

The Briarwood Vine

*Providing Christian hospitality, camping and retreat programs
to serve, nurture and equip the people of God for God's work in the world.*
April 2008

WELCOME PASTOR JAMIE SEGARAN BRUNING to our Briarwood team as Summer Program Developer. Pastor Jamie will be working to integrate the summer outdoor ministry curriculum into the Briarwood summer program, prepare the staff training materials, lead the staff training, and develop the program materials for the new multi-cultural summer camp week.

Pastor Jamie has a long involvement with developing curriculum, programs, and leading youth and adult retreats. She has served as the Synodical Coordinator for Youth Ministry, Synodical consultant to the Lutheran Outdoor Ministry site in Michigan, and as an Assistant to the Bishop of North/West Lower Michigan Synod.

Briarwood is indeed blessed to have Pr. Jamie as a part of our team. She will be doing much of her work from home where she will also be caring for her newborn son, Nikhil. While she is on site, take time to get to know this remarkable woman.

Two Great Events were Held in March. **12 Adults enjoyed the Senior Citizen Retreat** with great Bible Studies, presentations, bird watching, entertainment, worship, excellent food and great fellowship. Note for next year - April 21-23, 2009. **50 4TH, 5TH & 6TH Graders had a super time at the Lenten Retreat.** Our theme, *Pieces Of The Cross* gave them a better understanding of the symbols surrounding the journey to the cross. Thanks to Tammy Mast, Nicole Trester, Marissa Valdez, Matt Moore, Brandon Cooley, and Lauren Roller who helped with these events. Don't miss out next year Feb 27-28, 2009.

ROOMS AVAILABLE FOR WEEKEND OF NASCAR RACING. We are 17 miles (20 minutes) from the racetrack and have some rooms available if you need a place to stay. Meals would be available if requested. Contact us at Briarwood.

MOTHER-DAUGHTER RETREAT has been rescheduled from April 4-6 to May 16-18. This event, co-sponsored with the NT-NL Synodical Women of the ELCA, will give Moms and their 3rd through 8th grade daughters a great experience with our theme, **GROWING TOGETHER!** Check our website for more information.

Come and give you and your confirmands a treat by coming to the CONFIRMATION RETREAT MAY 2-3. Check our website for more information.

FATHER-SON RETREAT has been rescheduled from April 18-20 to June 6-8. The theme, *Building Together*, will give Dads and their 3rd through 8th grade sons a great time. Check our website for more information.

SUMMER CAMP - Day Camp opens June 8. New this year is a sliding scale for congregations, depending on how many day campers you will have. Summer camp begins June 22. Check our website for more information.

SUMMER STAFF NEEDED -Young people needed to serve as leadership staff, lifeguards, cabin counselors & maintenance staff. Check our website for an application and age requirements.

Have a "Briarwood Sunday" at your congregation. Contact Jean Oswald, at 972-754-6134 or email jean@briarwoodretreat.org for more information.

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