



Heit's Point HiLites

"Strengthening the Connection with the Vine"

May/ June 2010

Greeting from Heit's Pont

The Lord continues to bless and keep us in his care. We were sad when Karen our long term office assistant decided to retire. We pray that the Lord continues to bless her and that she will come and see us once in a while. The Lord has blessed us with her replacement for the summer. If you've called us you might have heard a new voice on the line.



Bridgette has come to us from UCM in Warrensburg. She is a photography major, but she has skill well beyond just taking pictures. We are happy to have her with us.

Mark Nolte
Executive Director

From the Board

The Board met on May 21st to hear, discuss and decide the direction of the ministry at Heit's Point. We were introduced to two new staff members that Mark will introduce to you later on in this news letter. Welcome aboard Melisa and Bridgette.

Building relationships is a significant element of our Ministry. The Board and Staff recognize this need and are taking quantum steps to improve our relationships with not only our supporters, but other organizations that can help HP accomplish our Ministry. Steps taken so far this year are;

- Began sending the Hi-Lites after each Board meeting,
- Met with Thrivent to discuss how we could team with them to enhance our short term financial support,
- Met with Kirk Mueller from the LCMS Foundation who gave a presentation on what the Foundation has to offer to an organization such as ours and the long-range benefits that would be gained. The Board was very interested in pursuing this opportunity and will meet on June 19th for a discussion session regarding our future funding strategies,
- Mark has been busy visiting schools about our summer camp program,
- Mark met with Rev Mirly and Rev Wyssmann who encouraged us to work closely with the District Family Life and Youth Board on future singles and couples events. Mark will be attending their meeting next month,
- Glen McLaughlin has been busy developing the Friends of Heit's Point roster and organizational structure to enhance our outreach effort,
- Mark thru maintaining contact with the local community leaders has been able to organize and establish a Day Camp this summer which not only will develop a revenue stream but provide a service for the local communities.

Our Outdoor Festival is going to be exciting. Roger Mailand is coming back to be our emcee and of course Rev. Klaus of Lutheran Hour Ministries is our guest speaker. It will be a great event under the big tent here at Heit's Point on June 20th. See you there.

Blessings,
Bill Buehrle
Chairman of the Board



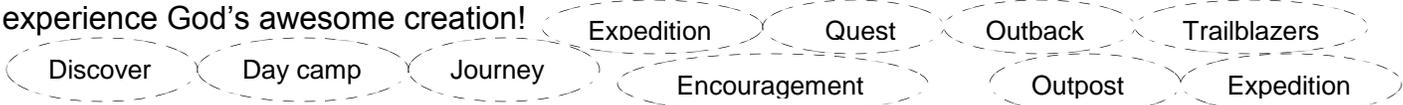
HEIT'S POINT IS OVERJOYED TO INTRODUCE OUR NEW PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Hi everyone! I am Melisa Andrejack from Lincoln, Nebraska. I just completed 4 years of education at Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska. In continuing my education, for the next 15 months I will be serving as Program Director for Heit's Point as well as the DCE Intern at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cole Camp. My main goal over this next year and a half is to use the Heit's Point Retreat Center as a place where we can bring together the youth from the surrounding communities to help them build relationships among one another. I am extremely thankful for this opportunity to serve the Lord by serving you! I look forward to my upcoming months and getting to know you.



"TREE OF LIFE"

This summer we will be focusing on the "Tree of Life" from Revelations 22. Campers will spend their days enjoying great activities, good food, new friends and amazing grace while they experience God's awesome creation!



AMY BROGAN JOHN KATRINA KIM LEAH MICAH NAN

Wow! Look at our additions to the Heit's Point family for 2010. This group of young leaders are excited to be here to share the Great News of Jesus Christ! Come join them having lots of fun praising God!

Don't forget on 7 Aug, all campers are invited back to one *last blast* and BBQ with their family and ours!

Upcoming Programs!

Outdoor Festival

This year we are excited to welcome back Rev Ken Klaus "The Lutheran Hour Speaker" who will be our guest speaker. If you missed his presentation several years ago you won't want to miss him this year. Don't forget the Festival has been moved to the 3rd Sunday this year.

Check out the Website and watch the Voice for information on upcoming programs!

Singles event

Senior Getaway

Confirmation Retreats

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

This year we started a new program. To supplement our outstanding volunteers we already have, we started a Camper/Worker program. Fulltime RVers will come to Heit's Point and for their free camp site they will work for us. We have invited Laborers for Christ members to be a part of this program and have had a great response.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING!

"THE BUILDING PROJECT"

Fundraising is underway to meet Delbert's challenge grant to build recreational facilities. Jim Kreissler has been traveling the state presenting the project. If you haven't seen it, give us a call and we'll let you know when we'll be in your area. Better yet, we'll set it up to come see you personally. This is a project that has long been needed and Delbert has made it a personal goal to enhance the ministry capability at Heit's Point.

To date \$140,000 has been raised toward the goal of \$950,000.

We hope you will prayerfully consider being a part of this undertaking.

OPERATIONAL STATUS AND FINANCIALS

As you can see from above, the staff is growing. We now have Melisa as Program Director (paid by LWML grant), Bridgette is our Front office administrator (summer help from UCM Warrensburg), we have several new part time employees – Harmony, Vicki, Gwen, and Stacy. As everyone comes up to speed in their positions it will be easier for us to supply the service our patrons have grown to expect. Come visit us and let us share God's wonderful creation with you.

March and April were exciting months with Scrapbookers, Men's and Elders retreats, two outdoor education events and a wedding.

Mar - Apr

Income – \$5,143 more income than budgeted
Expenses - \$5,767 less expenses than budgeted

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Save the date for the 2010 Outdoor Festival – June 20th

CHALLENGE GRANT OPPORTUNITY

Dear Friends of Heit's Point,

Thank you to all who supported this effort, we exceeded the amount and have applied for the matching funds. We are applying to some Thrivent chapters to see if we can get some matching funds for the Festival. This again would help offset the loss of the Giving Plus funds.

New challenge!

Our Board is contributing \$2200 to the Campership fund as a challenge grant to help raise funds for the summer camp program. It costs \$260 to send one camper to a week of camp. We want to ensure that any youth that wants to come to camp has that opportunity.

Please help us meet his challenge grant, a grant that will make a large impact on the youth ministry of Heit's Point. We look forward to your partnership as the Holy Spirit continues to use Heit's Point to change lives.

God's Blessings!

Mark A Nolte

Mark Nolte, Executive Director