

Omega Word

Camp Omega

Fall/Winter 2007

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Our Lord Provides

We say farewell to and pray the Lord's richest blessings to a friend and member of the Camp Omega family. Larry Hagre, the camp's Director of Maintenance for six years, retired this past summer. Thank you Larry for your service and dedication to this special place!

And Our Lord Provides...



Father of past Camp Omega summer campers, Steve Zimmermann, took over the roll as Director of Maintenance in July. Steve and his wife of 35 years, Joy, built their home in Faribault and are members of Trinity Lutheran Church. He is the father of two and grandfather of six. In his free time, Steve enjoys golfing, hunting, and playing cards. Steve brings with him an enthusiasm and excitement for sharing Jesus. We are so blessed to have Steve join the Camp Omega staff.

Turn Your Unwanted Items Into Cash for Camp

Instead of investing great effort into a garage sale, consider turning those leftovers into bountiful blessings that will benefit the ministry our Lord has at Camp Omega. Project 12

Baskets has teamed with Camp Omega to create a marketplace where people can give generously, but do so without giving money.

Project 12 Baskets draws its name from the story of the feeding of the 5,000. There we read how Jesus took 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish and fed a small army of followers. He fed everyone and after the crowd had eaten their fill, He said to his disciples, "why don't you pick up the leftovers." When they did, to their surprise, there were 12 baskets filled to the top.

Now is the time to search attics and basements for unused and unwanted treasures which can be turned into a valuable contribution in support of Camp Omega. To make a donation, contact the camp office or visit www.project12baskets.com, select "Donate An Item" and type "Camp Omega" in the organization field.


project 12 baskets

Rooted in Christ, Camp Omega . . .

. . . is dedicated to assisting the congregations of the Minnesota South District of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and other Christian and community groups in nurturing the spiritual, emotional, and intellectual growth of people of all ages through the camp's sponsored programs, resources and facilities in an outdoor setting.

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DCE Intern



Camp Omega and St. Pauls Lutheran Church in Waseca have teamed up to sponsor a Director of Christian Education Intern. Mark Mueller began his internship this past fall and will

serve the Lord through the two organizations until August 2008.

Originally born and raised in Houston, Texas, Mark spent the last three years studying to be a Director of Christian Education at Concordia University in St. Paul. With a passion for the outdoors, a love for working with youth, and a heart of service for the Lord, Mark is excited about this special ministry opportunity to gain new leadership skill and continue his preparation as a professional church worker.

Environmental Learning Center Complete

The long-awaited Environmental Learning Center is finally complete. This facility will be used in conjunction with the Camp Omega Outdoor Education program, which serves approximately 25 elementary schools through fall and spring programs. To learn more about how your school can take advantage of the Environmental Learning Program, visit us at www.CampOmega.org.



Thank you to Jim Kreissler and Stan "Coach" and Vi Keller as well as a number of other volunteers for their work and dedication to this project. Jim is a volunteer with Laborers for Christ and is helping to build churches and schools across the country. He came to camp in July and stayed



well into September working on this and other various projects. Stan and Vi have been involved with Camp Omega for many years assisting with the Environmental Learning Program. as well as assisting in leading the summer basketball camp.

Camp Hosts Some Very Generous Servants



Two hundred and fifty students from Concordia Academy, Roseville descended upon Camp Omega in September to help camp get ready for the fall retreat season. Having 250 people on camp dedicated to serving was simply unbelievable and quite a blessing. The servants helped haul firewood, clear brush, rake leaves, patch the road, and clean the dining hall and other facilities tasks.

Also contributing to the ministry of Camp Omega through a servant event were the men from Trinity Lutheran Church of Arden Hills, MN. These servants constructed canoe racks at the beach so canoes could be stored safely off the ground to keep them clean and dry.



This past month, the youth from Trinity Lutheran Church of Hudson, WI held a retreat at Camp Omega and dedicated an afternoon to service. They began the process of building platforms for the outpost village outhouses, along with other projects around camp.

The staff of Camp Omega appreciates all who are willing to give of their time to help further the ministry our Lord has in this place. Thank you for your dedication and faithfulness.

Camp Omega Retreat Events

**Connecting with Christ and His disciples in
Creation. Join us for a Camp Omega Retreat!**

*Visit www.campomega.org or contact the Camp Omega
office: (507) 685-4266 Info@CampOmega.org to register.*



Winter Daze! December 28, 2007

Bring your Jr. High out for a fun-filled day of activities including snow tubing, broom-ball, Christian growth, outdoor games, singing and devotions. \$15 per participant.

Senior High Retreat December 28-29, 2007

This event focuses high school students on the passage 2 Cor. 4:7. Activities include snow tubing, broomball, Christian growth, singing and devotions. \$30 per participant.

Annual Summer Staff Reunion December 30, 2007

Has it been a while since your last visit to Camp? Do you long to see friends from years past? Then bring your old camp photos and stories and reunite with other past summer staff members of years ago. Free for alumni and immediate family.

Father/Son - Grandpa/Grandson Ice Fishing Jan 18-20, 2008

A great opportunity for the boys in the family to spend some quality time together and getting out on the ice. Ice fishing equipment is available. \$70 per participant

Mother/Daughter - Grandma/Granddaughter Feb 1-3, 2008

This two-night event offers an opportunity for growth in the Christian faith and fellowship with other grandparents, parents, and children. Come and enjoy times for Bible study, worship, games, and group-building activities. \$70 per participant

Winter Kindercamp February 15-17, 2008

Just like the summer camp, but with winter activities. This program is for children ages 4-6 and an accompanying adult. Come for winter fun and Christian growth. Tubing, ice skating, snow fort making, and lots more winter activities make for a weekend of fun memories. \$70 per participant

Confirmation Retreat April 18-19, 2008

Join other confirmation groups for a weekend of Christian growth, songs, group-building and games. Camp will lead two Bible-studies, morning devotions, and closing worship. Come for fellowship, fun, and time to learn more about the Christian faith. \$50 per participant

Annual Work Weekend May 23-25, 2008

Join in Christian fellowship while preparing camp for summer programs and the arrival of 1600+ children and families. Friday evening - Sunday lunch, or any portion thereof. This is a FREE event!

First Annual Camp Omega Day June 1, 2008

Come as a family and enjoy the day celebrating the gift of Camp Omega. Activities include hay rides, crafts, archery, canoeing, swimming, great food and other activities geared for families. Stay for the day or just stop in to see what camp is all about. This is a FREE Event!



Camp Omega Society

Camp Omega Needs:

- Projector Screen
- Office Printer (\$250)
- TV with RCA plugs
- Earthball (\$50)
- Parachute (\$50)
- Colored Markers
- Safety and Regular Scissors
- Gator Skin Balls (\$12 each)
- Four Wheeled Muel/Gator type vehicle
- Four Wheeled truck for snow plowing
- ~~Zero Turn Radius Mower~~ THANK YOU!
- Pool cover to help keep the pool temperature comfortable during summer swimming months (\$2500)
- Two Way Radios (\$150 each)
- Pontoon Boat Large for 15-20 People
- ~~Pontoon Boat Lift~~ THANK YOU!
- Dock
- Winter Snow Tubes (\$15 each)
- Taxidermied Animals and Fish
- Clipboards
- White T-Shirts (new) for Crafts
- Duct Tape
- Craft paint
- ~~Dryer~~ THANK YOU
- 75-100 Hotel Conference Style Chairs
- ~~Soccer Goal Nets~~ THANK YOU
- Archery Targets
- Office Desk
- 30 Cup Coffee Makers
- Twin Size Quilts for Retreat Center Beds
- ~~Mini Van~~ THANK YOU
- Carousel Slide Projector
- Project 12 Baskets Items (see front page)

THANK YOU!

For The Children Fund

Camp Omega needs your help to ensure that no camper - child, teen, adult or family - is ever turned away for financial reasons from a program at camp. Last year alone, Camp Omega gave nearly \$10,000 in financial assistance as Camperships to families in need, but received less than \$1,500 in Campership gifts.

Summer Camp fees at Camp Omega only cover about 75% of the annual costs of summer camp. Camp relies on generous individuals like you to help make up that remaining 25%.

This Campership fund is set aside to help individuals and families in need experience camp. You can have a part in assuring that a child is able to enjoy summer camp at Camp Omega. Any gift towards Camperships is greatly appreciated. Your gift can make it possible for a child, teen, adult, or family to experience Christ's love and fellowship in a Christian community this summer. You can make your contribution by sending a check to Camp Omega and writing "For The Children Fund" on the memo line. On behalf of the camp staff and the children, we thank you!

GivingPlus

Do you know about the GivingPlus program offered through Thrivent Financial for Lutherans? GivingPlus provides a wonderful opportunity to increase your financial support of Camp Omega.

GivingPlus is a matching gift program that provides \$.50 for every dollar that Thrivent Financial members give to Camp Omega. Individuals may contribute up to \$600 annually toward two different organizations.

A cap has been placed on the total amount Thrivent Financial will match during the 2007 calendar year. During 2006, Thrivent Financial reached it's cap and stopped matching gifts prior to the years end. There is a good chance this will happen again in 2007. Please take advantage of this program early to ensure GivingPlus supports your gift.

Enclosed in this newsletter is a GivingPlus form. Even if you've already gifted Camp Omega this year, you can still have your donation matched. Should you have any questions please contact us at Camp Omega, or send e-mail to GivingPlus@thrivent.com.

GivingPlus® Gift Form

Send this completed form, along with your gift, to the eligible Lutheran organization of your choice. The check must be made payable to the enrolled organization. Note: A congregation is not an eligible recipient for this program. List only one donor and one organization per form. Your unique secure identifier is required for the gift to be processed.

Donor Information

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Signature of member

For Use by Recipient Organization

I certify that the stated gift has been received and satisfies the requirements of the Thrivent Financial GivingPlus® Program.

Signature of program coordinator

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Camp Omega Summer Camp

The 2007 Summer Camp was filled with many blessings from our Lord and Heavenly Father. Over 2,000 people heard the Gospel through our residential and day camp programs. The new Extreme Outpost Camp for high school students was a huge success. Another highlight was an off-site servant event where youth were able to meet the needs of three local congregations.

A special thanks to everyone who helped make this summer possible. Camp especially thanks our nurses, spiritual resource people, high school volunteers, and those who came for special instruction times.

The 2008 Summer Camp program planning is underway. The upcoming theme is entitled "Crosswalk." Based on



the passage from Luke 9:23, Jesus tells us to take up our cross daily and follow him. The Christian walk is challenging at times, but we can walk with peace and service to our Lord, knowing the assurance of Jesus' love.

New Summer Camp program offerings include: a sailing camp program, a cave exploration camp, and a gun safety program. Best of all, there will be new campers and new counselors to build relationships with in Camp Omega's Christ-centered setting. Look for new opportunities for Summer Camp as well as registration information on the Camp Omega website in December. The Summer Brochure will arrive in homes and congregations in January. We look forward to see you for another exciting summer!!!