



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

### **SIGHTS AND SOUNDS of Luther Park**

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Camp has a different feel today. The campers and the summer staff have all gone home and will soon be back at school. Our hope is that they will apply their summer experiences here to their year long adventures there. Hopefully the stillness here is a sign that your homes and congregations are full of lively, spirit filled campers and counselors.

### **LUTHER PARK IS STILL ACTIVE!**

Even though the campers and counselors have returned to their homes, and Luther Park is a little quieter than it has been the last three months, we are still an active ministry! We host many retreat groups throughout the year. We didn't have time to take a break between waving goodbye and greeting the next retreat group.

The next two weeks are filled with a variety of retreat groups. We do have a number of retreat dates available throughout the year, please call and ask for Linda to inquire. We also have Recharges coming up, they are for youth ranging in age from 3-12 grade. Rumor has it the theme will be disclosed sometime soon...

### **BREAKING NEWS: Recharge Theme Revealed!!!!**

We have scheduled our recharges! For those campers who are on a "camp high" from the summer, this will be a great way to "recharge" during the school year. We also like to see recharge campers who haven't made the trek to camp before. Last week we had an unveiling of the dates for the recharges, this week we unveil the theme...

***Wii: What a Ride!***

Our theme verse is taken from Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge him and he will make your path straight."

We have the theme broken down into three parts. First we learn about the "Rocky Road" and how our faith journey isn't always easy. Second, we take a look at our "Landmarks" in order to see how we got to where we are and to inspect where we are going. Third, we are sent on a "Roadtrip" in order to fulfill our mission in the world. Indeed, what a ride it will be!

Again, the dates are:

October 3-4, 2008 for 3-5<sup>th</sup> graders  
November 7-8, 2008 for 6-8<sup>th</sup> graders  
December 5-6, 2008 for 6-8<sup>th</sup> graders  
January 9-10, 2009 for 6-8<sup>th</sup> graders  
March 13-14, 2009 for Senior High

Please note the attached registration form (in a PDF file). You can print it off and start publicizing!

### **SUMMER REFLECTIONS: Straight from the campers themselves**

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

*"I have been so inspired by the counselors."*

*"I like singing and dancing a lot more. Plus, I'm not afraid to talk to new people."*

*"The Bible Studies helped me learn a lot and made me want to read the Bible."*

*"I was always afraid to spend the night other places than home and camp made me realize that there's nothing to worry about."*

*"The Bible Study helped me renew my faith. Thank you for that help!"*

*"Counselors and campfires were radical. They helped me a lot. The counselor's stories about their faith were really inspirational."*

*"I didn't expect the God-high I got and all the new friends I made and all the fun I had."*

*"I didn't expect that everyone would be so friendly and easy to get along with and how many things there were to do."*

*"Well, one thing I really like about camp is that the counselors are so much fun and love to sing and dance and they are so happy all the time."*

“Worship was a lot more fun than I thought it would be.”

*“Sorry to say, but I really didn’t expect the food to be so good.”*

“When I come to camp again I will look forward to everything! I love camp and how close I feel to God when I’m there.”

*“God gave us life and he loves us and wants us to help others and then see him again.”*

“I will be a counselor someday - it is probably the most fun job EVER!”

**Final Bits and Bytes:**

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