



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

HUGE SUCCUSS: Annual Auction

Yesterday we hosted our Annual Luther Park Auction. We would like to thank all of those who labored to put everything together, from our full time and summer staff to all of our hardworking volunteers.

We would also like to highlight a matching donation from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Thrivent matched \$2,000 from the funds we raised on our quilt auction. They were wonderful enough to present us with a check before the start of the quilt auction. Thrivent's dedication to outdoor ministry and the local community are greatly appreciated. Thank you!

When all was said and done the funds raised from the auction *exceeded* \$30,000! Thank you for your donations, attendance and, of course, your bids! We hope you enjoy your new treasures. We will make sure to put an order in for such beautiful weather again next year. Hope to see you then.

LUTHER PARK: Where the past meets the present

I would like to introduce you to our newest employee, Donna Mozey. Donna is Luther Park's Housekeeper; and she has been here a couple of weeks already. When she arrived she was thrown right into the middle of the busiest camp season, but she didn't hesitate to jump right in. She has been diligently keeping up with the rush of the summer.

Donna has truly been a blessing to have around. Actually, one of those "small world" moments occurred shortly after Donna's arrival at Luther Park. Mary Ann Dalrymple, Luther Park's former, longtime housekeeper, helped to show Donna around one day - only to discover that Mary Ann had been Donna's Sunday School teacher when she was just 4, 5, and 6 years old! Welcome Donna!

RECHARGE DATES:

Now that our summer programming is winding down we are beginning to work on the programming for our recharges. During this week a team from the summer staff will be working on a theme and a Bible Study for this years recharge. Tune in to the Bytes next week for the big unveiling! This week, however, we will reveal the dates:

October 3-4, 2008 for 3-5th graders
November 7-8, 2008 for 6-8th graders

December 5-6, 2008 for 6-8th graders
January 9-10, 2009 for 6-8th graders
March 13-14, 2009 for Senior High

SUMMER REFLECTIONS:

We really appreciate the feedback that we receive from campers, parents, family campers, pastors and youth workers. This feedback helps us to encourage us, better our program and to reflect on where we can improve. These are just a few things that the Pastors and Youth Workers had to say about their experience at Luther Park this summer:

“I saw leaders being raised up as counselors identified gifts in their campers and encouraged them to use those gifts.”

“My little kids were drawn into the Christwalk, it was so cool. I've never been able to engage them like that.”

“We are just beginning a partnership with Luther Park, but by the looks of things it will be growing.”

“It is always good for the kids to experience different kinds of worship services. Nice job.”

Final Bits and Bytes:

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