

VOYAGEURS LUTHERAN MINISTRY

Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry (VLM) is an outdoor ministry corporation within the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). VLM was formed on January 2, 1991 when the merger took place between Hiawatha Church Camp (Deer River) and Camp Vermilion (Cook).

The Mission Statement of the Corporation is: *“Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry provides opportunities for Christ-centered spiritual growth, leadership development, and outreach in God’s great Northwoods.”*

A Brief History

In the late 1950’s Lutherans around northeast Minnesota saw a need for a place where their young people could go for a Bible Camp experience. Out of this need, these Lutherans and their congregations bought property and buildings for what are now Camp Hiawatha and Camp Vermilion.

The two camps, their programs, including a nationally known BWCAW Canoe program were built upon the foundations of the work, commitment and love of those first **Builders**. These Builders did not stop with many hours of talent and toil, but included the sharing of financial gifts so the necessary buildings, equipment and resources would be available. We are deeply thankful for these first Builders.

The Need for Builders

Throughout the years there have been others who have continued the building of Camps Hiawatha and Vermilion. These “second generation” Builders have provided leadership, energy, vision and resources for both campsites. Camp Hiawatha and Camp Vermilion exist today because of the commitment of the first Builders and those who have continued in their example.

The financial needs of both Camps continue. There are always ongoing projects, remodeling to be done and equipment to be purchased. Most importantly we need resources to continue the vision of those first Builders: to provide the best Bible Camp experience we can for our young people. Sharing God’s love and grace with youth and families is the mission of Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry!

To continue this dream, the Board of Directors of Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry invites you to be a **Builder** of Camp Hiawatha and Camp Vermilion. You are invited to this special group of camp friends through the **VLM Annual Builders Giving Program**, where your gift of \$100 or more given annually will help VLM provide high quality Christ-centered ministry to our youth and adults.

JOIN BUILDERS TODAY!

In recognition of the service to people and the importance of the ministry of Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry, I wish to renew my membership in the **Builders Giving Program** this year.

_____ This is my first Builder gift!

Enclosed is my annual gift of

- _____ \$100 Builders Level
- _____ \$250 Pioneer Level
- _____ \$500 Trailblazer Level
- _____ \$1000 Voyageurs Level
- _____ (or more)



MY BUILDERS MEMBERSHIP
 VISA, Mastercard, & Discover Card now accepted for your convenience.
 Please fill in the following information:

Name of card : _____

Credit card account #: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Your name as it appears on card: _____

(please print)

I prefer to give \$_____ (quarterly/monthly/etc.) _____ for an annual gift of \$_____

My gift will be matched by my employer _____ I am a Thrivent member _____

I would like to have someone contact me concerning a bequest and/or estate planning _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Congregation _____ Person who asked you to join _____

RETURN FORM AND GIFT TO: Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry, PO Box 1076, Cook, MN 55723

Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry is:

Christ Centered - The programs offered are centered on the grace and love of God as we experience it through Scripture, nature, the Church, and each other. There is an emphasis on the Christian community, not only at camp, but also on returning back home with family, friends and neighbors.

Congregation Based - 76 churches own Camp Hiawatha and Camp Vermilion...that means almost 40,000 people share in this ministry. Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry seeks to meet the needs of these supporting congregations and their members through Camp Hiawatha and Camp Vermilion.

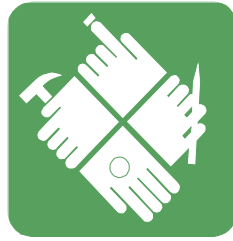
Outdoors - Our camps are places to walk in the North Woods, to canoe on clear waters, to feel the warmth of the sun and worship around campfires. It is a place to experience the goodness of God's creation.

VLM'S current program includes:

- Summer Bible Camp
- Hockey Camp
- Houseboat Camp
- BWCAW Canoe Country Adventures
- Family Camp
- Day Camp
- Fine Arts Camp
- Grandparents/Grandkids Camp
- Half-pint Day
- Year Round Retreats

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

We invite you to experience the beauty see the beauty of these special places!



Camp Hiawatha is located on 80 acres of land approximately 12 miles north of Grand Rapids. It is a waterfront camp with an excellent sand beach on Deer Lake, one of the clearest

lakes in northern Minnesota. Its terrain is one of forest and broad expanses of grassy field which fronts on the lake. With the Retreat Center, the Lindberg Dormitory, Gloria Dei Dormitory, and the cabins, there is housing for 132 year round. In addition, Camp Hiawatha has a large sauna, volleyball and large basketball courts, and 60 acres devoted to hiking and overnights.



Camp Vermilion, located on the western end of beautiful Lake Vermilion near Cook, boasts a total camp property of 365 acres. A wilderness of hills, rocks and trees,

Camp Vermilion's summer capacity is 120 campers. The Bakk House provides retreat opportunities throughout the school year. In addition, Camp Vermilion's nationally known Canoe Country Adventures Program sends out many canoe trips to the BWCAW each summer.

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Giving Program

Members of the Builders Giving Program of Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry support the ministries and programs of Camp Hiawatha and Camp Vermilion through annual financial gifts of \$100.00 or more.