



# Heit's Point HiLites

"Strengthening the Connection with the Vine"

Sep/Oct 2010

## Greeting from Heit's Point

The weather's changing and the glorious colors of God's spectacular creation are right around the corner. What better time to come to Heit's Point than when the leaves are turning color, the mornings a nice crisp 50 degrees and the fog is rolling off the lake. We would like to share this splendor with you, give us a call and come enjoy some peace and solitude.

Coming up **November 20th is the Heit's Point membership meeting**. Attached to this Hi-Lites are the Bio's of the candidates for the board positions. Also attached is a card for absentee ballot if you cannot attend. We want to thank the board members going off, for their service and the candidates for their belief in this ministry and willingness to serve.

Heit's Point Christmas Celebration, December 5<sup>th</sup>. Join us for a delicious meal followed by the narration of the Christmas Story by Pastor Clayton with music provided by the College of the Ozarks Bell Choir. Contact us for tickets and read Melisa's section for more information.

Mark Nolte  
Executive Director

## From the Board

Our normal meeting time was changed because there wasn't any available space for us to meet which is a good thing. Accordingly, our meeting was held October 1<sup>st</sup> which is why our Hi-Lites Newsletter is late this month. The building committee has been hard at work analyzing the final bids submitted for the Rinne Activity Center. A contract was executed September 14<sup>th</sup> with the concrete work starting on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

Mark Nolte presented our financial reports which covered through August 2010 as well as his proposed budget for 2011. Caryl Froeschle, our Treasurer, and Mark spent considerable time analyzing our performance over the last three year period and tried to determine what needed to be done for next year. As you recall, we trimmed the budget this year by 25% to compensate for the downturn in the economy. The economy has not helped us this year and does not look any better for next year. However, we are not going to let this discourage us from our mission of providing significant programs to all ages. The board discussed new avenues to raise additional funds and they are making plans to do so.

We are still working hard on building relationships. We had our first social event for Heit's Point supporters in the Kansas City area last month and will be having one in the Jefferson City area this month. Again the purpose is to discuss what we have been doing, where we are going and how you can build a bridge in getting more families interested in the significance of our ministry.

**Don't forget to designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Heit's Point, or the Annual Membership Meeting the 20<sup>th</sup> of November.** Remember, "When God shuts a door, He open a window."

Blessings,  
Bill Buehrle  
Chairman of the Board

# PROGRAMS

This is Mark, I'm writing the program article for Melisa who is with her family in Nebraska. Her grandmother had a heart attack and is not doing well. Please keep them in your prayers.

How many of you are on Face book? What an amazing tool it can be for your ministry. Melisa used the face book format for the District Singles Event last weekend. With it she introduced little known people in the Bible. Our youth and more and more of our adults are coming up to speed with technology. It is not the technology that's bad; it's how we use it. How many ways can you come up with to share the Gospel through recent technology?

**Fall Harvest Festival**, Oct 30, is right around the corner. We will have lots of demonstrations from quilting to thrashing, lots of games for the youth, and always lots of great food. It starts at 9 am and goes until 3 pm.

**Confirmation Retreats**, 5-7<sup>th</sup> Baptism, 12-14<sup>th</sup> Lord's Supper, 19-21<sup>st</sup> Lord's Prayer  
We have 125 youth signed up. What a great way to spend a retreat, coming together and learning our confirmation lessons (without even realizing it) and then having fun and fellowship with youth from all over the state.

**Heit's Point Christmas Celebration**, Dec 5<sup>th</sup>

Join us after church at noon for pre-event Christmas music, at 1 pm we'll have a wonderful dinner, thanking God for all His blessings, then at 2 pm the Bell Choir from College of the Ozarks in Springfield will put on a concert. At 2:30 Pastor Clayton will read the Christmas Story accompanied with selections by the Bell Choir ending a little after 3 pm with some Christmas carols. It promises to be a great afternoon of Faith, Fellowship, and Fun. Cost for the event is \$10 per person; please contact us early for tickets so we can plan properly.

**New Years Eve Retreat**, Dec 31<sup>st</sup> – Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>

**High school youth mark your calendars!** We will be having a lock-in. The theme of this retreat is "Starworks." You won't want to miss this retreat as we study the theme verse from Philippians 2:14-16, "Do everything without complaining or arguing so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the Word of Life." You can come for the 3 day event or just for the lock in. Watch our website [www.heitspoint.com](http://www.heitspoint.com) for more information.

**Elders Retreat**, Jan 14-16<sup>th</sup>

Rev Mirly, District President will be leading the retreat again this year. He will be working with new Elders and there will be a Senior Elder working with the rest. Each year this retreat improves and everyone that has attended is thankful for this service. Watch our website [www.heitspoint.com](http://www.heitspoint.com) for more information.

*Melisa*



*Program Director*

# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Who would have thought the Camper/Worker program would have been so successful. The Laborer's for Christ bring a new meaning to this program. Someone said this to me and I think it sums it up: "Not only are they a very diverse and able work force but they are a Christian example for all who come to Heit's Point."

More good news on this topic. Three of the couples plan to return next year for the summer. Heit's Point is also inviting all Laborers' for Christ to consider us a hub (a stopover place) between their jobs as they travel the country.

May God continue to bless the Laborer's for Christ organization as they continue to serve.

## "The Del Rinne Activity Center"

**WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING!**

I can hear the contractor putting up the forms. Today the retaining wall will be poured and by the end of the week the floor will be complete. It has been less than a year since Delbert brought forth his challenge and we now see the fruits of his labor.

There is still opportunity for you to help. We will have some finish work and then there will always be a need for sports equipment. You may also still give funds to this project, for future needs.



*"Construction underway"*

**"Calvary Lutheran High School, Jefferson city - first to book the Activity Center, Aug 2011."**

## **OPERATIONAL STATUS AND FINANCIALS**

If you call in you're likely to hear a new voice. Cindy is our new Front Office Administrator; she is only part time so Melisa or I will fill in. Please welcome Cindy into our family; we are blessed to have her as part of our team. We are using volunteers much more extensively this year, and as they become more familiar with operations, the blessings or their labors will continue to increase.

July/August

Income – \$41,661 less income than budgeted

Expenses - \$2,691 less expenses than budgeted

Contract income is down 17% and donations down over 50% from 2009.

As you can see the economy has affected our income, however, by watching our expenses we have a net loss of only \$25,337 for the first 8 months, even with this shortfall with diligence through the fall we will have a successful year. The staff and board at Heit's Point are making every effort to wisely steward the resources which we have been blessed.

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*Save the date for the Heit's Point Christmas Celebration – Dec 5<sup>th</sup>.*

## **FUNDING THE FUTURE**

Dear Friends of Heit's Point,

Thrivent Choice has started and many of you have selected Heit's Point as your beneficiary. We want to thank you for your continued support.

We have been coordinating with Thrivent Chapters to get matching funds for our events to offset the reduced giving due to the cancellation of the Thrivent Giving Plus Program.

As we look at the challenges coming in the future, we see issues wherever we look. Almost every church is feeling the impact of the economy. However the churches that aren't, have one thing in common, they are working together.

The Staff and Board at Heit's Point are committed to supporting you and your congregation in their ministry, by working together we can weather this economy and continue the work that God has called us to do.

God's Blessings!

*Mark A Nolte*

Mark Nolte, Executive Director