



In the Loop

April 13, 2011



Introducing Jonathan Schack as Camp Coordinator

We invite you to welcome our new Camp Coordinator, Jonathan Schack. We are very excited about this addition to our staff and grateful that we were able to find a well-qualified person to fill this position. In January of 2011, the Association chose to pass a budget that included a new position called Camp Coordinator. A search process was initiated and interviews were conducted with several qualified applicants. The top choice was hired.

Jon's job duties include the supervision of day-to-day operations of camp as well as coordinating rental retreats, staff, and their needs. We are very excited about Jon and his family becoming a part of the greater Luther Park family. We feel that this addition will help with the future growth of the camp.

"I am very excited to join the Luther Park staff as Camp Coordinator. I am passionate about camping ministry and hospitality. I have worked at several other Lutheran camps, including a season as a canoe guide at Wilderness Canoe Base, in Grand Marais, MN, and most recently as the Office Manager at Ewalu Camp and Retreat Center, in Strawberry Point, IA. I have also worked as a Youth Ministry Coordinator at several Lutheran churches. During the past two years I have been a stay-at-home Dad, as well as an in-home daycare provider. I have also volunteered extensively in my church and community, serving as Church Council President and Chair of the community Tree Board.

My wife, Mara, and I are graduates of Wartburg College. I have a Religion degree, with a camping ministry emphasis. We also both completed the youth minister certification school at Wartburg Seminary. Mara is a choir teacher and a certified music therapist. Mara, and our two-year-old son, Caleb, will join me in Wisconsin after Mara concludes her school year. The three of us share a love for music. Mara is a wonderful singer and plays guitar and piano. I play drums and guitar. Caleb plays anything that makes noise with boundless enthusiasm! I love being outdoors. I look forward to road and mountain biking in the hills of Wisconsin and canoeing on the surrounding lakes. I also snow shoe and cross country ski. Other hobbies include landscaping, gardening, arboriculture, photography, and (trying to be) a handyman.

I am excited for the future of Luther Park Bible Camp and look forward to meeting all of you!"

Jon can be contacted by calling Luther Park at 715-859-2215 or by email: Jon@LutherPark.org

P.A.L.S. Openings Still Available

Know a high school student looking for an exciting summer opportunity?

There are still a few openings for P.A.L.S:

Session 2 (June 26-July 1/July 10-15): One opening

Session 3 (July 17-22/July 24-29): One opening

Session 4: (July 31-Aug 5/Aug 7-12): Three openings

For more information or an application, click [here](#). With any questions, contact Brianna at 715-859-2215 or Brianna@LutherPark.org

Mark Your Calendars!

Upcoming Luther Park Events:

Saturday, May 14, 8am-11am: 2nd Annual Pancake Breakfast

Monday, June 13: Annual Golf Outing

Sunday, August 14: Heart for Luther Park Fund-raiser

Looking for Qualified Male Counselors

Summer is fast approaching and we are working hard to assemble Luther Park's team of counselors for 2011. If you know of a college age guy in your congregation or your community who would make a great camp counselor, please let Brianna know at Brianna@LutherPark.org or 715-859-2215. We are currently looking for *2 young men who love children, have a faith life that they are willing to share, and love the outdoors*. This is the opportunity of a life time. Camp counseling is an incredible experience! Please keep Luther Park in your prayers as we continue to hire the 2011 summer staff.

Looking for congregations to "Adopt a Counselor"

We are in the midst of putting the Luther Park Summer Staff in place. If your congregation is interested in adopting a counselor to lift up in prayer this summer, please contact Brianna at Brianna@lutherpark.org for more details on this wonderful partnership ministry.

Luther Park Welcomes Cole McCormick as Luther Park's Chaplain for Summer 2011

We are pleased to introduce Cole McCormick who will be serving as Luther Park's Camp chaplain this summer. Cole will be a Luther Seminary Masters of Divinity graduate this spring and will be serving at Luther Park before taking his first pastoral call in the fall. Cole will be responsible for looking after the spiritual well being of the summer staff and campers this summer. He will also help guide worship planning and implementation as well as rotate between bible study groups during the week and provide hospitality for visiting pastors. You may also see Cole in congregations on some Sundays with other summer staff members. We look forward to working with Cole this summer and he looks forward to being part of Luther Park's community and interacting with staff and campers and visitors.

Heart for Luther Park Event: Sunday, August 14

Donations of quality artisan crafts, theme baskets, quilts, farmers' market produce, Silent Auction items, and more

Mark your calendars now to join us for the annual Heart for Luther Park event on Sunday, August 14! We are looking for individuals to create and donate items such as artwork, wood-crafted items, quilts, other crafts, theme baskets, and more for the Craft/Quilt Auction, Silent Auction, and Quilt Store. Gardeners---we are also looking for produce, shrubs, perennials, house plants, and more. Consider planting some extra produce to donate to Luther Park in August! With questions, contact Diana at 715-859-2215 or Diana@LutherPark.org

New or Gently Used Washing Machine Needed ASAP!

Luther Park is in need of a new or gently used washing machine and needs it ready for use before the summer season begins. If you or someone you know has a washing machine to donate, please contact Luther Park's Camp Coordinator, Jon Schack at 715-859-2215 or Jon@LutherPark.org

Summer 2011 VBS Openings:

Looking for an engaging Vacation Bible School program? Luther Park counselors can come to you and provide programming, crafts, and counselors for your Vacation Bible School! For more information, contact Brianna, Program Coordinator at 715-859-2215 or Brianna@LutherPark.org.

Week 1: Jun 12-17 One opening

Week 3: Jun 26 – Jul 1 Three openings

Week 8: Aug 7-12 One opening

Week 9: Aug 15-19 One opening

Come Retreat with us at Luther Park!

Call and make your reservation today!

Shalom Center:

- Many mid-week openings throughout Spring 2011.
- These 2011 weekends: April 15-17, May 27-29, Summer 2011, Fall 2011.

Covenant Center:

- Many mid-week openings throughout Spring 2011.
- These 2011 weekends: April 15-17, May 13-15, May 20-22, May 27-29, Summer 2011, Fall 2011.

Cabins/Dining Hall:

- Many available mid-week throughout Spring 2011.
- These 2011 weekends: May 20-22, Summer 2011, Fall 2011.

Contact Jon at 715-859-2215 or Jon@LutherPark.org for more information.