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*"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*

Questions? Contact us by:  
Phone: 660-668-2363  
E-mail: info@heitspoint.com  
www.heitspoint.com

### 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.

#### Volunteer Opportunities:

- Repair Paddle boats
- Picnic table repair
- Bench building
- Pastor of the week during summer
- Nurse of the week during summer
- Landscaping
- Deck staining

#### Donations:

Sponsor a camp or school group

Kayaks

Camper trailer for counselor housing

Canoe Paddles

Keyboard on a stand

Floor steamer

Sponsor a cabin

Vacuum cleaners

Build a new cabin

Floor buffer

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](http://www.nloma.org). Consider becoming a member of NLOMA!



### Thrivent 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.

How it works: Apply to lead your volunteer team in a one-time fundraiser, service activity or educational event that can be completed within 90 days. Once your project is approved, you'll receive a Thrivent Action Kit, including:

- Promotional banner
- Invitations and thank you cards
- Thrivent Action Team T-shirts
- A \$250 Community Impact Card you can use as seed money to purchase project supplies and create promotional materials.

All Thrivent members are eligible to lead a Thrivent Action Team.

**Need Help:** Call 800-647-4836 and say "Thrivent Action Teams."

**Or go online:** <https://www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/living-generously/thrivent-action.teams>

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### 2016 Calendar

Date	Name of Event	Age/Grade
Apr 22nd -24th	High School Gathering	
June 5th - July 29th	Summer Camp	
June 12th	Outdoor Festival	
August 19th-21st	Motorcycle Rally	
August 26th-28th	District Singles Event	
September 18th -23rd	Seniors Getaway	
October 7th-9th	High School Retreat	
October 21st-23rd	Pre-Confirmation Retreat	
November 4-6, 11-13, & 18-20	Confirmation Retreats	
December 4th	Christmas Celebration	

### Dear Friends in Christ,

What a blessing it is, to know our Lord & Savior. In todays society with all the violence and hatred, to know that there is One that is and always has been there for us. He took our place so that we can be with Him forever in paradise. Let us pray that this Easter will cause a revival of faith in Him. Let us do what He has told us to do and share the news of how he died and rose again for all of us.

May you have a Blessed Easter as you praise Him with family and friends.

*Serving Him for You!  
Mark Nolte  
Executive Director*

# HAPPY EASTER



## **Heit's Point Lutheran Ministries**

### **Mission Statement**

"Strengthening the Connection with the Vine"

### **Board of Directors**

**Joyce Martin** Chair

**Gary Pumphrey** Vice Chair

**Kirk Thaemert** Secretary

**Kraig Gier** Treasurer

**Jeff Fisher**

**Gary Barkhaus**

**Jerry Reynolds**

**Bob Vieth**

### **Staff**

**Mark Nolte** Executive Director

**Steve Colclasure** Program Director

**Cindy Carter** Office Administrator

**Rev. Lampe** Pastoral Advisor

**Vicky Lucas** Housekeeping Manager

**Teresa Shortino** Kitchen Manager

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## **From the Board**

Greetings from Heit's Point!

Our Board of Directors had their first meeting of 2016, with the primary task of electing officers. Those chosen were:

Chairperson – Joyce Martin

Vice Chairperson – Gary Pumphrey

Secretary – Kirk Thaemert

Treasurer – Kraig Gier

Being elected Chairperson, humbles me and presents a further opportunity to serve Heit's Point. Having been on the board for the past six years, I know the challenges and possibilities. I have seen the hard work of Mark and staff to implement the ministry of Heit's Point, and to strive for excellence as a camp and retreat center. I pledge to strive for increased communications with you our 'friends'. It is the desire of the board that you will help us share the message and ministry of Heit's Point with family and friends. We hope you will consider supporting the ministry thru your prayers, financial support, and volunteering in any capacity that you have time available. Thrivent Choice Dollars and Action Team Projects are great ways to support our programs and projects . Mark has a variety of tasks and projects to choose from that may fit your interests in supporting Heit's Point.

Thanks to all who attended the Christmas Celebration. The weather gave us a beautiful day; and there were wonderful decorations, good food and a program by Karen Engebretson on the Christmas story with words and songs. Attendees expressed their enjoyment in watching and listening to this inspiring presentation. Karen will be presenting another program titled, "The Gospel According to Broadway" on April 10. The time is 3:00 p.m. at St Matthew Lutheran Church in Lee's Summit, with all proceeds benefiting Heit's Point. The musical program will be followed by a dessert bar. Tickets are \$10.

At our March board meeting, we will be welcoming three new board members, Tiffany Davis, Shawnee, KS, Arlin Bauer, Warsaw, and Laramey Johnson, Concordia. We welcome the diversity of geography represented by these new board members as well as their passion for the ministry. Two are parents of current campers. We are grateful for their willingness to serve their Lord thru this board and you will hear more about them in the next newsletter.

As I was growing up on the farm in Lafayette County, Mo, I remember a mirrored picture of a family in a pew with the inscription," As For Me And My House, We Will Serve The Lord. " This statement has served as guidance and motivation throughout my life. I invite you to share in the journey of service.

I am so blessed to be serving HP and I encourage you to join me and the board in making 2016 a great year at Heit's Point.

Blessings,  
Joyce Martin  
Board Chairperson



**THRIVENT  
FINANCIAL®**

*Connecting faith & finances for good.™*

**Thrivent Grant**

**\$7500 to promote outreach  
&  
\$10,000 matching funds to  
grow the ministry.**

Over the next two years the \$7500 grant facilitates our outreach goals.

- Provide Heit's Point promotional displays to over 210 churches.
- Recruit 106 Heit's Point Representatives at Congregations
- Provide membership packets to 385 new members

The \$10,000 matching funds grant has started and will continue until matching funds of \$20,000 is reached or the end of two years.

- Purpose is to grow support base

This grant is part of Thrivent Foundation's Lutheran Grant Program. This program is designed to assist Lutheran organizations and those they serve in achieving economic security and sustainability. In 2014, the program distributed almost \$1 million in grants.

*The matching grant fundraising has already brought 25 new donors.*

*Thank you  
To  
All  
Who  
Supported the  
Year End Appeal.*

### **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"*

**YOU HAVE UNTIL 31 MARCH TO  
DESIGNATE YOUR 2015 FUNDS!**

### **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

# Action Teams 2016

## Front office renovation

We had two action teams to complete the front office. This change will facilitate better use of the space available. Thank you to Mary Jo Houghton and Louise Clouser for their sponsorship and the Volunteers that made this possible.

## Murphy Bed

Dayspring is our meeting room/lodging suite, but all it had was two folding couches. With the Murphy bed we took out one couch and it gives more room for meeting. Thank you to the donors and volunteers that made this possible.



## Campfire safety rims

Pastor Lampe came up with this idea, to use wheels for our campsites. The large sites have theirs, now the individual campsites will too. Thank you Pastor Lampe.



## JourneyMen Hall

What a transformation from the Old Dining Hall to the JourneyMen Hall.



Thank you to all the donors, the volunteers, and to the JourneyMen for their work and their sponsorship.

## Campsite Renovation

Bill & Rosalie Buehrle are leading this effort. One site has the trees removed and the blocks installed, more to come. Thank you Bill & Rosalie for leading this project.



# Spring Cleaning

*Spring is here! If you want to spend some time in the great outdoors. Come and spend it with us, we have leaves to rake, trees to trim, flower beds to prep, decks to paint, and just all around fun things to do outside.*



*Thanks go out to Eric & Dave for cleaning up the maintenance area, behind the Lodge, and all over.*

# Work-Campers needed.

During the summer months, volunteers are needed greatly, to help with the mowing, cleanup and general appearance of the camp. Over the years we have been blessed with couples that camp and then work 20 hours/week for their stay. If you are interested, please call Mark at 660-668-2363, we would like to have YOU join this Ministry.

# WE BELIEVE

The

**JourneyMen**  
Journey leads to the destination  
April 1-3, 2016

"In this time of desperation. When all we know is doubt and fear. There is only one Foundation. We Believe, we believe. In this broken generation. When all is dark, You help us see. There is only one salvation. We believe, we believe."

Information & Registration  
[JourneyMenToday.com](http://JourneyMenToday.com)

Heit's Point - Mens Get-A-Way



*"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

## Summer Camp

5-10 June High School Camp

12-17 June Horse Camp

19-24 June Quest

19-24 June Outpost

19-24 June Advanced Horse Camp

26 June—1 July Night Owl

5-8 July Discovery

5-8 July Mini Quest

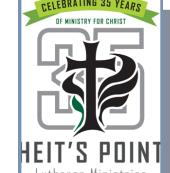
10-15 July Horse Camp

10-15 July Water Week

25-29 July All Camp

25-29 July Band Camp

29 - 31 July Family Camp



*Acts 1:8*



President  
Lee Hagan

**Elders Workshop**  
May 13-14, 2016



**Pastors and Elders as Partners**

Reverend  
Gene Wyssmann

The retreat is designed to strengthen the bond between pastors and elders through Bible study, presentations and discussions. The retreat will also focus heavily on "Healthy Servants." Pastors and elders will leave with practical applications for their work together.

Join us down at the Lake for the 2016 Elders Retreat at Heit's Point. You can register by calling 660-668-2363.



**Motor Cycle Rally**  
19-21 Aug



**District Singles** 26-28 Aug



Karen Engebretson presents:  
**THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO BROADWAY**  
Bringing scripture to life through songs from American musicals

MUSICAL + DESSERT BAR

ST MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH  
700 NE CHIPMAN ROAD  
LEE'S SUMMIT, MO 64063  
APRIL 10, 2016 AT 3:00 P.M.  
TICKETS \$10

**HEIT'S POINT DONATION**

I am unable to attend The Gospel According to Broadway, however I want to still support the ministry of Heit's Point with a donation

I want to further support the ministry of Heit's Point with my donation

Donation Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Home Church \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check  
 Charge my credit card Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ CVC \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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### High School Gathering @ Heit's Point

We have packed a weekend full of Service projects, Bible Studies, games and fellowship. Sign up your youth today as we "Stand Firm in Christ"

\*Register by calling 660-668-2363\*

Check in at 7:30pm  
Fun begins at 8pm  
Cost is \$25 person covers food and lodging.



*Heit's Point is happy to welcome Rev. Mark Kiessling as our speaker for this years festival.*

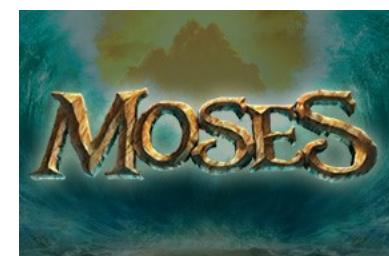
**Outdoor Festival**  
12 June 2016

*Come and help us celebrate 35 years of God's Ministry in His beautiful creation, Heit's Point.*

The Rev. Mark R. Kiessling serves as the director of LCMS Youth Ministry and the program director for the 2016 LCMS Youth Gathering. In the director role, he works with the LCMS Youth Ministry staff on the LCMS Youth Gathering and the leadership, service, resourcing and networking functions of the office. Through this work, LCMS Youth Ministry strives to support congregational revitalization and support for young people in Lutheran churches. Kiessling graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 2006 with a Master of Divinity. He also holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Concordia University, Portland, Ore. Kiessling began working at the LCMS Youth Ministry Office while he completed his studies at Concordia Seminary. Prior to attending the seminary, he worked in a variety of settings from banking to congregation youth ministry and volunteer coordination. He is the son of an LCMS pastor and grew up attending Grace Lutheran Church in Hamilton, Mont. Kiessling is married to Beth (Timm), who teaches preschool at Christ Community Lutheran School in Kirkwood, Mo.

**Seniors Getaway**  
18-23 Sept

Come join us for a week of fellowship and activities. We will be traveling to Branson to see Moses at the Site and Sound Theatre.



If you need transportation, call us 660-668-2363.