

# The Briarwood Vine

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



**RENEW ...**  
**... REBIRTH ...**  
**... REBUILD**



## YOU ARE INVITED!!

You are invited to an Oktoberfest celebration at Briarwood on Sunday, October 25th starting at 3:00 p.m. It's time to celebrate all that God is doing to renew, rebirth, and rebuild the ministry at Briarwood.

The day will include a wonderful meal by our talented chefs, highlights of some of the exciting events since last year, a time to share hopes and dreams, and **the dedication of the three new Oak Grove cabins.**

God has been stirring up some excitement at Briarwood.

We are RENEWED by what God is doing - calling us to be a *natural setting where people experience God's love.*

We have been REBIRTHED - given a new beginning with our new and growing staff and more and more groups using our facilities.

We are REBUILDING - physically (such as our new Oak Grove Cabins, new Labyrinth, rebuilt Meadows, new parking, etc.) as well as spiritually

(through prayer and Bible study) and financially (as we seek to consistently be good stewards).

There is no cost for this fun event but we do ask that you make a reservation by calling the Briarwood office at 940-241-2099 or by emailing us at [jean@briarwoodretreat.org](mailto:jean@briarwoodretreat.org).

So please join us on October 25th for our annual Oktoberfest celebration as we offer our thanks for our partnership in the outdoor ministry of our church.

+ Peace +

Pastor Rob Moore  
Executive Director, Briarwood Lutheran Ministries

## OKTOBERFEST SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

3:00 - 4:00 - Welcome and fellowship

4:00 - 5:00 - Sharing our joys and concerns of the last year, offering our thanks, dreaming, election of board members

5:00 - 6:00 - Dinner

6:00 - Dedication and Ribbon Cutting of New Oak Grove Cabins

## CONFIRMATION RETREAT

### September 18-19

It's not too late to register for the Confirmation Retreat at Briarwood (registration deadline is September 4th)

The new confirmation class in your congregation will be starting soon. Do you remember in

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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](http://www.briarwoodretreat.org).

**ANOTHER WONDERFUL BRUNCH SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 6TH**

Another delicious brunch is planned for September 6th (and the first Sunday of every month). We had a wonderful turn out in August - over 85 hungry people! 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](http://www.briarwoodretreat.org).

**UPCOMING EVENTS AT BRIARWOOD**

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



**Sunday Brunch Buffet –**

**September 6th** - 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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"You know, dad...a campfire is nature's TV, but with only one channel."

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