



The Village Voice

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Take a few minutes out of your day to connect with Luther Village and it's exciting, busy ministry!

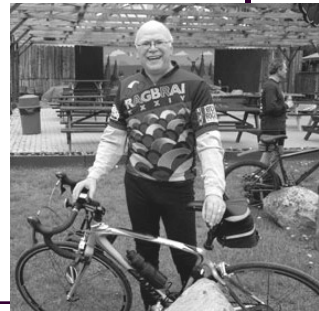
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25th Anniversary Bikeathon in 2011

Mark your calendar NOW! June 3-5, 2011. That's the date you want to get ready for: bring your bike, your family and friends and come out to ride in our 25th annual bikeathon! We would love if those who rode in some of our first bikeathons would join us again! Remember the trip from Beausejour? From West Hawk? Sleeping on church floors? Well now, you don't have to sleep on a floor, you can sleep in a bed at camp, have meals prepared for you on the road and at camp; you can bring your family and join us for this fun-filled weekend! Options for our Tour de Ville rides are 25 kms,

40 kms, 80 kms and 100 kms. We start from camp and ride along the highway with safety vehicles, snacks, food, drinks and first aid available. Our goal for this fundraiser: \$25,000 for 25 years of cycling! (25 for 25) If you don't want to ride, we need drivers, nurses, corporate sponsors and individual pledges. Any other ideas for this milestone in Bikeathons? Let us know! Pass on this info to cyclists in your life then get on your bikes and ride!



New Programs? Weddings?

Grace Anatomy...So you Think You Can Camp...Eat, Pray, Love...Got Camp? We R Family...LV's Got Talent...all sound like fun names for our programs...and they are! Come on out and join us for one of these youth or family/adult weeks or weekends and see what we've added, changed and

what great things will continue.

A wedding at Luther Village? You bet! We have had two weddings recently and they have been wonderful events to celebrate for the couples and their family and friends! Have you ever dreamt of a wedding on the beach at the lakeside?

An evening bonfire for guests? A dance? Served dinner in the dining hall or under a big tent outside? There are so many options available for small or larger weddings. Let us take care of your custom-made wedding in the beautiful fall colors at LV! Let's get planning!



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Kim's Korner

Luther Village what a great place...heaven on earth...better than Disney...some of the phrases I hear from you, our camper guests. It's funny, we try to break into new and other groups of people, but it seems that most of the new campers come because you tell them too...that is, word of mouth. If you tell your friends it's a good place to go, they'll come. If we tell strangers it's a good place to go, they are not too sure about it.

Luther Village is here for all people – families, kids, teens, young adults, older adults...we seem to have something for everyone! LV is here to make peoples' lives fuller...richer... Youth and even adults are starving spiritually...how can you help? I challenge you to bring someone new to camp; to tell more people about LV. Share with them your story, what camp has done for you, what your, perhaps, magical moment has been at LV.

I remember the first year I worked at camp after graduating from high school (...so since I'm only 29, that was just a few years ago...) I was filled with excitement, anticipation and fear...me this shy, quiet kid (really I was!), going to be the lifeguard and a program leader! Wow! What responsibility, what creativity...what the heck was I doing here?!? I learned and I grew so much as a person and in my faith. LV helped me to become the person I am today. I didn't necessarily

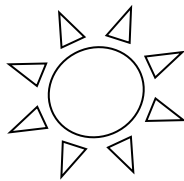
realize it then, but what pulled me back 2 years later for a couple more seasons of leading program? Then what brought me back 4 years later as Executive Director? I know now...God did. God had a plan, and apparently that was to have me here at LV for 19 + years! I became a leader in the church because of camp. I learned so much about people and relationships with campers – adults & youth, and staff; about how much love and tears and life and energy is put into this place. God has been walking with my family and I in this journey. And I know from the many friends we have made over the years that God is walking with others. I have seen children and adults discover God. I have seen these campers trust God. I have seen them doubt God. I have helped to guide them to let God walk with them and to carry them when needed. I recently listened to the young people from my congregation share their faith statements at their confirmation and had a tear in my eye when I heard some say how important LV has been to them and their faith. May your days be merry & bright...

Blessed Christmas to all!

Kim Scherger

Executive Director

**OUR VISION:
Luther Village
is God's
sanctuary! It is
a vibrant
Christian
community
where all are
welcome!**



We Want Your Email Address

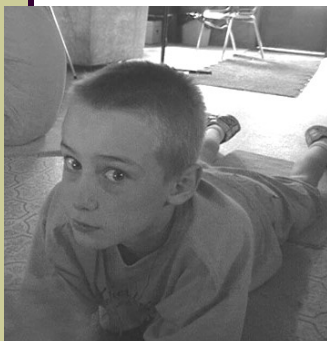
This is it...we have been informing you about going paperless with our newsletter for the past year and it will begin in 2011. That means, this is the last time we mass snail-mail it to you. Please help us!

If you would still like them via Canada Post, we will mail it out to you, but you need to let us know! We spend about \$7,000/year or more on newsletter printing, postage, staff and volunteers to fold & stuff envelopes. We feel that money and time could be used in other areas for the Village. And with most changes, there will be

growing pains, but please be patient and help us out! Make a conscious effort to send us your email address and update your address with us when it changes. We have about 1400 campers and supporters we send our newsletter to: 900 via Canada Post and 500 now via email.

How it will work: you will be sent a link which will take you to our newsletter and you can read at your leisure (in color too!)

Thanks for helping us in another step towards greening the earth!



Program Schedule 2011

May 6-8	Work Weekend
May 20-23	May Long Weekend
June 3-5	Bikeathon: 25 th Anniversary Tour de Ville LIT Training Weekend
June 10-12	Eat, Pray, Love (Women's Retreat)
June 18	Bus Day Trip/ Open House
June 24-26	Small Fry Camp (grades 2-3)
July 3-8	Grace Anatomy (grades 7-9)
July 10- 15	So You Think You Can Camp? (grades 4-6)
July 17- 23	We R Family 1
July 24-30	We R Family 2
July 24-29	LIT Training Week
July 31-August 6	We R Family 3
July 31-August 5	LIT Rotation Week 1
August 7-13	We R Family 4
August 7-12	LIT Rotation Week 2
August 14-20	We R Family 5
August 14- 20	Got Camp? (grades 9-12)
August 21-26	LV's Got Talent! (grades 5-10)
August 26-28	Eco Challenge
August 28-31	Confirmation Camp
September 2-5	Labour Day Classic



Make Your Reservation For 2011 – When & How...

Starting to dream of summer with all this snow? Pull out your calendar and start planning for the new year! We begin our registration and bookings for cabins and campground sites on Monday January 17, 2011, at 9 AM, CST. Call in your request to our office at 204.783.3337. Only one booking per phone call. **A credit card is required at the time of your booking** (VISA & MasterCard only). This is for MNO synod members for Family Camps and for others for cabin rentals for the 2011 season, spring and fall. We will not take any reservations before this, except for group or school bookings. Non MNO synod members bookings for Family Camps begin on Tuesday February 1/11. We look forward to talking with you then!

Yoga Instructor Wanted!

We are looking for a yoga instructor for our Eat, Pray, Love women's retreat in June. If you can teach yoga, we would like your assistance for the weekend of June 3-5, 2011 for this amazing annual women's retreat. Call Kim for details.



From the Board...



We are planning for next year already and anticipate an eventful and fulfilling season as we enjoy God's creation at Luther Village. Join us for the first time or the nth time. We look forward to seeing you sometime.

As you may, or may not know, LV has a volunteer Board of Trustees that oversee the operation of the camp. We have a number of members who have completed their three year Board commitment. Therefore, we have a few spots open for you to consider sharing your talents with LV. Terms are for three years with members working on various focus areas for camp. They include Program, Fundraising, Property,



Member at Large and Personnel. The terms begin in February, 2011 at our annual general meeting. If you may be interested in finding out more about what the job entails, contact me at weschultz14@mts.net or call 885-4822, or ask Kim. Without the important work of volunteers, Luther Village could not provide the richness in ministry it does. Prayerfully consider volunteering! In our last newsletter I mentioned the LV Fund, which was just launching. We have achieved about 15% of our goal, which still reminds us we have a long way to go. The Fund will help us stabilize our tenuous financial footing which

has left us facing a significant deficit. This is the long term goal. However in the short term we need your support at the bottom line. If you have promised to contribute from the Phone-a-thon but haven't yet, please do so! If you haven't been contacted, think about giving to Luther Village to help us start 2011 in a positive financial position. As always, your prayers, time and presence are needed. Thank you for your past support and future visits with us at Luther Village.

Sincerely,
Wayne Schultz, Chair

Future Curriculum Purchase

We sometimes get phone calls from Sunday Schools or other church groups who want to do some fundraising for specific items for Luther

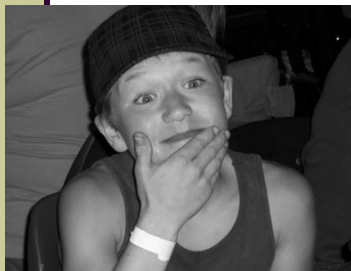
Village - to feel like they are contributing in helping "their" outdoor ministry.

One idea is to see if a group would like to provide funding to purchase our annual program curriculum!

The cost is around \$400. This curriculum, from Augsburg Fortress is our program material for sessions at youth and family camps, some worship material, morning watch/devotions and

wherever else we can use it throughout our summer program.

If interested or you would like more information, let us know!



Special Events

We have events for almost everyone! Find something you want to do and join in the community and fellowship of Luther Village! For tickets or more information, call the office or look on our website.

WHAT'S UP IN 2011
Mark your calendar now!

BUD, SPUD & STEAK

April 14, 2011 at Tijuana Yacht Club, CanadInns.

25th BIKEATHON!

June 3-5; registration and pledges required. Help us reach our goal of \$25,000! See front.

SILENT AUCTION at camp...requesting new and homemade items for this. On display at camp from May-Sept long wkend.

ECO CHALLENGE ADVENTURE RACE

August 27-come for this weekend of fun, fitness and fellowship! Canoe, kayak, cycle, swim (optional) and run with your partner to find your GPS clues. Pledges & registration. Bring your family!

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sept 2011 - date TBA
Interested in organizing this event for LV? Call Kim for details!

HOW DID IT GO?

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Many thanks to Sonja Reisdorf for organizing this great event at Harbourview Golf Course for almost 30 golfers! Close to \$2000 was raised!

Thanks to all golfers, donators, sponsors and to board members who helped!

PHONEATHON

Phones were ringing off the hooks on the evenings of Oct 17, 18, 24 & 25. About 55 volunteers were trained and made calls to try to connect with 1400 LV supporters! Thanks to all and to Ken Day, On Business Solutions, for the use of his building for this enormous event. To date, \$20,000 has come in. Our goal is \$25,000...help us reach it!

DINNER & DANCE

What a beautiful evening of community, service, ministry, music & dancing -all for Luther Village! 200 people participated in this event and 35 people helped by hauling dishes,

equipment, food and setting up. Campers, LIT's and volunteers served this delicious gourmet dinner prepared by Chef Raymond Czayka. Many, many thanks to all alumni and volunteers who helped in the kitchen, at the door, pouring wine and other jobs! Thanks to Dakota for their wonderful music, to those who donated items for the auction and to all for joining us for this evening to celebrate! \$4500 was raised - thank you!

ANY CREATIVE IDEAS FOR "FUN" DRAISING?

Remember, we are covering two countries so it should be manageable!



Are you on PAR?

LV has a "Pre-authorized Remittance" (PAR) program in place to take care of your want/need to give a donation to the camp on a regular basis. You can choose any amount you'd like to give on a monthly basis. For more details, check out our website or call for a PAR form to be sent out to you! Thanks for remembering Luther Village!





Staff, Volunteers & LIT's for 2011

Want an opportunity of a lifetime? Working in the great outdoors on a lakefront? Meeting people who may (and probably will!) become lifelong friends? A summer season (or longer) of ministry in the areas of program, kitchen, maintenance, lifeguarding, office...we need you and your skills if you feel so called to work at Luther Village.

Jobs range from 2-6 months; volunteers for one week or longer; LIT's for two weeks +. If you've counseled before, maybe it's time to come back for a week again this summer? Please inquire!



All above areas have positions open for application-both senior/supervisory and first timers are required. Staff to be a minimum of 18 years of age. See our website (Jan 1/11) for employment, volunteer (16 years old minimum) and LIT (15 years old, finished grade 10) applications. Deadline: February 28, 2011.



Tupperware

Tupperware Canada offers a fundraising program that returns **40%** of the product price on a fundraising flyer to Luther Village. The products on the fundraising flyers are uniquely different colours or configurations of what is found in the regular seasonal Tupperware Catalogue. Prices are comparable to catalogue prices; there is no premium paid because this is a fundraiser.

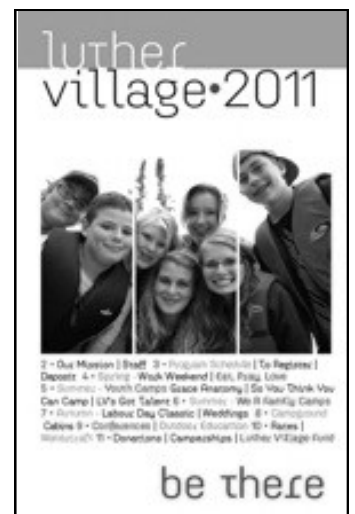
Catalogue Sales from the new January Tupperware catalogue will earn LV 10% of all product sold - fabulous sales in January with some products offered at 40% reductions.

Email your orders to sandra-kleban@mymts.net and either mail a cheque or drop it in her mailbox, 691 Coventry Rd, Winnipeg. In all correspondence, please add LV to your subject line. To order on line, go to LV's website www.luthervillage.ca To product cost, please add 12% tax (pst & gst) and \$3.95 for shipping and handling. Once payment is received, Sandra will combine orders and submit once each week. Delivery of product will be determined when you email her. Call or text Sandra with any questions 204-791-5209. This fundraiser can only be run from Canadian addresses - sorry!



2011 Brochure

It is ready! If you have not yet received our 2011 annual brochure, check your local Lutheran church, get it on line or call us to send you one! Many thanks to Kendra from Jacob Design for her creative work on the brochure!



Memorial Gifts/Gifts In Honor

Those being remembered are named in **bold**, followed by the donor(s) who gave the gift.

IN HONOR OF:

Vi Jacob

Joy Lafreniere

GIFTS RECEIVED FROM THE FOLLOWING CONGREGATIONS:

Emmanuel Lutheran Women, Emerson

Epiphany ELW, Winnipeg

Gloria Dei, Winnipeg

Messiah, Winnipeg

St. Peter's, Winnipeg

Zion, Beausejour

Thanks be to God!



New Website Design

In January 2011, we will be launching our new website to give you even more information, pictures and details to help answer your questions about camp! Watch for it in the new year! Thanks to Rick Scherger of Fate Communications for his creative work!

www.luthervillage.ca

Thanks For Office Space

Many thanks to Lutheran Church of the Cross, Winnipeg, for continuing to offer Luther Village office space so we have a home over the winter. Council, staff and members, thanks for the use of the building and your visits over the winter!

Annual Meeting

Thursday February 17, 2011, 7 - 8 PM.
Lutheran Church of the Cross, 560 Arlington St. Winnipeg. Come join us for our annual meeting! Snacks and coffee following meeting.

LV CD "Hear by the Water"

This memory-filled CD is available for purchase! 19 favorite camp songs have been professionally engineered on this CD for your listening/singing enjoyment for only \$10. If you would like it shipped to you, add on \$3. Makes a GREAT stocking stuffer!



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Luther Village MISSION STATEMENT:

Luther Village...a ministry of the Manitoba Northwestern Ontario Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In Canada

"Under God's grace, Luther Village exists to provide Christian ministry in an harmonious outdoor setting to give all individuals the opportunity for growth and renewal of mind, body and soul."



Accredited Camp



Wish List

- Your prayers
- Estate gifts & Stocks
- Portable Defribulator
- New industrial vacuum for Beaver Lodge
- New stackable chairs (15-25) for Wolf's Ridge
- Volunteers to shingle Maintenance Shop
- Cordless microphones for PAC
- New Permanent Basketball net, pole and pavement
- New 3-4 person tents
- New kayaks
- Large Wooden Gazebo
- New safety boat



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