cheryl Pinkley

Winter Retreats, *continued*

happens **February 5-7**. This replaces the Elementary Girls' Retreat that has been held in years past. The retreat is open to **ALL girls, grades K-12**, and their mothers. The theme of the weekend is "**Beautiful Feet**" and will include crafts, music, Bible study, hikes and more all based on that theme. "Beautiful Feet" comes from Isaiah 52:7 which says, "How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news."



The cost of the weekend is \$70 for mothers and \$55 for daughters and includes **five meals, two nights lodging, and all activities**. Anyone bringing more than two daughters, please call Chris for a price adjustment!

If a mother is unable to attend, daughters are encouraged to bring an **aunt, grandmother, Godmother, or other special mother-in-Christ**. We also have a list of LCPJ summer staff who would like to be a "big sister in Christ" for any girl who needs one!

Likewise, women are encouraged to think of a daughter or granddaughter-in-Christ whom she might encourage in faith by bringing as her adopted daughter.

Join us for an amazing opportunity to **grow in faith** with your favorite female family! We'll foster relationships and learn how God loves those beautiful feet as we **fellowship in fun!**

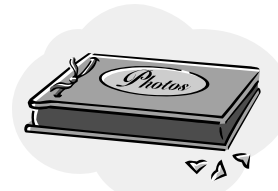
Guys! Your turn is coming! A Father/Son Retreat is planned for March 12-14. Registration forms will be in the next newsletter.

Registration form for the Mother/Daughter Retreat is on page 5.

Scrapbooking Weekends

Scrapbooking weekends are always popular at Lutheran Camp! Upcoming dates for the winter are **November 13-15, 2009** and **January 15-18, 2010**. The January weekend includes an optional 4th day (Monday) for those who would like to extend their scrapbooking time. Crop weekends begin at 6:00 p.m. on Friday and last until 3:00 p.m. on Sun-

day. They include **two nights lodging, four meals, and your own 6-foot table for workspace**.



Campfire devotions and Sunday worship are available. Contact Chris at 501-727-5656 for more information or a registration form.

DATE CHANGE!



2009 LCA Annual Meeting

The Lutheran Camp Association annual meeting will be held **Sunday, November 15 at 3 o'clock** in the afternoon at the dining hall at Lutheran Camp. **Anyone may attend the meeting**, but only LCA member congregations may vote. (See list on page 6.)

The Lutheran Camp board encourages you to come out and **show your support** of your camp and its staff. The annual meeting is a great time to ask questions, **share your ideas** for the ministry of LCPJ, and get involved. (And who doesn't like a Sunday afternoon drive to Petit Jean?!) Come learn about the ministry at Lutheran Camp in 2009 and where God is leading us in the year ahead.

Lutheran Camp would like to thank outgoing board members **Pastor Darrell Kobs** and **Mr. Don Raymond**, both of St. John's Russellville, for their years of service. Board members continuing their terms are President **Jim Greve** (Christ, Little Rock), Secretary **Sue Ellen Peglow** (Hope, Jacksonville), Treasurer **Mark Clegg** (Peace, Conway), **Linda Hill** (First, Benton), and **Debbie Schalk** (Hope, Jacksonville).

2009 Donors, *cont.*

Ms. Florence Proft

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Rapp

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Rotton

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Selle

Mrs. Linda Smith

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Sohl

Picha Thawornтира

Dr. and Mrs. Gary Tumilson

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Vance

Mr. Charles Veregge

Mr. Andrew Wilson

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Winter

Peace Lutheran Church, Conway

Trinity Lutheran Church, Pine Bluff

Christ Lutheran School - Little Rock, Chapel Offering

St. John Lutheran School - Stuttgart, Chapel Offering

Grace Lutheran Church - McPherson, KS

Redeemer Lutheran Ladies Guild - Mountain Home

First Lutheran Church - Benton

Thank you for your continued support!

LUTHERAN CAMP ON PETIT JEAN

5:00 PM 12/31/09 - 11:00 AM 01/01/10

NEW YEAR'S YOUTH BASH

Jr./Sr. High Grades 7-12

Food, friends, music and games! Join us for a fun, safe overnight to ring in the New Year! Come spend the new year with old friends and make some new ones, too. This year it's all about God's light burning in us in a cold, dark world. We'll play some games, study the Word, karaoke, and throw in a few surprises along the way. As always there will be campfire devotions, cocoa & S'mores. We'll sing, play, watch the ball drop and sleep in late! Bring your mittens and a flashlight! Price includes supper, midnight pizza buffet, brunch, lodging, and activities. *Registration form and \$45 registration fee due by Dec. 23, 2009.*

Campers will be housed in heated bunkhouse-style cabins and supervised by camp staff and adult youth leaders. Campers may come as individuals or with their youth group. Campers do not need to have attended Lutheran camp before or be Lutheran to attend. Families are welcome to attend! Call the camp office about discount prices for adult leaders. All other registration information including a confirmation letter, packing list, directions and health form will be mailed to you upon receipt of your registration form and fee. Call Chris Lawrenz, Camp Director, at 501-727-5656 if you have questions.

"You are the LIGHT of the world!" Matthew 5:14

Jr. / Sr. High New Year's Bash Dec. 31, 2009– Jan. 1, 2010

Registration Form– Please use separate form for each person attending.

Name _____ **Gender: M F** **Age:** _____

Grade in School: _____ **Parents' phone number:** _____

Address: _____

Family Email Address: _____

Church or School Affiliation: _____

Cabin Mate Request (Limit Two): _____

Parents/Guardians: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM WITH \$45 NON-REFUNDABLE REGISTRATION FEE TO:

Lutheran Camp on Petit Jean ~ 110 Montgomery Trace ~ Morrilton, AR 72110

(Please make check payable to **Lutheran Camp**)

February 5-7, 2010



"Beautiful Feet"

Mother/Daughter* Retreat

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news. Isaiah 52:7

After years of requests, Lutheran Camp is excited to host its first retreat for mothers and daughters*! Bring your favorite female family for a weekend of fun, faith, and feet! Grow closer to God and each other through Bible study, crafts, campfire worship, games, hikes and more. There will be time to fellowship with the group and time to foster relationships with your female family. We'll also learn what God thinks about your feet- and the rest of you, too! Expect some foot frolicking fun! The weekend begins on **Friday, February 5th at 7:00 p.m.** and ends **Sunday, February 7th at 12:30 p.m.** Registration includes two nights lodging, five meals, and all activities. Payment of \$70 per adult and \$55 per child must be received by January 29, 2010.

***By "Mother/Daughter" we mean...** grandma, niece, Goddaughter, Sunday school teacher... or we can provide you with a sister-in-Christ! "Daughters" must be in grades K-12.

Campers will be lodged in heated, bunkhouse-style cabins. Cabins have attached modern bathrooms, carpet, and indoor & outdoor seating areas. All other registration information including a confirmation letter, packing list, directions, and health forms will be mailed to you upon receipt of your registration form and fee. If you have any questions please contact Chris Lawrenz, Director, at 501-727-5656 or director@lutherancamp.org.

Lutheran Camp on Petit Jean was established in 1983 to provide a year-round Lutheran outdoors ministry center in Arkansas. We are located on 27 wooded acres atop beautiful Petit Jean Mountain, approximately one hour northwest of Little Rock. The Lutheran Camp is a member of the National Lutheran Outdoors Ministry Association (NLOMA), an organization of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Lutheran Camp on Petit Jean 110
Montgomery Trace Morrilton,
AR 72110 Phone (501) 727-
5656 lutheran-camp@intergate.com www.lutherancamp.org

Registration Form *Mother/Daughter Retreat* February 5-7, 2010

Please use a separate registration form for each person attending the retreat.

Name : _____ I am a MOTHER / DAUGHTER (circle one) Age : _____ (for daughters only!)
Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____
Family E-mail Address: _____ Phone: _____ Other phone: _____
Parent/Guardian (for youth only): _____ Church or School Affiliation: _____
Names of other Mothers/Daughters attending in your "family": _____
Cabin Mate Request (Another family you'd like to be housed with): _____
Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ (Required for youth only)



MAIL REGISTRATION FORM WITH A \$70 NON-REFUNDABLE REGISTRATION FEE PER CAMPER TO:

Lutheran Camp on Petit Jean • 110 Montgomery Trace • Morrilton, AR 72110

Please make check payable to **Lutheran Camp**

Bulletin Board

- † Monday Morning Breakfasts continue at Lutheran Camp through November 16. Join us from 7:30- 9:30 a.m. for some PJ Mountain fellowship!
- † **Trivia Night 2010 will be held Saturday, August 21. Plans are underway... Recruit your team now!**
- † LCPJ campground will remain open through the winter, weather permitting. Call Chris to reserve a tent or RV spot for your family, church group, scouting organization, etc. Campsites are equipped with water & electric hookups, grill, picnic table, fire pit, and bathhouse.

Meet Allison Joy Lawrenz



Chris and Denise Lawrenz welcomed little Allison Joy to their family on Thurs-

day, August 20, 2009. She was born at Conway Regional Health Center and weighed in at 9 pounds, 2 ounces and 20 3/4 inches long. Just like her siblings, Luke, Matthew, and Amelia, she was born with lots of dark hair and dimples. Her eyes are turning blue.

Allison became a child of God through the waters of baptism right here at historic Trinity Lutheran Church at LCPJ on Saturday, September 5. The little church was overflowing with family, friends and neighbors. Allison was baptized by Rev. John Gierke of Peace Lutheran in Conway. Her sponsors are her cousin Michael Lawrenz (a.k.a. summer staffer "Rocky"), and the Sanders family- Bill, Laurie, Zach ("Hoosier"), and Emilie- from Peace in Conway.

Allison is looking forward to meeting all of you and thanks you for your many good wishes and prayers!

Chris' Corner

I am writing this today after spending about half-an-hour on the phone with Microsoft technical support, trying to figure out why my new keyboard would not work. The keys kept sticking and I literally could not type anything. After being on hold a nice man came on the phone and asked me if the keyboard was



Chris Lawrenz,
Director

plugged directly into the computer. I had plugged it into a USB hub, not directly to the computer. I quickly moved it and it worked great. Such a simple solution to an extremely aggravating situation. So why am I writing about my keyboard? It made me ask myself, "What are you plugged into?" Am I plugged into God, my family, or a bunch of stuff that makes my keys stick and distracts me from what really matters. Proverbs 3:5-6 says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all

your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight." I do not know about you, but I tend to get plugged into the business of life and become distracted from what matters. I think Satan wants us to continue to plug into other things so we become distracted. I would urge you to step back, take a look at your lives, and find out what you're plugged into. If you are plugged into a hub, unplug and move it to the source, Jesus Christ.

Blessings, **Chris**

Lutheran Camp Association

2009 Paid Memberships

Hope, Jacksonville
 First, Hot Springs
 Our Savior, Cabot
 St. John's, Russellville
 Peace, Prairie Grove
 First, Little Rock
 Trinity, Mena
 Trinity, Pine Bluff
 Grace, Little Rock
 Peace, Conway
 Christ, Little Rock
 First, Benton
 Faith, Fairfield Bay
 Crossroads, Conway

Check with Chris in the camp office (501-727-5656) if you have questions about your congregation's membership.



Lutheran Camp On Petit Jean Mountain

110 Montgomery Trace

Morrilton, AR 72110

(501) 727-5656

director@lutherancamp.com

Return Service Requested

Non-Profit
U.S. Postage
PAID
Morrilton, AR
Permit # 3



Wish List

- 1 load of gravel (\$180)
- Multimedia Projector
- Digital video recorder
- Storage Shed
- Playground Balls
- Basketballs
- Archery equipment
- Tractor with front end loader
- Fishing Poles & Tackle (thanks to those who have donated: we could use a few more poles and some tackle)
- Air Compressor (110Volt)
- Adobe Standard
- Table Saw
- Kayaks
- Birdhouses (Bluebird, Owl, Butterfly, Bat, etc.)
- Bird Seed (thistle, sunflower, etc.)
- Bird Feeders
- Flowers, Shrubs, Trees
- Parachute for Games
- Bug Boxes and Butterfly Nets
- Camper Scholarships
- 1/2 inch electric drill
- Gas powered pole saw
- 100 - \$100 annual givers
- Softball gloves
- Fruit trees
- Pecan trees
- Sycamore trees
- Forsythia Bushes
- Compasses for Orienteering
- Tiki torches and fuel
- Kitchen Aid Mixer
- *Prayers for this unique ministry*