



# The Park River Bible Camp Proclaimer

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**Looking for registration forms or general information about camp? Find it on our website.**

## Jubilee Camp and LCCD

Each summer, Park River Bible Camp holds a camp session for disabled individuals from around the area called Jubilee Camp. PRBC staff from over the years will tell you that Jubilee Camp holds many of their favorite memories. Many of them will also tell you how much their faith and understanding of the love of God grew during Jubilee Camp.

The people at the Developmental Center in Grafton tell us that those who attend Jubilee Camp talk about it all year long and can't wait to come back. At PRBC they have the opportunity to spend time outdoors by going fishing, playing kickball, taking in a hayride around camp, and swimming in our pool. They enjoy craft times, and hear of the grace and love of Jesus Christ through Bible study and camp worship.

Jubilee Camp truly is a time of joy and celebration and it is made possible in large part through an organization called Lu-

theran Camping for Citizens with Disabilities or **LCCD**, (formerly known as LCRC.) LCCD currently serves Park River Bible Camp, Red Willow Bible Camp (located near Binford, ND), and Metigoshe Ministries (located near Bottineau, ND) by offering camperships to those who cannot afford to attend camps like Jubilee Camp. Many of those who attend these camp sessions live in group homes and survive on very little income. Because of this they are dependent upon camperships to attend camp.

**Last year, LCCD distributed \$12,647 in camperships** to the three camps listed above. Their gift was an amazing help to PRBC. This is the sole purpose of LCCD: to enable those with disabilities to attend camp. If you would like to help send individuals with disabilities from around the state to camp, please send your support to **LCCD, P.O. Box 972, Valley City, North Dakota 58072.**

## 75 Years and Beyond: Supporting the Proclamation of Christ

By Mark Hensrud, Director of Development

Albert Fagerholt, one of camps founders, once stated "Park River Bible Camp exists today for two reasons: First, the blessing of God. Second, because of ordinary people who have had an extraordinary commitment to God's work through the camp." This statement was made when Park River Bible Camp was still in its beginning stages. This summer we will be celebrating our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary and that statement still holds true.

Throughout its 75-year history, Park River Bible Camp has been blessed with many dif-

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Children from Vacation Bible School sing in the PRBC Chapel during their closing program.

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ferent types of supporters, from those who give financially to those who donate time and/or materials. As camp has continued to grow, so has the need for support. People are supporting camp for a variety of reasons but the most common reason is to join Park River Bible Camp's proclamation that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior.

With new requirements and regulations by insurance companies and different associations, there are needs

that did not exist in past years. There are a variety of projects that are necessary to keep our campers safe while they hear about Jesus Christ here at camp. Park River Bible Camp has changed physically over the years as regulations have changed, but we **have** and **will always stay true** to the **Word of God**.

We would like to thank everyone for partnering with us in our ministry. Please pray for the continued mission of Park River Bible Camp, that we may preach the name of Jesus Christ for another 75 years.

## Camp Worship Day

Join together with supporters and churches from around the area in worship at Park River Bible Camp as we celebrate 75 years of ministry! The service begins at 10am Pastor Corey Bjertness from First Lutheran Church in Fargo will deliver the message. A brunch will be served after the service. At 11:30am (or half an hour after the service), Craig and Julie Johnson from the EAND Synod office will present a seminar on wills, estates, and gift planning awareness in the Fireside Room.

## Simply Giving

The *Simply Giving Program*, offered by Thrivent Financial Bank, allows you to make automatic donations to Park River Bible Camp through your checking or savings account. It is a great way to give regularly and consistently. Starting the program is easy. Simply go to [www.parkriverbiblecamp.org](http://www.parkriverbiblecamp.org) click on the "Support the Ministry" link and select "Simply Giving" and then follow the directions to find the enrollment form. The form only takes a few minutes to complete and minimal information is needed.

And as easy as it is to start the program, it is just as easy to adjust your giving or cease giving altogether. We understand personal situations may change in the future, for the better or for the worse. To cancel or change your giving to Park River Bible Camp through *Simply Giving* for any reason, simply use the same enrollment form used to start the program to change or cancel your giving.

## Designating Thrivent Choice Dollars

Thank you to all of you who have been designating your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Park River Bible Camp! So far, about \$5,000 has been joyfully received through this program. Your extra giving has been appreciated greatly! For those who don't know, eligible members of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans are designated Choice Dollars based on insurance premiums, contract values, and Thrivent Financial volunteer leadership. Choice Dol-

lars can be directed to Lutheran organizations you prefer nationwide. If you are eligible to direct Choice Dollars to one of the enrolled organizations, Thrivent will notify you. Please consider designating some or all of your Choice Dollars to Park River Bible Camp. Call (800) 847-4836 or go online to [www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice), click on the red "Get Started" button, and enter "Park River Lutheran Bible Camp" as the organization name.

## Summer Concerts & Events

### June

- 12 **Century Club Banquet**  
**John Bedore Concert**
- 19 **PRBC Summer Drama: "This is Where Healing Begins"**
- 26 **High Plains Trio Concert**

### July

- 3 **NO CONCERT**
- 10 **Larimore Lutheran Men's Quartet Concert**
- 17 **Camp Worship Day**  
**Amanda Kolenda Concert**
- 24 **Amy Redding Concert**
- 31 **Park River Praise Band Concert**

### August

- 7 **Sound of the Trumpet Concert**

### September

- 25 **Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner**







**Above:** Summer Staff participate in a team-building exercise.

**Right:** Matt Springer prepares tasty pizzas.



**Left:** Staff prepare for this summer's drama.

**Above:** A VBS program held in the PRBC Chapel.

**Bottom-right:** VBS counselors learn this year's crafts.

**Bottom-left:** Four young women on staff this summer.



## New Summer Choices for 4<sup>th</sup> Graders!

This summer we have decided to give those who finished 4<sup>th</sup> grade some new options. In the past 4<sup>th</sup> graders were only invited to attend our week long Adventure Week camps, but five nights away from home can be too long for some 4<sup>th</sup> graders. Now students who finished 4<sup>th</sup> grade can choose to attend 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade Mini Camp (which lasts only two nights) as well as our 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Adventure Week.

## 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Wilderness Camp!

This summer campers having finished 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grades can spend three nights in God's great outdoors. You'll have the opportunity to cook outdoors, conquer the Climbing Tower, go fishing and canoeing at Homme Dam, swim in our heated pool, hike the woodlands of PRBC, have campfires, do Bible studies and more! This camp session runs from June 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>. It costs \$110 if registered by May 1<sup>st</sup>, and \$120 if registered after May 1<sup>st</sup>. *(Please note that the date given for this camp in most summer brochures is incorrect.)*

## Family Discounts

New for 2011: Park River Bible Camp now offers family discounts for summer camps! After your first child who comes to camp pays in full, each additional child will receive a 10% discount off the registration price. Call the camp office for details.

## 2011 Summer Camps

### 1-2 Grade Day Camps

July 13, July 14, August 3, August 4

### 3 & 4 Grade Mini Camps

July 10-12 & July 31-August 2

### 4-6 Grade Adventure Camps

June 26-July 1, July 24-29, August 7-12

### Jr. High Primetime

July 10-15 & July 31-Aug. 5

### 7-9 Grade Wilderness Camp

June 26-29

### Sr. High Power Surge

July 17-22

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## From the Director's Desk

By Sean Barnhart, Director of Ministries

Recently, a pastor of a mega-church who has a tremendous following around the country came out with a new book that has had many other pastors and theologians on edge. In fact, because of this book, the author has been accused of being heretical by some and unorthodox by others!

As someone who oversees Park River Bible Camp, a ministry that reaches more than 1,000 children over the summer, and as someone who occasionally preaches and teaches, the whole ordeal surrounding this controversial book has shown me how important it is to be careful with what God has entrusted to us. It reminds me of James 3:1 which reads, "Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness."

We take that seriously at Park River Bible Camp, especially Luke Berntson our Program Director. As Program Director, Luke writes our onsite summer curriculum. This means that all our Bible studies either go through

him or are written by him. I don't know how many times I've walked past his office and have seen him nose deep in Scripture while diligently studying the texts used for Bible studies, pouring over commentaries, and looking through Greek lexicons.

As summer camp approaches, may God bless our counselors and our summer program. May we be found faithful in our teaching and preaching, and may all those who enter our gates encounter the crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ as they depart from PRBC.

