

# The Briarwood Vine

Providing a Nature Setting Where People Experience God's Love  
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## MORE EXCITEMENT AT BRIARWOOD

This continues to be very exciting times at Briarwood. The three older cabins in Oak Grove have been torn down to their foundations and brick walls. The extension slabs and framework will be going in next week. Our three new cabins are becoming a reality because of a generous gift from **Bethany Lutheran Church** in Dallas.

We have also been blessed with a very generous gift from **St. John Lutheran Church** in Grand Prairie. St. John held its final worship service on March 15th. The members of St. John are donating a significant portion of the sale of their facility to Briarwood. We are very grateful for their generosity. Through their gift the ministry of St. John will continue in the camping and retreat ministry of Briarwood - your Lutheran camp.

But it's not all buildings and construction. We also have some great events coming up, including the Seniors Retreat on April 21 to 23, the Confirmation Retreat on

May 1 to 2, and the Mother-Daughter Retreat on May 15 to 17. And of course plans are well underway for our 2009 Summer Camp season with the Theme *Love to Serve*.



We believe that God has a purpose for Briarwood - that we are to be *a natural setting where people experience God's love*. So come grow with us. And thank you for the ways you are connected to Briarwood - through prayer, presence, and partnership.

## SENIORS RETREAT APRIL 21 TO APRIL 23

This year's Seniors Retreat is entitled *Life is a Journey*. It is designed for those who are retired, semi-retired, or even still working. There is no age



limit - if you want to be here, you are a senior citizen. Our journey this year will include worship, Bible study (*Holy Week According to Mark* - By Carol Leber and Pastor Ray Flachmeier), interesting workshops (including *Caring for Care Friends, Plants and Landscape, Lifestyle Opportunities, Chasing Your Ancestors*, and *Getting Your Estate Planning Ducks in a Row*), and opportunities for horseshoes, card and board games, bird watching with Stephanie Varnum, hiking, and much more. This is a wonderful time of year to be at Briarwood.

For more information, including a brochure and registration form, go to our Retreats Page on our web site ([www.briarwoodretreat.org](http://www.briarwoodretreat.org)).

## SPECIAL BRIARWOOD SUNDAY BRUNCHES IN APRIL

You are in for a real treat!!! There will be **TWO** Sunday brunches in April - April 5th (Palm Sunday) and April 12th (Easter Day). The menu includes: Omelet Station, Waffle Station with all the Fixins, Carving Station for Meat Entree, Sausage/Bacon, Scrambled Eggs, O'Brien Potatoes, Biscuits, Dinner Rolls, Country Gravy, Vegetables, Tossed Salad with House Dressing, Mini Muffins and Danishes, Sliced Fruit, Dessert, Coffee, Tea, Lemonade, and Orange Juice. Each brunch will run from 10:00 a.m to 2:00 p.m. - and the special Easter brunch will include an **Easter Egg Hunt** for the kids. For more information about our Sunday brunches, including a menu and pricing, go to our web site - [www.briarwoodretreat.org](http://www.briarwoodretreat.org).

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