



TRAILblazer

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Spring 2020

A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

Planning continues for 69th summer season

Dear Christikon Friends:

Christ is Risen, Indeed! We move through spring and this Easter season thankful for the gift of life and of the day. In the midst of much darkness and uncertainty we cling to God promise that light has, does, and always will shine in the darkness, and the darkness will never overcome it. Christikon plans faithful and creative ways to offer ministry this summer, we dare to look to the future with hope, and trust God will get us where God wants and needs us to be.

There is nothing normal about life right now; information and predictions change by the day, and sometimes the hour. As we plan for this season, here's our status as of the end of April.

First, our staff's and guest's health and well-being are our highest priority. All policies and procedures are under review, particularly those related to health care and cleaning. Our camp physician, Dr. Ashley Quanbeck, has an active role in crafting best practices for staff, guests and program

As I write this, camp remains under two feet of snow. We monitor local and state regulations and Health Department directives, and our Governor just introduced a phased reentry plan. In early May we will further assess the situation and make plans regarding opening camp and the first weeks of staff training and summer programming.

The Executive and Finance Committees of Christikon's Board of Directors meet regularly and have worked with me to develop multiple season scenarios and the implications of each. We are committed to fund and train summer staff, and provide them with the community, support and tools they need to do ministry this summer.

All this means Christikon's 2020 season will happen, even if the exact pattern and



Christikon staff training for backpack on the Lake Plateau.

shape is hard to determine now. Summer staff will serve in ministry, even if our site isn't open to campers. We feel this investment in the present and future leadership of our world and the Church is vital, and the profound experience staff receive living and working in intentional Christian community too important to give up. Camp will look different this summer, but the creativity and passion staff bring to the table will allow ministry to happen wherever and whenever possible.

This summer marks Christikon's 69th year in ministry, one that has impacted countless kids, adults and families. We've endured hard and/or uncertain times before, and God lead and carried us through each trial and tribulation. We trust that promise remains this season as well, and look for the new opportunities this crisis might present. Now as much as ever the world needs what we have to give.

We covet your prayers as we discern and prepare. No one can predict the future, but as always we entrust it to God, and dare to follow where God leads. Thank you for all the ways you support Christikon's mission and ministry.

— Mark



Christikon's annual benefit auction is canceled due to the COVID-19 restrictions. Stay tuned for a new date, which will probably be in the fall.

2020 season updates

- 2020 Work Weekend is canceled.
- Deck Rebuild will be rescheduled to a later date.



Carlson reunion in 1967.

Carlson family and friends reunion celebrates 60 years

The Carlson family and friends group gathers each August in the Boulder Canyon. This year will mark the 60th anniversary of this reunion. But the association goes back even further than that.

As a new Lutheran pastor in Shepherd, Montana, Oliver Carlson was part of the Yellowstone Conference, which purchased Lazy Day Dude Ranch in 1951. It was renamed Luther Lodge.

In 1960, Oliver and Gene Carlson returned from Madagascar, where they had been missionaries for six years, and a reunion of family and college and seminary friends was planned. Luther Lodge, at the head of the Boulder Canyon, was the ideal venue. Everyone had such a terrific time that it became an annual event. Now, 60 years later, we are looking forward to our annual gathering at Christikon.

In the early days we brought all our own food and kitchen staff. This was quite an undertaking for a group that often numbered more than 60. Watching the bears at the kitchen dump was often the evening entertainment. Fishing the river and hiking the trails provided endless daytime activities.



Fifth-generation camper Claire caught her first fish on a fly rod last summer.

We were at Luther Lodge (Christikon) for 10 years, and when they grew and filled their summer schedule with their own programming, our group moved down the canyon to

Camp on the Boulder. During our years away from Christikon, several of our members worked as backcountry staff, and many in our group continued to support Christikon financially.

Through the years traditions have developed. Every trail has been hiked dozens of times. There are now many avid fly fishermen and master knitters. Competitive Scrabble games take place each year, and the highlight of each week is multigenerational bingo.

In 2018 our group decided to come back to Christikon. We were so pleased to be coming back to our roots!

Several of our youngest members are now the fifth generation of attendees. It's always a challenge for a "newcomer" to try to figure out who's related and who are just life-long friends, because that's what the group has become over the years: a closely knit group of people who share a love for each other and the wonderful wilderness retreat that Christikon offers.

In this time of national and international turmoil, we realize that our connections to each other and to God's creation are more essential than ever.

MOUNTAIN WEEKEND

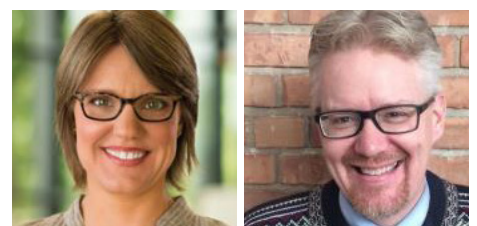
We look forward to welcoming our speakers for Mountain Weekend 2020.

Amy Marga is an Associate Professor of Systematic Theology and teaches at the Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota.

The Rev. Dr. Karl Jacobson (M.Div.,

Luther Seminary; Th.D., Providence) serves as Senior Pastor at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Prior to that, he was Assistant Professor of Religion at Augsburg College.

Please visit our website, www.christikon.org, for more details.



AMY MARGA, LEFT; REV. DR. KARL JACOBSON

The heart of Christikon is relationship and service

By Alyssa Small

I've spent more time than usual wondering what God's up to these days. What's his plan? What possible good could come from a frightening disease?

As many of my delights have been placed on pause during this pandemic, I've begun to rely more on the people in my life. And I've had more conversations with my Christikon family than ever — well, since we worked together a decade ago.

Relationships formed at Christikon are strange. They're in a bottle — in the wilderness, set apart from the world and its many distractions. With limited technology; no pool or horses to ride; and treasured camp pastimes like making friendship bracelets, pressing flowers and playing hackysack, the simplicity of Christikon leaves more than enough room for connection and conversation.

There's nowhere to hide in such a tight community. I'm an introvert, so my first nights at camp were always daunting, sitting around the big table in the main lodge, trying to get to know the strangers sitting around me.

But at Christikon, that simple, interpersonal environment combines with the exhilaration of peaking mountains, the joy of harmonizing in worship and the peace of pausing in the meadow pondering God's word and listening to the Boulder River roar.



Ashley Olson, Alyssa Small and Amy Hansmeier snap a photo at Fishing Bridge in 2018. The three worked on staff together in 2009.

These are the ingredients for lasting connection.

That truth has never been more evident than during this pandemic. The world is on a rollercoaster of insecurity, danger and loneliness caused by physical distancing.

When I began to feel the anxiety, I turned to the community we built at camp. When challenges arise, when life is hard, when I need a friend, I know I have dozens of people who will show up for me — people I worked

with or met at Christikon. And I know I would support them in turn.

I'm so grateful for opportunities to stay connected to Christikon since I left the summer staff. Volunteering on Work Weekends has connected me with longtime stewards of our beloved camp who give their time and talents to make Christikon safe and comfortable. The generosity of those volunteers inspires me every year.

I've also considered it a privilege to help Kerry and Mark produce this newsletter twice a year. It gives me joy to design a newsletter full of photos and stories of the place I love. And, I'm a newspaperwoman, so there's an extra perk in getting the early scoop.

Through my years, I have come to understand that while there's nothing like the smell of the crisp mountain air and phlox in May or the familiar roar of the Boulder River singing me to sleep at night, those aren't what make Christikon. Just as we are the church, people are what make Christikon beautiful.

As much as I'll miss attending Work Weekend this year, I know I'll always have Christikon at my fingertips — by dialing any of my friends. Physical distancing is challenging, even for an introvert, but it's not impossible, and it's not for forever.

Until it's over, I'll be in my backyard, sitting in my crazy creek chair, enjoying some grape Kool-Aid and gorp, and video chatting with my Christikon family.

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 Joseph Loy..... Safety Harbor, FL

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Campers play games in the meadow.

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Our kids and grandkids

John Gaddo and Nancy North..... Lanesboro, MN

My grandchildren

Carla Zanfes..... Phoenix, AZ

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*"For all the saints who from their labors rest...your name, O Jesus, be forever blessed."
We join with others in remembering and giving thanks for those listed here:*

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Campers gather for worship at the cross in the meadow.

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Dewey and Doris Anderson..... Billings, MT

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David Klee and Christina Ianitelli..... Traverse City, MI

In Memory of My Father
Carla Zanfes..... Phoenix, AZ

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Campers gather in the main lodge for breakfast.

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Giving to help our church in the mountains continue

By Noah Rudi

As a kid, I'd heard stories about Christikon from family and friends while growing up in Minnesota.

A camp in the wilderness? A camp without pools and beaches? Without canoes and mowed lawns? Where music encompasses hymns and liturgy but also the sounds of the Boulder River and majestic pine trees? And where campers actually folk dance?



NOAH RUDI

Only once I had the opportunity to experience camp for myself was I absolutely hooked. Seeing the community joke around together and participate in group discussions about everything from board games to Scripture was exciting.

I enjoyed watching counselors perform silly skits and chomping snacks at canteen time. The songs and family-style meals in the lodge felt welcoming. The exhilarating feeling of peaking a mountain for the first



Campers and staff gather at the central campfire for worship at the end of the day.

time, and the ability to do that as a middle schooler with some of my best friends in the world, was awesome! I had never had opportunities like those coming from a humble Minnesotan camping background.

These experiences kept me wanting to go back year after year and are the reasons I chose to donate to Christikon while I was still a camper. I wanted Christikon to continue offering these transformative weeks in

the mountains to as many young people as possible.

Having the ability to contribute even a little to keeping this thing I love alive is something I do without reservation and with pride. God calls us to be the church wherever we are. I want Christikon to keep being church in the Montana mountains.

Noah Rudi is a new member of Christikon's 2020 staff.