



Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry provides opportunities for Christ-centered spiritual growth, leadership development, and outreach in God's great northwoods!

Camp Hiawatha Work Day - Saturday, May 20th

Camp Vermilion Work Day - Saturday, May 6th

Hello Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry supporters!

Enclosed is information on your 2023 Camp Work Days. Please share the information with your congregation members and encourage them to participate. Work Day not only helps get the camp ready for the summer, but it is a great opportunity to get to know others who love camp too!

We have been so blessed in recent years with the response at our Work Days! So much work has been done and some major projects have been completed. **As you make plans to join us this year, we invite you to once again consider applying for a Thrivent Action Team.** Action Teams can be used to cover the cost of camp projects, but can also be used to pay for gas to allow more volunteers to join us on these important days. Contact the VLM office or visit **Thrivent.com** and click **"What We Offer"** and then **"Generosity"** to learn more.

Review the enclosed list of projects and tasks, and contact our Camp Directors with specific questions about how you can help get behind all that needs to be completed at both sites.

We look forward to seeing you at camp this Spring!
Joel Abenth, Executive Director

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Overnight Opportunity for Families and Youth!

Arrive any time after 4:30pm on Friday evening. We will have a light dinner at 6:00 followed by opportunities for games, a campfire, and fellowship time. After breakfast on Saturday, you can explore the camps on your own or join in on Work Day as we get our camps ready for summer. This is a great opportunity to introduce new friends to camp - especially if the camper (or camper parent) is nervous about being at camp this summer.

RSVP at least one week before the event, so we can arrange proper housing and prepare food.

Please contact us with questions.

Friday, May 19 - Saturday, May 20 at Camp Hiawatha (RSVP by May 12)

Friday, May 5 - Saturday, May 6 at Camp Vermilion (RSVP by April 28)

RSVP by calling (800) 331-5148 or email VLM@VLMcamps.org. This event is FREE for families who help on Work Day. If you choose to do the overnight but can't stay for Work Day cost is \$50 per family or \$5 per youth.

Camp Hiawatha Work Day



(800) 331-5148
 vlm@VLMcamps.org
 www.VLMcamps.org

VLM invites you to join Camp Hiawatha for Work Day on Saturday, May 20, 2023 to get the camp ready for summer. Work Day begins with registration from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. with coffee, juice, and rolls available. Lunch will be served around 12:30.

Projects are listed by order of the sponsoring congregation. A handful of our cabins or buildings do not have a sponsor. If your congregation is interested in adopting a building, please contact the VLM office.

The general cleaning list for all buildings is:

Exterior: Remove webs, pollen, pine needles. Inspect walls for bees and bird nests and remove, if necessary. Raking around the building. **Interior:** Vacuuming and/or sweeping, dusting, washing windows, screens, and ceiling fans, and wiping mattresses down. *Hiawatha will provide general cleaning supplies (disinfectant, window cleaner, rags, etc.); you are welcome to bring others if you choose.*

If the church would like to purchase mattresses for their cabin, contact the camp office. We work with a mattress distributor that gives discounts for larger orders. VLM will place a single order for the camp.

If you would like to make a gift-in-kind donation to Camp Hiawatha, please let us know and we will send you a copy of our Wish List. We have a wide range of items in all price ranges.

*** *Camp Vermilion Work Day Projects are listed separately.* ***

Congregation	Cabin/Building/Area	Projects
Aitkin, First	Lindberg Dorm (Gloria Dei)	*Look under Gloria day for projects
Deer River, Bethany	Waterfront	Rake beach, replace swim area ropes/buoys
Gilbert/Rajala Family	Sauna Building	General cleaning, clean underneath building, replace rotten boards on decking, check and clean out chimney and stove, replace any needed screens
Grand Rapids, St. Andrew's	Retreat Center	General cleaning, stain/seal ramp and deck on east side, stock fire wood, clean windows, clean chimney
Grand Rapids, Zion	Chapel & Dining Hall/Kitchen	General cleaning, clean windows
Hibbing, First	Log Lodge	General cleaning, clean out fireplace, stock wood bin, update electrical, stock fire wood, clean chimney
International Falls, First	Boys Cabins	General cleaning, raking, move some furniture and equipment out of "Staff Lounge"
	Austin Hall/Canteen	General cleaning and organizing canteen inventory
	Barn/Bathhouse	General cleaning, scour to remove hard water stains, replace shower curtains
	Boathouse	General cleaning, organize equipment
	Firewood/Brushing	Splitting and stacking. Brush clearing along southern property line
	Gloria Dei (Lindberg)	General cleaning. Repair ground flashing, paint doors, window and trim, replace window, cleaning windows, remove some old furniture
	Swamp	General cleaning, repair screens/windows, organize craft supplies
	Staff Housing	General exterior cleaning, move furniture/ appliances, painting indoors, Garden/flower prep
	Maintenance Shop	Set up tents for function, help organize equipment, move DLA grill out and rearrange equipment for summer, dispose of unusable materials

ADDITIONAL PROJECTS

If you wish to do one of the projects listed below, please call Camp Hiawatha (218-246-8604) and our Camp Director, Trisha Peterson, will get back to you to discuss details.

Campfire ring clean-up - stock wood boxes for summer, dig out fire rings, repair benches

Plant flowers - someone to purchase and plant flowers for the whiskey barrels (NEED NEW) around chapel area

Landscaping - landscape and seeding around new sidewalk;

Garden - prepare for planting

Chainsaw work - remove various trees around site

Camp Vermilion Work Day



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VLM invites you to **Camp Vermilion for Work Day on Saturday, May 6th, 2023** to get the camp ready for summer. Work Day begins with registration from 8:00 - 9:00a.m. Coffee, juice, and rolls available. Lunch will be served around 12:30.

Some additional projects are listed below and the Building/Cabin Projects are listed on the back side of this page. Projects are listed by order of the sponsoring congregation. If your congregation is interested in adopting a building, please contact the VLM office.

The general cleaning list for all cabins is:

Exterior: Remove webs, pollen, pine needles. Inspect walls for bees and birds' nest and remove. General cleanup/ raking around the cabin. **Interior:** Sweeping, dusting, cleaning windows, and wiping mattresses down. *Vermilion will have general cleaning supplies available (disinfectant, window cleaner, rags, etc.). You are welcome to bring your own if you choose.*

If the church would like to purchase mattresses for their cabin, contact the camp office. We work with a mattress distributor that gives discounts for larger orders. VLM will place one order for the camp.

If you would like to make a gift in kind donation to Camp Vermilion, please let us know and we will send you a copy of our Wish List. We have a wide range of items in all price ranges.

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ADDITIONAL PROJECTS

If you wish to do one of the special projects listed below, please contact Bjørn Anderson, our Camp Director, at 218-666-5834 to discuss details.

Forestry Stewardship Work

Hazard/Downed tree removal and firewood - Stacking, hauling, piling firewood. Working to reduce fire load around camp and chipping slash piles.

Use of special equipment would be helpful- brush saws, commercial chipper, 4-wheelers, trailers, and all safety equipment

Site Trail/Road Work

Road surfacing - Gravel around Voyageur Lodge, parking lots, driveway and main trails

Trail Management - check hiking trails, campsites (Primitives), spread wood chips around camper cabins

General Site Maintenance

Outhouses - Clean and restock with toilet paper, repairs, and decommission two units.

Campfire Rings - clean up area, dig out campfire pits, repair/replace benches

Missionary Village – downed tree removal, continue to brush and chip understory

Travois Hill maintenance - clean and brush out campsites, build new picnic tables, clean out firepits repair electrical and water

Beachfront – new benches for campfire ring

Building Maintenance

Saunas – Assist with landscaping year-round sauna, assist with final touches on summer sauna

Treetop cabins – finish securing lofts, new benches and picnic tables for area

Please call Bjørn Anderson, Camp Vermilion Director, at 218-780-2696 to discuss the projects listed below.

In addition to these projects, we also need cleaning in the interior and exterior of the cabins.

We will provide general cleaning supplies (disinfectant, window cleaner, rags, etc.); you are invited to bring others if you choose.

Congregation	Cabin	Project
Aurora, Our Savior's	Sandpoint Cabin	adjust top bunk rails to accommodate new mattresses
Babbitt, Evangelical	Nature Center	General cleaning
Cloquet, Our Savior's	Birch Cabin	Scrape and paint front door, screen repair, window frame repair
Cook, Trinity	Chapel	New, brighter lights, wood beam pest control
Cromwell, Bethany	Alneau Cabin	paint outside trim, leveling building
Duluth, Concordia	VCC Trail Shack	tent seam sealer, gear repair
Duluth, Elim	Delhut Cabin	screen repair, exterior painting
Duluth, Faith, Gloria Dei	Crooked Lake Cabin	paint bunks
Duluth, First	Boat House	Fix/repair exterior siding, fix/replace gutters, seal lakeside windows, exterior painting
Duluth, Good Shepherd	Berg Bathhouse	Replace/paint inside stalls and walls (boys), scrub floors, new toilets, sponsor/install metal roof
Duluth, Kenwood	Jolliet Cabin	exterior paint
Duluth, Our Savior's	Aspen Cabin	repair screen on front porch
Duluth, Trinity	Knife Lake Cabin	Fix holes in ceiling, replace front fascia board, fix screens on windows, exterior painting
Duluth, Spirit of God	Wakemup Lodge	Refinish main room floor, window glass replacement
Edina, Normandale	Bakk House Sauna	Landscaping, build dock
Effie, Fredheim Lutheran & Bigfork, Grace Community	Lac La Croix Cabin	sponsor/install metal roof, add third step to entry steps, exterior and trim painting, screen door repair, bat proofing
Ely, Grace	Rainy Lake Cabin	Bat proof building, paint window trim
Embarrass, Hope	Priest House Sauna	Assist with rebuild
Eveleth, United	Harbor/Waterfront	Timber step removal, new swim raft, harbor maintenance
Floodwood, Hope	Baraga Cabin	Needs new deck/board replacement, paint steps, paint trim
Hermantown, Grace	Logo Building	screen repair, gutter work, paint, upgrade staff bathrooms, mold removal
Hibbing, Our Savior's	Bakk House	Deck plan, look at options to paint or wall off staircase wall, replace old windows
Hovland, Trinity	Hopkins Cabin	Repair or replace front porch, needs door spring, interior trim work, gutter work, add outside step/landing, handrail
Hoyt Lakes, Faith	Namakan	Paint bunks, paint floor, sponsor/install metal roof, exterior and trim painting, bat proofing, gutter work, paint soffit
International Falls, Zion and Littlefork, Littlefork	Maple Cabin	general cleaning
Iron, Faith United	Schoolcraft Cabin	Paint front deck, general cleaning of building.
Mt. Iron, Messiah	Sacagawea	Reinforce northwest foundation, paint deck, extend railing and spindles
Orr, Calvary	Radisson (Stag)	Gutter work, hand railing repair
Palo, St Marks	Basswood Cabin	Sponsor/install metal roof, install new rain gutter, New hand railing, remove graffiti from bunks, exterior door baseplate repaired/replaced, exterior painting, replace cracked window
Pine River, First	Program House	Needs some new windows, new exhaust pipe, paint exterior
Proctor, United	Priest House	Refinish wood floor, basement post installation
Two Harbors, Bethlehem	Selkirk	Paint exterior and deck, sponsor/install metal roof, hole repair
Two Harbors, Emmanuel	Mackenzie Cabin	General cleaning, stain/seal floor, add step/landing, build privacy walls, outlet covers, spindles
Virginia, Gethsemane	Thompson Cabin	General cleaning
Virginia, Our Savior's	White Pine Cabin	Needs new windows. finish exterior and deck painting
Wright, Bethlehem	Marquette Cabin	Paint deck, window trim and fascia, replace rotten siding, new mattresses

* If you only have general cleaning listed for your cabin, we want to say, "Thank you for keeping your cabin in such great repair!" Please consider adopting an additional project after you finish cleaning your cabin this year. See a project list on the front of this page. Sometimes additional cabins need to be cleaned if some churches are unable to participate in Work Day. Your help is appreciated!

* For painting work, If you are able to bring a crew, paint will be ordered by the camp. We welcome support for the purchase of that paint (approximately \$55 per cabin). Call for details so we can have supplies ready for you.