

The Briarwood Vine

Providing a Natural Setting Where People Experience God's Love
August 2009



PARTNERSHIP MAKES FOR GREAT MINISTRY

As I write this newsletter, we are beginning the last two weeks of summer camp - and we are NOT winding down. Our final two weeks of camp will be our BIGGEST weeks of the summer. It's been a wonderful summer - with a great group of kids and a very gifted group of counselors and staff. We initially thought our attendance would be down this year (because of the economy and the National Youth Gathering) but we ended up surpassing last year's attendance. Check out some of the fun pictures and videos on our web site – www.briarwoodretreat.org.

We also have some great events and retreats coming up. Our Confirmation Retreat will be September 18-19 and our Oktoberfest will be October 25th. The dedication of our three new cabins will take place at our Oktoberfest - it would be wonderful if you could join us for this milestone celebration. And of course our wonderful Sunday brunches are continuing - the first Sunday of every month.



It's my hope - and goal - to visit many of our synod congregations this fall and winter. Our synod - and the congregations and individuals of our synod - are blessed with a camp that is continually striving to meet the ministry needs of many people. But we can only continue to grow and continue to improve with your partnership. So I hope to come around to many of our congregations talking about the three "P's" - Prayer, Presence, and Partnership.

So as we continue on this journey called Briarwood, I ask for your prayers (and we pray for you - regularly). I ask for your presence - come and see us and visit us. And I ask for your partnership - as you support your camp.

+ Peace +

Pastor Rob Moore

Executive Director, Briarwood Lutheran Ministries

CONFIRMATION RETREAT September 18-19

The new confirmation class in your congregation will be starting soon. Do you remember in previous years how long it took to move from a bunch of individuals to a cohesive group that works well together? The Briarwood Confirmation Retreat - *Journey of Faith* - is a great way to move through that process.



By bringing your confirmation class to Briarwood September 18 to 19, you can have a great start this year. Your confirmation students will have a great time, see confirmation as something that is fun and important, and begin the confirmation journey with a good first step. The confirmation retreat will provide plenty of opportunity for your confirmation class to meet on its own as well as lots of fun time with the whole group. For more information - including a brochure and registration form – go to our web site at www.briarwoodretreat.org.

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Thank you for your partnership in the camping and retreat ministry of the synod.



OKTOBERFEST SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 25th AT BRIARWOOD

It's coming up!! Mark your calendars now!!

On Sunday, October 25th, Briarwood will be sponsoring its second annual Oktoberfest. So mark your calendars now and plan on joining us for a fun time of fellowship and food as we host this year's Oktoberfest. We had a BLAST last year - and we're planning an even bigger event for this year - including the dedication of the new cabins!

So mark your calendars now! More information will be in the next issue of the *Briarwood Vine*.

ANOTHER WONDERFUL BRUNCH SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 2ND

Another delicious brunch is planned for August 2nd (and the first Sunday of every month). Our brunch continues to be a popular and well attended event.



Norm and Jeramy (our two skilled chefs) present a feast for the eyes and stomach each brunch.

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. For more information about our Sunday brunches, including a menu and pricing, go to our web site at www.briarwoodretreat.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT BRIARWOOD

Mark your calendars now!! Here are some of the upcoming events/retreats:



Sunday Brunch Buffet -

August 2 - Another wonderful brunch by our talented chefs - Norm and Jeramy.

Confirmation Retreat - September 18th and 19th -

Start your confirmation class off in the perfect way - with a retreat at Briarwood!

Oktoberfest - October 25th - Mark your calendar now for this fun party at Briarwood.

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