



Heit's Point HiLites Jul/Aug 2011

Greetings from Heit's Point!

Wow! I can't believe summer camp is just about over. It has been an amazing year and it doesn't seem to want to slow down. More and more people are realizing how this gift from God - "Heit's Point" can do wondrous things for them, their families, and their ministries. God has blessed many visitors this year, the youngsters at their first camp, the men & women at their retreats, the college groups with their freshman orientations, the family reunions, etc. It is a blessing for our staff, board, and volunteers to see the great things He accomplishes. I would encourage you to take a break and come experience His blessings here at Heit's Point.

By the way check out our website www.heitspoint.com . Joye one of our board members has been working on it and it's looking great. Updated information & donation opportunities.

Mark Nolte
Executive Director

Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice!

The Wisdom of a Child

During the week of 24 July, a very significant happening occurred at Heit's Point. Baptism was the subject being discussed by our counselors. A young girl approached one of our counselors and said that she wanted to be baptized. She is from a single mother family that Pastor May from St. Luke, Kansas City, Kansas has been working with. Mark Nolte and the counselors called the pastor to let him know of the girl's desire to be baptized. Mark also told the pastor that he would invite the girl, her sister who was also attending camp and the mother to come back to Heit's Point the next week, if the mother was interested in doing so. Pastor said that she also has two younger children, so Mark offered for her to come and stay the week and volunteer. The pastor thought this was great and called the mother and then had her call Mark. The mother called and was excited, but it gets even better. It turn out that none of the four children are baptized. So now at 9 AM on Wednesday the next week, Pastor May will be baptizing all four children. The wisdom of this child to listen to the teachings from our counselors, recognizing the importance of Baptism, and speaking out about her desire and then influencing the entire family is definitely the work of the Holy Spirit at Heit's Point. A Thank You goes to our counselors for doing a good job of teaching and most importantly listening to a child. Camp does Change Lives.

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Dedication of a Building?

The Rinne Activity Center was dedicated on 16 July, 2011. Everyone was awed by the building, how large it was, how nice it looked, all the things that can be done there. Yes, the building is an awesome addition to Heit's Point. More importantly was the message behind the building. Delbert shares with us all the time that it's not his treasures and talents, but gifts from God. Over 250 people joined in the dedication and everyone there knew that the building was for God's glory, not ours. Pastor Mirly's message shared that even though Delbert is not a pastor, he is definitely in ministry. Delbert's message to us all is that we're never too old to serve God. God gave all of us talents; they are all gifts from Him. When you think of or look at the Rinne Activity Center, I hope it reminds you that, God has a plan for you and you will be blessed when you follow Him. This dedication would be better defined as:

"Dedication of The Way of life".

From The Chairman

What a busy weekend for everyone at Heit's Point. Not only the board members were busy, our staff, Laborers for Christ and volunteers were preparing for the festive celebration of Delbert's 90th birthday and the dedication of the Rinne Activity Center.

Addressed in the board meeting were several major issues. Roger Hink briefed us on the status of the Activity Center and his budget. It appears that the cost to build will be within the approved budget. Yet to be completed is the sidewalk and steps to the front porch, stripe painting on the gym floor and minor landscaping. Roger and Bob Vieth have done an outstanding job of coordinating the different skill levels and volunteers necessary in making this project a success.

Bill Haas reported on his effort of reviewing all the board minutes since 2002 for policies that were approved. The result was the formation of a Board Policy Manual. His effort was a very significant step in establishing a better method for the administration of Heit's Point policies as well as making available to the Executive Director specific direction from the board.

Caryl Froeschle reported on the benefits analysis performed by his finance committee. He identified a comparison of the current vs. proposed alternative options which offered from \$2,900 to \$4,400 annual expense savings. The most costly option with our current carrier was the retirement benefit. The problem was that an employee had to be employed for 5 years before being vested all the while contributing. If they left HP before the 5 year anniversary, all of their and our monies would be lost. We feel that this factor is not in the best interest of all involved.

Joyce Martin reported on marketing issues. The assembly of the Hi-Lites has changed to help eliminate the time required by staff to publish. Also, the web page is being updated and maintained by Joye McElwee. Some updating has already been done and more should happen within a week or so.

Vern Grefe's site plan review is coming along. Several issues are being evaluated and considered - "Future housing needs, future activity needs, and future staffing needs" to ensure our plan is attainable and sustainable. We are working with the Dept. of Conservation on a land management plan to best maintain our woods and wildlife with a preliminary plan expected to be ready early September. A location has been identified to develop a maintenance yard where our equipment can be stored in a central location allowing for better care of our equipment. This will also allow us to clean up various areas of the camp as well as minimize the man hours spent traveling to different sites to get what is needed.

Overall, our business base is better than last year. In fact, contracts for next year are already ahead of this year. Hopefully after the next board meeting we will be better prepared to let you know more.

Blessings,
Bill Buehrle
Chairman of the Board

Recognition for a Job Well Done



The board of directors had a recognition banquet Friday evening after the Board meeting for two past board members. Our honored guests were Larry Lumpe and Mark Burger with their wives Carol and Diane. As I wrote in the Nov/Dec 2010 Hi-Lites, they have been involved with Heit's Point since the beginning. Over these 27 years, it would be difficult to quantify the number of hours and miles driven while serving on the Missouri Outdoor Ministries (MOM) committee and later as board members.



Also attending were 25 or so young campers who listened intently about what both Mark and Larry had to say pertaining to their efforts over these years. Most importantly was their reference to why their time spent meant so much to them. It was because of these young people.

Both Larry and Mark were presented with a picture collage of important additions to the property over the years and also pictured the first board of directors upon incorporating in 2002. Both commented that it brought back many memories. Program Director Leah Hutcheson presented Carol and Diane with a gift basket that included a special bottle of Delbert's wine.

So we, the members of the board, feel that we can echo from all of the supporters over the years a special **"Thank You"** for your dedicated effort in making Heit's Point such a special place. May God continue to bless both of you and your families and we look forward to your return to enjoy the fruits of your labor.

OPERATIONAL STATUS AND FINANCIALS

We started this year with the goal to "fine tune" our facilities and clean up the grounds to make Heit's Point even more inviting. With the volunteers and project donors, many things have been accomplished: The new activity center is in operation, the campground has 2 new sites and a tent area with 6 sites, the benches are done on the prayer trail, the pontoon boat, paddle boats, and canoes are all serviceable, ceiling fans are in the Ascension Haus, old dining hall door and plumbing has been redone, Stone House plumbing is redone, and the stone house gets a new roof this week.

Remember our goal is to cover our expenses with operational income. It has been a very busy year and we thank God for all who have supported us through business, volunteering, or donating. We continue to strive to be the best stewards of what God provides.

A challenge we have had this year is food costs. If you have not been to the grocer recently, ask anyone who has. We will be adjusting our meal costs to cover future costs, but the current costs have set us back on our goal to cover expenses with operational income.

However, this will not happen overnight so we still need your support. The Dollar-A-Day club is one way for you to help. If you need information on it check out our Website or give us a call.

Keep us in your prayers!

Mark Nolte

Executive Director

Thanks for a great Summer!

Hello friends and supporters of Heit's Point, The summer has come to a close. By the time most of you read this, our campers will have gone home and put away their sleeping bags and bug spray, but hopefully not the memories and all they have learned from camp this year. I hope they remember the fun times in the lake, hanging out with old and new friends, and especially how God works through hard times to strengthen their faith so others might know about Him. This is our ultimate goal. I believe that if our beliefs are in the right place, the fun things will all follow. I have been blessed to lead a group of counselors and their campers for the last 11 weeks, and there have been multiple areas of learning in my life, and the lives of the counselors and campers. Thank you for your support of our summer camp ministry. I believe that ministry, especially reaching children and their families, is very important. Please pray for us as we plan another great summer for next year!

Blessings,
"Sunshine" Leah Hutcheson



Leah
Program Director

PROGRAMS COMING SOON!

- Aug 19-21 Heit's Point will be hosting a **Motorcycle Rally**. The weekend includes a 110 mile ride around the Lake of the Ozarks mixed with Bible Studies and fellowship with area churches.
- Sept 11-15 **Senior Getaway** - Pastor Clayton of Cole Camp will be leading this week for seniors. Activities will include exploring Luther's beliefs and some of his music, along with a visit to Sight and Sound Theater in Branson to watch the famous production of Noah.
- Sept 16-18 **Golf Retreat** - We know that there are all kinds of interests out there, and we want to meet your need. Come and join us as we enjoy a weekend out on the greens and participate in Bible Studies and devotions.
- Sept 30 - Oct 1 **Singles Retreat** - Leah will be facilitating the event. It's hard to top the Single's events from the past. But, this one proves to be all of the past and more. Come and enjoy fun and fellowship.
- Oct 29 Come and join us for Heit's Point Annual **Harvest Festival** from 10am to 4pm. Activities include devotions, craft booths, pumpkin carving, a silent auction, and much more! Admission is free. For more information, visit us at www.heitspoint.com or give us a call at (660) 668-2363.
- Oct 28-30 Who likes to exchange recipes and experiment with new food? If this describes you, then you'll love Heit's Point's first Annual **Kitchen Konection**. Join us in whipping up new treats and invite your families to help you enjoy the food and fellowship!

2012 Summer Camp

"What's in a Name?"

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

Early bird registration price break - \$20 discount for registration before May 1st, 2012.

June 3-8	Trailblazers (High School)
June 10-13	Mini Quest 1 (3rd and 4th) - Limited Space Available -
June 10-15	Outpost (5th-8th) (tent camping/outdoor week)
June 15-17	Little Adventurers (3-6 year olds w/ parent)
June 17-22	Quest 1 (3rd and 4th) - Limited Space Available -
June 24-29	Journey 1/Expedition 1 (5th-8th grade)
July 8-13	Journey 2/Expedition 2/Scrapbook (5th-8th grade)
July 15-17	Discovery (1st and 2nd grade)
July 15 -20	Quest 2 (3rd and 4th)
July 20-22	Family Camp (All ages)
July 22-25	Mini Quest 2 (1st and 2nd grade)
July 22-27	Journey 3/Expedition 3-Sports Camp (5th-8th grade)
July 29-August 4 (Saturday)	Journey 4/Expedition 4 (5th-8th grade)

Summer Fest August 4-Campers and families are invited to come back to camp to have one more day of fun before the summer is over. Hang out with your counselors one more time! (Parents, don't you want to meet the faces associated with all of those weird stories?) Activities will include devotions, song time, tours, swimming, and lots more!

"CAMP CHANGES LIVES"

Adoption & Love Story

Have you ever wondered what went on at Heit's Point in the early years and why and how things seem to show up as amenities for all to enjoy? Here is a story of how a few families encouraged a congregation to adopt a place for all, to enjoy the beauty and fellowship, which has been so important to all who come. Ellis Moore from Ascension Lutheran Church, Kansas City, took the time to let us know a little of the happenings in the early years and how a church adopted this place that Henry and Linda Heitman gave as a retreat for church workers and that we enjoy many years later.

A long time ago, Ellis, while going to high school worked the soda fountain within a pharmacy owned by the Heitmans in Sedalia, Missouri. Later in life he was asked to be a part of the Missouri Outdoor Ministry (MOM) committee by the district which seemed to be a match because he knew the Heitmans and was instrumental in the development of Heit's Point Lutheran Ministries as we know it today.



What started some of the Ascension folks to fall in love with (HP) was as follows: In 1989, Ken and Marilyn Guetlich donated their aluminum boat to HP. The Guetlichs along with John & Eunice Jones and Ellis & Virginia Moore set out for a day at HP with the trailer and that aluminum boat in tow. John inscribed the boat with "Property of Heit's Point". Ellis commented "I guess we all left there with a good impression of Heit's Point and all of us were hooked on this Outdoor Ministry".

In 1991, Freda Wilcox suggested that the Ascension Happy Timers group go to Heit's Point and attend their senior's retreat, under the leadership of Dennis Stewart (Grandpa Fun), the Director. Attendees from Ascension were Nell Braton, Ken & Marilyn Guetlich, John & Eunice Jones, Pastor Harold & Anna Luke, Laura Phillips, Pat Semler, Freda Wilcox and Ellis & Virginia Moore. Prior to going down to Heit's that year, Ken & Ellis drove to Lexington to purchase a pair of oars to be donated to the camp.

In 1992, Ascension provided a flagpole, constructed by Bob Long and installed with the U.S. and Church flag, purchased by the Ascension group. It was dedicated with the call to colors played by Ken on the bugle. Pastors Luke & Aurich had several blisters after their part of digging of the rocky hole for the installation of the flagpole.

In 1994, Ellis designed and with Ken's help constructed outdoor chapel benches (12), to replace rotted out logs, on the bluff hillside. Also constructed were Outdoor pews (12), along with (2) single seats for the altar area of the Messiah Chapel, and 20 - 5' outdoor love seats, were scattered where needed.

In 1996, a better computer system was needed. A couple of "Friends of Heit's Point" donated the system. Ellis built and provided (9) festival tabletops (put on straw bales for legs) for future use in Ascension Haus. Ken & Ellis built another (6) love seats that year along with 4 horseshoe wooden pits equipped with pegs and shoes.

In 1997, Ascension Haus multi-purpose shelter was completed and dedicated to the "Glory of God" with funds provided by the Ascension "Friends of Heit's Point." The Ascension Haus is one of the finest accomplishments that could have been provided and has been utilized by numerous groups. It has the sink and cabinets from Ascension's church fellowship hall kitchen that was being renovated. Jeff Fisher provided 3 outdoor drinking fountains along with numerous restroom handicapped bars, which were installed by Ken & Ellis. A much needed, almost new (4,000 miles) 1996 GMC truck and a 20' channel trailer, custom made with racks, was donated by several "Friends of Heit's Point."

In 1998, Ascension Haus plumbing, electrical work and a concrete floor were completed. The painting of Ascension Haus was then completed with help from Ken, Marilyn, Virginia and Ellis. Some "Friends of Heit's Point" purchased a new Maytag washer and dryer which was installed in the Ascension Haus to be used by the "Laborers for Christ" while the Laborers were building the Dr. PAUL SPITZ CENTER. The Laborers used Ascension Haus for opening & closing devotions, coordination meetings, potluck meals, and fellowship.

In 1999, benches (18) were built and provided for the Ascension Haus. At the same time legs were built for the (9) festival tabletops and were installed by Gary, Jared and Cameron Pumphrey. Gary, Diana, Jared and Cameron have all been involved and are strong supporters of many Heit's Point projects.

In 2000, more "Friends of Heit's Point" purchased and provided signs (15) that were installed by Bob Lane, Ken Guetlich and Tom Setley, at various locations, so friends and guests could easily find HP (after Pastor Koenig got lost). A couple of "Friends of Heit's Point" purchased (3) Paddle Wheelers for the waterfront. The friends also purchased 400 feet of vinyl fence, which was installed at the Heit's Point main entrance by John Jones, Gary Pumphrey, Ken Guetlich, Bob Lane and Ellis Moore, along with HP staff members and persons from other congregations. It took many to dig the rock holes for the fence posts! Other "Friends of Heit's Point" purchased the phone system installed inside the new Dr. Paul Spitz Center.

In 2001, several "Friends of Heit's Point" provided the majority of funds to have a new Boathouse constructed in the cove at Heit's. A couple years later Ken Guetlich provided material and labor to provide a canoe rack inside the boathouse along with deck rollers outside. A couple of "Friends of Heit's Point" purchased (14) campground grills that were installed by Ken Guetlich, Bob Lane, Tom Setley, Mark Nolte, Gary, Diana, Jared & Cameron Pumphrey and Ellis & Virginia Moore.

In 2002, Several "Friends of Heit's Point" provided funds to improve the septic system, water system and electrical hookups for RV's in the Campground. Gary Pumphrey and crew moved a donated playhouse from Raytown to the play area in the Campground. The playhouse was then painted by a few of the "Friends of Heit's Point" Another couple of "Friends of Heit's Point" provided a garment and suitcase caddy, which was recommended by Jared Pumphrey, for the Spitz Center. An additional upgrade for the computer system was added. Additional funds from several churches and individuals were provided to cover the cost for the addition to the Rock House and improvements to the Director's residence.

In 2003, several "Friends of Heit's Point" provided the funds necessary to build steps from the beach area up to the gazebo area on the old side of camp with an observation platform that looks south towards the mouth of Cole Camp creek. The steps were planned and designed by Bob Lane, Ken Guetlich and Ellis Moore. Steve Bunch from Cole Camp was contracted to do the building of these needed steps.

In 2006, several "Friends of Heit's Point" provided the funds to rebuild the swim dock with a new slide in the waterfront area. The existing boat dock was extended with a new deck and ramp walkway.

Although this story seems to stop in 2006, and some of the mentioned people are now with God, you can be assured that what they accomplished is greatly appreciated. Their giving of time, talent and resources was an example which has now passed on to their children.

All five of Ellis and Virginia Moore's children were introduced to the basically primitive surroundings of Heit's Point. Over the years the Moore children grew up. One daughter, Diana Pumphrey and husband Gary had a camper and would accompany Ellis and Virginia who also had a camper to spend time at Heit's Point to enjoy the surroundings offered but also to spend special family time with each other. Diana and Gary had two sons. Both enjoyed the many times when they came with either mom and dad or Grandma and Grandpa. These boys (Jared and Cameron) went to summer camp each year also. It seemed that when any of the three generations came to Heit's Point, they were always looking for something to do to improve the functionality or appearance of this place. Cameron really liked being in the woods, since he was 3 years old, and he watched what Grandpa Ellis did when he was working with wood. Remember, Ellis and Ken Guetlich built all of those benches and tables you see in the outdoor chapel and Ascension House as well as scattered in the campground.

A few years ago, Cameron and a friend Austin Moddrell had nothing to do while the families were camping. As young boys do, they found a clump of secluded cedar trees behind site 01 and the ball field. They knew where the wood pile was and found hammers and nails in the pole barn and constructed a tree house. Needless to say, it was good that this construction project was deep in the woods because the end result was not something that was safe to use for other children. This contraption remained deep in the woods until it was decided this year to open the area up for a dedicated tent site. When the cedar trees were removed, here was this tree house.

When Mark Nolte saw the tree house, he immediately knew who built it. Mark called Cameron and asked if he wanted to build two tree houses as a "servant project". There were some coordination calls between the two and several days were planned for the project. Cameron and Austin arrived on a Thursday to develop drawings and planned to work on the project thru the weekend. While there they stayed in the Heitman House and enjoyed being away from the Kansas City area. Also while they were working, the summer counselors saw them working and were amazed at what they were building. Friendships developed and they all got together one evening to deep fry Twinkies, Milky Way Bars and other junk food which is common for college aged young adults. All in all they put in approximately 75 hours of labor into the project.



The following weekend all of the tent campsites were filled. The children of these campers were all over these well built tree houses. They can even sleep in them without worrying about falling out since they have railings for safety. They are not nailed to the trees. They are bolted to stay. Cameron's interest in woodworking which we are quite sure he picked up from his Grandpa is very good for a young fellow.

The point of this story is that "**Camp Changes Lives**". In this case the change has now spanned over three generations. It is a powerful story of how important family being together is and how wonderful it is that we have a place like Heit's Point for other families to spend valuable time with each other. Thanks Cameron and Austin for being good stewards of Heit's Point.

What a perfect example for our congregations to adopt. If your congregation would like to adopt a project, please contact Mark Nolte. We have many from which to choose.

NEWS

Bid on Wood Carving of "The Lord's Prayer".

Bidding opened for this beautiful carving on June 12, 2011 at the Outdoor Festival and will conclude on Dec 1, 2011. Kirk Thaemert spent 350 hours of spare time to complete the carving. The carving is approximately 39"x 44" and 3" deep, and is made from birch and oak.

Funds raised from the sale of the carving will go to Heit's Point. Minimum opening bid is \$4500.

How to submit your bid: in person, by mailing a bid to Heit's Point Lutheran Ministries, 28345 Heits Point Ave, Lincoln, MO 65338, by fax 660-668-2422, or email your bid info@heitspoint.com. A return email will be sent to you to confirm that you have submitted your bid. In all correspondence please ensure you provide your name, address, telephone contact numbers, email, and bid amount.



Work/Camper Volunteers

Our Work/Campers have been a blessing again this year. I'd liked to introduce you to them, so that you can know and appreciate what they do as we do.

This year Gary Lentz was the first to arrive, he hails from Cheney, Kansas. He graduated from Kansas State in business and made a career in sales & management for Ralston Purina. Gary is the organizer, write it down and we'll get it done.

Next came Don & Mary Ann Kalwat, from Bristol, Connecticut. Don was a Police officer and Mary Ann a school teacher. Don loves all the different challenges camp offers and he loves working with the youth. Mary Ann has found a second home in the kitchen.

John & Audrey Horton have been associated with Heit's Point for many years. They are from Kansas City, are retired from the extermination service and are full time laborers now. John just loves to keep busy; Audrey likes to keep busy also and has the challenge of keeping John from doing too much along the way.

Chuck & Linda Moeller are from Davenport, Iowa. Chuck was an assembler at Kartridg Pak Corp and Linda was secretary/receptionist for rental offices and speech therapists. Chuck & Linda also work with their daughter and son-in-law on the yellow ribbon suicide prevention program. Chuck & Linda are just a nice quiet couple that you want to have as friends, they are always willing to help with whatever needs to be done. Chuck loves to do cabinetry work and Linda loves to sew.

Ron & Joanne Haynes are from St. Louis. They were only here for a few weeks at the beginning of summer. A big help while they were here and they plan to come back this fall for a couple of weeks. Joanne had a hidden talent and she is using it to recuperate after surgery. She is an artist and is painting a rendition of how the Spitz Center will look with the addition added.

Thank God for all those who serve,

Wherever they serve,

May it all be to His Glory!

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What gifts do you have that God has given you that you haven't used lately.

Opportunities abound for you to use these talents at Heit's Point.

