

# ST. LOUIS CHURCH OF GOD CAMPGROUND

## NEWSLETTER



### Campmeeting Highlights

We had around 55 kids in children's camp!

We had 45 teenagers throughout the week with an average attendance of 38 teens at each event!

With a vote of 28 to 27, we will continue fixing up the old tabernacle. We will need around \$35,000 to replace the roof of this building. Once the roof is done, we can work on the inside. We need these funds before spring 2025. In order for us to do this, we need your help!



### Great Things Are Happening

We are installing new carpet in the Lodge, also known as the WCG building. Restoration work has commenced on the area that used to be the bookstore. Additionally, upgrades are underway for both playgrounds. Furthermore, we have recently installed pickleball and disc golf courts.

### Ways To Help

During our annual business meeting, we were asked how the campers could volunteer. Please see the list of work that we need help with. If you are able to do any of these things, please call us at 989-681-2581.

### From the Board of Directors

We are grateful to everyone for another wonderful year of camp meeting. We want to thank Kevin and Sandy Turk for their excellent work on the grounds and in the office. We also want to thank all the volunteers who have made the grounds look great and taught the classes. We truly could not have done this without you.

### Upcoming

- Labor Day Weekend Special \$75 for 3 nights
- Campground closing date is Oct. 19
- Camp meeting 2025 is July 31 - August 8

# JESUS IS AWESOME!



At the Camp Meeting Kick-Off Concert on Thursday evening, Mrs. Thurston pointed to a young man in the crowd, told him that God had great things in store for him, and told him how she thought He would use him. As I closed the concert, I brought that boy up front with me to introduce him to her. I told her he had been coming to camp since he was a little boy. I also told her that he was often in trouble. But I also said that he was the first person to come by my cottage when I arrived at the campground, and he always says, "I'm going to try to stay out of trouble this year." Every year, I have told the Children's Camp staff, "That boy is going to be a preacher." I don't know if Mrs. Thurston had any idea how those words impacted that boy.

I went to our first music class with our kids this year, and standing in the back with the 5th & 6th grade class, he was singing and doing the motions and trying to be an excellent role model to those students. He came to music every day, and would then leave to go to his youth activities. He also came by my office every morning to ask me if I needed help, which I often did. This boy will one day be our camp evangelist. I certainly hope I am alive to see it. I will be beaming with pride and thanking God for allowing me to be a part of his life. I pray that I have used every opportunity He has given me to be His witness to this child and all the others that have come before.

I tell you this because I want you all to know how important it is to remain faithful to our camp. God has a plan for each person who attends. For over one hundred and thirty years, children have come on these grounds, yes, some are troubled, but thankfully, we have people willing to work with the children and youth, and as a result, many have been saved. Please be faithful by doing what you can to make sure we will always be able to provide programming for everyone at camp meeting. Oh, by the way, he did not get into trouble at camp this year. Praise the Lord!!!

-Carrie Krontz (Children Camp Director)

This year was a great year for the youth. The leaders have all served at least two years (if not more than that) with these students, and it has been great to see the connection continue to grow each year. We had a consistent group of students the whole week, which meant deeper connections to each other and God. The youth talked about the different Fruits of the Spirit. We had 45 different students throughout the week with an average attendance of 38 students at each event.

Personally, I would say the Youth vs. Adult kickball game was a hit for all. The adults won 21-12. The youth had so much fun during this event. Thanks to all the adults and kids who came out to either play, watch, or cheer. It was a great way to connect the different generations at camp.

We also ended the week with two of the youth getting baptized. Emma got baptized midday Friday and Bryce after service Friday night. It is amazing to see the youth take the next steps in their faith.

-Shelby Sandborn (Youth Director)

# HELP

We need  
**YOU!**



PLEASE GIVE IF YOU  
CAN



People have asked what they can do for the campground. Volunteers are always welcomed, skilled and unskilled. Contact camp office and set a time for your chosen project. This would be a chance for churches to plan a mission trip for a weekend and get things accomplished.

### Senior Building/Club House

- New furnace
- New windows
- Updates electrical (by licensed electrician)

### Camper's Lodge

- Painting outside of building – spray painted
- New windows
- Update electrical (by licensed electrician)

### Business Office Building

- Power washing – next summer
- Rewiring electrical
- Hanging and finishing drywall
- Painting when drywall is finished

### Duplex

- Refurbish West duplex – paint
- Remove carpet

### House

- New windows
- New doors
- Master bathroom remodel
- New deck
- Power wash – next summer

### Prayer Garden

- Lay bricks
- Plant perennial bulbs
- Weeding (should be done at least monthly)

### South Playground

- Expand play set

### Old Tabernacle

- Placement of rat wall/animal prevention
- Roof (MUST be done quickly to save building)
- New garage doors
- Update electrical
- Remove and replace interior cement

### Trees/bushes

- Trim trees and bushes
- Dead trees to be cut down for firewood

### Dorms

- Build doors
- Replace windows

### North Bathroom

- Paint floor
- Paint interior doors
- Update electrical (by licensed electrician)

### South Bathroom

- Paint exterior doors
- Re-do drains

### Tabernacle

- Roof repair
- Update visual equipment

### Young Adults Building

- Spray paint outside of building

### North Camping Lots

- Update electrical circuit breakers

### South Pavilion

- Picnic tables sanded and restained
- New picnic tables
- Structural repair

### Grounds

- Roads signs and posts, replace as needed and paint
- More picnic tables