



LUTHER PARK BYTES: An e-newsletter with news that MUST get out.

CORRECTION: Earth Keepers Coordinator information

Chris Olson's correct email address is, cqolson@hotmail.com

PLANTING TREES: Volunteers needed at Luther Park!

Luther Park has 1,000 White Pine trees being delivered on May 7th, each of the trees will need a place to grow and flourish.

We are hoping that you have a group of people, preferably a group of 8-10, who would be willing to help put the trees in their new home. We are fairly flexible for dates - as long as it is after May 7th!

When you come to camp this summer you will be able to physically see the fruits of your labor! Please contact me and let me know if you are interested in helping Luther Park make the earth a better place, one tree at a time (in this case).

THANK YOU: Way Club Banquet and Summer Orientation

We would like to send out a heartfelt, sincere thank you to all of you who donated to Luther Park this past year. The Way Club Banquet went very well; so well in fact, we will even host it again next year! It is always wonderful to host those who support and love Luther Park. The food was spectacular and the 2008 Summer Staff both served and entertained throughout the evening. Summer staff member, Kaycee Green, shared a message about "where the heart is" and how for many of us Luther Park is "home," she didn't leave too many dry eyes in the place.

We would also like to thank all of you that attended the Summer Orientation. If you were unable to attend the orientation but had questions about registration, how many/who from your congregation are registered, or would like information on this summer's Bible Study please let us know and we will be happy to get that information to you.

REGISTRATION UPDATE

We are still hoping to register **439 more** campers by August 1, 2008. We currently have **711** campers registered.

Though many weeks still have plenty of room we have a couple programs that are **FULL!** And others still that are nearly full! The Explorers on the River canoe trip and Trailblazers Bridge Week 7 (July 20-22) are **FULL!** Power of Faith Week 7 (July 20-25), Trading Spaces Week 6 (July 13-18) and Trailblazers Overnight Week 7 (July 20-25) are **nearly full!** Please reserve your space if you are interested Trading Spaces week 6 or the Overnight week 7!

F.LooD. in Milwaukee and Cross Generational Day Camp at Luther Park!

We are still looking for campers for our Milwaukee Service Project. We currently only have 3 campers registered for this program. We team up with Lutherdale Bible Camp in Milwaukee for this program. They currently have 28 campers registered! This is a great mission project for your high schoolers.

We also have more room for those of you that are interested in the Cross Generational Day Camp! The program has been growing the last couple of years and we hope to see that growth continue. This is a program for people of ALL AGES! Please let your congregation know about this opportunity! Your congregation can claim a day to attend.

NEW PROGRAM: Earth Keepers

We are also adding a new Senior High program for this summer. Earth Keepers will be held August 3-8, 2008, the cost of the trip will be just \$250 per camper, including a \$100 deposit. We are taking up to 10 Senior High (9-12 grade) campers. Please contact Becca at the Luther Park office to register or for more information.

Chris will be leading the Earth Keepers along with another Luther Park counselor. They will be traveling to Southern Wisconsin for the week. While they are there they will focus on environmental stewardship through hands-on experiences while learning about faith! They will work for a morning on a local, organic farm, tour an incredible food co-op, do a service project at the Aldo Leopold Nature Center, hike in Devil's Lake State Park and Parfery's Glen, visit the nation's *greenest* building and SO MUCH MORE!

**** Please note **** this program is NOT advertised in our summer brochure. It is a field trip as part of Chris' internship. Senior High young people need to be made aware. Please help us get the word out. Contact: cqolson@wisc.edu

Please refer to the links below to virtually visit some of these places.

-International Crane Foundation

<http://www.savingcranes.org/>

-Troy Gardens

<http://www.troygardens.org>

-Aldo Leopold Nature Center

<http://www.naturenet.com/alnc/>

-Devil's Lake State Park

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/Org/land/parks/specific/devilslake/>

-Parfrey's Glen

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/er/sna/sna1.htm>

-Aldo Leopold Legacy Center

<http://www.aldoleopold.org/>

VBS and PALS and then some:

We still have two weeks open for Vacation Bible School (VBS). We have room the weeks of June 8-13 and July 6-11.

We have had a great response to our plea for PALS! Thank you for spreading the word! We currently have all the positions **filled!** However, you can still send in your applications in order to be put on a waiting list.

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