

Heit's Point HiLites May/June 2012

Greetings from Heit's Point!

What's happening on the 10th of June?

25th Annual Outdoor Festival

This ministry continues to grow, the Lord has blessed Heit's Point greatly!

Pastor Kurowski is our Festival Speaker.

Dr. Peter M. Kurowski is a 1978 graduate of Concordia Seminary St. Louis. He has authored nine books including *the Seduction of Extremes*, *The Lifelines of Love*, and *Animals in Heaven and Pets in Paradise*. He has been a guest chaplain to the U.S. House of Representatives, a guest Lutheran Hour preacher, and a guest speaker at Truman State University. In addition to being a parish pastor, first vice president of the Missouri District, and a state representative of Air Force War College, he has spoken to a large number of groups on sundry subjects. Having played one on one basketball with Bob Costas, he worked out with NBA star Maurice Lucas, and wrestled a Gold Medalist. Pastor Pete is a frequent speaker on KFUE radio in St. Louis and senior saints will remember that a relative of his, Whitey Kurowski, hit the winning home run for the St. Louis Cardinals in the sixth game of the 1942 World Series. He and his wife Janice have been married for 39 years and he has served the last 19 years as pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in California, Missouri. His sermon theme for June 10th will be "Jesus Keen Interest in Outdoor Ministry." John 3:16 will be his text. "How Great Thou Art" will be the sermon hymn for the day!
Use what is useful! To the glory of Christ!

This year we will be celebrating 10 years of bunkhouse service. Just 11 years ago, we had a capacity of around 30 youth for a week of camp; today we have the capacity to house over 150 campers each week. The Blunk bunkhouse has become the central facility for our youth camps and the Gospel Hostel serves our specialty groups that come at the same time; servant events, youth retreats, etc. With these two facilities and the dining facility in the Dr. Paul Spitz Center, we will be serving over 400 youth just in the month of June. What a glorious blessing these facilities have been to this ministry.

After the service we will share information of how things are going now and the plans for the future. Followed by that delicious BBQ lunch.

We have Thrivent matching funds to help with our inner city ministry effort this year. Please consider supporting this special ministry.

We thank God for all the blessings He has bestowed on this Ministry.

Mark Nolte
Executive Director

"From The Board"

As I started to write this article on the Memorial Day weekend, the country spent a day to remember all of those who paid the ultimate sacrifice or who served gallantly to protect our freedom. The staff and Board of Heit's Point would like to express our sincere appreciation to all of you who have or are serving this great country of ours.

At our meeting last month, we listened with great joy on how things are going at Heit's Point. Late last year there was concern about the financial impact we would have due to the changes in Thrivent Choice Dollar choices. We are pleased to say that our concern has been changed to smiles because so far into this year we have exceeded our projections by a considerable amount. We have you, our supporters, to thank for that. These funds are a vital resource for maintaining our facilities in 100 % operational condition. Please keep it up!

One of our newest board members, Jack Hollingsworth, resigned due to personal reasons. However, being a strong supporter of Heit's Point as he is, Jack offered to head a Development Committee (5-6 couples) who have the gift of vision, who are creative thinkers and who have the passion to further the Ministry of Heit's Point. Their purpose is to 1) Create a plan to provide ongoing financial support for Heit's Point, 2) Identify new and creative ways for fund raising, 3) Report to the Heit's Point Board. Expected outcomes are to develop ideas that will provide for increased revenue and to develop a plan that is perpetual and easy to follow in future developmental planning. The board approved his proposal, recognizing the long range importance of this effort. Thanks Jack for your creative idea and willingness to be active in developing the necessary planning for our future of doing God's work.

The board approved the appointment of Ralph Viebrock to take Jack Hollingsworth's place on the board. Ralph lives in Sedalia and is active in St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Ralph is now retired and had his own construction business a few years ago. He helped us when we were planning to build the Rinne Activity Center. He will be a welcome addition to our board.

Reflecting back to November last year, we had a workshop about developing a "Dream List" if money were not an issue. There were a number of items which came out of the discussions. Because of these "what if's" there have been some definite results already seen. As mentioned above, the forming of a Development "Think Tank" is a big step in developing long-term financial support. Finalization of the Site Optimization Plan will set priorities as to what our needs are to support programs and usage is another big step. While all of this planning has been labor intensive and time consuming, we are seeing a significant improvement in our usage. Based upon a one page spreadsheet developed by Mark and staff showing occupancy of all facilities during the end of May through the first of August, scheduling is becoming more difficult, which is a good problem. What I am trying to say is that things are looking much better this year. We ask that you continue to pray for continued "good things to happen" at Heit's Point. We look forward to seeing you at the Outdoor Festival.

Blessings,
Bill Buehrle
Chairman of the Board

Memorial Day has just passed, but we continue to remember those who gave their lives for our freedom and the ones that continue to serve so that we can keep it.

If you are remembering someone and would like to honor that memory, we would like you to consider sponsoring a Memorial bench in their name. The cost for the bench is \$200 and it will be used here at Heit's Point in various locations; around campfires, at meditation spots, etc. A plaque will be placed at the top back of the bench with your wishes. Some put the name of the person they are remembering. Another idea is to put a Bible verse that would guide others during their meditation.



Heit's Point Lutheran Ministries 2012 Work/Camper Program

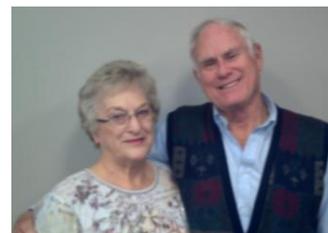
Full hookup camping for 20 hours work per person. Meals when available. Program runs from May 1st through Oct 31st. Come for as little as 2 weeks up to 5 full months



John & Audrey
Routine Maintenance



Don & Mary Ann
Maintenance & Breakfast Leads



Gary & Evilyn
General Maintenance & Office

Ron & Joanne Haynes will be joining the crew in June for a few weeks.

2012 Heit's Point Volunteer Work Weekend Opportunities

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| Jun 8-10 | Work weekend | (Festival prep) |
| Jul 8-13 | National Servant event | |
| Aug 17-19 | Work weekend | |
| Sep 7-9 | Work weekend | (Springfield LSC) |
| Oct 19-21 | Work weekend | (Festival prep) |
| Nov 16-18 | Work weekend | (Winterization) |

Volunteer opportunities and service project are available throughout the year.
Contact us at 660-668-2363 to come and share your talents.

Has God given you talents that you're hiding under a bush. Take a chance, accept an invitation to come and serve. The blessings you get in return are amazing. Working with the youth is an experience that God has blessed us with and we want to share that blessing with you.

Give us a call, even if you think there is nothing you can do. We know God has given you a talent you can share.

How does God use events at Heit's Point?

The Spoonbill season has come and gone for our Snaggers. My husband and I had the honor of spending a day out on the boat with Robert Grimshaw, president of the Ozark Snaggers. It was quite an experience and a lot of hard work. We enjoyed it so much that my husband and I have talked about purchasing some snagging equipment and just purchased a pontoon boat! Deanna Grimshaw has shared her own family outing with us.

Cindy Carter

Ozark Snag Masters Tournament weekend.

A yearly event our family looks forward to. The planning, the packing, the competition, and the time spent together. My daughter and I started joining my husband at the tournament five years ago when our daughter was 13. We have always enjoyed fishing and camping together but had not been attending the tournament till my husband came home telling us how nice Heits Point is. The campground, the beauty of the area, the facilities, and the welcoming staff make the weekend that much nicer. My daughter and I drive down after school on Friday to join my husband, looking forward to time around the campfire, s'mores, and talk of catching "the big one" this year.....so far this is still talk for us but the excitement and hope for snagging the winning fish is still fun. We always have the big breakfast prepared by Heit's Point the morning of the tournament (need the strength to Snag all day!) and the dinner the night of the awards ceremony.

The next morning we sleep in, have breakfast at the campsite and head out for some good old cat-fishing and relaxing time on the boat together. At a time that not only is our teen frequently on the phone or computer, so are we. The time on the lake is phone and computer free time. Time to enjoy one another and make memories we hope she will never forget. Although the tournament is still mostly "the guys' weekend", we enjoy it as a family.

Robert, Deanna, and Marjie Grimshaw

Robert has agreed to serve on the committee for Heit's Points first annual crappie tournament coming up next spring. It will be a weekend family event with devotions and Bible studies as well as some great family time fishing. Watch the Hi-Lites and the website for more information in the future.

Have you ever thought of having a family camp weekend?

Three families from St. Paul's in Sedalia, MO had a fun filled weekend here at Heit's Point. We had a scavenger hunt, they used the Rinne Activity Center, went canoeing, hiking, swimming, and enjoyed a bonfire with s'mores.

Bonfire & s'mores



Fish rock



Three families from St. Paul's



Each family went home relaxed, refreshed, and ready to grow their group for the next retreat.

News from down on the farm!

This past weekend Faith Bible retreat and Katy Park Baptist retreat enjoyed an unexpected pleasure. Almost every family group made the trip up to our new farmstead where they were treated to a visit with our pigs, chickens, and rabbits. The goats and the calf will be joining the other animals in a few days.

It is such a blessing having God's animals here for people to see and appreciate. Everyone had a great time.

Upcoming programs;

17-19 Aug Motorcycle Rally

Pastor Girardin, Trinity Lutheran, Centralia, IL will be facilitating the event. The Ozarks are one of God's most beautiful creations and August will be a great time to ride these long curvy highways enjoying the view. Watch the next Hi-Lites and the website for more information.

September is a busy month with Seniors & Singles retreats and a golf tournament

We have some special activities planned for the seniors, the singles group is going to have a tie dye party, and the golf tournament is getting a lot of interest. We'll have information out and on the website in the next couple of weeks.

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

Summer camp registrations are doing well, this years' high school camp is 3 times the size we have had in the past. The summer counselors have arrived and I never stop being surprised by the talent of these young adults. Let me introduce them to you.



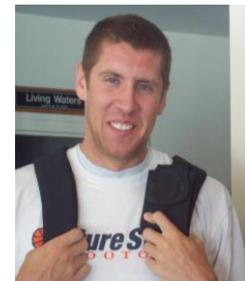
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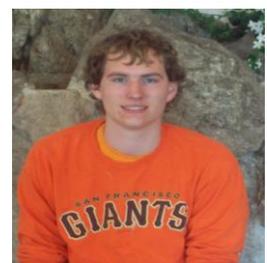
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2012 Outdoor Festival

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by the worship service
and the fellowship!

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