

the messenger

SPRING 2023

So if the Son sets you free you will be free indeed.

John 8:36

From the Executive Director -

Welcome Home to Mount Carmel Family Camp! We are looking forward to celebrating our Freedom in Christ - the Freedom that comes through Jesus. "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed!"

This newsletter tells about our Family Camp speakers, our preachers, and our musicians. It has short bios and pictures of our summer staffers. Here's your opportunity to start getting acquainted.

Our cabins are almost fully reserved for many of our weeks. All weeks have room for people in RVs or tents. We still have many cabins available for our two weeks of Family Camp in June. We've decided to offer a bigger discount for those weeks. We're calling it our "cold water" discount. Mount Carmel is beautiful in June, but Lake Carlos can still be a little chilly. We are offering a 30% discount off your entire bill for the week of June 24-30. For the week of June 17-23, we are offering an even bigger discount - 45% - because we're afraid the ice might not be off the lake yet! Just kidding! (We hope!) We have excellent speakers for both these weeks. If you're not signed up yet, please consider coming in June, and invite others, too.

We are getting ready for our first year as a campus for students attending Christ College. We expect the students to be arriving around August 20. For our first year we are limiting attendance to 40 students, so that we can house all of our students in cabins with kitchens. We will be providing only a partial meal plan - a noon meal Monday through Friday. We need your help in recruiting students. We believe that Christ College can provide an excellent undergraduate education, with a strong emphasis on the Bible and the Western Tradition. The classes are small. The professors are excellent. We believe that Mount Carmel can provide a supportive Christian community for all the students who choose to live here. Please remember this effort in your prayers.

At their meeting on March 11 the Board adopted some significant changes to the Mount Carmel Bylaws. The Bylaws now have a preamble called "Mount Carmel's Heritage of Faith" and an article called "Mount Carmel Teaching Guidance." The process of amending the Bylaws was also modified so that changes to these new sections requires two votes at least one year apart, each with a super-majority of the Board. I encourage you to read these two documents and share them with others, as they describe who we are as the Mount Carmel family. You can find them on our website by selecting "About Us" and then "What We Believe."

We are having more congregations sign up as Proclaimer Congregations. Please encourage your congregation to consider this opportunity!

May God Bless You All!

Tim Peterson, Executive Director



2023 at a Glance

Spring Events

April 16-18

**Pastor & Church Worker
Appreciation Week**

Summer Camps

June 17-23

**Family Camp
with Frank Lanier**

June 24-30

**Family Camp with
Dan van Voorhis**

July 1-7

**Family Camp with
Ground Up Grace**

July 8-14

**Family Camp with
Daniel Emery Price & Erik
Sorensen**

July 15-21

**Family Camp with
Gabe Kasper**

July 21-23

**2-Night Family Camp with
Paul Cross**

July 24-28

**4-Night Family Camp with
Paul Cross**

July 29-August 4

**Family Camp with
Nathan Hoff and Dave Wollan**

August 5

Proclaimer Annual Meeting

August 5-7

Summer Staff Alumni Reunion

August 14-17

**Adults of All Ages Camp with
Bror Erickson**

August 21-25

**Adults of All Ages Camp with
Mark Mattes**

September 8-11

**Hymn Festival with
Gracia Grindal**

Join us for
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MOUNT CARMEL MINISTRIES

Summer 2023 at Mount Carmel

Our Summer 2023 Theme



Be Our Guest for Family Camps in Summer 2023

June 17-23 [WE ARE OFFERING A 45% OFF DISCOUNT THIS WEEK]

Guest Speaker: Frank Lanier

Frank Lanier is the pastor of Adult Ministries at First Evangelical Free Church. Frank and his wife Dottie are the proud parents of five growing kids and are excited to be back at Mount Carmel this summer! Frank has spoken at Mount Carmel the last couple of years at various events and samples of his teaching can be found on the Mount Carmel Podcast.

June 24-30 [WE ARE OFFERING A 30% OFF DISCOUNT THIS WEEK]

Guest Speaker: Dan van Voorhis

Dr. Dan van Voorhis is the writer and host of The Christian History Almanac, a 1517 Podcast Network show. This 5-7 minute daily podcast is a reflection on the past events from that day that have shaped the church, stories of sinners and saints who have made up the church, as well as a piece of prose or poetry that reminds us that everything is going to be ok. Dr. van Voorhis speaks on a variety of topics in the history of the church, from the early beginnings through the 21st century American evangelical church. Dan has spoken internationally on the impacts of the early church creeds, the Reformation, Christianity in the United States, and issues pertaining to the church and state in America. Dr. Dan van Voorhis, professor, speaker, and author presents around the nation on the topic of why young people are leaving the church.

July 1-7 [HOUSING ALMOST FULL]

Ground Up Grace Week: with Johan and Sonja Hinderlie, Guest Musicians: Milton and Andrew Scott, Guest Teachers: David and Cynthia Robinson

We will be welcoming home Johan and Sonja Hinderlie for a week centered on the freedom of Christ. In our morning sessions, David and Cynthia Robinson from Belfast, Ireland (the Irishcast) on Ground Up Grace will teach every morning on the subject of The Creed. Johan will preach on Sunday, Monday, Thursday, and Sonja will speak Tuesday night. We will also be joined by several Daily Text Prayer Writers. Johan and Sonja faithfully served at Mount Carmel from 1985-2012. We are delighted to welcome them back as we listen to Jesus' Voice of Freedom together.

July 8-14 [HOUSING ALMOST FULL]

Guest Speakers: Daniel Emery Price and Erick Sorensen, Guest Preacher: Nick Hopman, Guest Musicians: Milt and Andrew Scott

Daniel Emery Price is the Director of Content for 1517. He is also an author, church and conference speaker, and co-host of the podcasts 40 Minutes in the Old Testament and 30 Minutes in the New Testament. Daniel has served as a church planter, pastor, and worship leader and currently lives in Northwest Arkansas, with his wife and daughter.

Erick Sorensen is on staff at 1517 where he serves as a Representative of Relations and Development. He has served as a pastor and church planter in New York City, Southern California and New Jersey. In addition to his pastoral ministry and relations and development work, Erick is an author, conference speaker and co-host of the 30 Minutes in the New Testament podcast. Erick is the co-author with Daniel Emery Price of Scandalous Stories: A Sort of Commentary on Parables. Currently, Erick and Daniel are working on their second collaboration, Spit and Dirt: A Sort of Commentary on Miracles.

July 15-21

Guest Speaker: Gabe Kasper, Guest Preacher: Brian Spahr, Guest Musician: Todd Miller

Gabe grew up in Macomb, MI. After spending five years starting new churches in Austin, TX, he is excited to be back in Michigan as the Pastor of ULC. He serves the mission of ULC through preaching, leadership development, and pastoral care. Gabe studied at Concordia University

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Wisconsin before going on to get his M.Div at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. In his spare time, Gabe enjoys playing soccer, reading books, listening to punk rock, and cheering on his beloved Green Bay Packers. He and his wonderful wife Melissa have three great kids.

July 21-23 (2-Night)

Guest Speaker: Paul Cross

Paul most recently served as Senior Pastor at Atonement Lutheran Church in Fargo, North Dakota. He is married to Rhonda and they have three kids. Paul is a master at teaching inductive Bible study and will be spending the teaching sessions diving into scripture. Paul holds a Master in Divinity and a Divinity Minor in Biblical Translation.

July 24-28 (4-Night) [HOUSING ALMOST FULL]

Guest Speaker: Paul Cross

July 29-August 4 [HOUSING ALMOST FULL]

Guest Speaker: Nathan Hoff and Dave Wollan, Guest Preachers: Matthew Kolden and Micah Johnson

Born in San Pedro, California and back since 2005, Nathan is married to Joy and grateful to be dad to four children. He is the director of Trinity Greenhouse, an organization connected to Trinity San Pedro, committed to "produce leaders grounded in the gospel of Jesus Christ." He is also the founder and leader of a young adult movement called the Theta Community which is made up of residential and non-residential members devoted to a common rule of life.

Dave is a sinner saved by faith in Jesus. He, and his wife, Andrea have four kids- 3 of whom have been summer staffers. Dave has served at Faith Lutheran Church in Hutchinson, MN since 2001- first as Youth Director, and currently as pastor. The Wollans love coming to Mount Carmel, and Dave currently serves on the board. Dave enjoys suffering through Vikings, Twins, and Wolves games, reading and writing, and watching movies.

Summer 2023 Adult of All Ages Camps

August 14-17

Guest Teacher: Bror Erickson

Bror Erickson currently serves as pastor of Zion Evangelical Church in Farmington, New Mexico, where he resides with his wife, Laura. He graduated from Concordia Theological Seminary in 2004. He has translated numerous books and articles by Bo Giertz and has contributed to the scholarship surrounding this theologian, often thought of as the "C.S. Lewis of Sweden." His translations of Bo Giertz include, "To Live with Christ," "With My Own Eyes," and "Romans, a Devotional Commentary."

August 21-25

Guest Teacher: Mark Mattes, Guest Preacher: Mark Granquist

"Light for Daily Living from Luther" - We will take a fresh look at the legacy of Martin Luther to harvest his insights for our faith journeys and how it equips us both to engage and appreciate our world. Christians of all backgrounds, not just Lutherans, are invited to participate. You will learn more about who you are in Christ and how Christ's everlasting light brings hope and joy to this world.

September 8-11

Hymn Festival with Gracia Grindal

Gracia Grindal joined the Luther Seminary faculty as associate professor of pastoral theology and ministry, communications in 1984. She was named professor of rhetoric in 1992. She came to the seminary from Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, where she was a member of the English department faculty from 1968 to 1984. This week Gracia will dive into the richness of hymnody and how God works through hymns.

Discounts are available on all Family Camps and Adults of All Ages Camps for members of Proclaimer Congregations

Apply for Mount Carmel Summer Staff

Would you like to serve our Lord and the Mount Carmel community as a Summer Staff team member? We are looking for some college-aged, servant-hearted individuals who would like to join the Summer Staff team for summer 2023. Come lead programming, learn hospitality, and engage in Christ-centered community this summer at Mount Carmel Ministries! For additional information or to access the application, visit www.mountcarmelministries.com/summer-staff/ or contact David Blackstad at David@MountCarmelMinistries.com.



Let us
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**SUMMER
STAFF**



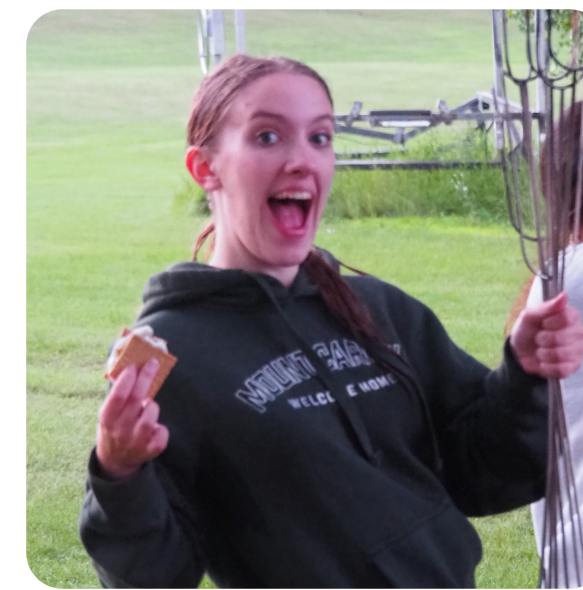
BRENNA BOBICH

Hometown: San Pedro, CA
College: Cal State Long Beach
Major: Civil Engineering
What are you most excited about for this summer?: I'm super excited to see all the campers this summer!!
Fun Fact: I can say the alphabet backwards in under 5 seconds!



JOSHUA FERNANDEZ

Hometown: Plymouth, MN
College: Free Lutheran Bible College
Major: Diploma of Biblical Studies
What are you most excited about for this summer?: I'm excited to come back and see familiar faces in the families & staff, as well as seeing some intense greasy watermelon!
Fun Fact: I've lived in 14 different places and been to 5 countries.



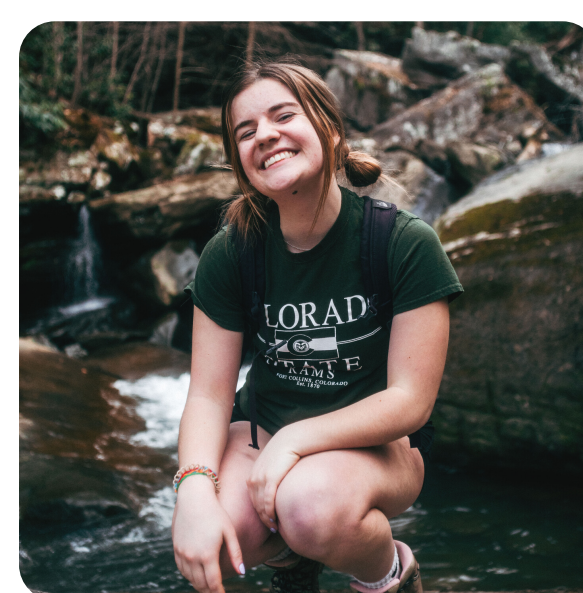
TINLEY HATHAWAY

Hometown: Crystal, MN
College: North Dakota State University
Major: Microbiology
What are you most excited about for this summer?: I am excited for campfire and s'mores!
Fun Fact: I chased the northern lights around Fargo for half an hour with my small group!



ELLIE LIEN-WILKE

Hometown: Hutchinson, MN
College: Wheaton College
Major: Elementary Education
What are you most excited about for this summer?: I am most excited to experience the Christian community at Mount Carmel and spend time with all the campers!!
Fun Fact: I really want to go ziplining!



CLAIRE MCALISTER

Hometown: Denver, CO
College: Wheaton College
Major: Elementary Education
What are you most excited about for this summer?: Connecting with past and current prayer partner families as well as connecting with the AWESOME summer staff!
Fun Fact: I watched the movie "Shrek" everyday until kindergarten! No regrets.



MEEGHAN MCNEAR

Hometown: Jamestown, ND
College: Free Lutheran Bible College
Major: Diploma of Biblical Studies
What are you most excited about for this summer?: Seeing how the Lord helps me grow through ministry.
Fun Fact: I was team captain for my high school's swim team!



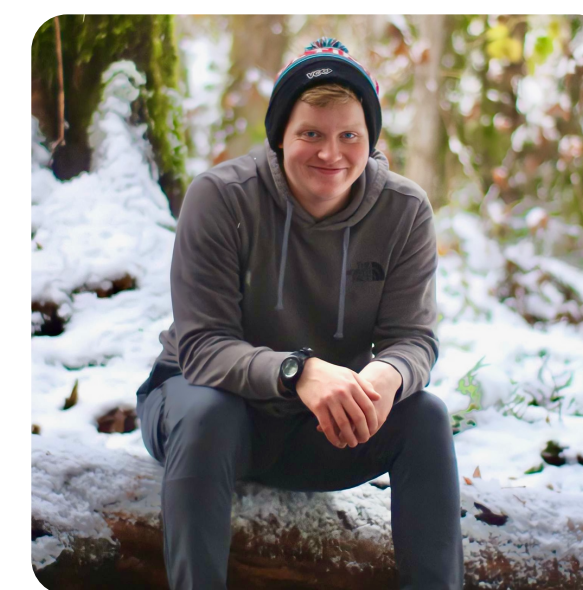
CLARA SEVY

Hometown: San Pedro, CA
College: Biola University
Major: Elementary Education
What are you most excited about for this summer?: I'm excited to see what God has in store for this summer and to see how He works!
Fun Fact: I think mayo is the best condiment.



JIRÍ SKALICKÝ

Hometown: Třinec, Czech Republic
College: Palacký University
Major: Civics & Basics of Social Studies for Education
What are you most excited about for this summer?: I am excited to work in a community of believers again!
Fun Fact: I strongly believe that pineapple does not belong on a pizza.



TREVOR WERSAL

Hometown: Hutchinson, MN
Job: National Guard
What are you most excited about for this summer?: I am really excited for Holden Evening Prayer!
Fun Fact: I participated in The Awaken Project gap year program this year!



MADDY HANKA

Hometown: Fridley, MN
College: Free Lutheran Bible College
Major: Diploma of Biblical Studies
What are you most excited about for this summer?: I am looking forward to spending time with people and sunshine this summer!
Fun Fact: I have read the Lord of the Rings trilogy four times!



SAMUEL HOFF

Hometown: San Pedro, CA
College: Wheaton College
Major: Bible/Theology and Business/Economics
What are you most excited about for this summer?: I am absolutely stoked to play volleyball with the campers!
Fun Fact: I have been to over 150 funerals in the last three years. For my job!



ELIJAH KOOPMAN

Hometown: Maple Grove, MN
College: Wheaton College
Major: Music Composition
What are you most excited about for this summer?: I am looking forward to seeing old friends and making new ones, while serving others in the beauty of God's creation!
Fun Fact: I am quite possibly allergic to oranges, but only in combination with pizza.



DONOVAN MICHEL

Hometown: Chicago, IL
College: Wheaton College
Major: Theology & Communications
What are you most excited about for this summer?: I'm excited to do some of the good work for kids that I've received over the years from camp counselors and staff.
Fun Fact: My parents thought I had a terminal illness when I was 12, but thankfully I didn't!



CALEB NOEL

Hometown: Lake Park, MN
College: University of Arizona
Major: Economics and Computer Science
What are you most excited about for this summer?: I'm most excited to meet up with old friends from years past and hang out with my favorite campers!!
Fun Fact: I love to go camping and sleep outside.



JAKUB ROMAN

Hometown: Vělopolí, Czech Republic
College: Electrical Engineering Secondary School
Major: Electrical Mechatronic and Microprocessor Technology
What are you most excited about for this summer?: I am excited about getting to know people and enjoying the atmosphere of Mount Carmel.
Fun Fact: I love golf carts despite the fact I've never driven one.



AVERY WILSON

Hometown: Cedar Rapids, IA
College: University of Northern Iowa
Major: Business
What are you most excited about for this summer?: I am excited to form new friendships and serve God at Mount Carmel!
Fun Fact: I always have a song stuck in my head! :)



LUKE WOLLAN

Hometown: Hutchinson, MN
College: Wheaton College
Major: Biblical and Theological Studies
What are you most excited about for this summer?: I am excited to see the campers again and to build a beautiful community with the new and returning staff!
Fun Fact: I give my dad and my brother "hand-me-downs".



WHO ELSE?

We are still adding amazing staff members to our lineup for summer 2023! If you are interested in serving on our summer staff this year, contact us today!

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Other Ministries at Mount Carmel



Christ College



Mount Carmel Campus

Mount Carmel Ministries and Christ College are partnering to offer a brand new collegiate option. Students will live in Mount Carmel's beautiful lakeside cabins, participate in campus events, engage in collaborative student life and studies, and complete their coursework virtually through small live classes connecting them to professors and students around the world. This innovative program combines the beauty of in person campus life with the practicality and advantages of an online degree.

The Awaken Project - Fall Classes

This fall, The Awaken Project will once again be holding Fall class sessions that are open to the public! Join us for Daily Texts and prayer at 9:00 followed by a teaching time from 9:30-11:00, and an afternoon session from 1:00 - 2:30. The Awaken Project is bringing in a series of teachers in the fall of 2023 and the morning sessions are open to all guests at Mount Carmel. We want people to be able to come to Mount Carmel at any time of the year and have the opportunity for Bible study, prayer, and Christian fellowship. Mount Carmel is beautiful in the fall. So, come by yourself or with friends and family, and enjoy being a part of the Mount Carmel community! To find out more about the fall classes or The Awaken Project's gap year program, visit TheAwakenProjectMN.com.



Become a Proclaimer Congregation!

We are inviting congregations to partner with us and join us in our ministry of Bible study and Christ-Centered fellowship at Mount Carmel. We believe...

- That Mount Carmel can be a blessing to the members of your congregation.
- That Mount Carmel can be an important outreach mission of your congregation.
- That Mount Carmel can be a place where your members can grow in their faith in Jesus, their knowledge of the Bible, and their commitment to your congregation.

Proclaimer Congregations agree by an official action to support Mount Carmel, and by so doing, create a unique partnership with the organization. If you are interested in getting your church involved, please visit our website or call our office today!

To ask questions and learn more, call our office at (320) 846-2744 or email office@mountcarmelministries.com

Memorials & In Honor of: 11/01/2022-03/31/2023

George Aalgaard

Corine Phelps
Larry & Julia Tonder

Ken Anderson

Ross J. & Carol Lee Anderson

Jan Beilke

Ray M. Beilke

Rev. Bernie & Doris Bengtson

John D. Bengtson

Donald Glaser

Mike L. & Kathleen E. Lillehaugen

Morris Grover

Mike L. & Kathleen E. Lillehaugen

Paul Hedine

Wayne & Solveig Elton

Lyle Hovland

Joy Blackstad

Christy Bipes-Hoekstra & Corey Hoekstra

Pam Hovland

Corine Phelps

Jerry & Georgia Rice

Marilyn Sill

Don Hustad

E. Duane Engstrom
Delores L. Paasch
Kraig Stube and Cynthia Hustad

Jill Jorgenson

Gayler Jensen

Marland & Grace Madson

Ross J. & Carol Lee Anderson

Marland Madson

E. Duane Engstrom

David Morken

Mary Morken

David Nelson

Patricia Loeppke

Richard N. Nelson

Becky Detert

Jean & Bob Mallory

Elizabeth & J. David Nelson

Todd David Olsen

David B. & Audrey L. Olsen

Bernt Opsal

Jerry & Georgia Rice

Paul Rustad

Grace Ferguson

Sandy Sill

Marilyn Sill

Marlene Thompson

Patricia Loeppke

Sylvia Wogoman

Corine Phelps

Rev. Phil & Adelaide Worthington

Sharon Worthington

IN HONOR OF:

Shirley Hansen 90th Birthday

Elaine Besonen

Julie Skogen

Gary C. Grabau

Verla (Blakey) Williams

Dawn M. Boyd

Winter 2023 Highlights



YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

FAMILY CAMP RECHARGE





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