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From the Director

HEATHER EGGERT
Executive Director

"... No one can really write the history of Wapo Bible Camp. The true history of the camp is that which has been and continues to be reflected in the hearts and lives of all who have attended or been associated with the camp. The lights that were kindled, the 'wicks' that were trimmed, the inspirations that were shared in the hearts of thousands... will continue to glow for longer than anything we say or write."

— Martin J. Olson, 1987

I recently ran across this statement made by Martin as I was going through Wapo's 50th anniversary book, and marveled at the timelessness of his sentiments. Martin was one of the 16 founding pastors of the organization, and is also honored through the naming of our current dining hall - Martin's Commons. I have to believe that he would be delighted and amazed to see how the early visions of those 16 pastors have played out over the years. Martin's daughter Liz has fond memories from her childhood of accompanying her dad to Camp Wapo where she spent hours playing and exploring while he worked on projects. Liz states "For me, Camp Wapo was a place to feel secure. The lakes and everything green smelled wonderful. There were old and new friends to share stories and ideas with. What I didn't realize at the time, was that Camp Wapo was a larger continuation of the unconditional love I was lucky enough to have at home. Camp Wapo was a joyful place where we could get to know each other and start to understand and accept our differences." Liz is now 79 years young, and is still coming to camp each fall with her church's OK's (Older Kids) Retreat. That beautiful light that Martin describes above is still being kindled in Liz.

Seventy years ago, a group of pastors had a vision, a dream. It was born out of a passion for the Gospel, a faith in God and the burden to share that Truth with young people... After 70 years, this dream still exists. After seventy years, the faces change and the songs are different. But the campfires still burn. The stories continue to be told. The truth is still alive. And the vision remains the same.

Let's continue to live into this amazing camp history! We hope you can find a way to engage with us this year; schedule a visit this summer so that you can see this place alive with Christ-centered community. Or attend one of our special events, or programmed retreats. Help support this ministry with a financial gift, or identify a child who needs camp, and offer to pay their way.



AS WE CONTINUE TO move forward with the Gather Campaign, we are also working hard to prepare for another wonderful summer camp season. We are excited to welcome over 5000 campers to our summer programs and so grateful for the opportunity to walk in faith with these campers. Our program team is hiring around 200 college-age adults to lead these campers through our summer theme, "CLAIMED! Wildly Loved by God."

Working at camp during the summer of 2012 was one of the best experiences of my life. Thank you Camp Wapo, for the great experiences and life changing moments only possible through the work of Jesus.

— BJORN NATWICK, SUMMER STAFF 2012

I wanted to share this with you so you have a taste of the joy and excitement that builds around here each year as we prepare for the season ahead.

This year brings a special joy because we are continuing to share the vision with folks about our plans for a new Dining Hall and Hospitality Center. We have surpassed the halfway mark of our \$3 million goal for the Gather Campaign. It is our hope that we can reach 90% of our goal by the end of the summer so we can continue with the next step of creating building plans and architectural drawings.

Do you know of anyone in your church or in your community that would be interested in learning more about this project?

We welcome any introductions that you can help us make. Please call Jen at 715-268-8434 OR email jenh@campwapo.org

MEMORIAL DAY

Pancake Extravaganza

WITH ALL THE FIXIN'S

MONDAY, MAY 27 ~ 8 AM-NOON



Not your average breakfast. Enjoy buttermilk, oven, Finnish and "Cooks Choice" pancakes. Load up with toppings, maple syrup, sausage, fruit, and beverages.

Free Will Donation to Benefit Summer Camperships

Why Camperships? It has always been the policy of Lake Wapogasset Lutheran Bible Camp that no one be denied an opportunity to come to camp because of their financial situation. With your support, countless more kids can experience the life-long faith formation that happens at camp.

2019 Boat In Worship at the Camp Wapo Beach

9:20 AM Sundays May 26 - Sept 1

Come by boat or come by car. Bring a chair and come as you are!



Lake Wapogasset Lutheran Bible Camp
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17th ANNUAL

WAPO HACKERS + WHACKERS Golf Scramble

SUPPORTING CAMBERSHIPS

MONDAY, JULY 15 ~ AMERY GOLF CLUB



Feel good about your game — no matter what your score. Take joy in knowing you are doing good; while you golf a round with friends. *A foursome covers one full Campership!*

\$100/Person - Covers 18 Holes, Cart, Lunch & Dinner, String Aid
Contact: Heather Eggert heathere@campwapo.org 715.268.8434

11AM-12:15PM REGISTRATION & LUNCH / 12:30PM SHOTGUN START 5PM DINNER / CAMPWAPO.ORG/EVENTS



PLACES OF GRACE FORMING PEOPLE OF FAITH!



Summer at Wilderness ▲

From Canoe Trips, to Work Service Trips, to Family Camps, there are so many opportunities for people of all ages to partake in Wilderness activities this summer. We are preparing for a busy summer and are excited for all of the people who will be coming up and spending time at Wilderness Canoe Base this summer.



◀ Stillwater Cabin

Thanks to all who helped in supporting this project, and to all the staff and guests who helped with the renovation. Hospitality is one of the words that is most used as we consider how we welcome guests to Wilderness Canoe Base, and the renovated Stillwater Cabin allows for us to provide a safe and welcoming space for all guests. We are thrilled with the improvements, and look forward to a busy summer with lots of guests staying in the cabin!



Summer Worship ▲ at Wilderness Canoe Base

Sunday Worship at Wilderness will be held June 16 and 23, July 7, 14, 21, 28, and August 4 and 11 at 10:00am. If you are in the area, please stop by and join us for worship and brunch.

▼ Rooted & Renewed

We are thrilled by the momentum and enthusiasm for the Rooted & Renewed campaign. In the first 6 months of this campaign, we have raised nearly \$220,000 towards our \$400,000 goal. If you would like more information, please visit campwapo.org/pages/renewal. Rooted & Renewed will complete the purchase of WCB and will allow for some necessary building upgrades in the Cove. We welcome your gift to Rooted & Renewed!

◀ Retreat Options at Wilderness

Are you looking for a place to bring your youth group for a fall or winter retreat? Do you have family or friends who would like a space to retreat for a long weekend or for a family reunion? Are you interested in going on a guided adult canoe trip? All of these are options that we would love to offer you. If you'd like more information or would like to consider ways that you can 'retreat' at Wilderness Canoe Base in any season, please reach out to us at wcboffice@campwapo.org.



A winter visit to Wapo and Ox Lake

▲ Growing Partnership with the Karen Community

Two years ago we received a phone call from Fred Bartling, who is a parent of a past staff member and currently volunteers with the Karen Organization of Minnesota (K.O.M). K.O.M is a service agency in St. Paul founded to help Karen refugees from Burma. Their mission is to enhance the quality of life for all refugees from Burma in Minnesota. Fred invited us to discuss what a partnership with camp could look like. Many of the Karen people have a strong Christian faith and a love for the outdoors, so with Fred's help we were able to welcome over 50 Karen youth and youth leaders last summer to Ox Lake. This summer, we will welcome over 150 Karen youth from St. Paul to Ox Lake and Wilderness Canoe Base. We're so thankful for Fred's willingness to make this connection and for the overall opportunity to partner in ministry with this group of Karen congregations!



◀ Wapo Canteen Remodel

Over the last 10 years, a common comment we've heard from kids is, "the canteen line is too long!" and, "it's like Black Friday times 10,000!" We are excited to announce that the Wapo canteen will be new and improved for the 2019 summer. With the help of a generous gift from John Roadfeldt, we were able to renovate the current space area by adding storage, adding a new freezer, rerouting the duct work, increasing sales technology and most importantly, adding three service lines. This means 5 lines instead of 2! This long awaited renovation will allow kids to spend less time in line and more time playing games and hanging out with their friends. We are excited to see how this change will also affect the overall camp experience.

SUSTAINING ROOTS

Monthly Giving Program

If you are looking for a way to make an impact every month- look no further! Sustaining Roots is a faithful and convenient way to partner with camp all year long. Monthly gifts engage you as a consistent partner in ways that are essential to the sustained health and vitality of the entire organization.

Bonus! All new or increased monthly gifts will receive an awesome gift from our camp store.

It's easy to set up your monthly gift at campwapo.org/donate or you can call 715-268-8434 or email tylerm@campwapo.org

