



Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry provides opportunities for Christ-centered spiritual growth, leadership development, and outreach in God's great northwoods!

Camp Hiawatha Work Day - Saturday, May 4th

Camp Vermilion Work Day - Saturday, May 11th

Dear Friends of VLM,

Each year, through the gift of your time, skills, and resources, **you make life-changing experiences possible** for hundreds of children. We depend on you to help make camp ready, and we have been so blessed by your work!

As we prepare for the summer of 2024, I want to invite you to be part of the ministry again this year with the gift of your time, skills, and resources.

Enclosed is information on the 2024 Camp Work Days. Please share the information with your congregation and encourage them to participate

As you make plans to join us this year, we invite you to once again consider applying for a Thrivent Action Team.

Action Teams can be used to cover the cost of camp projects, pay for travel for your team, or given directly to camp to help other volunteers join us on these important days. Contact the VLM office or visit Thrivent.com and click "What We Offer" and then "Generosity" to learn more.

Please review the enclosed list of projects, and tasks, and contact your Camp Directors with specific questions about how you can help get behind all that needs to be completed at both sites.

We look forward to seeing you at camp this Spring!

Evan Moilan, Interim Executive Director

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Overnight Opportunity!

Arrive any time after 4:30pm on Friday evening. We will have a light dinner at 6:30 followed by opportunities for games, a campfire, and fellowship time. After breakfast on Saturday, you can explore the camps on your own or join in on Work Day as we get our camps ready for summer. This is a great opportunity to introduce new friends to camp.

RSVP at least one week before the event, so we can arrange proper housing and prepare food.

Please contact us with questions.

Friday, May 3rd - Saturday, May 4th at Camp Hiawatha (RSVP by April 26)

Friday, May 10th - Saturday, May 11th at Camp Vermilion (RSVP by May 3)

RSVP by calling (800) 331-5148 or email VLM@VLMcamps.org. This event is FREE for those who help on Work Day. If you choose to do the overnight but can't stay for Work Day cost is \$50 per family or \$5 per youth (max \$50).

Camp Hiawatha Work Day



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VLM invites you to join Camp Hiawatha for Work Day on Saturday, May 4th, 2023 to get the camp ready for summer. Work Day begins with registration from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. with coffee and a light breakfast. Work begins at 9:30 am Lunch will be served around 12:30 pm.

Projects are listed by order of the sponsoring congregation. A handful of our cabins or buildings do not have a sponsor. If your congregation is interested in adopting a building, please contact the VLM office.

The general cleaning list for all buildings is:

Exterior: Remove webs, pollen, pine needles. Inspect walls for bees and bird nests and remove, if necessary. Raking around the building. **Interior:** Vacuuming and/or sweeping, dusting, washing windows, screens, and ceiling fans, and wiping mattresses down. *Hiawatha will provide general cleaning supplies (disinfectant, window cleaner, rags, etc.); you are welcome to bring others if you choose.*

If the church would like to purchase mattresses for their cabin, contact the camp office. We work with a mattress distributor that gives discounts for larger orders. VLM will place a single order for the camp.

If you would like to make a gift-in-kind donation to Camp Hiawatha, please let us know and we will send you a copy of our Wish List. We have a wide range of items in all price ranges.

*** *Camp Vermilion Work Day Projects are listed separately.* ***

Congregation	Cabin/Building/Area	Projects
Aitkin, First	Lindberg Dorm (Gloria Dei)	General cleaning,
Deer River, Bethany	Waterfront/ Boathouse	Rake beach, organize boathouse, organized/clean watercrafts, clean PFDs
Gilbert/Rajala Family	Sauna Building	General cleaning, clean underneath building, check and clean out chimney and stove, replace any needed screens
Grand Rapids, St. Andrew's	Jacobson Retreat Center	General cleaning, stain/seal ramp and deck on east side, stock fire wood, clean windows, clean fireplace/chimney, clean and organize kitchen
Grand Rapids, Zion	Chapel & Dining Hall/Kitchen	General cleaning, clean windows, wipe down pews with wood cleaner, organize hymnals.
Hibbing, First	Log Lodge	General cleaning, clean out fireplace, stock wood bin, stock fire wood, clean chimney
International Falls, First	Old Boys Cabins	General cleaning, raking,
	Austin Hall/Canteen	General cleaning and organizing canteen inventory
	Firewood/Brushing	Splitting and stacking. Brush maintaining by cross at waterfront
	Gloria Dei (Lindberg)	General cleaning. Repair ground flashing, cleaning windows,
	Staff Housing	General exterior cleaning, stain decks, Garden/flower prep
	Maintenance Shop	Set up tents for function, help organize equipment, move DLA grill out and rearrange equipment for summer, dispose of unusable materials
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ADDITIONAL PROJECTS

If you wish to do one of the projects listed below, please call Camp Hiawatha (218-410-7655) and our **Camp Director, Andrea Bonneville**, will get back to you to discuss details.

Campfire ring clean-up - stock wood boxes for summer, dig out fire rings, build new benches

Plant flowers - someone to purchase and plant flowers for the whiskey barrels around chapel area

Landscaping - landscape and seeding around new sidewalk;

Garden - prepare for planting

Chainsaw work - remove various trees around site

Campsites- new benches, dig out fire ring, rake, stock fire wood

Camp Vermilion Work Day



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Some additional projects are listed below and the Building/Cabin Projects are listed on the back side of this page. Projects are listed by order of the sponsoring congregation. If your congregation is interested in adopting a building, please contact the VLM office.

The general cleaning list for all cabins is:

Exterior: Remove webs, pollen, pine needles. Inspect walls for bees and birds' nest and remove. General cleanup/raking around the cabin. **Interior:** Sweeping, dusting, cleaning windows, and wiping mattresses down. *Vermilion will have general cleaning supplies available (disinfectant, window cleaner, rags, etc.). You are welcome to bring your own if you choose.*

If the church would like to purchase mattresses for their cabin, contact the camp office. We work with a mattress distributor that gives discounts for larger orders. VLM will place one order for the camp.

If you would like to make a gift in kind donation to Camp Vermilion, please let us know and we will send you a copy of our Wish List. We have a wide range of items in all price ranges.

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ADDITIONAL PROJECTS

If you wish to do one of the special projects listed below, please contact Bjørn Anderson, our Camp Director, at 218-780-2696 to discuss details.

Forestry Stewardship Work

Hazard/Downed tree removal and firewood - Stacking, hauling, piling firewood. Working to reduce fire load around camp and chipping slash piles.

Use of special equipment would be helpful- brush saws, commercial chipper, 4-wheelers, trailers, and all safety equipment

Site Trail/Road Work

Road surfacing - Gravel around Voyageur Lodge, parking lots, driveway and main trails, fill pot holes.

Trail Management - check hiking trails, campsites (Primitives, Adirondacks)

General Site Maintenance

Outhouses - Clean and restock with toilet paper, repairs,

Campfire Rings - clean up area, dig out campfire pits, repair/replace benches

Travois Hill maintenance - clean and brush out campsites, build new picnic tables, clean out firepits repair electrical and water

Building Maintenance

Saunas – Assist with landscaping year-round sauna, assist with final touches on summer sauna

Treetop cabins – finish securing lofts, new benches and picnic tables for area

Please call Bjørn Anderson, Camp Vermilion Director, at 218-780-2696 to discuss the projects listed below.

In addition to these projects, we also need cleaning in the interior and exterior of the cabins.

We will provide general cleaning supplies (disinfectant, window cleaner, rags, etc.); you are invited to bring others if you choose.

Congregation	Cabin	Project
Aurora, Our Savior's	Sandpoint Cabin	Paint floor, paint west exterior wall
Babbitt, Evangelical	Nature Center	General cleaning
Cloquet, Our Savior's	Birch Cabin	Scrape and paint front door, screen repair, paint front stairs and back porch
Cook, Trinity	Chapel	New, brighter lights, wood beam pest control, front awning repair, roof leak repair, seal around chimney
Cromwell, Bethany	Alneau Cabin	Paint outside/reside, paint stairs
Duluth, Concordia	VCC Trail Shack	Water filters, deep clean
Duluth, Elim	Delhut Cabin	General Cleaning, screen repair on back window, new curtain rods for back window and front door, shelf re-hung
Duluth, Faith, Gloria Dei	Crooked Lake Cabin	Exterior paint, fascia paint
Duluth, First	Boat House	Fix/repair exterior siding, fix/replace gutters, canoe winch install squaring up building, upper level: de cobwebbing, and window cleaning
Duluth, Good Shepherd	Berg Bathhouse	Replace/paint inside stalls and walls (boys), scrub floors, new toilets, sponsor/install metal roof
Duluth, Kenwood	Jolliet Cabin	Pain front stairs, rear fascia boards, general cleaning
Duluth, Our Savior's	Aspen Cabin	Paint back stairs, paint floor
Duluth, Trinity	Knife Lake Cabin	Exterior painting
Duluth, Spirit of God	Wakemup Lodge	Finish flooring installation, window glass replacement
Edina, Normandale	Bakk House Sauna	Paint stairs, build/ pay for dock
Effie, Fredheim Lutheran & Bigfork, Grace Community	Lac La Croix Cabin	sponsor/install metal roof, exterior and trim painting, screen door repair, bat proofing
Ely, Grace	Rainy Lake Cabin	General Cleaning, gutter above door, possible door replacement
Embarrass, Hope	Priest House Sauna	Paint/ seal floor, paint porch/ stairs
Eveleth, United	Harbor/Waterfront	Raft/dock repair, harbor maintenance
Floodwood, Hope	Baraga Cabin	Needs new deck/board replacement, paint steps, new siding
Hermantown, Grace	Logo Building	screen repair, gutter work, paint, upgrade staff bathrooms, mold removal
Hibbing, Our Savior's/ St. John's Saginaw	Bakk House	New siding install, deck plan, look at options to paint or wall off staircase wall replace old windows
Hovland, Trinity	Hopkins Cabin	Gutter work, exterior paint, clear brush near cabin
Hoyt Lakes, Faith	Namakan	Sponson/ install metal roof, exterior and trim painting, bat proofing, paint soffit, drain repair
International Falls, Zion and Littlefork, Littlefork	Maple Cabin	Front stairs painting, general cleaning
Iron, Faith United	Schoolcraft Cabin	Add front gutter, exterior paint touchups, Paint front deck, general cleaning of building.
Mt. Iron, Messiah	Sacagawea	Paint deck, general cleaning
Orr, Calvary	Radisson (Stag)	Gutter work, hand railing repair
Palo, St Marks	Basswood Cabin	Sponsor/install metal roof, install new rain gutter, exterior painting, rear fascia board replacement
Pine River, First	Program House	General Cleaning
Proctor, United	Priest House	Refinish wood floor, basement post installation, exterior paint
Two Harbors, Bethlehem	Selkirk	Paint exterior and deck, sponsor/install metal roof, hole repair, for health care and transfer items
Two Harbors, Emmanuel	Mackenzie Cabin	General cleaning, stain/seal floor, exterior paint
Virginia, Gethsemane	Thompson Cabin	General cleaning, replace front gutter, clear brush behind cabin, paint front stairs/railings
Virginia, Our Savior's	White Pine Cabin	Finish deck painting, screen repair
Wright, Bethlehem	Marquette Cabin	Paint deck, window trim and fascia, replace rotten siding, exterior paint/siding

* If you only have general cleaning listed for your cabin, we want to say, "Thank you for keeping your cabin in such great repair!" Please consider adopting an additional project after you finish cleaning your cabin this year. See a project list on the front of this page. Sometimes additional cabins need to be cleaned if some churches are unable to participate in Work Day. Your help is appreciated!

* For painting work, If you are able to bring a crew, paint will be ordered by the camp. We welcome support for the purchase of that paint. Call for details so we can have supplies ready for you.