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Heit's Point Needs & Wish List

If you can share something on this list with Heit's Point, your gift will be a blessing to the children and church/ community groups we serve.

- New or used aluminum canoes in good condition
This years high school week doubled in size and we had to rent canoes to do the float trip.
- A large commercial mixer for the kitchen
- Cooking pans and utensils for our other facilities
More and more families are doing their own cooking when they come to save money in this economy.
- Vacuum cleaners
- Limb loppers
- Microwaves
- Pool furniture (PVC so it won't rust)

Heit's Point benefits from the National Lutheran Outdoors Ministry Association, which is an organization made up of individuals who support Lutheran outdoors ministry centers across the country. NLOMA provides services like summer staff recruitment, conferences, professional growth, opportunities, periodicals, consultation services and much more. For information contact Heit's Point or go to www.nloma.org . Consider becoming a member of NLOMA!



"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

Nov/Dec 2012

Sign up for the

Hi-Lites by email

Request at mark.nolte@heitspoint.com

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Merry Christmas!

I would like to thank the donors, volunteers, staff, and board for making this year such a blessing for so many. The lives that have been touched and now have a connection with their Lord and Savior. The faiths that have been strengthened and are now strong to face the world. But, we must remember all those that still need to hear and be touched.

"God give us the insight and perseverance to serve You in this Ministry so that many more will come to know You."

God's Blessings!

Mark Nolte

Executive Director

2012-2013 Calendar

Dec 2

Christmas celebration

Jan 11-13

Elders Retreat

Feb 22-24

Marriage Retreat

April

Crappie Tournament

Jun 9

Outdoor Festival

Remember the 25%
off lodging discount

Monday - Thursday

November - February

Another year is on its way. We are looking forward to more ministry opportunities here at Heit's Point! I believe this year we will see a lot of new and exciting programs and new people! God has blessed us and I do expect more blessing in the coming with the changes. Merry CHRISTmas! And, remember Jesus is the reason for season. So, when thinking of what gift to give....Jesus gave us the most wonderful gift of all!

In His Name,

Jeanene Bagley



From the Board

At the November board meeting I asked the members a question. **“Where are We Going & How do We Get There?”** Our paramount purpose as stated in our Mission Statement is “Strengthening The Connection With The Vine”. Looking to the future with the economic and government changes, Heit’s Point will certainly see an impact. So, what are we going to do about it? Continuing the great job of being host to our expanding customer base is still high on the list. The importance of developing and promoting Estate Giving, as well as helping Mark with the development of a larger donor base, developing a DVD for use by groups to promote Heit’s Point and continuing to share our value in supporting congregations were also high on the list. An example of the value in expanding our donor base is the sending of our newsletter to families and groups who come to Heit’s Point. This has resulted in an increase in small but very important contributions from those who found Heit’s Point to be a “Christ Centered” Retreat Facility that was of value to their lives.

We were pleased to host the last Missouri District Board meeting which provided an opportunity for their board members to experience what Heit’s Point has to offer. An immediate benefit was the referral of a young man who had previously served here as a counselor. He needed a place to live and something constructive to do while he studied on-line for his Masters degree. The month of November he served as a facilitator leading activities for our Confirmation Retreats, and then he worked with our maintenance crew, Phil & Jerry, replacing the flooring in the Stone house. There is a possibility that the LCMS Family Life and Youth Board may meet here in January but currently have not committed.

We approved the 2013 budget which continues to be conservatively developed. The board approved the go-ahead to move dirt and rock for the expansion of the Accension Haus. The Facility Usage Committee identified a need for additional space for activities such as meeting rooms. Options are being considered and the committee will report their findings/proposal at our March meeting. Our facilities were built based upon needs at that time. Our usage today is dictating a need to improve our facilities. We are not unhappy about this. However, it does stress our finances. We feel that we cannot raise our rates to a point where we are no longer competitive. So, I would like to ask you, our reader, the same question I asked the board. **“Where Are We Going & How Do We Get There?”** Your ideas and support will be appreciated.

We welcome a new board member Gary Barkhaus. William Haas, Ralph Viebrock and Joyce Martin were re-elected. We thank all of you who voted. For those who were not elected, we appreciate your interest in serving Heit’s Point.

The Board wants to extend to you and yours a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year.

Blessings,
Bill Buehrle, Chairman

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE



1998

A project to help expand the
Ministry!

2012

Ministry

Has been blessed with growth!

Plans for the future.

To keep the Ministry growing.



The Lord sets the challenges before us, not more than we can handle, but
challenges to meet the needs of His people.

Thanks be to God!

Art Ministry



The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want .
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he
leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths
of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shad-
ow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with
me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the pres-
ence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head
with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all
the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of
the Lord for ever.

Psalm 23



We have many nice pictures adorning our
walls. To make them even nicer, we thought it
would be nice to have a Bible passage framed
below them. If you look at the picture above
and a passage comes to mind, please let us
know and be a part of our Art Ministry.

Year End Appeal

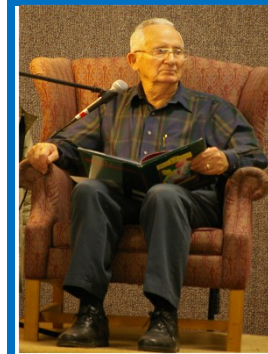
If you haven't taken the opportunity to send your support, it is never too late. No gift is too small or large.

“Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or
of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.”

2 Corinthians 9:7

Thank you for all you have done and for what you may do in the future!

A Special “Thank You”



We want to take this opportunity to give a special thanks to Roger Hink. His term as a board member has expired and he elected to not serve in that capacity again. Roger has been a big blessing to Heit's Point. He willingly accepted the large task of being the Project Manager for the Rinne Activity Center. This task took many hours of his time, many trips to visit sites, and most of all, many hours away from his family.

We the Board, Staff, and especially Delbert want to thank Roger and Ruth for sharing so much of your precious time with us. While you will no longer need to attend meetings, you both still have a special place and purpose with Heit's Point. May God continue to Bless You.

Thank you!

To the Rolla boys from Beta Sigma Psi, Missouri S&T chapter. This fall 48 came for a fellowship retreat. While here they helped repair the floor and heating ducts in the Stone House, cut and split two cords of firewood, cleaned up the waterfront and numerous other smaller projects.

May God continue to Bless your studies.

***** Church Worker Respite *****

A Break for Pastors

Pastor, do you need a break? Do you need to get away for a few days, with your family or by yourself? Do you need some time alone, or with your family? Do you need time to rest and relax? You think you can't really afford a vacation?

If you answered, “Yes,” to any of the above, then call Heit's Point. They appreciate pastors and would love to work with you to provide a retreat and respite from the stresses of parish life.

This past September, after an especially stressful summer, I went to Heit's Point for a little vacation. When I arrived on Sunday evening, I was warmly greeted and shown to my lodging. What a setup! I had a cottage - a house - all to myself. It was equipped with a refrigerator, stove/oven, and microwave oven. It had a good-sized dining room / living room and a wonderful bedroom, including a washer and dryer. It also had a bath and a half, which was way more than I needed for myself. Since it was between other events at the camp, it was very quiet.

The staff invited me to join the volunteers for meals, so the next morning I went to Spitz Hall for breakfast. What a meal! The folks there really know how to eat and how to make a person feel welcome. I ate most of my meals with them and enjoyed getting to know them a bit. They have a wonderful staff and dedicated volunteers and board members.

I spent most of my time reading or walking. It was quite restful and relaxing, especially since I couldn't watch tv or be connected to the internet. It's amazing how refreshing it is to be unplugged, not knowing what's going on in the rest of the world.

Next time, I'll bring my wife with me and possibly explore some of the towns in the area. Heit's Point is a gem. If you need a break for a few days, give them a call and see what they can do for you. My week there was wonderful and I can't wait to go back.

Tim Landskroener



Harvest Festival 2012



The Harvest Festival was a "HIT"! We had a group from K.C. here with 40 plus kids who had a "BLAST". Most of them enjoyed the face painting and bounce house. Not to mention the games and snacks. We offered a ring toss, our rendition of "bobbing" for apples, pumpkin decorating and having fun with the staff here at Heit's Point. We even had several members of our local fire dept. to help with games and some of them had a little face painting themselves.

Jeanene, our program and marketing "gal" brought her 3 yr.old, Reed. He played all morning in the bounce house. Came in for lunch, took a nap on mom's lap and went right back out!

We also had a few crafters to come and set up booths. Among them were jewelry makers, stained glass crafters and several home made goods. We so appreciated them being here!

Along with the festival we held a taste tasting. Wow, that's a mouth full in itself! We had a local lady come and offer many yummy delights; shrimp dip, fruit pizza, veggie salad and much more. We all enjoyed the treat! And, if you left hungry then that was your own fault.

Overall, we had a wonderful, "fun filled" day. The decorations were enjoyed as was the food and fellowship.

And, isn't that what our ministry is all about?

Please plan to join us next year! Give the apples on a string a try...see if you can catch a bite!

REMEMBER- You have a reason to be THANKFUL . Thankful that you no longer bear the burden of your sins. Think about forgiveness through Christ Jesus and the price He paid for our sins. Then spend time thanking Him for His sacrifice and for your salvation in Him. It's the season of giving. Jesus gave it all! Here at Heit's Point we try to be Thankful for our continuing ministry and for the gift of LOVE and SACRIFICE! What a gift!

In HIS name,
Jeanene

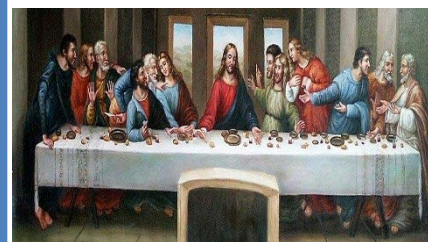


What a grand year of confirmation retreats! We had over 120 youth, 40 adult leaders and 10 churches. Our retreats were over a three week period with beautiful weather , and a lot of lively kids! Each day class sessions of instruction were held along with many outdoor activities. Some of those activities included shelter building (pictures of this are on Heit's Point facebook page), we had relays, kickball and a luminary walk. The kids also enjoyed the trailer rides and bonfires. One of the retreats got to enjoy playing "The Amazing Race". It was interesting to watch and take part in. The youth had to quote scripture , eat some amazing foods and find their way through the camp by instruction. And with only the light of a flashlight.

We were honored to be a part of this important time in their walk with the Lord. We hope that the youth will continue to grow , study and learn more about our Father and His Ministry.

As, we start the holiday season let us be reminded as the kids were.... Trying to find your way through this world in the dark is not easy. Even with the help of a flashlight. There is only one true light. And, it is our hope, strength and salvation. REMEMBER- God chooses to shine through imperfect, cracked pots. People are blessed when our cracked pots let the light of Jesus shine through. Choose to be a glory-filled, cracked pot rather than an empty, pretty vessel.

In His Light,
Jeanene Bagley
Marketing and Programs



The Apostles' Creed



"A Christmas Opportunity"

During Thanksgiving we thank God for all the gifts and blessings He has given us.

The Greatest Gift ever given is when God gave His Son for our Salvation. As we celebrate the birth of Christ this Christmas we share our appreciation for His gift to us by sharing with others. If your family is looking for a special gift to give this year, Heit's Point would like to share with you what your gift would do here. Our mission is to "Strengthen the Connection with the Vine" Jesus Christ. We share the news of Christ year round, with all who come.

A gift of \$260 would pay for a child to attend camp that may not have that opportunity without your gift.

*As a family, sponsor
a child's camp!*



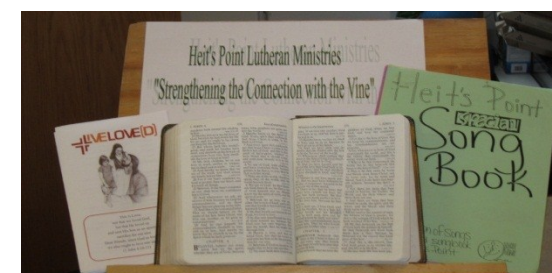
A gift of \$2000 would pay for a counselor for the entire summer, reaching 80 or more youth during their week of camp.



A gift of \$150 funds a facilitator to lead Devotions and Bible studies for one of our program events.

A gift of \$10 would supply the paper for the Bible studies during a camp week.

*Ways to support.
Check out our website
www.heitspoint.com*



*Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year*

As you can see gifts big and small will help to share the gift of Jesus Christ year round for people of all ages. Gifts of any size can make a difference. We ask that as you spend time with family and friends this Christmas that you would prayerfully consider a Christmas gift to His Ministry at Heit's Point.