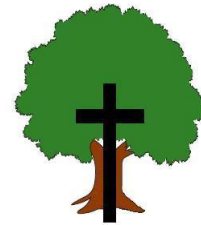


The Briarwood Vine

Providing a Natural Setting Where People Experience God's Love
January 2010



OUR "THANK YOU" GIFT TO YOU FOR A WONDERFUL YEAR - A FREE BRUNCH!! Sunday January 3rd 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

We have had a great year at Briarwood. Because of our partnership with you, we have grown in our summer camp attendance, our Briarwood sponsored retreats, our general retreat business, and maybe most important - in our relationships with congregations and congregational members. We have been able to improve our facilities and have even remodeled and rebuilt three new cabins in our Oak Grove village (they look brand new!!).



One of our most enjoyable new events during this past year has been our monthly Sunday brunches. The first Sunday of each month, many of you have joined us for a wonderful time of food and fellowship. And as our way of saying **THANK YOU** to you - we are inviting you to be **OUR GUESTS** at a very special brunch on Sunday, January 3rd from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.

Yes - you read that right! We are inviting you to be OUR GUEST. This brunch is free to you as a way of saying thank you for all that you and others have done in partnership with us over the last year. The only requirement we have is that you must make a reservation - and you can do that by emailing Jean Oswald at jean@briarwoodretreat.org or calling her at 940-241-2099. (Please note: reservations are REQUIRED for this free brunch. We need to have an accurate count to plan for a group this size. Those without reservations will be charged the regular Sunday brunch rate.)

Norm and Jeramy (our two skilled chefs) will be presenting a feast that tastes as good as it looks (and it looks great!!). **SO COME JOIN US FOR A FREE BRUNCH Sunday January 3rd from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

REMEMBER - reservations are required for this free brunch so make your reservations now!! Come join us so we can say thank you for your partnership and support.

+ Peace +

Pastor Rob Moore

Executive Director, Briarwood Lutheran Ministries

LOOKING AHEAD



Senior Citizen's Retreat March 12-14, 2010

Designed for the retired, semi-retired, or still working - there is no age limit. If you want to join us, you are invited to be here!! Our journey this year will include worship, Bible study, interesting workshops, and opportunities for horseshoes, card and board games, hiking, and much more. This is a wonderful time of year to be at Briarwood.

Lenten Retreat March 13-14, 2010

You are invited to bring your 4th through 6th graders to Briarwood on March 13th through 14th for this year's Lenten Retreat. Our journey this year will include worship and singing, Bible study and small group discussion, and all the enjoyment of a wonderful camping experience. This is a wonderful time of year for your child to be at Briarwood (and you too if you are one of the adult sponsors!).

For more information on all of our retreats for 2010 go to our web site - www.briarwoodretreat.org.

We believe that God's purpose for Briarwood is to provide a natural setting where people experience God's love.
Thank you for your partnership in the camping and retreat ministry of the synod.