

Lutheran Bible Camp, Inc.

## CHRISTIKON

Rev. Mark Donald, Executive Director



A few numbers that tell something of the year past, and/or point to the upcoming camp season:

- § **550**...approximate number of former Christikon staff people
- § **450+**...number of former staff connecting faith and life in their communities and in their congregations (teachers, board members, readers, assisting ministers, etc.)
- § **85+**...number of former staff connecting faith and life as ordained ministers, serving congregations all over the country and world
- § **23**...staff serving this summer, hailing from Montana, Washington, Minnesota, Iowa, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Alaska, Washington. 11 are new, and 12 returning.
- § **1**...pastor leading our July 8-10 family weekend. **Jim Darchuk** (King of Glory, Billings) leads a full camp in sessions focusing on connecting faith to life
- § **1 + 1**...theologian and public relations expert leading our Aug. 1-4 Continuing Education Retreat. **Professor Lois Malcom** (Systematics, Luther Seminary, St. Paul MN) presents on “why trusting in the promise of the Holy Spirit is so important for us today,” and asks what the Spirit “actually (does, and) means - in very practical terms - for all that happens in our lives. **Pastor Tim Westermeyer** (St. Philip the Deacon, Plymouth MN), an experienced public relations professional before he came to ministry, will help participants “learn how you can more effectively support the mission your ministry through effective communications,” and address topics like branding, design, web sites, social media, working with local reporters, and crisis communications.
- § **65** (and counting)...years Christikon has served God’s people faithfully and well; we consider ourselves an arm of ministry to congregations and the larger Church, both near and far.
- § **4th-12th**...graders who come up as campers and backpackers
- § **50+**...developmentally disabled campers who come to Christikon (as far as we know we are the only camp in MT that serves this population)
- § **24**...kids from disadvantaged and/or troubled backgrounds that take part in our Sojourners camp
- § **1 of 3**...camps in MT accredited by the American Camping Association (ACA accreditation indicates that a camp meets rigorous industry-wide standards for camp safety, administration, health care, site adequacy, programming, and staffing)

We remain deeply grateful for the prayers, encouragement, support, and dedicated work of all involved in the Christikon ministry, and look forward to the goodness and opportunities for faithful ministry that are yet in store for us together.