

The Briarwood Vine

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



HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

No - I'm not *that* early!

I'm talking about the CHURCH year. Happy New Year in the Church year. The church year (liturgical



calendar) begins with Advent! And we are planning a wonderful Advent Retreat - 'Tis the Season - for 4th to 6th

graders on December 5-6, 2009. What a wonderful way to start the new year (see next article for more information).

And mark your calendar now for these upcoming retreats in 2010:

- Senior Citizens Retreat - March 12-14
- Lenten Retreat - March 13-14
- Summer Camp - June 13 to July 30
- Confirmation Retreat - September 10-11

Go to our web site (www.briarwoodretreat.org) for more information on the 2010 retreats and the 2010 Summer Camp season.

2009 has been a wonderful year of renewal, rebirth, and rebuilding. And now 2010 looks like an even more exciting year!

+ Peace +

Pastor Rob Moore
Executive Director, Briarwood Lutheran Ministries

Sign up for the electronic version of this newsletter at our web site – www.briarwoodretreat.org!!

ADVENT RETREAT DECEMBER 5TH TO 6TH

You are invited to bring your 4th through 6th graders to Briarwood on December 5th and 6th

for the "'Tis the Season" Advent Retreat. This year we will explore Advent by exploring the "seasons" - the Season of Lights, the Season of Gifts, the Season of Songs, and the Season of Feasting.



The cost is \$60 per youth participant (\$30 for additional children from the same family). Adult chaperons are free. Cost includes four meals, snacks, overnight accommodations, a take home craft project, and lots of fun. Advent Activities will include songs, games, campfire, arts & crafts, and Bible study.

For more information - including a brochure and registration form - [Click Here](#) to go to our Retreats page of our web site.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT BRIARWOOD

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

Advent Retreat -

December 5-6 -

Briarwood's annual Advent Retreat for 4th to 6th graders.

Sunday Brunch Buffet –

November 1 - Another wonderful brunch by our talented chefs - Norm and Jeremy.



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.