

Director of Youth and Family Ministry at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Duluth. Youth Ministry has been, and continues to be, a vitally important part of my life.

What hobbies do you enjoy?

I love to play soccer and am a goalie on a women's recreation league in Duluth. I also love to camp and fish. I just took up ice fishing this year, and am in the process of building my own ice shanty. My husband and I love to ski, and we have a family membership at Spirit Mountain. I love music and play the drums and the bass guitar. In addition, my best friend and I have written a number of songs. I enjoy reading and crocheting in my spare time, as well as spending time with my family and our dog, Baxter.

How have you been active at VLM or other Outdoor Ministries in the past?

Although I am new to VLM, I have been very supportive of and active in outdoor ministries throughout my ministry. In each of my calls as pastor, I have required my Confirmation students to attend Bible Camp at least once during their 3-year Confirmation class, and attended the week-long camp with them. I believe ministry needs to be relational, and Bible Camp is a tremendous way to build upon their faith formation. I've also discovered that, if given the opportunity, the majority of youth who experience a week of Bible Camp are excited to return the following year.

Why are you interested in serving on the VLM Board at this time?

I am interested in serving on the VLM Board because I see this as a tremendous opportunity to help connect VLM to Good Shepherd, our synod, and to the church, as a whole. Although I'm not currently serving as a pastor, I believe my Lutheran education and theological training, along with my experience in youth and family ministry, will help to enhance my experience on the Board. It is also my hope that with my involvement on the VLM Board, more youth from Good Shepherd will attend Bible Camp.

New Board Nominee Bob Pearson

Home Congregation: First Lutheran, Duluth

Family Introduction: Two married daughters: Krista, her husband Jacob, two sons: Kyle and Elijah; Amanda, her husband Blaine, a daughter, Madilyn and a son, Langdon.

Profession: Owns and operates PEARSON'S SEAMLESS SIDING

What hobbies do you enjoy? Woodworking, bird hunting, reading.

How have you been active at VLM or other Outdoor Ministries in the past? NA

Why are you interested in serving on the VLM Board at this time?

I was reintroduced to Camp Vermilion last spring. Noticed the work needing to be done, and my church wanted me involved with VLM.



Summer Camper Mission Funds



2009 VLM Mission Project was split between NEMN Synod Honduras Project and Oak Grove School in Fargo for flood clean-up and rebuilding. VLM Campers donated \$2236.50 this year!

The 2008 VLM Mission Project was divided between: providing Spanish Bibles for our NEMN Synod's companion congregations in Honduras (\$1900), assisting Wilderness Canoe Base, our sister ELCA Canoe Camp that lost numerous buildings in the 2007 spring BWCAW wildfires (\$994), and tree planting at Camp Vermilion (\$994). **VLM Campers donated \$4888 this year!**

The 2007 VLM Mission Project was...the ELCA World Hunger Program which improves the lives of people in need in the United States and around the world by: providing immediate relief for people affected by chronic hunger and poverty; assisting whole communities advocating for justice by changing laws and systems and also educating members of the ELCA in awareness.

All money raised by the World Hunger Appeal comes through specially designated offerings and donations from ELCA members, congregations, and friends. ELCA World Hunger receives no benevolence (general budget money from general ELCA member offerings). **VLM Campers donated \$5295.55!**

VLM Corporate Church Membership Financial Information

PCM "Per Confirmed Member" support = Confirmed Membership x \$3 a year.

CHURCH	CITY	Conf 2009	PCM 2009 Goal	PCM 2009	PCM 2008	WELCA 09	WELCA 08	Sp Gift 2009	Sp Gift 2008
First	Aitkin	911	2,733.00	371.25	400.15	0	0	0	0
St. John's	Aitkin	123	369.00	369.00	378.00	0	0	0	0
St. Paul's	Alango	45	135.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
Our Savior's	Aurora	181	543.00	525.00	525.00	300.00	0	350.00	0
Evangelical	Babbitt	331	993.00	462.00	462.00	0	0	0	0
Bear River	Bear River	60	180.00	0	0	0	0	100.00	0
Bigfork	Bigfork	181	543.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bethel/Trinity	Bovey	238	714.00	500.00	500.00	0	0	0	0
First	Brainerd	1261	3,783.00	1,898.17	1,430.00	0	0	0	0
First	Buhl	88	264.00	50.00	50.00	0	0	0	0
Faith	Chisholm	146	438.00	300.00	300.00	100.00	0	202.83	0
Bethel	Cloquet	93	279.00	279.00	279.00	0.00	0	0	0
Our Savior's	Cloquet	825	2,475.00	2,499.96	2,399.88	100.00	0	0	0
Zion	Cloquet	848	2,544.00	2,544.00	2,574.00	0.00	0	0	0
Trinity	Cook	465	1,395.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	200.00	0	0	0
Bethany	Cromwell	350	1,050.00	1,512.50	1,471.75	0	125.00	334.00	0
Faith	Culver	181	543.00	0	0	50.00	50	0	0
Bethany	Deer River	199	597.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	0	0	0	0
Suomi	Deer River	42	126.00	201.00	0	0	0	0	0
Salem	Deerwood	581	1,743.00	3,951.00	3,874.00	0	0	0	0
Concordia	Duluth			0		0		145.01	
Faith	Duluth	224	672.00	256.00	0	0	0	0	0
Family Of God	Duluth	687	2,061.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0	0	0	0
First	Duluth	1727	5,181.00	5,181.00	5,162.00	400.00	400 .00	1,192.00	0
Gloria Dei	Duluth								
Good Shepherd	Duluth	1181	3,543.00	0	0	30.00	30.00	0	0
Kenwood	Duluth	366	1,098.00	1,098.00	1,056.00	0.00	0	339.00	0
Our Savior's	Duluth	339	1,017.00	950.00	950.00	50.00	100 .00	25.00	0
Trinity	Duluth	658	1,974.00	1,314.40	1,731.19	0	0	0	0
Zion	Duluth	254	762.00	500.00	499.92	0	0	0	200.00
Fredheim	Effie	87	261.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grace	Ely	716	2,148.00	1,499.98	2,133.34	100.00	200.00	0	0
Hope	Embarrass	179	537.00	0	0	0	200.00	0	0
United in Christ	Eveleth	753	2,259.00	1,500.00	1,400.00	0	0	0	0
Zion	Finland	190	570.00	225.00	225.00	0	100.00	0	0
Hope	Floodwood	238	714.00	870.00	400.00	200.00	0	0	0
Bethlehem	Grand Marais	543	1,629.00	0	1,000.00	300.00	300 .00	0	0
St. Andrew's	Grand Rapids	1011	3,033.00	3,500.04	3,506.04	100.00	50	0	0
Zion	Grand Rapids	873	2,619.00	2,619.00	2,556.00	300.00	300.00	1,416.75	0
St Paul's	Hackensack	186	558.00	600.00	558.00	0	0	0	0
Grace	Hermantown	551	1,653.00	1,774.58	1,698.00	75.00	0	0	0

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CHURCH	CITY	Conf 2009	PCM 2009 Goal	PCM 2009	PCM 2008	WELCA 09	WELCA 08	Sp. Gift 2009	Sp. Gift 2008
First	Hibbing	452	1,356.00	1,356.00	1,347.00	0	0	0	0
Holy Trinity	Hibbing	145	435.00	1,000.00	940.00	0	0	200.00	0
Our Savior's	Hibbing	1106	3,318.00	3,318.00	3,333.00	0	500.00	1742.00	2437.97
Trinity	Hovland	78	234.00	700.00	200.00	0	0	0.00	100.00
Faith	Hoyt Lakes	270	810.00	810.00	820.00	0	0	517.00	0
First	Int'l. Falls	525	1,575.00	1,575.00	1,632.00	100.00	100.00	0	0
Zion	Int'l. Falls	690	2,070.00	2,200.00	2,200.00	0	0	0	0
Faith United	Iron	723	2,169.00	970.00	867.48	0	0	686.00	727.50
Carmel	Jacobson	91	273.00	100.00	100.00	0	0	0	0
Good Shepherd	Keewatin	20	60.00	100.00	100.00	0	0	0	0
Knife River	Knife River	135	405.00	450.00	768.75	0	0	0	0
Littlefork	Littlefork	333	999.00	708.25	999.00	200.00	200.00	810.00	0
Bethany	Loman	65	195.00	360.00	360.00	0	0	600.00	0
Lutsen	Lutsen	117	351.00	351.00	375.00	0	0	0	0
Grace	McGregor	311	933.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hope	Moose Lake	739	2,217.00	1,250.00	2,000.00	200.00	200.00	0	0
Messiah	Mt Iron	353	1,059.00	487.00	516.77	0	0	243.00	0
Nashwauk	Nashwauk	310	930.00	930.00	918.00	0	0	50.00	0
Calvary	Orr	78	234.00	409.50	327.00	30.00	30.00	533.43	0
St. Mark's	Palo	469	1,407.00	250.00	250.00	100.00	100.00	65.00	0
First	Pine River	464	1,392.00	916.68	0	100.00	100.00	0	0
Bethlehem	Proctor	238	714.00	459.03	512.02	0	0	0	0
Immanuel	Proctor	184	552.00	302.00	300.00	0	0	250.00	0
Roseville	Roseville			2,000.00		0		0	
St. John's	Saginaw	79	237.00	237.00	240.00	0	0	0	0
Sychar	Silver Bay	219	657.00	0	0	25.00	0	0	0
St. Paul's	Soudan	65	195.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bethel	Superior	164	492.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jesse Lake	Talmoon	86	258.00	301.00	292.01	0	0	0	0
Zoar	Tofte	131	393.00	393.00	396.00	0	0	0	0
Immanuel	Tower	105	315.00	150.00	150.00	50.00	0	360.50	0
Bethlehem	Two Harbors	790	2,370.00	2370.00	2,172.50	0	0	0	0
Emmanuel	Two Harbors	834	2,502.00	307.85	930.07	0	0	0	0
Our Savior's, CD	Two Harbors	80	240.00	0	0	0	50	0	0
Gethsemane	Virginia	673	2,019.00	1200.00	1,200.00	300.00	300.00	0	0
Our Savior's	Virginia	631	1,893.00	1883.00	1,893.00	0	0	1058.50	175.00
Bethel	Warba	109	327.00	100.00	100.00	0	0	0	0
Bethlehem	Wright	140	420.00	420.00	420.00	0	0	57.00	0
Corporate Totals		29,914	89,742.00	69,915.19	68,378.87	3,410.00	3,435.00	11,277.02	3,640.47
NEMN Synod									
Non Corp Totals							125.00		
Overall Totals							3,560.00		



223 BUILDER MEMBERS in 2009



People who participate in our Builders Program provide leadership, energy, vision and resources for both Camp Hiawatha and Camp Vermilion. VLM Builders continue to build on the legacy of care and dedication created by the first Builders of our two camps. The following people have made a commitment to give an annual financial contribution specifically to our Builders Program to support and sustain the ministry of VLM.

Our heartfelt thanks goes to this special group of camp friends for their faithfulness to this wonderful ministry.

Voyageurs Level: \$1000 and over

Amundson, Joe & Val - Cook
 Anderson, Dennis & Betty - Southlake, TX
 Anonymous
 Baldwin, R. Larry & Jan - Hibbing
 Bean, Bill & Debbie - Hibbing
 Brown, Tom & Pam - San Luis Obispo, CA
 Drangstveit, Lois - Ely
 Hagen, Ron & Kathy - Stillwater
 Hill, Louise - Hibbing
 Kovall, Matt & Muriel - Ely
 Liesmaki, Chris & Terry - Hibbing
 Long, Duane - Duluth
 Ludlow, Mark & Sally - Cook
 Moore, Herb & Jan - Aurora
 Murray, Bob & Barb - Littlefork
 Olds, Ted & Susan - Brainerd
 Rhude, James & Joan - Hibbing
 Solem, Darryl & Kathy - Cohasset
 Thureen, Dan - Moorhead
 Torgerson, Karolyn - Hibbing

Trailblazer Level: \$500 - \$999

Abelsen, Jim & Julienne - Duluth
 Abenth, Joel & Amie - Cook
 Abrahamson, Kevin - Cook
 Alt, Ken & Patti - Angora
 Burgess, Bruce & Sue - Maineville, OH
 Dangelo, Naomi - Aurora
 Friest, Phil - Edina
 Houglum, Dave & Sandy - Yorktown, VA
 Johnson, Donald & Laviere - Mesa, AZ
 Jordan, Daniel & Julie - Hibbing
 Kuznia, Darin - Las Vegas, NV
 Matson, Keith & Jan - Deer River
 Mattson, James & Liane - Eagan
 Negley, Don & Leanne - Babbitt
 Odegard, Bill & Norma - Cohasset
 Paulu, Gordon & Arylene - Shoreview
 Scheuring, Rick & Julie - Cook
 Tibbetts, Bill & Brenda - Cook
 Young, Dave & Lois - Grand Rapids
 Zion Lutheran, Women of the ELCA - Int'l Falls

Pioneer Level: \$250 - \$499

Allen, Cliff & Lois - Deer River
 Bockbrader, Rev. Rollie & Tracy - Esko
 Booth, Richard & Linda Lee - Grand Rapids
 Braaten, Bruce & Paula - Minnesota City
 Braaten, LaVerne & Lucille - Virginia
 Crockett, Brian & Mary - Brevig Mission, AK
 Docken, Kevin - Grand Rapids
 Gaulke, Martin & Laura - Cloquet
 Gilbert, Jeff & Kathy - Deer River

Hagen, Roy & Bea - Cloquet
 Halstead, Joy - Deer River
 Hartmann, Lenore - Roseville
 Hensel, John - Minneapolis
 Hill, Richard & Audrey - New Bern, NC
 Hornfeldt, Anders & Marion - Shoreview
 Hotchkiss, Matt & Amy - Lakeville
 Ingersoll, Tim & Janine - Superior, WI
 Koranda, Lil - Int'l Falls
 Leslie, Rev. Paul & Karen - Grand Rapids
 Lindgren, Richard - Bloomfield Hills, MI
 Miller, Ken & Harriet - Duluth
 Mlaker, Warren & Betty - Cook
 Nelson, Virginia - Virginia
 Oreskovich, Natasha - Robbinsdale *
 Our Savior's Lutheran, Women of the ELCA - Aurora
 Pearson, Elizabeth - Duluth *
 Romslo, Michael - Int'l Falls
 Rude, Lois - Edmond, OK
 Schroeder, Philip - West Des Moines, IA
 Seidemann, Tom & Julie - Duluth
 Splett, Elmer & Karen - Cloquet
 Stanley, Kitter - Grand Rapids
 Ulland, Robert & Myrna - Duluth
 Walk, Amy & Stephen - Saint Cloud *
 Waters, Ed & Mary Jean - Chisholm
 Weum, John & Janell - Eden Prairie
 Yernberg, Margaret - Red Wing

Builder Level: \$100-\$249

Abrahamson, John & Gail - New Richmond, WI *
 Ahrlin, Jim & Ginny - Eveleth
 Alsop, Bob & June - Duluth
 Alstrom, Carol - Litchfield
 Anderson, Catherine - Duluth
 Anderson, Gerald & Elaine - Hibbing
 Anderson, Roy & Audrey - Hermantown
 Bailey, Bert & Mary - Buffalo
 Barrick, Joseph & Margaret - Mechanicsburg, PA
 Bauman, Bill & Jeannine - Virginia
 Bergeland, Dan & Marjorie - Duluth
 Blenkush, Stephen & Julia - Milaca
 Blomberg, Clem & Carol - Nashwauk
 Bolton, Lisa - Grand Rapids
 Borreson, David - Broomfield, CO
 Brakke, Paul & Kathy - Greenwood, IN
 Brandt, John & Betty - Hibbing
 Brenna, Clark & Barb - Cook
 Brink, Hazel - Rochester
 Bristow, Jack & Janice - Sioux City, IA
 Brown, Bruce & Carolyn - Sun Lakes, AZ
 Brown, Richard - Deer River
 Carlson, Gary & Patricia - Cook
 Chase, Rodger & Carol - Grand Rapids

Christensen, Richard & Patricia - Hermantown
 Churchill, Gene & Sandy - Chisholm
 Crockett, David & Shirley - Virginia
 Cummings, Kent & Jane - Aitkin
 Cummings, Lyssa - Roseville *
 Dennie, Joe & Nancy - Tower
 Diede, Jim & Tina - Cohasset
 Diedrick, Jim & Lee - Roseville *
 Drewes, Lester & Rose - Duluth
 Eldredge Hess, Rev. Nancy & Rev. Chris - West Ossipee, NH
 Ellingson, Duane & Louise - Aurora
 Erickson, Rodney & Ellen - Forest Lake
 Erickson, Roger - Grand Rapids
 Evans, Virginia - Hibbing
 Faith, Women of the ELCA - Chisholm
 First Lutheran, Women of the ELCA - Duluth
 Fisher, Jim & Nancy - Zim
 Forsberg, Gary & Barbara - Apple Valley
 Frazier, Jeff & Debra - Grand Rapids
 Fredrickson, Neil & Julie - Duluth
 Garrard, Herbert - Hibbing
 Gilbertson, Allen & Karen - Grand Rapids
 Gilbertson, George & Lou Ellen - Grand Rapids
 Gildseth, Bruce & Helen - Hermantown
 Gjessing, Morris - Moose Lake
 Gray, Bernice - Hibbing
 Hagestuen, Don & Sonja - Aitkin
 Hall, Bill & Lou - Moose Lake
 Halls, Edward & Clara - Hermantown
 Halsey, Beth - Grand Rapids *
 Hansen, Lawrence & Claudine - Duluth
 Hardwig, Richard & Inez - Littlefork
 Heald, Cleone - Pengilly
 Heikkila, Marlene - Virginia *
 Helvig, Sheryl Harapat & Richard - Grand Rapids
 Henningsen, Grant & Lori - Hermantown
 Hill, Jeffrey & Sharry - Cook *
 Hofeldt, Dave & Laurel - Oakdale
 Holleque, Rev. Erik & Mary - Hibbing
 Hommes, Dave & Linda - Aitkin *
 Hoyer, Marc & Mia - White Bear Lake *
 Human Touch Stores, - Cook
 Jackson, Scott & Paula - Hibbing
 Jenkins, Gene & Marilyn - Cook
 Johnson, Brian & Judy - Aurora
 Johnson, Dale - Cook *
 Johnson, Keith & Lori - Hendersonville, NC
 Johnson, Kent & Birgit - Bloomington
 Johnson, Rev. Moe & Marge - St. Paul
 Johnson, Roland & Imy - Bruno
 Johnson, Wallace & Ellen - Two Harbors
 Johnston, Rev. Tim & Sara - Cashton, WI *
 Jorgenson, Ken & Ruth - Carlton
 Jowaski, Esther - Cook
 Kampen, Charles & Pamela - Grand Rapids
 Klapatch, Mike & Jill - Chisholm
 Kolodge, Greg & Lisa - Duluth *
 Latvala, Robert & Mary Jane - Nashwauk
 Leamon Mercantile, Ken Clark - Superior, WI
 Leinum, Arvid & Barbara - Int'l Falls
 Loberg, Gary & Nancy - Duluth
 Lothner, David & Marcia - Duluth
 Lutter, Paul - St. Peter *
 Machones, Joe - Duluth
 Marple, Kurt & Elaine - Buffalo *
 Mattson, Louis & Peggy - Pengilly
 Mattson, Roger & Karen - Duluth
 Mayfield, Shawn & Sara - Lakeville
 Minske, Dorothy - Pengilly
 Moberg, Phyllis - St. Paul
 Morreim, Pastor Dennis & Jeanne - Cloquet
 Morse, Judy - Pengilly *
 Neustel, Wesley - Duluth
 Ohlgren, Ralph & Lorna - Moose Lake
 Olson, Harold & Arliss - Britt
 Olson, Maxine - Orr
 Oswald, Jane - Scanlon
 Our Savior's Lutheran, Women of the ELCA - Hibbing
 Our Savior's Lutheran, Women of the ELCA - Cloquet
 Pearson, Dale & JoAnne - Carlton
 Persson, Darrold & Laurel - Hibbing
 Puncochar, Scott & Mary - Shoreview *
 Raymond, Nancy - Grand Rapids
 Reinhold, John & Bernice - Grand Rapids
 Revoir, Rick & Lisa - Duluth
 Ringdahl, Lee & Leslee - Grand Rapids
 Roberts, Don - St. Peter
 Robson, Joanne - Duluth
 Rogers, Ron & Lynn - Int'l Falls
 Rogness, Rev. Michael & Eva - St. Paul
 Ronning, Kara & Paul - Hibbing
 Rossing, Rev. Lyle & Holly - Sioux Falls, SD
 Schmidt, Leonard & Marlys - Sturgeon Lake
 Sella, Jim & Marge - Tower *
 Sime, Gerald - Duluth
 Simmons, Ruth - Gilbert
 Skoglund, Irene - Aurora
 Solem, Stuart & Carmen - Grand Rapids
 Sorenson, Anna - Ferryville, WI
 Stoller, Eric & Melissa - Cook *
 Storsteen, Naomi - Duluth
 Swanson, Arthur & Anne - Moose Lake
 Swanson, Paula - Cook
 Tetlie, Alden & Becky - St. Paul *
 Thornton, David & Janet - Duluth
 Thydean, Mary - Littlefork
 Tinquist, Jerry & Cherry - Cohasset
 Tokarczyk, Robert & Sheryl - Mt Iron
 Toole, Rick & Joy - Britt
 Trinity Lutheran Sunday School - Cook
 Tveite, Paul & Betty - Grand Rapids
 Ulland, Kim - Benson
 WA Fisher Company, Mark Leese - Virginia
 Walli, Rod - Wright
 Webb, Todd & Angela - Grand Rapids
 Webster, Alfred - Aitkin
 Wefelmeyer, Fred & Marilyn - Cloquet
 Weller, Wayne & Irene - Grand Rapids
 Wierimaa, Anne - Duluth
 Wingness, Vicki June - Duluth
 Wittmers, Larry & Ruth - Duluth
 Yarger, Rev. Lee & Jan - Laporte
 Yetter, Helen - Duluth
 Zwieg, John & Claire - Cook
 * New Builder in 2009



2009 Memorials



In Memory Of:

Ruth Anderson

Joe Ault

T. Russell Avaikainen

Lorraine Carlson

Bill Deutsch

Friends & Family

Jean Hermann

Ruth Holm

Eric Hurst

William Jones

Eileen Lampi

Irving Lamppa

Virgil Madson

Richard Mattson

Annika Noel

Carl Olsen

Clarence Olson

Given By:

Cliff & Lois Allen

Ken Alt

Dennis & Betty Anderson

John & Debbie Dickey

Gary & Barbara Forsberg

Richard & Eugenia Jauma

William Lindberg

Roger & Jane Nelson

Henrietta Olson

Rick & Julie Scheuring

Joe & Nancy Dennie

The Russell Avaikainen

Memorial Endowment

Scott & Paula Jackson

Cliff & Lois Allen

Ted & Greta Jeske

Cliff & Lois Allen

Catherine Windt

Jacque Hurst

Anita Jones

Eileen Lampi Estate

Ruth Simmons

Herb & Jan Moore

Ruth Simmons

Natasha Oreskovich

Don Jacobson

Margie Olson

In Memory Of:

Greg Olson

Bob Oswald

Sheldon Porthan

Dorothy Troop

Doug Trout

Rodney Webb

Given By:

Maxine Olson

Youth Calvary Lutheran

Rick & Julie Scheuring

Kim & Tom Beltt

Elmer & Karen Splett

Herb & Jan Moore

Vicki Andrews

Mark & Carol Anderson

Joseph & Margaret Barrick

Paul & Donalyn Dealy

Tom & Mary Drazenovich

Richard & Sadie Faulkner

Allen & Karen Gilbertson

Joyce Graham

Iona Helleckson

George & Meredith Jakovich

George & Viola Korol

Ron & Kay Lien

Randy Macdonnell

Shirley & Ray Mace

Alf & Kathryn Madsen

Terry & Catherine Madsen

Dennis & Susan Neitzke

Michael & Darlene Nielsen

Alice Sarkela

Cliff & Lois Allen

Don Jacobson

2009 Honorariums

In Honor Of:

2009 Graduating Seniors of Our Savior's, Virginia

Brittany Miller & Jason Deen's Wedding

Camp Vermilion's 50th Anniversary

Charles Michael Nielsen's Baptism

Dennis G. Anderson's Birthday

Jerry & Cherry Tinquist's 50th Anniversary

Mary Kay & Jake Jacobson

Mary Thydean

Myron Nielsen

Myron Nielsen

Myron Nielsen

Rev. Paul Leslie's years of Service to VLM

Given By:

Women of the ELCA Our Savior's Lutheran

Don & Lyn Neiding

Alden & Becky Tetlie

Jeffrey Nielsen

Erin Anderson

Zion Lutheran

Carter & Kim Strickland

Bernie & Kathy Barich

Faith & David Wicklund

Joseph & Margaret Barrick

Roger & Aina Boraas

Joel & Amy Abenth

Ken & Patti Alt

Catherine Anderson

Dennis & Betty Anderson

Bill & Jeannine Bauman

Kirk & Sarah Bustrom

Joe & Nancy Dennie

In Honor Of:

Rev. Paul Leslie's years of Service to VLM

Given By:

Keith & Cindy Eggert
Dick & Jan Gregorich
Don & Sonja Hagestuen
Greg & Donna Hoag
Bob & Barb Murray
Rick & Julie Scheuring
Darryl & Kathy Solem
Jack & Jan Soltis

2009 MEMORIALS/ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Memorials/Honorariums

Receipts

General Fund	\$ 13,533.00
Project Fund	\$ 150.00
Total	\$ 13,683.00

Balances for Endowment Restricted Funds

LB Fund #37	\$ 39,057.99	Dec. 31st, 2009
LB Fund #18	\$ 6,466.73	(\$1000.00 deposit in transit)
LB Fund #36	\$ 392.82	
Total	\$ 45,917.54	

GRANTS & MATCHING FUNDS

Each year we are deeply appreciative of the generous grants we receive.
Thanks to all who helped secure these funds!

FIRE WISE

\$3886 MN Department of Natural Resources,
Division of Forestry: Tree / Shrub Establishment

VENDOR GIFTS

(Camperships, General Fund)

\$1000 **Lake Country Power Operation Roundup, Virginia**

Other Vendor Gifts are on our Golf Page

\$2000 **ELCA Outdoor Ministry Environmental Stewardship Grant**
for Environmental Education Specialist and mobile curriculum

\$1191 **ELCA Region 3 Outdoor Ministry "Grace Fund" Grant**
To eliminate VLM's 2009 Regional Dues

THRIVENT Regional Grant

\$2500 Denise Aasen, Thrivent Manager of Lutheran Relationships in Central MN &
\$2500 Lisa Warren—Thrivent Manager of Lutheran Relationships in Eastern MN
Both grants are for the Thrivent "Thank You" Dinner after the VLM Annual Meeting 2/7/09

THRIVENT "Join Hands" Projects, etc.

\$500 Thrivent Financial - Mesabi Chapter Camp Workday
\$375 Thrivent Financial - Kootasca Chapter Camp Hiawatha Siding work at Camp Hiawatha

THRIVENT "Members - Giving Plus" (Match by half to \$300)

\$7,384 has been received in 2009
This Thrivent Program is now complete. Funds were exhausted in October of 2009.

Thrivent is looking into a new program for member matching/donation opportunities and details will be available early summer of 2010.

In the meantime—Thrivent is offering a "Challenge" Grant that VLM will be utilizing in conjunction with our "Spring Start-Up" fund raising letter. Please keep an eye out for your letter and consider helping us in this endeavor.

2009 IN-KIND GIFTS

Hundreds of campers and many special friends of VLM have given countless gifts to support this ministry. Each and every gift is appreciated. Below are just some of the people who have remembered us with Gifts-In-Kind.

\$100 - \$499 Gifts

Calvary Lutheran, Orr
Joy Halstead, Deer River
Nathaniel & Jackie LeBeque, Mt. Iron
Dave & Pat Noren, Minneapolis
Tom Rupp—Rupp Furniture, Chisholm

\$1000 & Over Gifts

Anonymous
Cliff & Lois Allen, Deer River
Jeff & Kathy Gilbert, Deer River
Tim Johnson / State Farm, Cook
Rev. Paul Lutter, St. Peter

\$500 - \$999 Gifts

Larry & Bev Pelland, Loman
Dennis & Betty Anderson, Southlake, TX

And the many campers bringing Gifts each Registration Sunday. And the donations that we may have missed listing here. THANK YOU!



We celebrated Camp Vermilion's 50th Anniversary in July of 2009

Last July at Camp Vermilion was a time of remembering, renewing, rejoicing in the camp's 50 years of ministry. Over 300 Staff / friends of camp from that first year of 1959 to the entire seasonal staff of 2009 were sharing stories, pictures, peace, worship at the site.

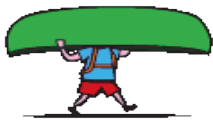
The entire weekend was filled with opportunities to experience the program, enjoy the site, and share wonderful meals with friends.

The "Program of Remembrances" had many speakers from the different decades—starting with Mel, Audrey & Tom Bakk from 1959. We were brought up-to-date with two of our 2009 campers, Matt Mehrkins of Virginia and Annaliese Braaten of Minnesota City.

We had wonderful worship services, with past and current Staff and our Bishop, Rev. Tom Aitken. The campfires brought out the best of the best moments with VISTA, etc.

To all those who volunteered at the Camp Vermilion 50th celebration - we give thanks for your time, energy and continued investment in the mission and ministry of VLM. A special thanks to Karolyn Torgerson for serving as the coordinator for this event and for all of her love and care of Camp Vermilion.

The "Mary Bar" Fund



was started in 1999 by a group of past canoe guides. It was created to honor former Camp Vermilion cook, Mary Thydean, and to raise funds for the Canoe Country Program. Mary perfected the high-energy bar that we still use in our BWCA Program. One half of the money received is put into a restricted fund account and the other half is used immediately to provide necessary items for the program. To date (12-31-09) we have received \$19,837. One half of that remains in restricted savings. The other half was used to purchase canoes & tents. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please mark your donation to the "MARY BAR FUND."

Over \$1100 was raised with recycling your ink cartridges!! THANK YOU

~ Check the camp website for details ~

VLM 4-Person Camp Golf Scramble at Virginia Golf Course

Over the years we, along with our golfers, have played 18 holes of golf at some beautiful golf courses, had a chance to win one car, a Hawaiian vacation or downright hard cold cash! Received fun gifts, t-shirts, hats, golf balls, etc. Braved some ominous weather reports, sprinkles, and a outright downpour. Enjoyed beautiful sunny weather. Had fun with old and new friends. Devoured some tasty meals. Thanked the business people who were Tee-Sponsors and those businesses donating door prizes. Learned more about Camp Hiawatha and Camp Vermilion. Supported those awesome camps in God's Great Northwoods!

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Golfers:	53	53	68	59
Tee Sponsors	15	16	16	18
Profit:	\$4291	\$4901	\$5541	\$5532

Special Thanks

to the vendors & golfers who support this outdoor ministry through their involvement in the Scramble.

Proceeds directly help Camp Hiawatha and Camp Vermilion.

These area businesses/friends supported the Golf Scrambles as Tee Sponsors:

Ameriprise Financial of Cook, Lawrence Gustafson
 Dennis & Betty Anderson, Southlake, TX
 Bauman Family Funeral Homes, Range
 Range Bio Pellets, Deer River
 Country Store & Vermilion Motel of Cook
 Ferrellgas of Virginia, Hibbing, Ely & Orr
 Floor To Ceiling, Duluth, Superior & Hayward
 Floor To Ceiling, Grand Rapids
 Gilbert Contracting of Hermantown
 Hand Done T-shirts, Ely
 Krenzen Indoor Auto of Duluth
 Rural Living Environments Inc., Babbitt
 Dave & Peggy Saari of Virginia –
 Memory of Friends & Family
 Schade Vineyard & Winery, Volga, SD
 Darryl & Kathy Solem of Cohasset –
 Memory of Mike Broderson
 Short Stop Convenience Stores, Range
 Range Cities Village Inn, Virginia
 Zup's, Cook

24 additional businesses donated funds and prizes for the raffle and door prizes.

Cole's Hardware, Grand Rapids	Hadersbeck's Hardware, Cook	Ogle's Marketplace, Grand Rapids
Comet Theater, Cook	Homestead Mills, Cook	Sandstrom's, Grand Rapids
Cook Building Center, Cook	Human Touch, Cook	Schade Vineyard, Volga SD
Cook News Herald, Cook	Jurvelin's Hardware, Deer River	South Switch, Angora
Cook North Country Floral, Cook	Lake Country Power, Grand Rapids	Subway, Cook
Crescent, Cook	Lake Vermilion Trading, Cook	Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry
Davis Petroleum, Grand Rapids	Montana Café, Cook	The Watering Can, Cook
Furniture Plus Video, Cook	Northwoods True Value, Cook	Waschke Family Chevrolet, Cook

“Pretty Much 100% Scandinavian”

Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry hosted the viewing of “Pretty much 100% Scandinavian” as a fund raiser on October 25th, 2009 at the Reif Center in Grand Rapids. Fifty-eight people enjoyed this American Swedish Institute's documentary that afternoon. Some of our own Voyageurs Lutheran people were featured in the film! You may want to ask our Director, Joel Abenth, or our past Board Chair, Dennis Anderson, about this!

*Special Thank You - Because of our concern that we may overlook even one of our supporters, we would like to take this opportunity to thank **all of you!***

VLM Corporate Church Membership Camper & Builder Member Totals

CHURCH	CITY	Campers 2009	Campers 2008	Day Camp 2009	Day Camp 2008	BWCA 2009	Retreat 2009	Retreat 2008	BII # 2009	BII # 2008	Cabin Sponsorship
First	Aitkin	15	17	0	0	0		0	1	3	Lindberg Dorm
St. John's	Aitkin	8	2	0	0	0		0	0	0	
St. Paul's	Alango	0	0	0	0	0		0	2	0	
Our Savior's	Aurora	10	8	0	0	0		0	5	6	Sandpoint Cabin
Evangelical	Babbitt	0	3	11	15	0		0	0	0	Nature Center
Bear River	Bear River	4	6	0	0	0		0	0	0	
Bigfork	Bigfork	0	2	0	0	0		0	0	0	Lac La Croix Cabin
Bethel/Trinity	Bovey	1	1	0	0	0		0	1	1	
First	Brainerd	19	0	0	0	0		0	1	1	
First	Buhl	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	
Faith	Chisholm	0	0	0	0	0		0	3	3	
Bethel	Cloquet	0	0	0	0	0		5	0	0	
Our Savior's	Cloquet	12	15	36	0	0		1	8	9	Birch Cabin
Zion	Cloquet	5	4	40	51	0		0	1	1	
Trinity	Cook	24	3	0	0	0	10	0	18	16	Chapel
Bethany	Cromwell	16	16	0	0	8	21	0	1	0	Alneau Cabin
Faith	Culver	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	Delhut Cabin
Bethany	Deer River	6	7	0	0	0		0	3	3	Sauna Building
Suomi	Deer River	2	2	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	
Salem	Deerwood	32	34	0	0	0		0	1	1	
Concordia	Duluth	10	10	9	14		6		0		Joining Corp. 2010
Faith	Duluth	0	0	0	0	0		0	1	2	Crooked Lake Cabin
Family Of God	Duluth	9	9	9	15	0		0	1	1	
First	Duluth	65	55	43	0	0		0	17	14	Boat House
Gloria Dei	Duluth	0	3						0		Joining Corp. 2010
Good Shepherd	Duluth	2	1	0	0	0		0	2	3	
Kenwood	Duluth	15	8	0	0	0		0	3	1	Jolliet Cabin
Our Savior's	Duluth	5	5	0	0	0		16	2	2	Aspen Cabin
Trinity	Duluth	0	0	0	0	0	42	25	3	3	Knife Lake Cabin
Zion	Duluth	0	2	0	0	0		0	1	1	Dining Hall
Fredheim	Effie	0	1	0	0	0		0	0	0	
Grace	Ely	0	0	0	0	0		0	2	2	Rainy Lake Cabin
Hope	Embarrass	3	10	30	41	0		0	1	0	Sauna
United in Christ	Eveleth	3	2	48	0	0		0	0	0	
Zion	Finland	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	Schoolcraft Cabin
Hope	Floodwood	4	4	0	0	0		0	0	0	Baraga Cabin
Bethlehem	Grand Marais	2	11	0	0	0		0	0	0	
St. Andrew's	Grand Rapids	27	30	0	0	0	27	0	6	4	Retreat Center
Zion	Grand Rapids	44	41	0	0	0	27	0	21	19	Chapel & Dining Hall
St. Paul's	Hackensack	1	1	0	0	0		0	0	0	
Grace	Hermantown	21	30	0	0	0	26	25	1	1	Logo Building

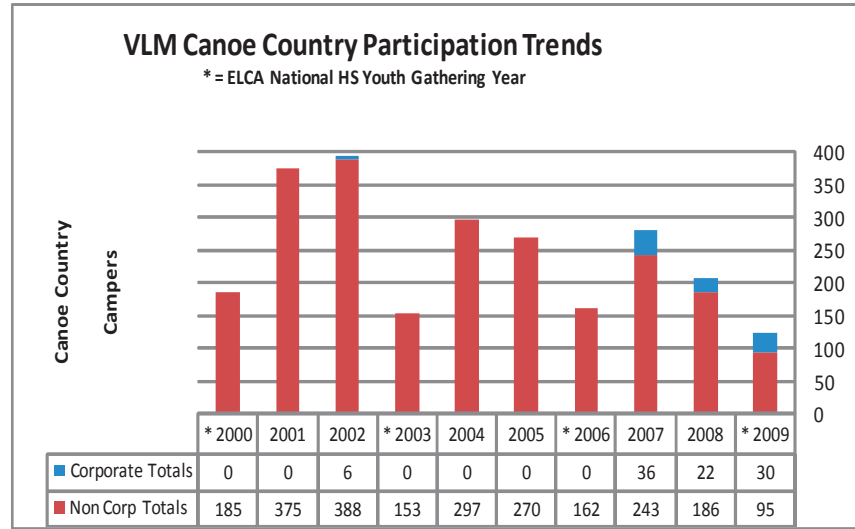
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First	Hibbing	18	8	35	39	0	10	30	2	1	Log Lodge
Holy Trinity	Hibbing	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	
Our Savior's	Hibbing	16	14	32	41	0		12	15	11	Bakk House
Trinity	Hovland	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	Hopkins Cabin
Faith	Hoyt Lakes	1	0	50	34	0		0	0	0	Namakan
First	Int'l Falls	15	13	19	22	0		0	1	1	Boys' Cabins
Zion	Int'l Falls	20	19	19	22	6	12	0	4	4	Maple Cabin
Faith United	Iron	9	11	0	0	0		0	1	0	
Carmel	Jacobson	1	3	0	0	0		0	0	0	
Good Shepherd	Keewatin	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	
Knife River	Knife River	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	Canteen/Health Bldg
Littlefork	Littlefork	12	10	0	0	0		1	4	5	Maple Cabin
Bethany	Loman	0	0	0	0	0		0	2	1	
Lutsen	Lutsen	1	1	0	0	0		0	0	0	
Grace	McGregor	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	
Hope	Moose Lake	4	4	40	36	0		3	6	6	
Messiah	Mt Iron	0	2	15	25	0	5	0	0	0	
Nashwauk	Nashwauk	6	13	0	0	0	38	0	7	5	
Calvary	Orr	6	8	0	0	0		0	2	3	Raddison (Stag)
St. Mark's	Palo	0	0	39	35	0	6	20	1	1	
First	Pine River	5	10	0	0	0		0	0	0	
Bethlehem	Proctor	8	15	30	25	0		0	0	0	Priest House
Immanuel	Proctor	0	4	0	0	0		0	0	0	
Roseville	Roseville	30	34			16					Joining Corp. 2010
St. John's	Saginaw	10	11	0	0	0	15	18	0	0	
Sychar	Silver Bay	1	1	0	0	0		0	0	0	
St. Paul's	Soudan	0	0	0	15	0		0	0	0	Basswood Cabin
Bethel	Superior	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	
Jesse Lake	Talmoon	2	3	0	0	0	5	2	1	1	
Zoar	Tofte	14	3	0	0	0		0	0	0	
Immanuel	Tower	1	0	0	15	0		0	0	0	
Bethlehem	Two Harbors	3	9	47	22	0		0	0	0	Selkirk
Emmanuel	Two Harbors	11	6	0	22	0		0	1	1	Mackenzie Cabin
Our Savior's, CD	Two Harbors	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	
Gethsemane	Virginia	8	14	0	0	0	18	0	1	2	Thompson Cabin
Our Savior's	Virginia	13	14	0	0	0		4	10	9	White Pine Cabin
Bethel	Warba	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	
Bethlehem	Wright	4	10	0	0	0		0	0	0	Marquette Cabin
Corporate Totals		584	583	552	489	30	273	163	164	148	
NEMN Synod							123				
Non-Corp Totals		304	354	0	0	95	953	580		43	
Overall Totals		888	937	552	489	125	1389	849		191	

Camp Hiawatha & Camp Vermilion Camper Statistics

CAMPERS

	In-Camp	Day Camp	Boundary Waters People	Trips
2000	1111	695	185	24
2001	1088	744	375	52
2002	1107	721	388	59
2003	1114	747	153	21
2004	1085	792	297	41
2005	1170	782	270	39
2006	1101	758	162	22
2007	1138	629	279	42
2008	937	489	208	30
2009	888	552	125	17

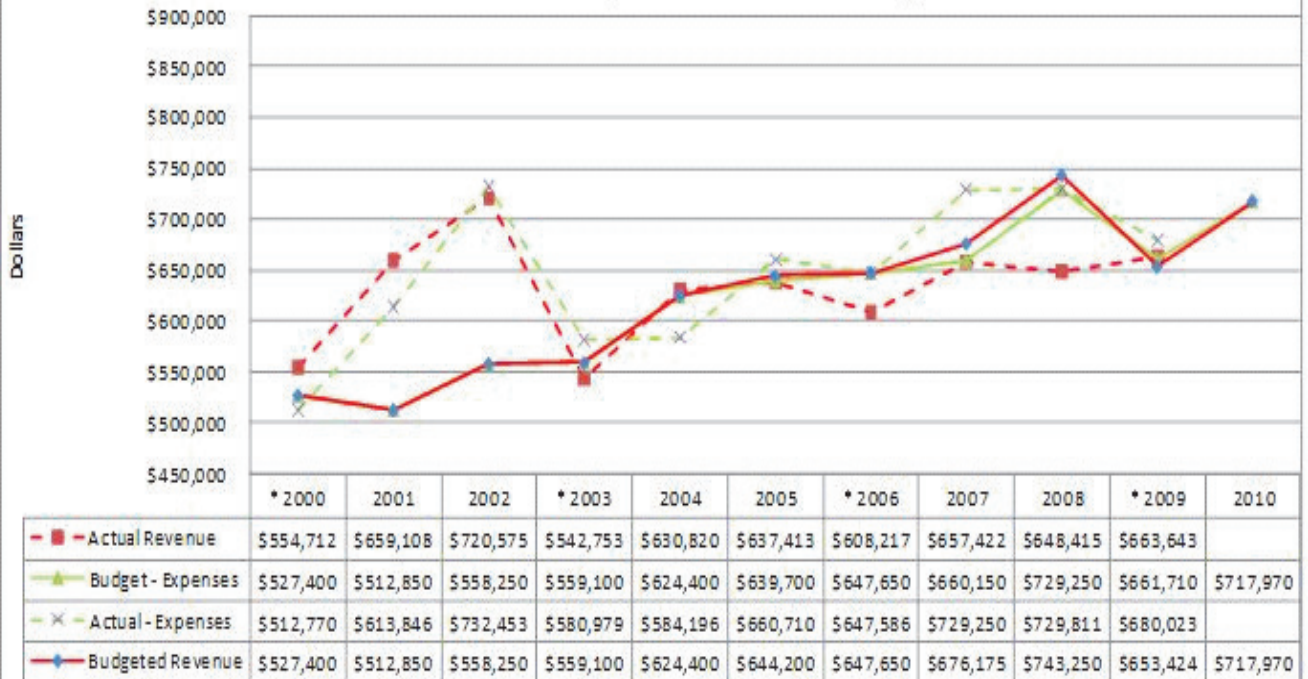


Camp Prices	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
4-6 & 7-9th	\$185	\$205	\$205	\$205	\$210	\$210	\$220	\$240	\$260	\$280
Half-Pint	15	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	30	35
Mini	95	105	105	115	120	125	125	135	155	165
Hockey	260	285	285	295	300	305	320	330	350	370
Houseboat	255	315	315	335	340	345	360	380	415	435
Family/G'Prnt	180	180	180	200	205	210	215	235	245	255
Fine Arts	195	205	205	220	225	240	250	270	280	300
Sr Hi Servants	110	110	110	130	135	140	145	165	180	200
BWCA	288	298	315	308	315	322	335	348	378	397

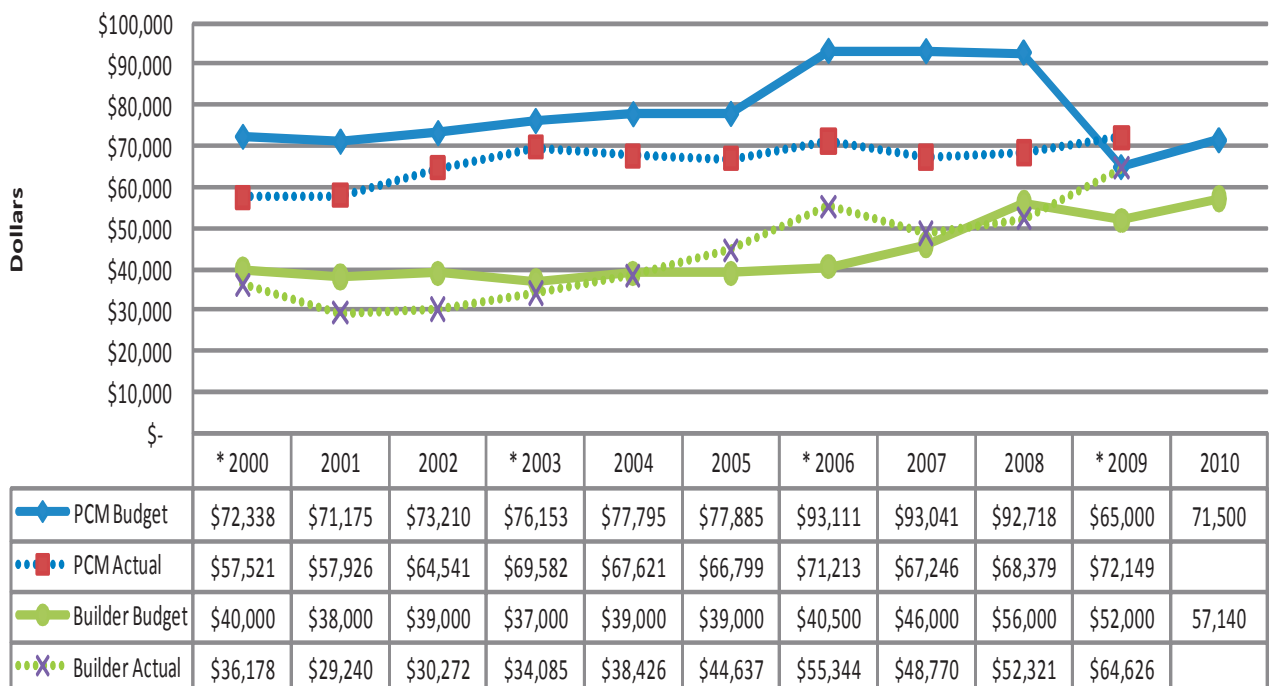
Camp Hiawatha	2009 Schedule	Camp Vermilion
June 7-13 Hockey Camp (ages 9-14) June 14-19 Girls Week - NEW! June 21-26 4-6 Gr. & 7-9 Gr. Senior High Servants (second week) June 28-July 1 Mini Camp (2-4 Gr.) July 1 Half-Pint Day (K-2 Gr.) July 5-10 4-6 Gr. & 7-9 Gr. July 12-17 4-6 Gr. & 7-9 Gr. July 19-24 4-6 Gr. & 7-9 Gr. July 23-31 7-9 Gr. & Senior High Camp Aug. 2-7 Grandparents/Grandkids Family Camp	Boundary Waters & Houseboat trips June 13-August 8	June 14-19 Confirmation Camp I Senior High Servants (first week) June 21-26 4-6 Gr. & 7-9 Gr. June 28-July 1 Mini Camp (2-4 Gr.) July 1 Half-Pint Day (K-2 Gr.) July 5-10 First Lutheran, Duluth July 12-17 Family Camp - NEW! Fine Arts Camp (5-8 Gr.) July 19-24 4-6 Gr. & 7-9 Gr. July 26-30 4-6 Gr. & 7-9 Gr. Aug. 2-7 7-9 Gr., Senior High Camp & Houseboat Camp

VLM Budget Trends

* National High School Youth Gathering Year



Annual Fund Trends





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