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Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry Provides Opportunities for Christ-centered Spiritual Growth, Leadership Development and Outreach in God's Great Northwoods

2009 Annual Meeting and Celebration of the Corporation of Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry

February 6th 2010 at 11 a.m.

**United in Christ Lutheran Church
201 Station 44 Road
Eveleth MN 55734**

We gather each year not only to do the business of the Corporation, but also to celebrate VLM. We gather to celebrate the ministry and the mission by recognizing the work done by your Staff, your Board, your volunteers and your families. We will review the past year and look forward to the year to come. We will sing and share in a meal. We will lift up the ministry of Camp Hiawatha and Camp Vermilion and the thousands who pass through these places each year.

The Board of Directors and Staff wish to thank you for your commitment to VLM and the support of your Outdoor Ministry. We look forward to celebrating with you!

Voting Eligibility:

Each Pastor and all VLM Delegates from our member congregations are eligible to vote during the meeting. In addition to your pastor(s), member congregations may have one (1) voting Lay Delegate for every 500 confirmed members that your congregation records report.

Visitors are welcome and encouraged to attend.

VOYAGEURS LUTHERAN MINISTRY
NINETHEENTH ANNUAL REPORT
2009

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Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry
2009 Annual Meeting and Celebration

Saturday, February 6th, 2010 - 11:00 a.m.
United in Christ Lutheran Church, Eveleth, MN

10:30 a.m.	Registration and Coffee	
10:45 a.m.	Music	Camp Staff
11:00 a.m.	Call to Order	Darryl Solem
	Devotion	Rev. Emily Rova-Hegener
	Reports	
	President's Report	Dennis Anderson
	Executive Director's Report	Joel Abenth
	Program Director's Report	Joy Halstead
	Committees' Report	
11:45 a.m.	Lunch & Marketing Team Discussion	
12:30 p.m.	Business Session	
	Approval of 2008 Annual Meeting Minutes	Darryl Solem
	Recognitions	
	Outgoing Board Members	
	Old Business	
	Camp Vermilion's 50 th Anniversary	Karolyn Torgerson
	Camp Vermilion Dining Hall	Joel Abenth
	New Business	
	2010 Budget Presentation	
	Approval of New Congregational Membership	
	Board Member Election	
	Announcements	
	2010 Calendar Highlights	Joel Abenth
	Adjournment and Fellowship	

CAMP CORPORATION MEMBERS

Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry was formed in June of 1990 when Camp Hiawatha of Deer River and Camp Vermilion of Cook merged. Camp Hiawatha is a former LCA camp with 80 acres of land on Deer Lake and has a gentle terrain which slopes down to a beautiful sandy beach. There is housing for 128 people year-round. Camp Vermilion has a rugged terrain with hills; was a former ALC camp with 368 acres on Lake Vermilion. Vermilion's summer housing for 120 is nestled among some old and many newly planted red & white pine trees, as is the Retreat Center which houses 36 for winter use.

Our mission statement reads: "Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry provides opportunities for Christ-centered spiritual growth, leadership development, and outreach in God's great Northwoods."

Below are the 76 ELCA churches which are part of Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry's Corporation.

Aitkin	First Lutheran Church	Hackensack	St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Aitkin	St. John's Lutheran Church	Hermantown	Grace Lutheran Church
Alango	St. Paul's Lutheran Church	Hibbing	First Lutheran Church
Aurora	Our Savior's Lutheran Church	Hibbing	Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Babbitt	Evangelical Lutheran Church	Hibbing	Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Bear River	Bear River Lutheran Church	Hovland	Trinity Lutheran Church
Bigfork	Bigfork Lutheran Church	Hoyt Lakes	Faith Lutheran Church
Bovey	Bethel/Trinity Lutheran Church	Int'l Falls	First Lutheran Church
Brainerd	First Lutheran Church	Int'l Falls	Zion Lutheran Church
Buhl	First Lutheran Church	Iron	Faith United Lutheran Church
Castle Danger	Our Savior's Lutheran Church	Jacobson	Carmel Lutheran Church
Chisholm	Faith Lutheran Church	Keewatin	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Cloquet	Bethel Lutheran Church	Knife River	Knife River Lutheran Church
Cloquet	Our Savior's Lutheran Church	Littlefork	Littlefork Lutheran Church
Cloquet	Zion Lutheran Church	Loman	Bethany Lutheran Church
Cook	Trinity Lutheran Church	Lutsen	Lutsen Lutheran Church
Cromwell	Bethany Lutheran Church	McGregor	Grace Lutheran Church
Culver	Faith Lutheran Church	Moose Lake	Hope Lutheran Church
Deer River	Bethany Lutheran Church	Mt. Iron	Messiah Lutheran Church
Deer River	Suomi Lutheran Church	Nashwauk	Nashwauk Lutheran Church
Deerwood	Salem Lutheran Church	Orr	Calvary Lutheran Church
Duluth	Faith Lutheran Church	Palo	St. Mark's Lutheran Church
Duluth	Family Of God Lutheran Church	Pine River	First Lutheran Church
Duluth	First Lutheran Church	Proctor	Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Duluth	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	Proctor	Immanuel Lutheran Church
Duluth	Kenwood Lutheran Church	Saginaw	St. John's Lutheran Church
Duluth	Our Savior's Lutheran Church	Silver Bay	Sychar Lutheran Church
Duluth	Trinity Lutheran Church	Soudan	St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Duluth	Zion Lutheran Church	Superior	Bethel Lutheran Church
Effie	Fredheim Lutheran Church	Talmoon	Jesse Lake Lutheran Church
Ely	Grace Lutheran Church	Tofte	Zoar Lutheran Church
Embarrass	Hope Lutheran Church	Tower	Immanuel Lutheran Church
Eveleth/Gilbert	United in Christ Lutheran Church	Two Harbors	Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Finland	Zion Lutheran Church	Two Harbors	Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Floodwood	Hope Lutheran Church	Virginia	Gethsemane Lutheran Church
Grand Marais	Bethlehem Lutheran Church	Virginia	Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Grand Rapids	St. Andrew's Lutheran Church	Warba	Bethel Lutheran Church
Grand Rapids	Zion Lutheran Church	Wright	Bethlehem Lutheran Church

**VOYAGEURS LUTHERAN MINISTRY
MISSION STATEMENT**

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2009

Chairperson:

Dennis Anderson - Bethany Lutheran, Loman - 2010 **

Director of Financial Development:

Mike Bradley - Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Duluth - 2010

Directors:

Catherine Anderson - First Lutheran, Duluth - 2009 **

Sarah Bustrom - Zion Lutheran, Grand Rapids - 2009 *

Joe Dennie - Our Savior's Lutheran, Virginia - 2009 *

Jeff Gilbert - Bethany Lutheran, Deer River - 2011

Don Hagestuen - First Lutheran, Aitkin - 2011

Rev. Emily Hegener-Rova, United in Christ, Gilbert - 2010 **

Barb Murray - Littlefork Lutheran, Littlefork - 2011

Darryl Solem - Zion Lutheran, Grand Rapids - 2009 *

* Up for re-election into 2nd possible term

** Resigned or term is complete

YEAR-ROUND STAFF

2009

Joel Abenth - Executive Director

Patti Alt - Office Manager

* Kali Benrud - Retreat Host (till May)

* Kevin Docken - Camp Hiawatha Site Director (till Aug)

* Jim Olson - Camp Hiawatha Interim Site Director

* Rev. Paul Leslie - Camp Director (till Feb)

* Joy Halstead - Program Director

Julie Scheuring - Administrative Assistant

Rick Scheuring - Camp Vermilion Site Director

* On Staff Part of 2009

2009 Camp Delegates

A delegate represents the congregational body at all camp corporation meetings with all the privileges and responsibilities of voting. Camp Delegates are a vital link between the church and the camp. We are excited to work together in ministry with these individuals. On behalf of the camps, we thank our 2009 delegates for their time, energy and commitment.

Aitkin, First,	Don & Sonja Hagestuen		Ron & Lynn Rogers
	Dave Hommes	Int'l Falls, Zion	Rev. Stephen Olson
Angora, St. Paul's	Lester & Nancy Erickson		Jim Stavseth
	Judith Renmoe	Iron, Faith United	Glen & Maureen Arola
Aurora, Our Savior's	Steve & Lori Ekman	Jacobson, Carmel	Kimberly Siikanen
	Bill Maki	Knife River Lutheran	Debbie Allert
Babbitt, Evangelical	Rev. Charles Barnes	Littlefork Lutheran	Mary Thydean
Bovey, Bethel-Trinity	Ruth Rudnic	Loman, Bethany	Bill & Karen Anderson
Brainerd, First	Ted Olds	McGregor, Grace	Davey Warner
Cedarbrook, St. John's	Helen Winslow	Moose Lake, Hope	Paul Olson
Chisholm, Faith	Gene & Sandy Churchill	Mt Iron, Messiah	David Paakkonen
Cloquet, Bethel	Keith Jutila	Nashwauk Lutheran	Charlie & Amy Campbell
Cloquet, Our Savior's	Jan Larson	Orr, Calvary	Maxine Olson
	Robert & Jane Oswald	Palo, St. Mark's	Pat Ratzlaff
Cloquet, Zion	Kathy Mills	Pine River, First	Lisa Erickson
Cook, Trinity	Liz Cheney	Proctor, Bethlehem	Andy Livingston
Cromwell, Bethany	Peggy & Terry Olson		Pastor Jeff Holter
Deerwood, Salem	Deborah Carlson	Proctor, Immanuel	Nancy Eilefson
	Raye Cragun	Saginaw, St. John's	Barb Sinkkonen
Duluth, Faith	Jergan Fuhr	Silver Bay, Sychar	Nathan & Lisa Skoglund
Duluth, Family Of God	Julie Fredrickson	Talmoon, Jesse Lake	Joyce Olsen
Duluth, First	Tom Whittaker		Denyse Trebs
Duluth, Kenwood	Duane Long	Tower, Immanuel	Jarri Ankrum
	Roger & Karen Mattson	Two Harbors, Bethlehem	Alan Ringer
Duluth, Our Savior's	Pam Merrier	Two Harbors, Emmanuel	Phil & Judy Holbeck
Duluth, Trinity	John & Nancy Bergson	Virginia, Our Savior's	Aaron & Kris Merhkens
	Joanne Robson	Warba, Bethel	Al Bunes
Embarrass, Hope	Naomi Ranisate		
Eveleth, United In Christ	Daniel & Laurie Oates		
	Thomas & Lori Ross		
Finland, Zion	Education Committee		
Floodwood, Hope	Adam Schminski		
Grand Rapids, St. Andrew's	Sheila Salo		
Grand Rapids, Zion	Jim Cagel		
	Steven Ross		
Hackensack, St. Paul's	LuVerne Sommers		
Hermantown, Grace	Brett Gunderson		
	Gary Loberg		
Hibbing, First	Janine Johnson		
	Ann Vucetich		
Hibbing, Our Savior's	Keith Eggert		
	Nancy Hukka		
	Glenn Melchert		
Hoyt Lakes, Faith	Roger Pagel		
In'tl Falls, First	Jane Christenson		

Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry Committees

Endowment

Chair - Darryl Solem, Zion, Grand Rapids
Jim Abelsen, Endowment Committee Member
Dennis Anderson, VLM Board of Directors
Phil Troutwine, Committee Member

Executive

Chair - Dennis Anderson, Bethany,
Loman and Southlake, TX
Vice Chair - Darryl Solem, Zion, Grand Rapids
Finance Chair - Michael Bradley,
Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Duluth
Secretary - Joe Dennie, Our Savior's, Virginia

Finance

Chair - Michael Bradley, Good Shepherd, Duluth
Dennis Anderson, Bethany, Loman and Southlake, TX
Sharon Bloomquist, Bethlehem, Grand Marais
Darryl Solem, Zion, Grand Rapids

Hiawatha Site

Chair - Don Jacobson, Zion, Grand Rapids
Lee Ringdahl, Zion, Grand Rapids
Jim Lewis, Zion, Grand Rapids
Jerry Tinquist, Zion, Grand Rapids

Marketing

Barb Murray, Littlefork Lutheran
Pastor Dave Stevens, Faith-Chisholm & First-Hibbing
Katya Ouchakof – Madison, WI
Myrna Peterson - St. Andrews, Grand Rapids
Sarah Bustrom – Zion, Grand Rapids
Kristine Hubbard – Lindstrom, MN
Aaron Mehrkens – Gethsemane, Virginia

Membership

This committee is under construction

“Tend & Nourish”

Chair - Joe Dennie, Our Savior's, Virginia
Don Hagestuen, First, Aitkin
Sarah Bustrom, Zion, Grand Rapids
Todd Lauer, Iron
Ruth Simmons, Our Savior's, Virginia
Bill Bauman, Gethsemane, Virginia
Larry Baldwin, Our Savior's, Hibbing

Vermilion Site

Chair - Eric Stoller, Trinity, Cook
Barb Murray, Littlefork
Bill Bauman, Gethsemane, Virginia
Brian Fulkerson, Trinity, Cook
Irv Gustafson, Trinity, Cook
Steve Ekman, Our Savior's, Aurora
Keith Johnson, Our Savior's, Aurora
Kent Miller, St Paul, MN

Meet MYRNA PETERSEN of Grand Rapids, our new Volunteer Delegate Coordinator!

Myrna Petersen has been connected with VLM through Camp Hiawatha where she helped with site and program leadership in the 1980's. Since then, she has been one of our biggest advocates in her congregations (Bethany, Deer River and most recently at St. Andrews in Grand Rapids). Myrna's new role with VLM will be to help inform and engage the Delegates at our member congregations. She will assist the VLM staff with our Delegate training and communications. In addition, Myrna will be helping to plan opportunities for Delegates to gather and share ideas about how to be advocates for Camp Hiawatha and Camp Vermilion in their congregations. Myrna also serves on the VLM Marketing Team.

2009 Summer Staff & Resource People

Camp Vermilion - Leadership & Support Team

Community Director	Kristin Gilbert
Asst. Community Director	George Shardlow
Waterfront/Health Care	Kaitie Kautz
Music/Worship	Jeremy Nilson
Canteen/Counselor/etc.	Andy Arola
Canoe Coordinator	Michael Larsen
Trailshack	Kali Benrud
CV Weekend Host	Sarah Bustrom
CV Food Service Dir.	Kai Abrahamson
Cook	Koty Berg
Cook	Monita Gibson
Thurs-Sunday Lead Cook	Bonnie Stevens
Thurs-Tues Cook	Pamela Anderson
Site Manager	Rick Scheuring
Camp Hand (July)	Ross Hartman
Volunteer/Resource Person	Karolyn Torgerson
Volunteer Naturalist	Lori Gordon

Camp Hiawatha - Leadership & Support Team

Community Director	Stephanie Anderson
Asst. Community Director	Nate Berkas
Waterfront/Health Care	Luke Paquin
VLM Food Service Dir.	Jan Soltis
Cook	Mia Krueger
Cook	Hannah Ahlberg
Site Manager	Kevin Docken
Camp Hand	Dave Docken
Volunteer/Resource Person	Dan Thureen

Volunteer / Resource People

John & Gail Abrahamson, New Richmond
 Ken Ahlberg, Duluth
 Reed Alt, Angora
 Brett Amundson, Duluth
 Jesse Bailey, Pine River
 Tom Berkas, Maplewood
 Brittany Bean, Minneapolis
 Neal Cannon, Roseville
 Liz Cheney, Angora
 Rev. John Dietz, Hibbing
 Ben Durbin, Duluth
 Mark Enfield, Stillwater
 Kris Erie, Hoyt Lakes
 Brian Fulkerson, Cook
 Brett & Sarah Gunderson, Hermantown
 Rev. Paul Hadland, Cloquet
 Lori Hall, Merrifield
 Don Jacobson, Deer River
 Janine Johnson, Hibbing
 Rev. Paul & Karen Leslie, Grand Rapids
 Megan Liesmaki, Northfield

Female Counselors

* Day Camp Coordinator
 Sara Alworth
 Laura Castle
 Kerri Cottingham
 Lacey Davidson
 Jessica Etter
 Karisa Etter
 Sabrina Hawkinson
 Rachel Loeffler-Kemp
 *Christine Kennedy
 Bethany Klemetsrud
 Laura Mills
 Jaimie Olsen
 Kelsey Peterson
 Katie Ringer
 Ann Solyst
 "Biz" Sorenson
 Katie Spooner

Staff-In-Training

Alexi Baldwin
 Nicole Feralin

Male Counselors

Josh Dansdill
 Michael Jordan
 Dan Lattu
 Michael Lee*
 Jordan Lutz
 Brian Heuer *
 Rich Holleque*
 Andrew Messer
 Brent Perrault

Guides

"Breezy" Garrison
 Gary Prebeck
 Kyle Sumnicht

Additional Guides

Andrew Berry
 John Hensel
 Michael Larson
 Tom Stiles

Driver

Roger Erickson

Houseboat Captains

Darryl Solem
 Lee Ringdahl

Rev. Paul Lutter, St. Peter
 Megan Moroff, Minneapolis
 Ross Murray, Minneapolis
 Lee Ringdahl, Grand Rapids
 Dave Roerick, Grand Rapids
 Nikki Rud, Grand Rapids
 Bob Skogen, Two Harbors
 Darryl & Kathy Solem, Cohasset
 Mrs. Carmen Solem, Grand Rapids
 Rev. Melissa Stoller, Cook
 Kim Sturtz, Duluth
 Brenda Tibbetts, AIM, Virginia
 Rev. David Trygggestad, Duluth
 Deb Westerberg, Duluth
 Lindsey Westman, Duluth
 Jackie Weum, Cook
 Katie Lange, Deer River

We give thanks to all clergy, laity and musicians who participated in worship at both Camp Hiawatha and Camp Vermilion this summer.