



Heit's Point HiLites

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Greetings from Heit's Point!

I don't know about you, but I'm ready for spring. I know it is right around the corner, but more than the sunshine, I look forward to the fellowship with all who come to share and strengthen their faith here. I especially enjoy the evening devotions around the campfires and the midnight hayrides. Every year, we are blessed with youth and adults that give us more than we give them.

Mark Nolte
Executive Director

From The Chairman

On the 18th of March the board met for the first time this year. Although we are still operating on a shoestring, we had a better than normal winter usage rate which was good. Last summer with the help from the Labors for Christ volunteers, we were able to bring all facilities up to a fully operational status. However, there are still repairs needed. So late last year I asked two of our board members to inspect all facilities to determine what else needed repairing. A list was developed and when the Labors return in a month or so, they will again be assigned to repair all items. An assessment of what materials and their costs will be generated so that a "wish list" can be assembled for donor help.

During our board meeting three committees were established. The first will be chaired by Vernon Grefe to develop recommendations for optimal utilization of our 180 acres in support of our mission and objectives. We need to know what areas are best suited for various possible improvements or usage that is in concert with outdoor ministry. The situation causing this effort was a question "If someone came wanting to give \$200,000 to build a bunk house, what would you say?" We don't need a bunk house but there are other suggestions that could be made. However, any answer at this time would be a guess, an emotional want, or a pet project that may or may not satisfy our current or future needs. Vern's effort will make us better prepared to answer a question when it comes. The recommendations from this effort will be part of our 5, 10 and 20 year plan.

The second committee established was assigned to Joyce Martin in the area of communications. Getting the word out has been a difficult area for quite some time. We are spending time on building relationships with our supporters but doing just that is not enough. Getting the word out well in advance for people to plan on attending a scheduled activity is a necessity, as well as letting our supporters know what is going on at Heit's Point. Her committee will be putting together the Hi-Lites which takes a lot of valuable time from the staff and supplying the materials to be placed on the web page, Voice and other news publications.

The third committee was assigned to Caryl Froeschle to assess how we can better manage our finances. During the winter months our usage rate is low but our operation costs are basically the same. We need to look at various options to minimize the crisis mode at the end of each year. We have been good stewards of our resources. However, operational costs have risen while donor support has slipped.

All in all, we have been blessed with outstanding supporters. Our usage rate for this year looks very good and reflects the result of our relationship building effort and the outstanding service and atmosphere offered. **Now what you need to do is make plans to come and enjoy what God has made possible for all to enjoy.**

Blessings,
Bill Buehrle
Chairman of the Board

OPERATIONAL STATUS AND FINANCIALS

This year we are focusing on outreach. We have partnered with several organizations utilizing our facilities and their programs to share the good news of Jesus Christ. We have confirmed the “Royal Family Kid’s Camp” and “Missouri National Guard Youth Retreat. We are working with the local Catholic, Methodist, and River Church to hold their camps here since they do not have a local camp available.

If your thing is motorcycles, golf, or cooking, keep an eye on the website and watch for upcoming events. We want to supply you with the things you like to do and do them with fellow Christians. We should set the example for others in all the things we do.

It still looks to be a busy year. We would love to give you the opportunity to share your talents by volunteering at Heit’s Point.

Financially the winter has challenged us, but we are watching the finances and with the business picking up it looks to be an exciting year. Please consider bringing an event to Heit’s Point, we look forward to serving you.

Keep us in your prayers!
Mark Nolte
Executive Director

Don’t forget to designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Heit’s Point, or respond to the Yearend Appeal. Remember, “When God shuts a door, He open a window.” Bill Buerhle

PROGRAMS

Friends of Heit’s Point Banquet

If you missed the Friends of Heit’s Point Banquet you not only missed some great food but some great fellowship.

We were blessed to have an organization from Springfield here doing a work day. They put on “Royal Family Kid’s Camp” in June and shared with us about the youth that come to this camp and how camp affects their lives, not just the kids but the counselors as well. The camp is for battered children and the reason it is “Royal Family” is that they treat the kids royally the whole week. They shared about one young boy who talked and talked and talked, but at the end of camp when his mother picked him up, he told her “They listened to me” and “They love me”.

The banquet was very good, but we missed many of you.

Heit’s Point Facebook

We are on-line with Facebook. Cindy (Front office administrator) and Leah will be managing this communication tool that the younger generation is tuned in to. You too can join in. Facebook is easy to use and available for people of all ages.

We thank God for the opportunity to be here for His Ministry to happen!



Leah

Program Director

PROGRAMS COMING SOON!

QuarterLife Retreat

The QuarterLife group will be doing a work retreat the weekend of April 6-8. This will be the first retreat at Heit's Point for this organization.

Marriage Enrichment "Falling in Love Again" May 6th – 8th

Due to winter weather we have rescheduled the couples retreat to May. It will be a great event having fun as Christian couples learn what God has planned for us.

Journeyman Men's Retreat May 13th – 15th

The Journey men from Timothy Lutheran, Blue Springs are coming to Heit's Point for their spring retreat. This spring's theme is "We Believe". They would like to invite you to join them for a weekend of fellowship

Summer camp, June 5th – Aug 6th

June 5 th – 10 th	Trailblazers	(Teen Trek)
June 15 th – 17 th	Discovery Camp	(First camp experience)
June 17 th – 19 th	Little Adventurers	(Mommy & me)
June 19 th – 21 st	Mini Quest 1	(3 day adventure)
June 19 th – 24 th	Quest 1	(Week long adventure)
June 24 th – 26 th	Camp Encouragement	(Anything's possible)
June 26 th – July 1 st	Journey 1	(Extreme exploring)
	Expedition 1	(Water week)
July 10 th – 15 th	Scrapbook camp	(Mom's optional)
	Journey/Expedition	(Amazing Race)
July 15 th – 17 th	Little Adventurers	(Mommy & me)
	Discovery camp	(First camp experience)
July 17 th – 19 th	Mini Quest 2	(3 day adventure)
July 17 th – 22 nd	Quest 2	(Week long adventure)
July 22 nd – 24 th	Family camp	(Back to basics)
July 24 th – 29 th	Journey 2	(Sports Camp)
	Expedition 2	(Sports Camp)
July 31 st – Aug 5 th	Journey 3	(Water week)
	Expedition 3	(Extreme exploring)
Aug 6 th	Summer Fest	(All Youth)

Age group descriptors

Little Adventurers	Ages 3-6
Discovery	1 st & 2 nd grade
Quest/Mini Quest	3 rd & 4 th grade
Journey	5 th & 6 th grade
Expedition	7 th & 8 th grade
Trailblazers	High school
Encouragement	Special needs camp

Refined by Fire

These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith-of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire-may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed1 Peter 1: 7-9



Del's Dream

There is something new at Heit's Point. As you drive down the hill toward the Spitz Center you will encounter a new building located in front of the target range. It is the Rinne Center, named in honor of Delbert and Arlene Rinne.

What is the story behind this you wonder?

It starts with Del Rinne, the resident volunteer at Heit's Point. He recognized the need for youth activity facilities such as basketball, volleyball, inclement

weather activities, and also for adult activities especially for Senior Retreats. He took steps to initiate some action by offering a very generous donation towards a building with the provision that matching funds be raised. The Board accepted his offer and authorized fund raising to proceed. The drive was successful, the necessary funds were raised from groups and individuals, and there will be no debt on the building.



The building houses a Junior High size gymnasium equipped for both basketball and volleyball. A two-story portion on the near end of the building houses restrooms on the lower floor. A conference/meeting/activity/retreat room on the upper floor has its own restroom and a small kitchenette. The building is heated and air-conditioned and will accommodate many types of activities ranging from family gatherings to community events.

The erected steel building shell was purchased. Volunteers from congregations in Gladstone, Springfield, Concordia, Ernestville, St. Charles and Higginsville have finished the interior of the building including the rooms, paneling, some of the electrical and plumbing. **Individuals from the local volunteer fire department, Lakeview Heights, have been especially generous with their labor, tools, and expertise.** Thirty individuals have given over seven hundred hours spread over twenty workdays as of mid-March. More volunteers are needed to complete the building, tentatively scheduled for dedication on July 16.

If you would like to volunteer contact us at rhink@ctcis.net or mark.nolte@heitspoint.com or call 660-668-2363.

Yes, Del's dream is coming true; he sports a great big smile when asked about the facility. Be sure to visit us to see not only the Rinne Center but also to enjoy all the other wonders of Heit's Point.

It has been a rewarding experience working with all the volunteers, God has blessed us with many friends.

Roger Hink
Building Committee Chairman

VOLUNTEER NEWS

It's that time of year. The return of the Laborers for Christ. Gary has arrived for the summer, Don & Mary Ann will be here early June, and Chuck & Linda will be here the end of June. They were a great blessing last year and have agreed to spend this year with us as well. These Laborers not only love to work but they love to share their faith and love with all they encounter.

**Thank God for all those who serve,
Wherever they serve,
May it all be to His Glory!**

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Happy Easter from all of us at Heit's Point

What's Your Pace of Life?

Are you finding that there is very little time in the day for just you? Going to work and worrying about what major event you will be faced with each day. Shopping for the family, or doing this and that for others and not yourself. Or are you just sitting around feeling sorry for yourself while the time passes so fast or slow? Times today are so busy that it is very difficult to stop and enjoy a peaceful life for a change. Why not consider coming to Heit's Point where you are surrounded with God's creation, Love by all who you meet and relax spending time winding down and letting yourself heal from the daily pressures. We at Heit's Point would love to have you come to relax or do something different while you are here. We guarantee that you will return refreshed and ready to face your pace of life. Hope to see you soon.

“God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”

2 Cor. 9:8