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# The Patmos Newsletter

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FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF CAMP PATMOS

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## Members Small Group Meetings

The board has initiated small group meeting with the members to get their feedback on issues currently before us. A few of the issues are:

## Higher Utilization Rates

We have discussed the need to fully utilize camp in both the summer season and the retreat season. We need to find ways to increase the number of people attending each camp. Many of the weeks are only 50 percent utilized.

## Conservation Easement

Camp Patmos has been approached about setting aside a portion of camp property as a conservation easement. An easement allows Camp Patmos to retain ownership of the land and develop it in accordance with the terms of the easement. The area under consideration is the bay to the south of camp. This area was chosen because it is the primary large mouth bass spawning area on Stony Lake. There would be a fee paid to Camp Patmos for the easement.

## Land Management

We are in the process of having the forest evaluated for timber management. This would entail selective logging and reforestation. In the past Camp Patmos had done selective logging. Members have stated that if this is done we need to be diligent to follow through with the reforestation aspect.

## Financial

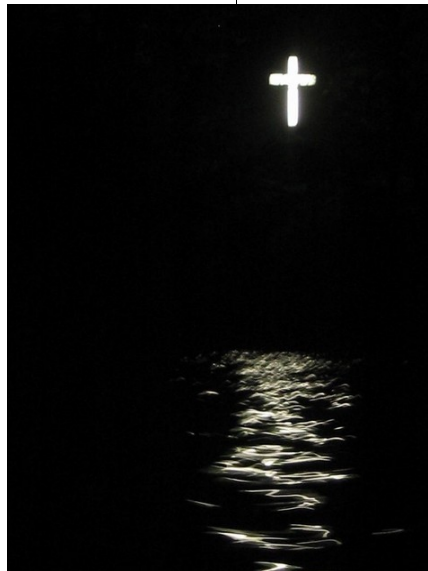
We have discussed numerous ideas to keep Camp Patmos, Inc. financially sound. We would ask members to continue to use the Thrivent matching program whenever possible.

## Themed Retreats

Camp Patmos, Inc. is considering sponsoring some themed retreats to fill more weekends. Some

suggested themes are a fishing weekend on the fishing opener, a quilting retreat, a musical retreat, and a couples retreat.

These are just a few of the topics we are discussing on the board and with members. Please watch for your invitation to a small group meeting and come prepared with questions and ideas.



Our Cross at Night

## Trinity Men's Retreat September 28 – 30

The theme of the retreat this year was 'Getting Connected' We explored ways to be connected with others in the body of Christ, with our families, in our communities, and around the world. The speakers were Jim Peasley, Mike Koski, and Pastor Hulstrand. There were 60 – 65 men in attendance. We sponsored 8 men from the New Hope center .

We had a good time in fellowship, a little fishing, and some attended the third annual Hackensack Chainsaw Carving Contest. Special thanks to Diane Bonniwell, June Myller, and Liz Rosdahl for cooking.

## Help Us Fill this Space

We are looking for people who have been blessed by Camp Patmos and would like to share their story in a future issue of this newsletter. You may have a story about time spent as a camper, a cook, a counselor, a speaker, or someone who has volunteered time on camp maintenance or construction. Please send your story to

[Camp\\_Patmos\\_inc@yahoo.com](mailto:Camp_Patmos_inc@yahoo.com) or send it to the office at Trinity to the attention of Camp Patmos - Newsletter.

## May Retreat Offerings

### Cooks Retreat – May 16, 17, 18, 2008

Cost \$60.00 includes 2 nights lodging and 4 meals

Come to camp to be served, to share ideas, to brush up on food handling safety, good food, and good fellowship. Whether you are coming to camp to cook this summer or have never volunteered to cook this retreat is for you. Camp Patmos is looking to set up a volunteer list for other ‘outside’ groups such as the Treehouse ‘at risk children’s’ retreat we recently hosted.

### Team Challenge Course Training – May 30, 31, 2008

Cost \$60.00 includes 2 nights lodging and 4 meals.

Team Challenge facilitator training for certification and preparation for the summer. Work on the course will include the construction of events and compliance with some insurance concerns. Good food, good fellowship, and a look into God’s Word in this area.

Where else can you go and spend less than what it would cost for one night in a motel and get 2 nights, 4 meals, and Camp Patmos.

## Stony Lake Association

Camp Patmos, Inc. is a member of the Stony Lake association. The association deals with issues concerning the health of Stony Lake and works to foster a sense of community for those with property on the lake. Visit their website for more information.

<http://www.minnesotawaters.org>

### Stony Lake Facts:

Stony is one of the clearest lakes in Cass County. DNR records show Secchi disks visible to 17 feet.

## Upcoming Events For Patmos:

### \*\*\*\* Annual Meeting February 1, 2008\*\*\*\*

Jan	18 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity Senior High
Jan	25 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity Junior High
Feb	8 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup>	WOW-Trinity
Mar	7 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup>	Lutheran Ch of Master
May	25 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup>	Memorial Day Weekend
Jun	5 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup>	Anderson Family Reunion
Jun	15 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup>	Emmaus Family Camp
Jul	28 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity Family Camp
Jul	6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity Sr. HI Camp
Jul	13 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity Jr. Hi Camp
Jul	20 <sup>th</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity Elementary Week
Jul	25 <sup>th</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup>	Concordia Language
Aug	1 <sup>st</sup> - 25 <sup>th</sup>	Concordia Language

Camp Patmos is available for groups of any size. If you would like to stay at camp contact Alan and Nancy Sutton at 218.675.6144 or e-mail him at [ansutton@tds.net](mailto:ansutton@tds.net).

## E-mail Address Requests

We will be sending a newsletter three or four times a year. If you would like to receive this newsletter by e-mail send an e-mail to [Camp\\_Patmos\\_inc@yahoo.com](mailto:Camp_Patmos_inc@yahoo.com).

## Camp Patmos Wish List

Wood Chipper                      Board Games  
Electric Generator                Sand Toys for Beach  
Septic Steam Cleaner (Hotsy)  
Kayaks  
New Outboard Motor (less than 10HP - for lifeguard boat)