

The Rock Lake Ripples

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Michigan

Summer
Camp Registration
as of
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377

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Coming
up!



Trustees meet every 3rd Monday
at 7pm, everyone welcome.

Celebration Labor Day Weekend 2019

Work is coming were at this time last together around campus year. We trust that God as preparations near for has a tremendous plan summer camp. We are in place for these working daily to help students this summer. prepare a place that will challenge students in We are still looking for their faith and inspire volunteers to help as we them to make it their prepare our campus for own. Our registration our 100th anniversary numbers are well ahead celebration next year. If of pace currently with you have some time to 350 students registered come and help with a for our summer project, we'd love to programming as of June have you.

6. That's 70 students
ahead of where we

Tim St. Louis
Director

- June 15-16 First Grade & Parent
Overnight Camp
- June 18 Trustees Meeting
- June 17-19 2nd & 3rd Grade Camp
- June 17-22 Junior High Canoe 1
- June 22-24 Handi-Camp 1
- June 24-29 All Girls Camp, 8th-12th Gr.
- June 24-29 All Girls Wilderness, 5th-8th Gr.

Maintenance Minute



We have been so blessed by volunteers. We had our work day where we worked on making the Assembly ready for summer after rain the night before made a mess for the project of our Warrior Course. We had 35 Volunteers come out to work around the property. With the help of Tony Russell (and his tractor) from the Ferris Church we prepared for the Warrior Course and removed the slab in front of the Tabernacle which kept rising due to the roots underneath it. We also utilized the tractor to move 50 yards of mulch for the Warrior Course and so many other projects. We can't thank our volunteers enough for the work that they do.



Luke Essex



Grandparents and RLCA . . . ³

¹²The righteous will flourish like a palm tree,
they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon;
¹³ planted in the house of the LORD,
they will flourish in the courts of our God.
¹⁴ They will still bear fruit in old age,
they will stay fresh and green,
¹⁵ proclaiming, “The LORD is upright;
he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him.”
Psalm 92:12-15 (NIV)



There sure are a lot of things for kids to do during the summer. Maybe too many. The constraints of time and money challenge most parents during the summer to provide the activities their children desire as well as carving out family time and of course, couples time.

If you are a grandparent, I would encourage you to help your children manage their family activities this summer by offering to provide for a session of camp for your grandchildren. Getting the kids out of the house could be a welcome respite for a parent. More importantly, an extended time focused on Christ could be the “distraction” your grandkids need from the worldly matters constantly pulling at them during the summer.

So be that “cedar of Lebanon” and “stay fresh and green”. Proclaim your love for the Lord by giving your grandchildren an experience that will renew their spirit in a special way. If cost is a concern, there are a number of scholarships available. Camp is too valuable an opportunity to miss. Help your grandkids experience Rock Lake Christian Assembly where “Adventure Awaits”.

Chris Clarke

President of Trustees

Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”

Matthew 19:14 NIV

Pack the Pantry Update . . .

The 2018 season of camp is right here and we have stepped up to give these around the corner! Things are rolling with donations that make such a big impact along in the kitchen as we finish our preparations for this year. It's been a successful spring for this response for our Pack the Pantry program that if I'm being honest, I'm having some trouble finding places to store all of the food. That's a hiccup I just under 700 items from various churches will happily handle every spring. Thank you all so much for your generous support of the camp and the kitchen. close to 1200 items from seventeen different churches. So many of you

Pam St. Louis

From the Archives. . .

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Rock Lake Christian Assembly

Historical Data Supplied My [By] Mrs. E. W. Thompson.

About nine years ago [1918] Elder J. W. Kimberling, pastor of the Vestaburg and Ferris Center Churches, conceived the idea of a great Christian Assembly meeting every year on the shores of beautiful Rock Lake. His vision was contagious and imparted itself to other preachers of the district and to local business men. Early in 1919 the grove on the north shore of the lake was purchased, a tabernacle erected and the Rock Lake Christian Assembly Association was organized with Elder Kimberling as president and J. S. Raum of Alma as secretary-treasurer. An Advisory Board was also appointed consisting of the other preachers of the

Churches of Christ in the Old Fifth District. They were: L. R. May, Forest Hill; L. G. Blood, Shepherd; J. G. Wilson, St. Louis; J. T. Bridwell, Middleton; G. J. Start, Coe; Abel Mudge, Ashley; and T. H. Rella, Mt. Pleasant. Members of the first Board of Trustees were: David Acker, St. Louis; A. M. Bartling Alma; Jacob Ferris, Mt. Pleasant; Geo. Wilson, Ferris Center and Lieut. M. C. Hubbard, M. D. of Vestaburg, secretary.

The first program was held from July 20 to August 3, 1919. J. H. O. Smith, C. M. Smithson and W. J. Gilmore were the principle speakers, while E. W. Thornton, E. J. Meacham, Florence McGafferty Waterman, Henrietta Heron and C. E. Pickett constituted the faculty for the School of Methods.

Financial Secretary Report . . .



Greetings from the Board of Trustees.

My name is Jeff Strickler and I am honored to serve as the Financial Secretary on the board of trustees for RLCA.

I have truly enjoyed serving on the board for the last year and a half and am excited to see what God has in store for the ministry here at Rock Lake.

We are truly in a blessed season here at the camp. Just in the last year, through God's provision we have been able to pay off some major debts, make some significant cash purchases, and make more improvements throughout the camp than in the past; all without incurring any additional debt. So to those supporting churches as well as our individual supporters, we thank you for recognizing the impact that Rock Lake has had on so many in the past, and stepping out in faith to ensure that many more, for years to come, will share in the blessings to be found in RLCA. Because of your faith, God has done immeasurably more than we could imagine.

As much as I have enjoyed the hands on role of Financial Secretary, it is Amy Essex and Tim St. Louis who have really ironed out the rough spots in how we account for the income and expenses that come with

the daily operations of the camp. God has not only blessed us financially, but blessed us tremendously with a staff that loves Jesus and are excited to share that love with campers as we enter into the 2018 camp season!!

Thank you again for your continued prayers and support!!

Because He first loved me,

Jeff Strickler

July Events

8-13 High School Camp

8-13 High School Kayak

15-20 Middle School Camp

15-20 High School Backpack Trip

22-27 All Girls Camp, 3rd-7th Grades

22-27 Junior High Canoe 2

29-Aug. 3 Young Men's Camp, 4th-8th Gr.

Labor Day Preview

Watch for program details.

Weekend events will include teaching and a comedy show by John Branyan on September 1, 2018.

One generation shall praise thy works to another, and declare thy mighty acts. . .

Psalm 145:4

New at RLCA . . . Christian Warrior Course

We have two courses running side by side.

- 1) Both courses start with the slanted steps and then swing on a rope to a platform.
- 2) Once on the platform you either go left or right.
- 3) Going left, you swing thru the rings to the balance beam and then up the wall.
- 4) Going right, you swing thru the hand balls to the inverted ladder and then up the wall.



Thank
You
Volunteers!