

# Summer News

## COME JOIN US AT LUTHER PARK THIS SUMMER

Come join us at Luther Park this summer with your Mount Calvary friends! Here is what is offered the Mount Calvary weeks:

### Grades 1-4: Snoopers Mini-Camp August 1-4

An excellent opportunity for first timers to snoop around and be introduced to camp life. A mini-camp (half-week) experience of new friends, fun, crafts, games, Bible stories, campfires and singing—everything a full-week camper experiences but in a shorter time frame. A truly fantastic introduction to Bible Camp.

### Grades 3-6: Treehouses July 11-16:

Experience all the natural resources Luther Park has to offer with hands-on environmental education activities relating to all of God's creations. In this outpost program, youth spend a week, or part of a week, in rugged tree houses, working together to grow in a relationship with God, the environment and each other. This adventure will challenge and strengthen you in all aspects of your life. You will have the opportunity to cook over an open fire, explore, get dirty, get away from the crowd and have a ton of fun in God's great outdoors! A bathhouse with flush toilets, hot and cold running water, and showers is available

### MISSION TRIP

The summer mission trip is a fantastic way for youth to get to know others from our own community and across the country doing God's work and having fun. The theme of this year's work camp is "Undeserved," taking its meaning from the story of the prodigal son. On the trip we'll visit Niagara Falls and have some group fellowship time. We will spend the week working on the home of a community member with projects they can't do themselves. On Wednesday, we'll gather as a group and have dinner together. We depart camp on Saturday, spending an evening in Chicago before coming home Sunday evening.

There are also monthly meetings to help us get to know each other better and prepare us for what to expect on the trip. The next meeting is Monday, March 15 at 6:30pm in room 207 in the education wing.

### Grades 3-6: Cabins: August 1-6

Enjoy a week of camp adventures which provide growth and expression of the Christian faith. Explore God's creations! Sing around a campfire. Hike the trails of the north woods, go swimming and more! There's plenty of time to read the Bible and talk about God's promises.

### Grades 7-12

#### Cabins: July 11-16 (Grades 7-9)

Junior high campers will enjoy all the usual camp activities like swimming, crafts, outdoor worship, campfires, relaxing on the beach and night hikes. This camping adventure meets the needs and interests of today's youth, providing a week to share and grow in Christian faith, life and community.

#### Treehouses: August 1-6 (Grades 7-12)

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#### Canoe Trip: August 1-6 (Grades 9-12)

Explore the wild and scenic rivers of northern Wisconsin as you travel on the St. Croix and Namekagon rivers through miles of undisturbed wilderness. Luther Park supplies the guide and everything you need except a sleeping bag and personal gear.

### QUICK FACTS ABOUT LUTHER PARK

- Ages: Children who have completed Grades 1-12
- Dates: Mount Calvary weeks are July 11-16 and August 1-6. Note: Mount Calvary kids can register for any week of the summer at Luther Park.
- Location: Danbury, Wisconsin
- Contact: Registration questions contact Anna Treague at Luther Park: 715-656-7244 or [camp@lutherpark.com](mailto:camp@lutherpark.com). For other questions about Luther Park, contact Joel Legred at 612-987-6628 or email [jlegred@lutherpark.com](mailto:jlegred@lutherpark.com)
- Registration information: [www.lutherpark.com](http://www.lutherpark.com)

### QUICK FACTS ABOUT THE MISSION TRIP TO ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

- Date: July 23–August 1
- Grade 6–12, or ages 12–18
- Cost: \$100 deposit required
- Cost: \$500
- Contact: Ben Richter



# Mount Calvary LUTHERAN CHURCH Summer News Summer 2010

Summer in Minnesota is one of the best times of the year. It is a time to be with family, to relax, to be outside and to enjoy God's creation. We hope you will find an opportunity to explore your faith this summer through one of our many ministries. Take time to read and prayerfully consider which of these opportunities fit your family. We again welcome Luther Park Bible Camp as our partner for Day Camp this year. We are excited for our Middle School and High School youth as they head to New York to serve. We can't wait for Building Bridges to "do" faith in homes. Mostly, we celebrate getting to spend time with you and your family. Blessings to you all.

*Andrea Fieldhouse*

### SUMMER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR MOUNT CALVARY YOUTH

If you love working with children who are either preschool or elementary age, then you will want to sign up to volunteer at VBS or Day Camp. These are two great opportunities for you to work alongside experienced teachers and counselors, be role models for our younger kids and have some fun while doing it.

Please consider your availability for the entire week of each camp plus the training date before you sign up to volunteer. Training is required to be a volunteer at VBS and Day Camp. This will ensure that you have all of the information you need to be successful in your role.

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### SUMMER FUN FOR KIDS AT MOUNT CALVARY PRESCHOOL

Our Summer School theme is "Fun with Dr. Seuss."

#### Session I Preschool and Toddlers

##### Summer Wonders/ Rhyme and Slime with Dr. Seuss

"Silly Sammy Slick sipped six sodas and got sick, sick, sick" and "Think of black water. Think up a white sky. Think up a boat. Think of BLOOGS blowing by" are just a couple of Dr. Seuss descriptions of what could be liquids, slime or concoctions the children can make in the classroom. Every day we will make some new substance to go along with a Dr. Seuss book. Young scientists will love these two weeks!

#### Session II Preschool and Toddlers

##### Summer Wonders/Move and Groove with Dr. Seuss

Hop on Pop and Ten Apples Up On Top are two books that cry out for us to move. Children can hop on balls, feet, and in an air house. Everyone likes to try balancing such as feet on a balance beam or apples on your head. Dr. Seuss books are filled with action, just what all preschoolers want and need!

### QUICK FACTS ABOUT MOUNT CALVARY SUMMER PRESCHOOL

- Location: Mount Calvary Preschool
- Staff Contact: Co-Directors: Linda McKinney and Deb Zumbach Rengers
- Registration Deadline: May 10, 2010
- Registration Fee: \$20, no fee if your child is already registered at Mount Calvary Preschool

#### Preschool (33 months—entering Kindergarten and potty trained)

- Session I Preschool: July 5–15 (Mon-Thurs only)
- Session II Preschool: July 19–29 (Mon-Thurs only)
- Time: 9:00–11:30am, Lunch Bunch\*\* 11:30am–12:30, Play Break\*\* 12:30–1:30pm
- Preschool Tuition Fee: \$120 per session

\*\* Lunch Bunch and Play Break each have separate attendance fees of \$6 per time.

#### Toddler (approximately 24 months–33 months)

- Session I Toddlers: July 5–15 (M/W or T/Th option)\*\*\*
- Session II Toddlers: July 19–29 (M/W or T/Th option)\*\*\*
- Toddler tuition fee: \$65 (M/W or T/Th option)
- Time: 9:00–11:30am

\*\*\*Toddlers may come Monday–Thursday if space allows.

## PRESCHOOL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The great baobab tree in the expansive African savannah is the setting for this year's VBS. Preschool children will be amazed at God's wildlife creations as they learn more about stories from both the Old and New Testament. They will sing songs, create some cool crafts, play games and munch on snacks fit for the savannah while building friendships together. Each child will bring home their very own pack of creature critters and trading cards at the end of the week to play with at home helping them to remember the week's stories.

Licensed teachers from our Mount Calvary preschool will teach the classes assisted by Mount Calvary youth.

### QUICK FACTS ABOUT PRESCHOOL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

- Ages: Age 3 (potty trained) through kids entering Kindergarten
- Dates: Monday, June 14 through Friday, June 18
- Time: 9:00am–11:30am
- Location: Mount Calvary Preschool
- Staff contact: Diane LaMere
- Registration deadline: June 4, 2010
- Registration fee: \$40 per child

## ELEMENTARY DAY CAMP

Luther Park returns to Mount Calvary again this year! Luther Park staff will lead a fun-filled week with worship, small group, skits, crafts, games, singing and Bible stories. Children will explore stories from the Bible that lift up this year's theme of "Keeping the Earth."

### QUICK FACTS ABOUT ELEMENTARY DAY CAMP

- Ages: Children going into grades 1-5 in the fall
- Dates: Monday, June 28 through Thursday, July 1, \*Open House is Sunday, June 27 at 11:00am
- Time: 9:00am–3:00pm
- Location: The Center, Minnewashta
- Staff contact: Diane LaMere
- Registration deadline: June 18, 2010
- Registration fee: \$65 per child

\*Come to the Open House on Sunday, June 27 at 11:00am in Luther Hall after worship to meet your counselor and hear about the fun things you will do during the week.

### BUILDING BRIDGES ~ "FROM THE OTHER SIDE"

Building bridges is the practicing of faith at church that we can intentionally live it at home and use it in our everyday lives. This summer Mount Calvary is taking on the *home* side of Building Bridges. We are asking for families who are willing to open up their homes to the Building Bridge families AND family friends for a Building Bridges evening. Your family would host the evening and partner with me in leading the event. Don't let that scare you—I know what to do!

The evenings suggested are Wednesdays—any Wednesday. The time is usually a 6:30 – 7:30pm time frame, but I am willing to change that to include a bit later for camp fires or a bit earlier for cook outs. As the hosting family, you choose!

The event itself will include games, stories, music, activities, prayers, etc. It is about living faith together in our own homes with family and friends. I can come with the plan, but would welcome any and all ideas.

My favorite part of part of this is the opportunity to invite friends and their families if you like. They do not have to attend Mount Calvary and there will be no pressure to join, only a celebration of faith.

As the dates are requested and scheduled they will go in the Caller and on the website. You will be asked to sign up with Andrea or on the website, [www.mountcalvary.org](http://www.mountcalvary.org).

### QUICK FACTS ABOUT BUILDING BRIDGES – "FROM THE OTHER SIDE"

- Focus: Doing faith in the home
- Looking for: Families willing to host MC families and their own friends
- Open to: Families with children 3 years old – 5th grade
- Dates: Wednesdays during the summer starting June 23. The first meeting will be at Andrea's house.
- Times: 6:30–7:30pm
- Location: the HOMES of Mount Calvary Families
- Staff Contact: Andrea Fieldhouse

## HOW OTHERS WORSHIP

God is so big and works in so many ways, places and in so many people that it seems silly to not take advantage of the possibilities to explore God's work. This new offering is open to families with late elementary, middle school and high school youth. We will travel to three different congregations this summer to learn of and experience a way and style of worship and faith that is different from what we know. Our hope is to visit and worship with El Milagro, a nearby synagogue and St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church. We are working to line up hosts for each visit.

### QUICK FACTS ABOUT HOW OTHERS WORSHIP

- Focus: Visiting and worshiping with and in other churches
- Open to: Families with late elementary, middle school and high school youth.
- Dates: TBA
- Location: possibilities include a synagogue, Greek Orthodox, Spirit Garage, Solomon's Porch, a Catholic Church, Westwood, etc.
- Staff Contact: Andrea Fieldhouse

## FABULOUS 5TH GRADE EXTENDS INTO THE SUMMER!

We have had such a great time getting to know each other, we've extended the fun into the summer months for our 5th grade graduates. You will receive a direct communication regarding June and July events in the spring.

### QUICK FACTS ABOUT FABULOUS 5TH GRADE

- Age: 5th grade graduates
- Dates: June and July
- Staff Contact: Diane LaMere

## PRE-CONFIRMATION CAMP

This is day of fun for the new 6th graders of Mount Calvary, and an opportunity for Andrea Fieldhouse and Ben Richter to spend an afternoon getting to know your child. Andrea will be teaching and overseeing the 6th grade confirmation experience while Ben is leading them in worship and celebration. The hope is a joyful entry to the confirmation experience, a chance to know their leaders and most importantly a chance to know one another! Registration forms will be sent to you in June.

### QUICK FACTS ABOUT PRE- CONFIRMATION CAMP

- Open to: All youth who will be in 6th grade in the fall of 2010
- Dates: Wednesday, August 11, 2010
- Times: 11:00am – 4:00pm
- Cost: \$25 per youth
- Location: Minnewashta Site
- Staff Contact: Andrea Fieldhouse

## LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION

We are delighted to welcome back the Lights, Camera, Action ministry to the summer line up. Directed by Carole Carlson, this is an amazing opportunity for children to participate in a drama and music based ministry. For one week, children work on a musical that tells stories of faith. On Friday evening they perform for family and friends. There will be simple auditions to know where to fit each child in the production. Auditions times will be announced at a later date

### QUICK FACTS ABOUT LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION

- Open to: All youth who will be in 2nd – 6th grade in the fall of 2010
- Dates: June 14 – Friday, June 18
- Times: 1:00pm–4:00pm
- Cost: \$40 per youth
- Location: Mount Calvary
- Staff Contact: Andrea Fieldhouse

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These opportunities are for youth who have completed Grade 6 and above:

**VBS Volunteer:** VBS is a week long camp for children 3 years old through those entering Kindergarten. You will assist a Mount Calvary preschool teacher for the week.

**VBS Date:** June 14-18 from 9:00-11:30am,

**Mandatory Training Date:** Friday, June 11 at 9:30am

**Where:** Mount Calvary Preschool

**Day Camp Volunteer:** Day camp is offered for children who have completed grades K-4. You will work with and assist a Luther Park counselor throughout the week.

**Day Camp Date:** June 28 – July 1 from 9:00 – 3:00

**Mandatory Training Date:** Sunday, June 27 at 4:00pm at the Center

**Where:** The Center, Minnewashta site

To sign up to be a volunteer, email Diane LaMere at [diane.lamere@mountcalvary.org](mailto:diane.lamere@mountcalvary.org). Include your contact information, grade completed and if you are signing up to volunteer for VBS, Day Camp or both. For more information contact: Diane LaMere at 952-474-8893 x104. The volunteer signup deadline is May 31. (Note: There will be a maximum number of youth volunteers needed based on VBS and Day Camp enrollment)