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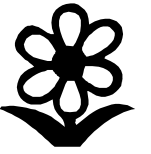
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Arcadia Foundation: Weathering the Storm!

Just like any other investor in this country, the Arcadia Foundation has experienced its share of volatility and turbulence during the recent downturn in the stock market. The Foundation Committee keeps a close eye on these investments and continues to ensure that they represent the appropriate asset mix to help achieve long term growth and support of Camp Arcadia. While we have little control over what the stock market will do from year to year, we are able to control other things. The most important of these is making sure that every LCA member realizes the opportunity they have to support Camp by remembering the Arcadia Foundation in their will or estate plan.

Donations of cash, stock, or even real estate translate into future generations enjoying the wonders of Camp Arcadia for years to

come. Below are some current examples of how the Foundation supports the ministry of Camp:

- Endowment of the Summer Speaker Series, which allows Camp to bring in some of the most dynamic and respected speakers in the country while keeping family rates affordable.
- Funding for the staff internship program. Past interns have managed projects such as building the low ropes course, improving Camp's emergency action plan, and creating a coordinated Bible study theme for the morning youth programs.
- Scholarship funding for teen weeks through the Lisa Gatz Scholarship Endowment.

Please remember the Arcadia Foundation in your estate planning. For further information, please contact Camp Director Chip May and he can put you in touch with a Foundation Committee member.

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Reality Check by Chip May

Today, reality can be a bit harsh. Just watch the news or read the newspapers and you are quickly filled with anxiety. The last thing you need is a reality check. I disagree. You do need a reality check, we all do. See, sometimes life can get so crazy, so full of responsibility and burdens, so riddled with worry about the future that we forget about the present. I am reminded of a concept from C.S. Lewis' book *Screw-tape Letters* where he describes Satan's goal as getting us to live in the past or in the future but never the present. Because when we live in the present, we are better able to experience God's presence.

Reality at Arcadia is a celebration of the present. Everything we do at Arcadia is designed to bring you into the present and as a result into the presence of God. Take the meals for example, by providing you with wonderful food that you don't have to prepare or clean-up, you can truly share a meal with your family and friends—freed up to enjoy them—right now.

Also at Arcadia you are given permission to play. One definition of the word "play" is to take part in an enjoyable activity, especially a game, *simply for the sake of amusement*. Playing on the beach, shooting hoops, or swinging a tennis racket are things you can do Arcadia for fun—not part of an exercise regime—just to relax and enjoy the present.

Arcadia's reality check has everything to do with community. A community of believers that embraces you as you are, not as you were or as you could be, but as God made you—a child of God. We are all broken, cracked by the onslaught of the world's reality. God has provided a place such as Arcadia, where the pieces can be put back together, where we all can celebrate together the present and presence of God.

Camp Arcadia's mission is to provide a setting for Christian families and individuals to vacation with God. The entire program at Camp Arcadia is designed to foster the renewal of the whole person, spirit, mind, and body, amid the beauty of God's creation and in fellowship with other Christians.

Mike Pasche to be New Office Manager

We are very excited to welcome **Michael Pasche** and his family to the Camp staff. He started on April 1st as Camp's new office manager. Karla Woell will stay on part-time through the end of the year to help with the transition. Mike is married to Stacy Slessman, a former camp staff member from the 90's. They have two children, Nora (6) and Augie (4). Mike, who is from Fort Wayne, IN, has been working in Milwaukee as a civil engineer for the past few years. He brings years of business and management experience to Camp. Check out www.camp-arcadia.com for more information on the Pasches.



Mike & Stacy Pasche with their children Nora and Augie.

Woell Celebration

This summer we will be celebrating the service that Stan & Karla Woell have given to Camp Arcadia. For the past ten years, Karla has served as the office manager and Stan has served (for free) as Camp's bookkeeper. Karla also served for years as a member of the LCA Board of Directors. Karla and Stan are directly responsible for many of the improvements and positive changes to Camp in the last ten years. Their passion and commitment to Camp's ministry is inspiring. The event will be on Wednesday, July 22 at 7:45 PM in the Assembly. All are welcome. If you are not going to be a guest at Camp that week, please RSVP by calling or emailing the Camp office.

Teen Weeks Affect Inn

Camp's two teen weeks are required to be licensed by the State of Michigan. These licenses come with a host of rules and regulations. An upcoming change in these rules requires that the fire code regulations that previously applied only to the teen weeks, will now apply to our facilities throughout the entire season. In other words we will not be able to use space heaters in the Inn rooms anymore and we will have to install a liner in our fireplaces. While we have never used space heaters during the teen weeks, we have used them in early June and in September and October. Next year we will have to buy and install electric heat in the Inn rooms. We are currently checking into units that fit our facility, and anticipate this project costing around \$30,000. We will keep you posted on this development.



Morning Youth Program Theme: "Out on a Limb"

Camp's Morning Program theme this summer will be,

"Out on a Limb." We will be studying the sometimes dangerous call for faith God has given each and everyone of us, how some in the Bible have responded to that call, and of course, the one who literally went "out on a limb" for us at Golgotha. Join us for singing, skits, games, crafts, and more as we discover how we, too, can go "out on a limb" in our daily faith walk (or climb).

Family Week Special Offer: \$100 Savings Per Paying Guest till April 30th!

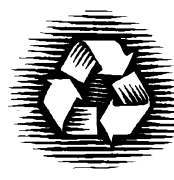
If you are a new registrant, or go on the waiting list for any of our family weeks, you will receive \$100 savings per paying guest. So, if you are a family of four paying guests, you would receive a savings of \$400 (remember that children two and under are free.) We have openings for many of our family weeks. This is a good year to promote Camp to your friends and family. We also have very short waiting lists for the full weeks. Last year we were able to get 35 families in off the waiting list, so don't hesitate to add your name to the waiting list for as many weeks that work for you and your family. To learn more about the family week availabilities and promotions check out the camp website.

Discount For Those In Ministry

Pastors, teachers, secretaries, custodians! Anyone who works full-time in a church or parochial school can bring their family to Camp Arcadia for less \$\$ this summer. For the family week of August 15 - 21, 2009, church workers who register can bring children ages 13 and under for FREE. Rev. Scott Christenson (dean) and Rev. Mark Schwichtenberg (lecturer) will lead the morning lecture series. Details are available on-line or by calling the Camp office.

Green Lodging Certification for Camp

This February, Camp earned "Steward" level certification in the Green Lodging Michigan program, from the Michigan Department of Energy, Labor & Economic Growth (DELEG). Steward level is the second highest level possible in the program.



Green Lodging Michigan encourages hotels, resorts, motels, and bed & breakfast facilities to implement environmental initiatives and cost-saving "green" practices to conserve energy, reduce water consumption, protect air quality, reduce waste, and participate in environmentally preferred purchasing.

"For us, 'going green' has been a combination of old and new practices. For example, we've had a towel and linen reuse program for more than 80 years, while one of our newest programs is our guest recycling program," said John Jass, facilities manager of Camp Arcadia.

We are continuing our efforts to expand our green initiatives with the goal of receiving "Leader" level certification. Towards those ends, we are currently investigating a large-scale wind turbine and a solar hot water system. With the help of an energy consultant, we have established the goal of becoming 100 percent renewable energy heated and powered. While it will be a large investment up front, the systems will actually become a revenue source in the future.

The 2009 Summer Staff

Program
 *Aaron Hohle, Cedar Park, TX, Univ. of Texas
 *Chrysta Gotsch, Fort Wayne, IN, Calvin College
 *Jonathan Becker, St. Louis MO, Valparaiso Univ.
 *Meghan DeWees, Bay Village OH, Hope College
 Hillary Johnson, Naperville IL, Hope College
 Halie Wenhold, Naperville IL, Hope College
 Sarah Williams, Carmel IN, Vanderbilt Univ.
 Ehrick Williams, Marion OH, Ohio Northern Univ.

Craft Shop Cassie Polzin, Ames IA, Iowa State
 Marie Irvin, New Baltimore MI, Hope College

Nature To be shared by various program staff members.

Trading Post *Bryan Fries, Cincinnati OH, Univ. of Tennessee

Housekeeping & Laundry
 *Katie Mueller, Mt. Prospect IL, Concordia Chicago
 *Kelsey Winkel, Lawrence MI, Michigan State Univ.
 *Kyle Moomey, Libertyville, IL, Univ. of Illinois
 Tim Nieland, The Woodlands TX, Univ. of Texas S.A.
 **Hope Elling, Highland IN, Valparaiso Univ.

Assistant Caretaker *Stephen Nehring, Glendale WI, Univ. of Wis. La Crosse

Archives & Media *Ryan McKenna, Seattle WA, Seattle Central
 Kevin Harroff, Lorain OH, Kent State Univ.

Kitchen
 *Ellen Press, Dunwoody GA, Univ. of Michigan
 *Jacob Roskam, Oak Park IL, St. Olaf College
 *Alena Bailey, Southfield MI, Macomb Com. College
 *Jonathan Spagnuolo, Columbus IN, Purdue Univ.
 *Karly Murphy, Holland MI, Hope College
 Allison Pentecost, Holt MI, Grand Valley State Univ.
 Jacob Deal, Apex NC, Monroe Com. College
 Bryan Rossman, Chelmsford MA, Valparaiso Univ.
 Corita Lindsey, Bronson MI, Kendall College
 Valerie Wall, Ada MI, Kendall College
 Courtney Lucas, Traverse City MI, Michigan State Univ.
 Kassie Ritt, Palm Harbor FL, Florida Southern College
 Amanda Pasche, Fort Wayne IN, Concordia Chicago
 Elsa Bailey, Southfield MI, Johnson & Wales Univ.
 Elizabeth Whitehead, Mt. Pleasant MI, Western Mich.
 **Hope Elling, Highland IN, Valparaiso Univ.

Office *Allison Wolgast, Royal Oak MI, Michigan State Univ.
 Caitlin McCallum, Rochester Hills MI, Hillsdale College

Staff Spiritual Director
 Paul Muther, West Bend, IN, Concordia Seminary St. Louis

*Returning Staff
 ** Hope will be working for both the Housekeeping and Kitchen teams.

Please keep the 2009 staff in your prayers and they prepare for a summer of service.



Jonathan Spagnuolo returns to the Kitchen this summer (top) and Kelsey Winkel returns to Housekeeping (bottom).

2009 Staff Fun Facts

- 70 - Most staff applications ever
- 16 of 37 are returning staff
- 5 go to Hope College
- 3 go to Valparaiso University
- 13 different states are represented

RKD Community News

Deaths:
 Joyce Mross Oct 08
 Ray Nichols Jan 09
 Don Miller Mar 09
 Claudette Carlson Mar 09

Births:
 Chace to Nate & Jessica Behning Oct 08
 Lucy to Mike & Becky (Beumer) Zacharias Nov 08
 Janae to Jeff & Shelly (Wulff) Gallo Dec 08
 Greta to Martin & Mary (Stierholz) Bradford Dec 08
 Oscar to John & Rebecca Woell Jan 09
 Ben to Matt & Amy Darr Feb 09
 Eleanor to Dave & Emily Beck Mar 09
 Charlie to Will & Karen (Blum) Spencer Mar 09

Winter Projects

by John Jass

Throughout the years we have spent much time painting trim in the Inn. Inevitably the question arises as to which color should be used- Chip favors the blues, while I am partial to greens. Last year, after much heated debate, I suggested that the real solution to the problem was to strip off all the old paint and reveal the beautiful wood below. Chip agreed, and so began my winter project.

Months later, I am happy to report that the results are better than expected. After stripping, scrubbing, planing and sanding, what has emerged is beautiful hard pine, with a grain that is astounding! Surprisingly, there were less layers of paint than expected. I attribute this to the fact that the wood was left natural for many years before being painted. The first color applied was a grey stain, followed by a dark pink, then light green, baby blue and finally the current creamy white.

Not surprisingly, the wood is the same as that used on the floors. To that end, I am not staining it at all, instead simply coating it with a water based urethane, so that it will match. This allows the wood's natural col-

oring to shine- a light yellow hue with caramel colored grain. As finished, it is lighter than the floors; but, like the floors, it will oxidize and darken over time, acquiring the same rich tan coloring.

For this year, I have redone the window and door trim in the lobby and the first floor bedrooms. Future plans include the rest of the Inn, and maybe someday the bead board walls in the hallways. Other improvements to those areas include new ceiling tiles, repainted walls and a refinished linen counter. Also we are replacing the fluorescent strips in Memory Lane with the old dining room lights. I have been saving them ever since the renovation and am excited to see them once again lighting up camp.

New Playground Equipment

A generous donation has allowed us to purchase a new piece of playground equipment this year- an old school merry go round! Yes, they still make them, and they are as much fun as ever. In addition to adding the new piece, we are going to rearrange the current equipment in a safer and more convenient fashion. The large

slide will be moved from in front of the Assembly over to where the other pieces are, and the jungle gym will be located away from the sidewalk. Seating for parents will be included, so no more staring into the sun as you watch the kids play.



Some of the eggs were ones that I had bought at the grocery and some were ones my wife had bought at the farmers' market. Claire exclaimed, "Dad, look at the difference between these eggs!" Sure enough, my egg yolks were much lighter yellow compared to Kristine's rich, dark yellow yolks. "You can really tell which ones are organic, Dad."



Egg shame was on my face when I was brought eye-to-bowl with the reality of the purchase choice I had made. I remember that day in the grocery store when I bought those eggs. I was shopping alone and had purposely chosen eggs that were less expensive

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100 Chickens

by Kurt Harvey

My daughter was recently helping in the kitchen by cracking eggs into a bowl.

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that the organic ones. I also remember something a friend once asked me. "If you were in a grocery store alone and no one could see, would you still buy organic food?"

But after looking at the eggs in the bowl I was reminded that I do have convictions about this stuff. I had just forgotten them for a moment -- it was a lapse!

To my credit, before this episode of the egg, the bowl, and the daughter, I had made arrangements to purchase eggs from a local farmer this summer for the Camp kitchen. What's cool about these eggs is that the farmers are 12- and 11- years old. Sean and Ryan, with the help of their mom, are raising chickens and will be delivering 40 to 60 dozen eggs a week to camp for our guests. Five miles south of Camp, one hundred Isa Brown chickens will be scratching the earth, enjoying the sunshine, fresh air, and wholesome feed. Fresh eggs: another thing to look forward to at RKD!

Thrivent's Matching Gift Program

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans' member supplemental gift program - *GivingPlus* - has been a real blessing for Camp Arcadia. Close to \$5,500 has been given to the Camp just this year, and more is still available. We are excited and thankful to be eligible for these gifts. Thrivent's generous support has enabled many of you to augment your giving to Camp in a significant way.

Watch & Listen

If you visit Camp Arcadia's website you will see some pretty cool things. From our website you can listen to many of the 2008 lecturers. These audio podcasts give you (or someone you are trying to encourage to come to Camp Arcadia) a good earshot of the deans program. On our website you can also view highlight videos of some of the weeks. The audio podcasts and videos are made possible by generous donations to the *Frank W Miller Spirit of Arcadia Archive Fund* which was created to find new ways to preserve Camp Arcadia's history. www.camp-arcadia.com



Camp Arcadia's E-volution

Camp Arcadia continues to *evolve* when it comes to electronic communications. We know that many people enjoy receiving e-news from Camp Arcadia. Starting in March, we began using Constant Contact as one of our email communication services so that our constituents can receive timely information about what's happening at RKD. If you want to subscribe to this service, just visit our website where you will see a "Join Our Email List" option on our home page. Special thanks go to Don & Deb Dinkmeyer, LCA members and Arcadia Cottage Colony residents, for generously underwriting the cost of this service. Also check out Camp Arcadia's Official Facebook page.

"Modern Convenience at the Best Camp of All"

Opening May 30, 2009

This new exhibit will showcase modern conveniences that helped run and shape the Best Camp of All. The buildings, tools, equipment and ideas that created our summer camp will come to life before your eyes.

Experience how the first ice cream order was served at Camp. Discover how the staff pressed linens in housekeeping and peeled potatoes in the kitchen. In our 2nd major RKD historical exhibit, these once state of the art tools, will be dusted off and on display. The exhibit will also feature various interactive elements designed to engage and educate all ages in our story of how RKD came to be. Some of these interactive elements will include viewing old camp videos from 16mm films, sound clips, coloring books, and tours of the exhibit for the morning youth program.

**Please note your help is still needed to make this Historical Exhibit a success. Any and all donations are GREATLY appreciated!*

Preserving the 1970-2000's and Personal Artifacts

This season the Archives staff and volunteers will focus on expanding the collection to include items from the past four decades and personal artifacts relating to Camp.

We need more pictures from the 1970's through 2000. So clean out your attic and send us your crazy 70's pictures of dad with sideburns and mom with bellbottoms.

"What is considered a *personal*/RKD artifact?" you ask.

It is something you used or created at camp with your own personal touch. The Hilda Jass bathing suit from the current exhibit is an excellent example. She took a wool bathing suit and stitched the Walther League logo on to it and wore it at Camp. This is the kind of item that tells a story and really makes those old photos come to life right in front of you. Props from a hit talent show skit, Nuwanda the Cow, scrapbooks, and t-shirts are just a few of the many ideas that will help expand our collections.

Archives looks forward to your input this summer about the collection and what you think should be included. Email your thoughts and ideas to RKDarchives@yahoo.com

End-of-Season Staff

Many people don't realize it, but when the college staff start to head back to school in the middle of August, we still have two months left in the season. We need new staff starting August 15 all the way through October 7.

Maybe you're recently retired and looking for a way to serve. Or you are a recent college grad looking to spend some time serving before you head into the real world. Or a current high school or college student who wants to make a few extra dollars serving at Camp on the weekends. Whether you can come for a weekend or stay for a few weeks, we need you.



Jackie Spenner—summer and end-of-season staffer.

We have positions available in the kitchen, housekeeping, caretaking, program and in the office. These positions are paid at least \$100 per retreat plus room and board. (Of course you get a staff t-shirt too.) Working on staff at the end of the season is hard work, but it is also a lot of fun and a rewarding way to serve God.

To apply you can contact Chip May at chipmay@camp-arcadia.com, call the camp office at (231) 889-4361, and access the application materials at www.camp-arcadia.com.

Camp Arcadia Board of Directors- A Policy Board

by Steve Roskam

All nonprofit organizations share the challenge of defining the relationship between the Board of Directors and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO); in our case, the Camp Director. It is important for the Board of Directors and the Camp Director to develop an operating style which will avoid potential conflict and allow for a harmonious working relationship.

The two common operating styles for a Board of Directors are operational and policy boards. An operational board enjoys taking the leadership in operational functions of the organization and

works best with a type of director who enjoys following others. In the early years of an organization this is often the type of board that is implemented because they are heavily involved with the specific details of the organization operations. Indeed, in earlier years of the Lutheran Camp Association, the Board of Directors followed this model.

The policy board sees its primary role as policy making and not operational. It enjoys working with a director who enjoys being the leader, doing the homework, recommending action, and then implementing board decisions. The LCA Board of Directors has made the decision to engage in policy based governance.

In a policy based model the most critical decision is hiring the right director for the organization. Consequently the board gives the director the responsibility of not only running the camp but using his or her vision to achieve and maintain high standards and goals, and the responsibility of hiring qualified staff to achieve that vision. This type of director enjoys having major implementing responsibilities and takes initiative in planning and recommending. The director then becomes accountable for whether or not these responsibilities are achieved. The Board however, continues to make all the major policy and financial decisions but gets major input from the director.

Camp Arcadia's Camp Director, Chip May, fits very well into the policy based model. He has surrounded himself with an outstanding management team that has worked with the Board to make significant changes to Camp's buildings, programs, and staff while maintaining Camp's treasured traditions.

Camp Arcadia's Board of Directors regularly monitors Chip's work without crossing the line into operational areas. The Board of Directors has an excellent working relationship with Chip, and looks forward to a continued harmonious relationship.

Lutheran Camp Association Update

by Martha Dourson, LCA Board of Directors, President

Dear LCA Members:

The signs are all over – budding trees, flowers poking through the ground, returning robins, and FINALLY, blue skies and rays of sunshine that bring warmth and renewal of yet another growing season. For your Board of Directors that means we spring into action for yet another season, realizing that this year must be properly cultivated to ensure yields for years to come. Projects have been evaluated and now, the surge of activity necessary to complete them is underway.

In a nutshell, here are some highlights:

THE BEACH. A very thorough Request for Proposal (RFP) was sent out in the fall for bids for our beach project. Although membership approved an underwater submerged groin system, the committee, realizing that science and systems continually undergo change and that restoration of beach erosion is an inexact science, opened the RFPs to all solutions. We have now received proposals, which are currently being evaluated, questioned, researched, and discussed. We are also working extensively with the Army Corps of Engineers and the State of Michigan to ensure we receive the spoils of dredging from Arcadia Harbor. Board Member Bill Beck has spearheaded this committee and has acquired a boatload of information. We are proceeding slowly...and even going so far as to have the companies that proposed solutions to bring a prototype to Arcadia and show us how it would work. So if you see some activity along the shorefront, you know it is the beach committee doing its job!

OFF-SITE ACCOMMODATION. This committee, headed by Board Member, Tom Johnson, was formed last fall to address what is probably a good problem to have: how does Camp accommodate increasing numbers of families who own or rent homes/cottages outside Camp Arcadia who want to participate in the programs at Camp Arcadia? How do we do this and still meet the expectations of our on-site guests? How can we better staff and organize the youth morning program to meet the needs of the cottage and town campers? These are some of the questions we have discussed during our several meetings this winter. This committee will continue to meet through out the spring and summer.

STRATEGIC PLANNING. Lucky for us, New Board Member Tom Dierking carries a strong background in strategic planning, so with his assistance and the leadership of chair, Steve Roskam, Camp Arcadia is well under way in formulating its plan for the next 3-5 years. It focuses on keeping strong leadership and programs, improving communications, exploring and maintaining sources of revenue, and maintaining our buildings while adopting environmentally friendly practices. The Board hopes to review the plan at our May meeting.

FINANCES – Chris Schumann, LCA Treasurer, reports that 2008 was one of Camp Arcadia's best years ever. With revenue \$30,000 above budget and expenses \$18,000 under budget, we had an \$81,000 surplus before depreciation. We give thanks to God for the many blessings Camp has received! A note on 2009: With revenue expected to decline due to the economy and some increase in expenses, we expect this year to be tight. The Staff has worked to cut expenses where we could, without affecting the guest experience, and has acted quickly to market family week openings that are still available. In such uncertain economic times the Board will closely monitor Camp's financial situation.

Your Board of Directors, while being very aware of our economy, realizes that perhaps more than ever, strategy, planning, and action are crucial to insure Camp's stability AND viability. Don't hesitate to contact one of us with questions or concerns – we're here for you!



Treasurer's Report - Chris Schumann

As of December 31, 2008

(in dollars)

General Fund Financial Summary

<u>General Fund Revenue</u>	
Reservation Income	809,637
Trading Post Sales	80,981
All other income	35,333
Total General Fund Revenue	925,951
<u>General Fund Expenses</u>	
Program Expenses	258,549
Personnel	368,202
Property	141,590
General and Administrative	76,461
Total General Fund Expenses	844,802
Excess Revenue over Expenses	81,149

Statement of Net Assets

General Fund Net Assets	689,111
Property Fund Net Assets	2,091,437
Forward Fund Assets	156,699
Financial Aid Fund Assets	13,718
Arcadia Foundation Fund Assets	205,909
Total	3,156,873

Good Reads by Chip May

On my sabbatical I was able to do a good amount of reading. Here are two books I recommend and a few quotes from them.

With Burning Hearts - A Meditation on the Eucharistic Life by Henri J.M. Nouwen

This book offers a fuller understanding of the Eucharist through the story of the disciples on their way to Emmaus. It is a short book with wonderful pictures of icons throughout the book. But don't let the length fool you, it is packed with lots of insights. I suggest reading it slowly and meditatively. Here is a quote from the first chapter called "Mourning our Losses", in which he talks about what we must do with the many kinds of loss we face in life.

"Yes, we must mourn our losses. We cannot talk or act them away, but we can shed tears over them and allow ourselves to grieve deeply. To grieve is to allow our losses to tear apart feelings of security and safety and lead us to the painful truth of our brokenness."

Orthodoxy by G.K. Chesterton

Chesterton (1874—1936) was an English journalist, theologian, philosopher, playwright, mystery writer, and more. *Orthodoxy* is his religious autobiography. I found many of his points to both embrace and critique the post-modern ideas that we find today. For instance, he celebrates the mysteries of the Christian faith, but can't stand those that reject absolute truth. This quote is toward that end.

"At any street corner we may meet a man who utters the frantic and blasphemous statement that he may be wrong. Everyday one comes across somebody who says that of course his view may not be the right one. Of course his view must be the right one, or it is not his view. We are on the road to producing a race of men too mentally modest to believe in the multiplication table. We are in danger of seeing philosophers who doubt the law of gravity as becoming mere fancy of their own. Scoffers of old time were too proud to be convinced; but these are too humble to be convinced. The meek do inherit the earth; but the modern skeptics are too meek even to claim their inheritance. It is exactly this intellectual helplessness which is our second problem."



Chip and Grace May enjoying Chicago's Brookfield Zoo this fall during the sabbatical.

9th Graders welcome to attend 8th Grade Retreat

Due to the early June date for Camp Arcadia's 8th Grade Retreat June 7 - 13, we usually have 30 - 40 spots available. To help fill these spots and to accommodate a portion of the 40 teens on the wait list for the High School Retreat we are allowing 9th Graders to attend the 8th Grade Retreat. We have done this in the past and it has been well-received by those 9th graders that took advantage of it. The program is applicable to both 9th and 8th graders. So, if you know of 9th graders that might be interested in coming to the 8th Grade Retreat, please have them contact Camp to register.

Arcadia Foundation Sponsors Dean & Lecture Series

The Arcadia Foundation is sponsoring the Dean & Lecture Series this again this summer. Thanks to the generous support of the Arcadia Foundation donors, we are able to bring in some of the most dynamic and highly respected speakers in the country. These speakers represent one of the core parts of our ministry here at Camp Arcadia and we look forward to working with the

Foundation in the future to build this speaker series.

The Arcadia Foundation was established in the early 90's to serve as a way for people to remember Camp Arcadia in their estate plans. The Arcadia Foundation board of directors manages this money with the goal of generating earnings. These earnings are then used to go toward special camp ministries and projects. Please consider including Camp Arcadia in your estate plans, so that we can continue to provide an incredible Camp experience for our children and grandchildren for years to come.

Sabbatical Update

Director Chip May returned from his three month sabbatical in the middle of January. He and his family spent most of the sabbatical in Wheaton, IL. Many thanks to Pastor Scott Bruzek and St. John Lutheran Church in Wheaton for hosting Chip and his family in a church parsonage and for welcoming them into St. John's family. Chip was able to spend lots of time with his family and returned to work rested and renewed.

LCA Annual Meeting

The Lutheran Camp Association plans to hold its annual meeting on Saturday, October 17, 2009 at 1:30 PM in the Assembly at Camp Arcadia. The LCA Annual meeting is when the LCA Board of Directors are elected and other important matters are voted upon. You are encouraged to join us for the weekend. This will also be the weekend we close up Camp, so all meals and lodging are free for volunteers and meeting attendees. If you can not attend the meeting, we ask that you vote by proxy. You can give your proxy to someone who will be attending the meeting or send it to the camp office.

Fun Facts about the Pasche Family

- Mike plays the piano and organ.
- Stacy is a ukulele playing librarian who loves the Simpsons.
- Mike is a huge Chicago Cubs fan.
- Mike is from Fort Wayne, IN and attended St. Paul's Lutheran Church.
- Stacy is from Sturgis, MI and attended Trinity Lutheran Church.
- In '01 Mike was an 8th Gr. Retreat counselor
- Stacy worked on staff for 4 summers on House-keeping and Laundry.

Forward Fund Campaign

In order to make improvements to the camp, we rely on your support and generosity. This is where the **Forward Fund** comes into play. Last year, the Forward Fund received over \$70,000 in donations. That is amazing! Thank you to all of the generous donors.

In 2008 Forward Fund gifts were used to fund the following:

- New Archival Storage Shelves
- The Frank Miller Archives Fund - this provided for the new archives staff person that created the weekly high light video.
- Digital Audio Equipment for Podcasting Lectures
- Digital Video Equipment
- A New Pool Table for the Round Up
- New Child Swings
- New Hymnals
- Folding Machine for the Office
- New Furniture for the Cottages
- Air Conditioning for the back of the Kitchen
- Floor Lamp for the Inn Sun Porch
- Wood for New Patio Benches
- New Kayak

We also give thanks to Bryan & Jen Ulbrich of Left Foot Charley Winery for donating 10% of their sales at Camp wine tastings for the purchase of non-skid shoes for the kitchen staff.

Your donations have transformed the Camp in the last ten years and put us on the stable footing we now enjoy. We would not have been able to renovate the recreational area, install new sinks and shelves in the Inn, or create an Internship program without your generosity. Thank you so much.

More importantly, your donations have fostered a sense of ownership and commitment to Camp, which has strengthened us as a ministry and a business.

In the column to the right, you will find our Wish List for this year. You are welcome to designate your donation towards a specific item or to the Forward Fund in general. Just fill out the form below and mail it in to the Camp office. You may also use this form if you would like to give a donation to the Financial Aid Fund.

2009 Wish List

Kitchen aprons	\$100
Non-skid shoes for kitchen staff (15)	\$50/pair
Hats for kitchen staff (20)	\$10 each
Stainless Steel Cookware (3)	\$200 each
24 Quart Sauce Pan	\$195
Commercial Knife Sharpener	\$400
Juice Carafes (10)	\$8 each
Stand Up Paddleboard	\$680
Lifejackets (4)	\$65 each
Shuffleboard Sticks (8)	\$35 each
Shuffleboard Discs Set (2)	\$75 each
Ping Pong Paddles (12)	\$7 each
Basketballs (2)	\$20 each
Softballs (10)	\$8 each
Youth & Adult Tennis Rackets (6)	\$30 each
Children Books (10)	\$15/each
Tap and Die Set	\$250
Tool Blade Sharpener	\$300
Leaf Vacuum	\$1,000
15 inch wood planner	\$2,000
Drum Sander	\$2,000
Wicker Porch Chairs (4)	\$250/each
Picture Frames for Inn Room Decorations	\$25/each
Chapel on the Beach	\$10,000
Archives	
Help with supplies for the New Archives	
Display—vinyl lettering, enlarged photos, Video display, etc.	\$1,000
Frank W. Miller Archival Fund	\$2,000
Financial Aid Fund	\$5,000

(Please detach and return to Camp Arcadia P.O. Box 229 Arcadia, MI 49613)

Donors' Names _____

Enclosed is my donation of \$ _____ I want my donation to go towards _____

Please send me a Thrivent *Giving Plus* Matching Funds form, I am a Thrivent member. Or download a form www.thrivent.com.

If you would like to use a Visa/MasterCard/Discover please fill out the information below:

Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____

Name on Card _____ Signature _____

Billing Address Zip Code _____

Openings at Camp Arcadia!

To register or receive a retreat brochure contact the Camp office or go to www.camp-arcadia.com.

Family Weeks

\$100 Savings Per Paying Guest for all of our family weeks until April 30th!



We have openings for many of our family weeks. This is a good year to promote Camp to your friends and family. We also have very short waiting lists for the full weeks. Last year we were able to get 35 families in off the waiting list, so don't hesitate to add your name to the wait list for as many weeks that work for you and your family. In addition to \$100 savings promotion we are continuing to offer kids 13 and under free to families of church workers for the week of August 15—21. To learn more about the family week availabilities and promotions check out the Camp website.

Golf & The Gospel: May 30—June 5



This week of golf and Christian fellowship is a great way to start the summer. We've got plenty of room, so bring a friend. Outstanding golf courses are located a short drive from Camp Arcadia and offer breathtaking vistas of Lake Michigan and the rolling countryside.

Pastor Paul Burow will be leading evening Bible studies. Help break in the 2009 Staff with a week of fun and fellowship. Non-golfers and golfers who can not stay the whole week are welcome to attend as well.

Lutherhostel Aug. 29—Sept. 4

Needed: Experienced adults who like to laugh, play & learn.

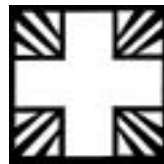


Rev. Dr. Ralph Klein
Dr. Audrey West

Dr. Klein is Professor Emeritus of Old Testament at the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago. He will be talking about the story of Sarah and Abraham from Genesis 12-25. He will use dozens of medieval paintings as a way to understand their journey.

Dr. West is a former Associate Professor of New Testament at the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago. She is the award-winning author of the serialized Bible Study, *Everyday Surprises: the Parables of Jesus*. She will explore Jesus' parables during her presentations.

8th Grade Retreat: June 7—13



We have plenty of room for the 8th Grade Retreat. Tell a friend or let your church's youth group know about this opportunity. 9th graders are also welcome to attend this retreat. Campers will spend a week with **DCE Travis Hartjen** and adult counselors being challenged to grow in their relationship with Jesus. Friends and fun, along with creativity and questions, make this week an awesome experience! Campers will be able to enjoy Camp's challenge course, low climbing wall and canoe trip down the Platte River.

Women's Retreat September 18—20

Equipping for Battle

Phyllis Wallace & Renee Gibbs



Phyllis Wallace, Host & Speaker, is the originator and host of the "Woman to Woman" radio talk show of Lutheran Hour Ministries, and also initiated Camp Arcadia's Women's retreat in 1997.

Renee Gibbs, Speaker, leads Bible Studies and mentoring groups for seminary wives and keynotes retreats, always encouraging with God's word. She is active in the pro-life movement, is a former special education teacher, and is completing her MA in Theology at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. She'll "equip us for battle" with God's Armor through Ephesians.

Worship Symposium October 4—7



Dr. Mark Bangert
Dr. Barry Bobb
Rev. Dr. Scott Bruzek
Rev. Stephen Starke

Worshipping Because It Matters: Centering Worship on the Triune God

Churches place many demands on worship nowadays: evangelizing the un-churched, keeping youth interested, preserving an ethnic worship heritage, setting aside a quiet hour for reflection each week, making people upbeat and enthusiastic, etc. The Alpha and Omega of worship is not these, however, but the Triune God -- our Maker, Redeemer, and Preserver. Worship is about us only insofar as it centers on God. Luther said we sing to praise God and to learn of God's mighty acts in past and present. Worship has many leaders and participants, each with distinct but complementary roles.