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### Wish List for Heit's Point

If you can share something on this list with Heit's Point, your gift will be a blessing to the children, church and community groups we serve. Please contact Mark Nolte at 660-668-2363.

### 2017 Volunteer Opportunities:

Every Monday & Tuesday are volunteer projects

Volunteer work weekends on the 3rd weekend of every month.

Feb - Winter deep cleaning, Mar - Spring preparation, Apr - Waterfront development, May - Summer prep  
Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep - Special Projects, Oct - Winterization, Nov - Christmas Preparation

### Donations needed:

<u>Maintenance/tools</u>	<u>Office supplies</u>	<u>Sporting goods</u>	<u>Miscellaneous</u>
Oil & Antifreeze	Stamps	Balls (Basketball/Volleyball)	Window A/C units
20' step ladder	Printer paper	Archery (arrows)	Picnic tables
	<u>Programming</u>		Benches
<u>General Need</u>	First Aid Kits	<u>Waterfront</u>	Elect cook stove
12 Passenger Van	Flashlights	Fishing supplies	Refrigerator (2)

Gift Cards - Menards, Walmart, Lowes



## Action Teams!!!

It starts with an idea powered by your passion. Bring a team together to make an immediate impact on Heit's Point. It's Easy! Call Mark at 660-668-2363 for Action Team ideas.



"Strengthening the Connection with the Vine"

"And my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen  
Philippians 4:19-20

## Heit's Point HiLites Aug Issue



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### 2017 Calendar

#### Programs:

- Sept 22-24 District Singles Retreat  
"History of Music in the Church"  
Dr Jerode Marsh, St Pauls Concordia
- Oct 6-8 Fall High School Gathering  
"Making a Difference"  
Angela Kollbaum
- Nov 3-5 Confirmation Retreat
- Nov 10-12 Confirmation Retreat
- Nov 11 FOHP Alumni Banquet  
Speaker: Pastor Greene,  
King of Kings, KC
- Nov 17-19 Confirmation Retreat
- Dec 3 Christmas Celebration  
"Christmas around the World"  
Singing Saints, St Pauls, Concordia
- Dec 31-1 Jan Junior High  
New Years Eve Retreat

### Dear Friends in Christ,

This is always a solemn time of year, the last week of camp, the campers will all be getting ready for school, the counselors back to college to work on their future careers, and the staff wondering why it's all of a sudden quiet all the time.

What will we remember from this summer. The heat, the sweat, the tears, the sunburns, the bug bites....the smiles, the laughter, the friendship, the singing, the praising, the blessings of all the gifts that God has given us. At Heit's Point we want to thank God for all he has given to His ministry here but mostly thank Him for you. You are the blessings that God sends to us, so that we can share Him with each other and with the guests that you bring.

We're shifting gears for the fall programs, watch our website and Facebook page to get the latest. The District Singles are in for a treat in Sept. with Dr. Jerode Marsh, from St Pauls in Concordia as the speaker and the Oct High School Gathering will be exciting with Angela Kollbaum leading the way.

Something new is the **Friends of Heit's Point and Alumni Banquet on Nov 11th. Save the Date.** You will be treated to a great meal, you will elect the new board members for next year, and enjoy an inspiring message from Pastor Greene from King of Kings in Kansas City.

I can already hear the music in my head from the upcoming **Christmas Celebration on 3 Dec. Save the Date.** The Singing Saints from St Pauls Concordia will be performing under the direction of Dr Marsh, providing us with "Christmas around the World".

We want to welcome Pastor Wing from Immanuel Lutheran Church in Sweet Springs, MO as our new pastoral advisor to the Heit's Point Board. We look forward to his insight as a young pastor in a rural environment.

I hope that you received the summer appeal letter with the updates on the GCL and the Ascension Haus. Please prayerfully consider supporting the outreach that you provide through Heit's Point. We also would encourage you to come and be a part of God's Ministry at Heit's Point, I know you will be blest with your involvement.

*Serving Him for You!*

*Mark Nolte*

*Executive Director*

*"Strengthening the Connection with the Vine"*

*Thank you for your prayerful support to God's Ministry at Heit's Point in 2016 and looking to the future.*

## Heit's Point Lutheran Ministries

### Mission Statement

"Strengthening the  
Connection with the Vine"

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## From the Board

Greetings from the Board of Directors,

This year's Outdoor Festival was attended by nearly 170 people who worshiped in the Chapel of the Spitz Center, enjoyed a great meal in the Dining Hall and supported Heit's Point through offerings, donations, and purchases at the Silent and Live Auctions. While the fire at the Ascension Haus on Saturday before the Festival caused some damage everyone was far more comfortable in the air conditioning of the Spitz Center on Sunday. We are thankful there were no personal injuries. A special **THANK YOU** to staff and volunteers for all your extra work to move the location and make the day a success.

Summer activities are in full swing! In addition to the camps sponsored by Heit's Point, campers from 4-H, Harmony Baptist, Royal Family, Mennonite, Ukraine and Methodist groups, and family reunions present a challenge to staff and volunteers to keep the camp in its best possible presentation and efficiency. We are grateful for the opportunity of sharing this facility with so many guests.

While we are focusing on summer schedules at the moment, it is a good time to plan a visit to Heit's Point in the fall. When the fall colors appear on the trees, Heit's Point is stunning. Family, friends, Small Groups, Seniors Groups and others can enjoy time at the camp for fellowship, Bible Study and perhaps also schedule a servant event.

In addition to each of you, Heit's Point has a very dedicated Board. Each giving their time, talent and treasures to further the ministry. For you to better get to know your Board members, there are three of their bios and goals for HP featured in this newsletter. Our Board, The Executive Director with the staff and volunteers are working as a team to make Heit's Point an Outdoor Ministry for all ages.

We thank you for your support of the ministry. We pray you will remember Heit's Point as you direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars, adopt a project with a Thrivent Action Team Grant, donate an item from the Wish List, volunteer at the camp, support with a donation and your prayers. You are a blessing to Heit's Point and we want to share Heit's Point with people of all ages.

In Service to Him,

Joyce Martin, Board Chair

"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

## "Serving for Christ"

*"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."*  
1 Peter 4:10

**Counselors:** Minnow - St Louis Fender-Sweet Springs Cinnamon-Houston TX Mia-Springfield Dory-Kansas City  
Calawen-Cole Camp Froto-Rolla Pacha-Kansas City Char-Houston TX

**Jr Counselors** St Pauls-Concordia-5, Immanuel-Sweet Springs-1, Immanuel-Trenton-1, Immanuel-Lockwood-4, Mt Hulda-Cole Camp-2  
King of Kings-Kansas City-2, Trinity-Lebanon-1, Trinity-Jefferson City-1, Faith-Jefferson City-1, Other-3

**Campers** Ascension-Kansas City-1, Bethlehem-Raymore-1, Campus-Columbia-3, Christ-Kansas City-3, Christ the King-Lake Ozark-2  
Corner Stone Baptist-Sedalia-1, Faith-Jefferson City-6, Hope-Osage Beach-2, Hope-Shawnee KS-4, Hope-Columbia-1  
Immanuel-Trenton-1, Immanuel-Lockwood-2, Immanuel-Higginsville-1, Immanuel-Union-1, King of Kings-Kansas City-19  
Messiah-Independence-1, Mt Hulda-Cole Camp-9, Our Lady of the Lake-LakeOzark-1, Prince of Peace-Stewartsville-1  
River Road-St Louis-15, St Johns-Jefferson City-1, St Johns-Welda KS-1, St Johns-Centertown-1,  
St Patrick Catholic-Sedalia-1, St Pauls-Emma-2, St Pauls-Sweet Springs-1, St Pauls-Sedalia-1, St Pauls-Concordia-14  
St Pauls-St Joseph-3, St Pauls-California-2, Timothy-Blue Springs-7, Trinity-Jefferson City-5, Trinity-New Bloomfield-1  
Trinity-Atchison KS-2, Trinity-Stover-1, Trinity-Lohman-1, Trinity-Holts Summit-1, Trinity-Richmond-2,  
Trinity-Lebanon-4, Zion-Lone Elm-1, Zion-Concordia-2, Zion-Bunceton-1, No church identified-33

*40 churches  
from  
Missouri & Kansas*

*22 Junior Counselors - Great!*

## Thinking of our Friends

### We want to remember: Ken Kaymeyer

Ken passed away a few weeks ago. He served on the Heit's Point Board back when the camp was just starting. That service has impacted many over the years. Please keep Ken's family in your prayers as they mourn the loss of a loved one.

### Please keep these friends in your prayers:

Bill Buehrle, recovering from a minor heart attack

Audrey Horton, recovering from a fall

## Volunteer Recognition

Eric Gerken & Rus Lucas have been keeping up with the mowing. Eric has helped keep the mowers operational. Dave Madden has been busy at home, but has still made it down a few times this summer. Gary Lentz has been busy keeping up with our routine maintenance. Bill Gasau has brought several men to help with the GCL, Pastor Hertwig came and helped, Harold Long came worked on the GCL several days and Eric Blatt just finished taping the drywall. The Mennonite volley ball crew came and helped with the GCL siding. Kristine Smith has spent several weeks with us helping out everywhere. Volunteers are a direct blessing from God!



*Connecting faith & finances for good.™*

## Thrivent Choice

Please designate Heit's Point to receive your Thrivent Choice Dollars.

Your choice is a huge blessing as we partner together in this ministry;

*"Strengthening the Connection with the Vine"*

### Sustainable Support

Monthly giving is a great option to spread your donations over the course of the year.

To sign up call us at 660-668-2363



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I want to express my thanks, appreciation and gratitude to the many individuals and groups who have contributed in any way to this GCL (God Changes Lives) Counselor Cabin which is a memorial to Ruth Hink. Ruth loved this camp. Our first visit was about the time the Spitz building was dedicated. Soon thereafter she began planning and coordinating annual family retreats to the delight of the grand-kids. We held our fiftieth wedding anniversary in the Spitz dining hall. Her last visit was about five years ago when she was wheelchair bound. For fifty six years she was my friend, my love, my support, walking beside me as we met life's challenges with God's abundant blessings. She truly lived the Biblical "Wither thou goest I will go: whither thou lodgest I will lodge: thy people shall be my people and thy God my God"



About a year ago I met with Mark Nolte at the Lutheran Hour Ministry booth at the Missouri State Fair. The idea of a counselor's cabin was discussed. Back at camp we quickly sought ideas from Phil Cutting and Jerry Bean, the Heit's Point Maintenance Men. The St. James Place (which was falling into disrepair) was inspected as a possible site. Could we renovate St. James, build another cabin behind it and cover both with a single roof? Sketches were made, costs estimated and plans developed. Mark suggested issuing a matching challenge to finance the construction, it had a great response.

Under Phil & Jerry's leadership, construction began. They have construction skills and experience and are able to direct the efforts of volunteers. Mondays and Tuesdays were work days, but many groups came on the weekend to pitch in.

**VOLUNTEERS!** Are wonderful people willing to use their talents and energy to further the task at hand. They have dug ditches, poured concrete, framed walls, handled thirty foot roof trusses into position, installed the metal roof and walls, carried sheet rock to the top floor, made the plumbing connections, pull wiring and wired switches and outlets. Who are these volunteers? They may have been a skilled carpenter or electrician or plumber. Perhaps they were a group of college kids here for a weekend or maybe an individual with home maintenance experience that came on a work day. Even groups attending camp for a servant event or counselors and junior counselors pitched in.



**COUNSELORS!** Who are these counselors? They are young adults, generally college students, who have a love for Christ and a desire to work with campers. This year we had eight individuals working with over one hundred and sixty campers. They lead and supervise the games and activities, comfort the homesick, generate enthusiasm and spirit, promote safety, live with the campers 24/7. They also develop and lead daily bible study and devotions. Evening campfires are often closed with the counselor recapping some of the day's experiences and relating same to daily Christian living. These talks can be very impressive.



So a sincere thanks to all. God's Blessings to you.

Roger Hink, volunteer



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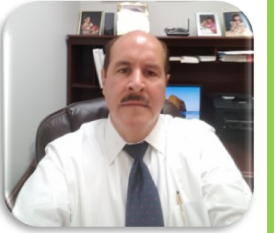
A member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Independence, MO, I am currently the Chairman of the Board of Elders, have also served as Treasurer, Vice President and on many other Church Boards over the years.

I have been married to my wife Karen for 30 years, we have one daughter Kristine.

I own an insurance brokerage company Security Planning Corp. We market insurance products to insurance agents. I have worked for Security Planning Corp. for 34 years.

I am a Chartered Life Underwriter and a Chartered Financial Consultant also a member of the Society of Financial Services Professionals.

As Treasurer of Heit's Point my goal would be continued improvement in our financial health.



### Tiffany Davis

A life long Lutheran, born and baptized in Lacey, Washington. I came to Missouri as a child when my father attended Concordia Seminary. I graduated High School in Wentzville Missouri and received my Bachelor's in Business Administration with an emphasis in Marketing from Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau.

I have been married to my husband, Jeff Davis for 20 years and we have three school age daughters. We live in Jefferson City Missouri and attend Faith Lutheran Church.

Our daughters are at the age to be attending Heit's Point Summer Camps. They love worshipping Christ with their friends, enjoying the outdoors and making new friends and memories that will last a lifetime. The joy on their faces when they come home from camp and tell us all about their week is one of the main reasons I wanted to get involved with Heit's Point.

My hope is that we can help encourage more children and families to come to Heit's Point and enjoy all that it offers. It truly is an amazing place!

This is my second year on the board and my first year as the secretary.



### Laramey Johnson

I was born and raised in south central Missouri and happily married to Mandy for 20 years blessed as a father to three great children, Evan 18, Avery 14, and Emma 12. We now reside in Sweet Springs, Missouri where we attend St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Concordia and where the children attend school.

I am a warehouse manager for Union Pacific Railroad track programs, where I order and manage the parts and materials for a tie replacement gang which operates through the Midwest.

When not working, my passions are building projects and home improvements along with tinkering in the garage, smoking meats, or hunting and fishing.

I first came to the board at Heit's Point in 2016 with hopes of continuing the camp traditions our children have enjoyed throughout their childhood!



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## Program Director

Mandy Johnson AKA MOJO

Greetings Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Where has the summer gone? It seems as though we just started the 2017 summer camp season and now we are finishing out our last week of camp. This year we are very thankful to see our summer camp programs growing again. Our Mini-Quest & Mini-Discovery groups tripled this year and several other camps filled up quickly as well. Paintball

camp was a huge success and as usual our Night Owls filled the camp. Thanks to a grant from the LWML fifteen inner city children were able to join us at camp this year. We look forward to having them back next year. We are all very excited about our new programs for the upcoming year. We will be introducing several new camps, geared towards our junior high and high school youth. We have two adventure camps planned as well as a "You Pick It" for Juniors and Seniors, where campers will work together to build the camp of their choice. Along with several of our favorite camps it's sure to be a great summer. As I reflect on the past ten weeks of camp, I find myself in awe of what God can do through His people. It is absolutely amazing: countless camp songs have been sung, activities enjoyed, memories made, service projects completed, meals prepared, dishes washed, bible studies and devotions taught, 50+ campfires lit, but most importantly hundreds of children have grown in their faith and that is what our mission here at Heit's Point is all about "Strengthening the Connection to the Vine". I would like to thank all of our wonderful staff & volunteers who with the help of God made this a successful summer. I would especially like to thank our counselors! I feel extremely blessed to be able to mentor and learn from these extremely awesome young adults. Several of them will be moving on to new careers and stages of their life and we can't wait to see what God has in store from them. Please continue to pray for us as we plan another exciting year of programs.

God's Blessings, Mandy Johnson

### Sunday, July 23, 2017

#### "Set your mind on things above"

This summer, I believe my faith has grown a lot! Learning and serving others has taught me so much! Every week we visit the local nursing homes and sing for the residents. I just love to sit and have conversations with them! Just a little conversation brightens their day or making them something special! It not only brightens their day, but mine. The feeling of serving others for Christ! I love seeing their smiles when we are singing and praising God!!! I encourage you all to do the little things to serve others. It could be as little as holding the door open for someone. "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's Varied Grace."- 1 Peter 4:10 SERVE like JESUS served! Going to Heit's Point and St. Paul's school has changed my life! I believe I CAN change people's lives. Last Thursday, I had a conversation with a resident in the nursing home. She said she couldn't remember how many years Heit's Point had been coming to sing for them. She told me to make sure we always come back and that we are always welcome. That gave me a lot of courage to serve others! Last week, we had someone get hurt pretty bad and it was hard for all of us. So someone led a prayer circle, and as we were standing there praying, I could feel God working in me at that moment. I really believe that last week was one of the most life changing experiences in my life! It has encouraged me to do more with my life and to encourage others also. Thanks to my family, along with my friends, and Heit's Point family.



Emma

### What does Camp mean to You?

Camp is campfires and s'mores. It's early morning wake up calls and late night movies. It's praying, worshipping and praising with your friends and family. Camp to me is a family reunion. New kids come and go every week and at the beginning they are hesitant. By the end of the week those kids are more like little brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews, cousins...their family. By the end of the summer the counselors you met only a few weeks(or years) ago become like family. Family that you give your all to God with. Family, that gets under your skin sometimes but always make up for it later with their smiles and dedication to the same cause you're working towards. Camp to me is my favorite place to share His love and my favorite way to share it. Camp is LOVE, LOVE is GOD, GOD is LOVE and GOD surrounds us all at Heit's Point. Minnow

I've been at Heit's Point for 11 summers now, and even before that, my grandpa and mimi would gather our family here for reunions. It's been a place for me to grow, not only in stature, confidence, and personality, but more importantly in my spiritual life. Learning new songs and bible stories, experiencing His creation, and having the time and opportunity to grow closer to Him and the people around me are just a few of the ways God has worked through camp. Speaking of people, Heit's Point wouldn't be the same without them. Their servant hearts have always amazed me and were a reason for me to keep coming back. Many of the counselors and volunteers who went before me I saw as mentors who have left a lasting impact on me. I am also so very grateful for all the lifelong friends I have met here and made memories with that will last a lifetime and for having them as my brothers-and-sisters-in-Christ. Dory

Camp is a place where you can meet people from many different places and see things from their perspective. It's a chance to learn new things you can do like, crafts, which you can take home with you, both the item and the skill. You also see some aspects of nature which you many not have anyway to encounter outside of camp. It's a place you can figure out a little bit about yourself away from the pressures that normally influence you. And at Heit's Point, you have the opportunity to do this in a Lutheran context. Calawen



Camp is a place for growing in Christ. It is a place for campers, counselors, and staff alike to learn about the love God has for all of us and to share that love with one another. As a young camper, I would love coming to camp because I got to have fun and make new friends who shared my Christian beliefs. Then as I grew older, my group became my family, and the love that I felt from everyone at camp made me want to keep coming back. The love of Christ is so great and so life-changing that everyone needs to hear about it and feel it too. To me, camp is the perfect place for that. Cinnamon

Camp stands for Christian Atmosphere Made for People. At camp, the staff is made of people who seek to be closer with God and share His love with others. This creates a safe, Christian atmosphere in which everyone can practice their faith without as many worldly distractions. I said "made for People" because camp should be for everyone, even nonbelievers. Mia

Well for me, camp is all about the experience. Personally, it's been a new and exciting experience working in such a unique environment as Heit's Point where Christ is very evident in the small backwoods areas of Missouri. It also has been unlike any job I have held previously, and it has been enjoyable working with kids for the summer. Speaking of kids, it is also fun being a part of their experience here at camp. Being a counselor, you get to show kids many new things such as archery and crawdad fishing. It is always so fulfilling to see a kid finally understand how to do a task or figure out a riddle that you told or ask questions about a devotion you gave. You become part of what makes camp fun for others, and while it can be very tiring, the experience is all worth it. The final experience here at camp is simply the reason Heit's Point exists: to strengthen the connection with the Vine. Kids (and sometimes adults and counselors too) get to experience Christ and His love in a different setting than they are used to. Being able to talk about faith and life in an open and safe environment is part of what makes this camp experience so fulfilling. Pacha

When I was asked "what camp means to me?" I actually got a little overwhelmed because camp is such a huge part of my life. Camp is a place where I have spent many summers growing in God's word, in body, and in mind. Camp to me is a safe place where children from literally any background can come, feel safe, make friends, and get love and care from their leaders and peers. Camp is a place where children can leap into God's creation and bask in the Glory of God. At Heit's Point we are able to see the beauty of God's creation from the beautiful green trees, bright starry nights, and amazing sunsets over the lake. Above all we see God's most prized creation, his children, using their many gifts and talents day in and day out. Although some days I felt tired and weary, being able to hear the voices of campers singing beautiful songs to the Lord at campfire made every second of hard work worth it. Fender



Camp is a place where kids can not only have fun playing games, swimming, being outdoors, etc., but learn about Jesus Christ and what he has done for us. Alongside all of the fun and games, there is an encouraging, Christian atmosphere so that all of us both campers and counselors, can grow in our faith. Froto

What camp means to me is that it's a safe place for kids to go and learn about God and grow in their faith away from the noise of the world. It also provides an opportunity for strangers to become friends and friends to become family, forming a bond through Christ that will never be broken. My favorite memory is when all of the counselors had the weekly meeting before the counselors arrive on Sunday. We were all sitting in the lobby just relaxing and having fun and in that moment, I know that it was God's plan for me to be here at camp with these people. No matter how stressed out we got or how tired the weeks made us, I knew that we, as a staff, together could do this summer like no other and leave here as a family. Char