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Krislund's summer message in a nutshell!

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Koinonia and Krislund

The focus of this year's camp is the intentional development of Christian community, or Koinonia, among the campers. The vast majority of campers are "churched," but only a small percentage report ever having had a personal experience of Christ or deep Christian community. This focus will add an important dimension to the camp experience while building on Krislund's three core strengths: Faith, Adventure, and Tradition. These three strengths will be "leveraged" in the direction of creating Koinonia.

One: A Song for Krislund

Tune: "Be Thou My Vision"

God, we have come here from friends and our homes,
Seeking the love that will make us all One.
Teach us at Krislund the things that abide:
How koinonia changes all of our lives.

You gave us Jesus, who prayed for his own,
"Make them all One so your love will be known."
Making new friends, here at Krislund, "Christ's
Land,"
We are love's bearers, our feet and your hands.

Lord, as we worship, discover, and play,
And as we listen to what others say,
Days turn to weeks—and soon this time ends,
Gathered as strangers, may we leave then as friends.

Based on words by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette.

Adapted by Jeff Gibelius for Krislund 2011

Philippians 2:1-2 NIV

*If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ,
if any comfort from his love,
if any fellowship with the Spirit,
if any tenderness and compassion,
then make my joy complete by being like-minded,
having the same love,
being **one** in spirit and purpose.*

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**See you
next
Summer!**



A Krislund Legacy

When Leah Williams came to Krislund for the first time — as a mini-camper— this summer, she became one of the many legacy campers that attend each summer. A “legacy” camper is one whose parents...or grandparents...have spent time at Krislund as a camper, a counselor, or a volunteer.

Leah’s visit was special because, although she lost her mom, Jennifer Chestnut Williams, to cancer a couple of years ago, Leah reflects the great love of Krislund that has been handed down to another generation. Jennifer had been an elementary school teacher and felt that Krislund had been a wonderful part of her life. According to Jennifer’s friend Beth, “Krislund was far more than a wonderful part of her life. It helped define her and her spiritual life. It was literally a part of her essence. “ Jennifer valued her time Krislund so much that, when she knew she was dying, she asked her husband to list as Krislund one of the recipients of remembrance moneys donated in her name.

This year Jennifer made another contribution to Krislund in the form of Leah as a camper and Matt who came for the first time as a volunteer. He was among several members of Second Presbyterian Church, Carlisle who came to help at camp while several of the congregation’s youngsters enjoyed camp.

While reflecting on his late wife’s fondness for Krislund, Matt said that among the many things that he has kept from Jennifer’s life are the Krislund T-shirts that she loved. He expects to pass them on to Leah in a few years, but this year at mini-camp, Leah got one that was more her size.



Many Thanks to Many Golfers! **Chip in for Krislund – A Wonderful Success!**

The initiative of Dickinson Presbyterian Church to support Krislund through a fun golf event has once again been a good success. The Chip in for Krislund golf tournament was held in June and, with perfect weather, the afternoon was fun for eighty-eight players and more than twenty volunteers.

The Krislund Kup was "wrested" from St. Andrew's, Lebanon (2010 winner) by Dickinson, Carlisle, Josh Sheller, Bob Helm, Mike Knouse, and Keith Blessing.

According to Paul Hoch, one of the volunteer organizers, a unique feature of this tournament is the parking lot pickup of players' bags which are then delivered to the appropriate cart. He noted that the steak dinner is the best of any tournament around with great strip steaks grilled perfectly and served on china plates (no paper or plastic) and with real silverware, all first class.

With 86 per cent of 2010 players returning and several new groups added, the event raised \$4,500.00 for Krislund’s ministry. Kevin Mater, a member of the Krislund Joint Camp and Conference Committee will receive the gift from the Dickinson Church during worship on August 7.

Volunteering at Krislund happens in a multitude of ways. Many thanks to the members and friends of Dickinson Presbyterian Church.



One of Krislund’s Secrets: Volunteers

With only seven year round staff, most of whom are part time, and about 30 summer staff, Krislund has been able to provide a quality extended stay, Christian growth experience for about 650 youngsters this summer.

With several buildings to maintain, acres of grass to trim, thousands of meals to prepare, a swimming pool and adventure equipment to keep safe, hundreds of medications to distribute each week and Christian growth opportunities to initiate, one of the secrets to Krislund’s success is Volunteers.

This summer volunteers have helped in the following ways:

- Kitchen Help: 20
- Chaplains and Program: 12
- Maintenance/Renovation: 27
- Nurses: 10
- Registration: 25

These persons have given hundreds of hours of volunteer time to assist the paid staff as they minister to young campers.

In addition, the summer curriculum was written by volunteer Rev. Jeff Gebilius, of the 2nd Church in Carlisle and the campers loved it.

If you would like to join the ranks of those who serve Krislund because they know its worth, go to www.krislund.org or call 814-422-8878.

Message Board

The Message Board is open for comment from campers, parents, and persons who embrace the ministry of Krislund. Send comments to: info@krislund.org or Krislund Camp, 189 Krislund Drive, Madisonburg, PA 16852.

It's been a Wonderful Summer!

As our time on the summer comes to a close, we have a great opportunity to rejoice in what God has done in this place! Kids from all over central Pennsylvania came to Krislund and had the time of their lives. We are able to give kids different opportunities through the week that they wouldn't normally get to do elsewhere. Climbing a 52 foot climbing tower, riding down a 500 foot zipline, and hiking to the top of a mountain are just the beginning! However, our highest rated activity continues to be Nitefest. Nitefest is our camp-style worship that brings all campers together every evening. Each evening our weekly chaplain has an opportunity to speak to the campers and to bring a message to them. It is during this time that many campers have felt a call to ministry and even more have made a decision to follow Christ! God is doing great things here in this place and we are blessed to be a part of it!

Art DeVos, Program Director

Hi, everyone!

Our garden has been coming along. We've been building more beds for it, and are preparing to install fencing and an irrigation system. We hope to barter for some topsoil soon. We've also been able to start a composting system, which is reducing our food waste and producing good fertilizer for the garden.

We are quite grateful for the donations from Market Square and Christ Church Camp Hill to our efforts. They will enable us to purchase some much-needed materials so the garden can be in the best shape possible for next year's growing season. We hope to see the involvement of as many churches as we can!

*Peace,
Andrew Foltz-Morrison,
Eco-Stewards Intern
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Note from Joint Camp Committee Member

I enjoy very much the camaraderie and collegiality of the Joint Camp & Conference Committee (JCCC). The attitude and heart of those who serve on this team model those of Christ. Their love for camping ministry is shaped by their love for Christ. The purpose behind the decisions we make is so that the youth and adults who pass through Krislund's entrance will be impacted by a life-changing encounter with the One who brings lasting change to life.

As one who sits on the JCCC as a minister member of Carlisle Presbytery and who has attended Krislund as a camper (for the "old-school" I attended from cabins through pioneers - 3rd through 9th grade), it is eye-opening to see the many changes which have occurred and are occurring here at Krislund.

As a youth minister who has seen the environment of youth culture change over the last 15 years, it is refreshing to see how Krislund has adapted to this change without sacrificing the Gospel message. Krislund lives out in my mind the Apostle Paul's words to the Roman Christians by being **not** conformed to the world, rather being transformed by the renewing of the mind.

It is a privilege and an honor to be on the JCCC. With God's ever-present guidance, I wait with anticipation the future yet to be lived into. God is doing great things at Krislund - you should come check it out!

Lou Nyiri, Gettysburg, Presbyterian Church

This summer at Krislund has been filled with sun, rain, laughs, tears, good food and time spent in God's creation! It has been so much fun to watch campers come to meals in crazy outfits and challenging themselves to eat without their hands...and then play games in the rain, which develop double rainbows that fill the valley. Both staff and campers have been stretching themselves and growing more in their faith each week. It is truly amazing to see changes in people who open up, share their stories, and make new friends. It is also incredible to watch shy campers slowly open up to become the camper that won't stop talking since they have so much to share.

As a 6th year summer staff member, it is great to see the tradition of Nitefest as one of the campers' favorite activities. I cannot wait to see how God continues to bless this place in the future.

Michelle Califf, Program Coordinator

Meet the Summer Staff

Hi!

My name is Meryl Arnold and I just finished my freshman year at the University of Pennsylvania. I'm from Lancaster, PA and have been coming to Camp Krislund almost every summer since I was in 2nd grade! Just goes to show that I love camp!! I'm here this summer because I want to make a positive impact in the lives of kids and teach them about the One who loves them most! I am beyond excited to see the amazing things God will do this summer in the lives of the campers and in my life as well!

Hello there!

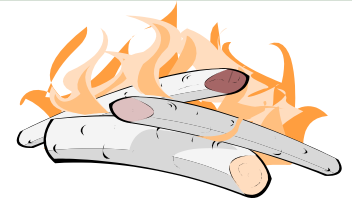
My name is Jamee Gasperich, but my friends call me James. I'm from the small town of Bedford, PA. In the fall, I'll be attending Geneva College to dual major in Student Ministries and Human Services. I'm a gigantic ball of energy and sing songs for every situation I'm in. Krislund has been like a second home to me since I was a camper. I'm really excited to show the campers this summer how to live for Christ all day, every day.



My name is Katie Norman. I'm from Bourbonnais, IL attending Olivet Nazarene University where I'm studying Spanish Education. I excel at balancing broomsticks on my fingers and wrists, and am becoming a proficient juggler. I'm at camp because I LOVE camp—it's my favorite type of job EVER. This summer, I hope to have fun, get close with Jesus, and help others to do the same.

Hello Campers and Parents!

My name is John Bricker and I'm from Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. Currently I go to West Chester University and I am currently undeclared in the College of Education. I would greatly appreciate it if campers could replace any New York Yankee jerseys that they may have with Philadelphia Phillies jerseys before they get to camp. Although, if campers don't follow the Phillies, I'll still be friends with them as they follow God this summer. I really hope campers and I ultimately grow in our relationship with God by being in Krislund's awesome environment together!



Hi!

My name is Theresa Narus. I was born and raised in Idaho Falls, Idaho. I am a rising senior at Bucknell University where I am majoring in International Relations and minoring in Dance and German. I love to travel and experience new places in this wonderful world. I have been attending church camp every summer since I was 9 years old. I love camp ministry and I am truly excited about what our Savior, Jesus Christ, can do during a whole week spent with Him and his followers in His beautiful creation! I am thrilled to be working at Krislund this year!

My name is Sean McKinlay. I am originally from Orlando, FL, but now I live in Pittsburgh, PA where I attend Geneva College. I am finishing up my Associates Degree in Engineering and then I plan to go for my Technology and Industry Education Degree. I love to play soccer, and I play bass in a Christian band. This will be my second summer as a male counselor at Krislund. My goal for this summer is to help campers grow in their relationship with Christ while also growing my own relationship with Christ.



My name is Becka Zimmerman and I am from Etters, PA. I am a sophomore at Messiah College where I am a history education major. I have been a camper at Krislund since I was eight years old and this will be my third year on staff, two as counselor and one as the kitchen assistant. I hope to grow my faith while encouraging campers and staff to do the same. One of my favorite aspects of camp is leading NiteFest.

Hey,

I am Lauren Voigt! I'm from State College, PA and I'm a senior at Messiah College where I study Health Exercise Science. This summer I'm excited to grow closer to God and the people I am working with as well as share the love of Christ with the kids that come to camp. A fun fact about me is that I'm a twin.