

# THE Arcadian

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## It's About Time

As a kid I didn't like thunderstorms. I still don't. But I did like it when the storm caused the power to go off because I knew that with the power off our family would come together. We would get out the candles and spend hours telling stories and playing board games. Time slowed down. Time became a special gift because we reconnected as a family.

That's what happens at Camp Arcadia—time serves us, instead of us serving time. We are given a short reprieve from the daily grind of deadlines, schedules and responsibilities. We no longer worry about unthawing the chicken in time for dinner, or working late to get the project done. We can truly embrace the gift of time and all that it offers us.

I am reading the book *Receiving the Day—Christian Practices for Opening the Gift of Time* by Dorothy C. Bass. It has helped me think about time and what it means. In this book I have learned that the Hebrew day begins at dusk; when we go to bed, God goes to work. “God is out growing the crops even before the farmer is up and knitting together the wound before the clinic opens.” I think of times when I have been hurting—either physically or emotionally—and after a night of rest, I awake to find myself feeling better. I think of decisions that benefited from “sleeping on it.”

Minister and author, Eugene Peterson, reflects on this in Bass' book, “I go to sleep to get out of the way for a while. I get into the rhythm of salvation....Human effort is honored and respected not as a thing in itself but by its integration into the rhythms of grace and blessing.”

Isn't that what Arcadia is all about? At this place we are invited to get out of the way, tune into the “rhythms of grace and blessing,” and let God take over. We let go of doing and embrace “being.” We are really present and not worrying about the past or fretting over the future. We receive God's gracious gift of time.

Whether or not you will be able to be with us this summer at Arcadia, it is my hope that you will turn the “power off”, let time slow down a bit, and reconnect with your family. Frankly it's about time.

In His service,

Chip

Chip May  
Director



Camp Arcadia's mission is to provide a setting for Christian families and individuals to vacation with God, and to foster the renewal of the whole person—spirit, mind, and body—amid the beauty of God's creation and in fellowship with other Christians.

# The Arcadian Interview

The Arcadian interviews Chip May about his plans for making worship an integral part of the Camp Arcadia guest experience.

**THE ARCADIAN:** What was the impetus for changing Camp's worship experiences?

**CHIP:** There have been two main catalysts. First was the success of the Worship Symposium at Camp Arcadia in the fall of 2008. Hands down, it was one of my most meaningful worship experiences at Camp Arcadia. Second, during my sabbatical two years ago, my family and I were blessed to be able to participate in worship at St. John Lutheran Church in Wheaton, IL. I was inspired by their approach to worship—which was very intentionally focused on proclaiming the gifts God has for us. They offered wonderful music and created an atmosphere that helped me realize more fully God's presence.

**THE ARCADIAN:** Why is improving the worship experiences at Camp Arcadia important to you?

**CHIP:** A book I read in my preparation, *Beyond the Worship Wars* by Thomas Long, presents it this way: As humans, we have two profound hungers—"the hunger for God and the hunger for human community ... to put it more precisely, we hunger for God in community." At Arcadia, community is central. To make worship—a time when we come together as a whole community to be in the presence of God—a crucial part of the Arcadia experience just makes sense.

**THE ARCADIAN:** How have you gone about trying to determine what more meaningful worship at Camp Arcadia looks like?

**CHIP:** Camp does many things well with regard to faith development, but I think the worship at Camp, in general, could be more meaningful and more often. To learn more, I reached out to people that

**"I still remember seeing families—grandparents, parents and grandkids—embracing each other and receiving a blessing from the pastor. It was a great way to end the week."**

I know and trust. Dave and Pat Leege, LCA members and cottagers, have been supporting worship and music at Camp Arcadia for years through the JS Bach Endowment for Lutheran Church Music (part of the Arcadia Foundation). They have been invaluable in offering their ideas, talents and encouragement.

Long-time Camp Arcadia Dean and good friend, Pastor Scott Bruzek, and Pastor Joshua Genig of St. John, Wheaton, and their staff have helped me create the worship format and design. I cannot say enough about their support. I have also been reading a few books on worship that have really helped (see the list of resources).

**THE ARCADIAN:** Last summer you tried something new with regard to worship; how did it work out?

**CHIP:** For the most part it was a success. We started a Friday evening closing worship service, and moved the camper talent show to Thursday evening. I had only planned to implement the closing service for half of the family weeks, but it was so well received we decided to do it every week. I still remember seeing families—grandparents, parents and grandkids—embracing each other and receiving a blessing from the pastor. It was a great way to end the week.

**THE ARCADIAN:** What are the plans for this year?

**CHIP:** This year we are going to ramp it up a bit. We will be adding evening worship at 9:45 PM starting on Sunday and going through Thursday. It will be around 20 to 25 minutes long and located in the Assembly. The Trading Post will still be open from 9 to 10:30 PM, so you can get your ice cream before or after the service. Also, like last year, we will end the week with a closing worship service on Friday at 8:00 PM.

**THE ARCADIAN:** Any details on what the worship will look like?

**CHIP:** The details are still being worked out, but I do know that the services will be a time of prayer, celebration and reflection. It will also be a time to lift up our voices and sing of God's gifts. We will engage all the senses—candles, incense, art, and music. The music will be led mostly by a piano, but at times we hope to add other instruments. The services will be heavily influenced by the Taizé Community in France.

## WORSHIP RESOURCES:

*Holden Prayer Around the Cross: Handbook to the Liturgy* by Susan Briehl and Tom Witt  
*Reaching Out Without Dumbing Down: A Theology of Worship for This Urgent Time* by Marva Dawn  
*Beyond the Worship Wars* by Thomas Long  
*Songs and Prayers from the Taizé Community* - GIA Publications has over 124 resources about the Taizé Community  
Two collection of songs from the Iona Community in Scotland: *Come All You People* and *There is One Among Us*, both by John Bell



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# Come Ye Back to RKD

## Enjoy One Last Blast of Summer!

Family Week August 21-28 with Pastor John Nunes

### SPECIAL OFFER:

Kids age 13 and under free  
(limit 2 kids free per adult)  
& Adults 55+ save 25%

This is a great way for families (don't forget grandma and grandpa) to spend time together before school starts. Let us do all the work so you can have fun with your family. Go to the beach, eat some ice cream, laugh, play and celebrate summer before its too late. Enjoy one last blast of summer!

## Space Available—Several Retreats

Golf & the Gospel: June 5-11

8th & 9th Grade Retreat: June 13-19

Family Week: August 14-21  
(Save 50% on kids age 13 and under)

Lutherhostel (for those age 40 to 140!):  
August 28-September 3

Labor Day Family Weekend: September 3-6

Women's Retreats: September 17-19 or September 24-26

More information is available on our website.

## LCA Annual Meeting in Chicago



The Lutheran Camp Association plans to hold its annual meeting on Saturday, October 16, 2010, at 10:00 AM, Grace Lutheran Church in River Forest, IL. Lunch will be provided. To register for the meeting, contact the office. The LCA annual meeting is when the LCA Board of Directors is elected and other important matters are voted upon. If you cannot attend the meeting, we ask that

you vote by proxy. You can give your proxy to someone who will be attending the meeting or send it to the camp office. LCA members will receive the agenda and voting information in early September.

## The Arcadian!

Throughout Camp's history, families and individuals have been called upon to make decisions to ensure the future of Camp's ministry. This is no more powerfully illustrated than when a group of 38 "Concerned Arcadians", led by John "Hans" Jass, organized and negotiated the purchase of the camp from the Walther League and established the LCA in 1967. We decided to change the name of this newsletter from the *RKD News* to *The Arcadian* to reflect the generations of those who love and treasure Camp Arcadia's ministry.

## Cottage Colony House for Sale

Great location across from the park - right near beach entrance, 5 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, hot tub, over \$575,000 spent on the house. Fully furnished. Call Blaise Sedney at (443) 417-0169. \$475,000



## Celebrating—Curating—Collecting—Cataloging

Archives will celebrate its 10th summer of digging up RKD history to preserve and display for current and future generations. Many special projects will be initiated this summer by staff and volunteers, to ensure further development of the collection and its preservation. We hope you will visit Archives in the Wigwam basement to see our ten years of accomplishments.

RKD curators will be working hard developing new collection themes, and exploring the RKD community to find artifacts that connect with these themes. New themes will focus on "day out of camp", fall weekend re-

treats and cottagers, just to name a few. Curators look forward to connecting with your RKD history and helping you dig through your attics and closets. We will bring our own shovels and tractors!

"The Big Sort" project is complete and now the cataloging begins. Our cataloging intern for the summer (supported by the Yard Sale Fundraiser), along with the support of volunteers, will be entering Camp's archives into a museum database so that our history is more accessible. Do we have your RKD History? Donate it today. Your catalog number is waiting!



# From Martha Dourson, LCA President

I would guess that more than once this winter your thoughts have drifted to images of a summer season of sand, surf, sun, sunsets, stars, sodas, sundaes, slides, swings, super salads, softball, soccer, study, singing, swimming, sailing, snorkeling, skipping, sleeping in, serenity and God's spirit...all sensational aspects of Camp Arcadia. But did you ever think about all the planning that makes those aspects such an integral part of camp? I have to admit that prior to becoming a board member, I never did. It is a tribute to Camp's administration and leadership that people can enjoy Camp without having to work at it, but nevertheless, work is constantly being done behind the scenes. For a recap of what's happening now, read on.

**STRATEGIC PLAN** - We're finally heading for home! We have our mission, our vision, our foundational principles, and now the plan to make it happen. Staff have thoroughly reviewed the plan and created the items that indicate whether the strategy is, will, or has been accomplished. We are presently working on the measurements to report and track the progress of that action, and how to measure success. Once these are in place, both staff and board will have a blueprint of what is and should be happening for the next three to five years at Camp. And speaking of the plan, one of the actions under Development Management Operational Structure is to hire a Program Director...

**PROGRAM DIRECTOR** - The hiring of a program director is something that was part of Camp's 10 year plan, Arcadia: Vision 2002, prepared back in the nineties. It comes as no surprise, then, that improving camp's overall experience entails hiring a person who can devote his/her time to develop a top-notch program for all ages. At its most recent meeting in March, the Board approved the hiring of a program director. The Board sees this not only as a benefit to Camp and staff, but the move will also free up some of the director's time to focus on fundraising, long-term giving, and overall financial health of Camp. Interviews for the position will take place soon; the position should be filled by the end of the year with an effective start date of January, 2011.

**POLICY-BASED GOVERNANCE** - If you have noticed that management has been making a lot of decisions in running Camp, you are absolutely correct! And there is good reason for it; it is not by accident or mismanagement. An article in the previous newsletter explained what policy-based governance is: in short, the Board makes the policies in which staff freely operate. The staff make the necessary operational decisions as long as they are within the policies created by the Board. The director is held accountable and responsible for successes and failures. This type of governance produces not only the greatest success by management, but the greatest harmony between board and management. This process does not happen overnight. Now that the Board has approved the move to policy-based governance, the Board is utilizing an expert in this area to guide us through the transition. Look for more on this move at our fall meeting.

**BEACH COMMITTEE** - As you recall, the Board approved the recommendation of the Beach Committee's suggestion to try the Sandgrabber as a pilot project to address our beach erosion. We are presently awaiting the permit from the United States Army Corps of Engineers while officials from the historical segment of that office review the Minnehaha shipwreck remains. The Sandgrabber pilot is planned for installation in front of the tennis courts, significantly distant from the Minnehaha shipwreck in front of the Inn. Once that has been approved, the necessary contracts have been prepared and installation should occur yet this spring with monitoring the effects of the system to begin immediately. On a related matter, we are also taking steps to secure the dredging spoils of the harbor to be located much closer to Camp (5,000 feet north of the harbor). Dredging will hopefully occur in the early summer.



**GREEN ENERGY COMMITTEE** - As part of Camp's effort to reduce our carbon footprint and be more energy conscious, the Board established the Green Energy Capital Investment Committee. Since Michigan boasts one of the top wind zones in the country, this committee is investigating the benefits and burdens of owning and operating a windmill with particular emphasis on potential energy savings. Solar and wood are also being examined. This committee, chaired by Michael Dourson, includes Board members Carol Weber, Tom Johnson, and Chris Schumann, Arcadia resident Greg Wisner, staff member John Jass, ACCA member Ken Temme, Gretchen Stierholz, Doug Baker, and George Wojtan. They continue to meet and will have a recommendation by the May meeting.

**FINANCIAL** - See the summary to the right.

This is a snapshot of what is going on, and as you can see - it is a full agenda. We are excited about the future—green energy technology, beach expansion, a more productive way of board-staff interaction and leadership, a program director, and a strategic plan that sets the course for us for the next three to five years that ties all these together. We are always looking for potential board members, so don't be afraid to join the excitement!

In His Service, Martha Dourson, President, LCA

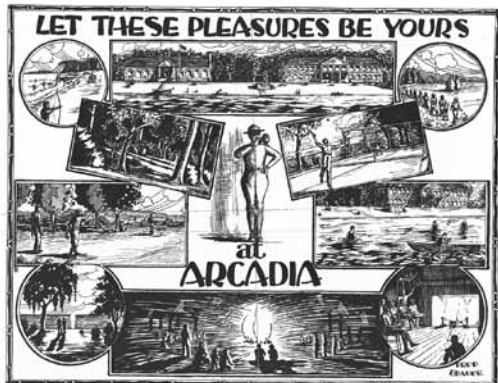


# ARCADIA

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### RECREATION

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## Treasurer's Report - Chris Schumann

As of December 31, 2009

(in dollars)

### General Fund Financial Summary

General Fund Revenue	
Reservation Income	804,915
Trading Post Sales	77,762
All other income	46,754
<b>Total General Fund Revenue</b>	<b>929,431</b>
General Fund Expenses	
Program Expenses	267,924
Personnel	411,038
Property	122,018
General & Administrative	79,617
<b>Total General Fund Expenses</b>	<b>880,596</b>
<b>Excess Revenue over Expenses</b>	<b>48,835</b>
Statement of Net Assets	
General Fund Net Assets	985,997
Property Fund Net Assets	1,924,390
Forward Fund Assets	65,124
Financial Aid Fund Assets	10,933
Arcadia Foundation Fund Assets	240,559
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,227,003</b>

## Arcadia Foundation Sponsors Dean & Lecture Series

The Arcadia Foundation is sponsoring the Dean & Lecture Series again this summer. Thanks to the generous support of the Arcadia Foundation donors, we are able to bring in some of the most dynamic and highly respected speakers in the country. These speakers represent one of the core parts of our ministry here at Camp Arcadia and we look forward to working with the Foundation in the future to build this speaker series.

The Arcadia Foundation was established in the early 1990's to serve as a way for people to remember Camp Arcadia in their estate plans. The Arcadia Foundation board of directors manages this money with the goal of generating earnings. These earnings are then used for special Camp ministries and projects. Please consider including Camp Arcadia in your estate plans, so that we can continue to provide an incredible Camp experience for our children and grandchildren for years to come.

**FIND OUT WHO WILL WORK  
ON SUMMER STAFF IN 2010!  
VISIT CAMP-ARCADIA.COM**



## Donate to Camp

Your donations, volunteer hours, prayers and encouragement have transformed the Camp in the last ten years and put us on the stable footing we now enjoy. They have allowed us to renovate all of our buildings and recreational spaces, improve our programs, and keep guest rates affordable. **Thank you.**

This year's fundraising goal is **\$75,000**. A few of the improvements that this will help fund include a new entrance sign, a Craft Shop expansion to the basement for messy crafting, new Inn dressers, and financial scholarships. Please know that gifts of any amount are helpful in meeting our goal of \$75,000. Camp Arcadia continues to thrive and meet its mission to renew our guests in spirit, mind and body because of the support we receive from you. **Thank you.**

To donate, please visit [camp-arcadia.com](http://camp-arcadia.com) to make an on-line secure donation, or mail your donation to Camp Arcadia, PO Box 229, Arcadia, MI 49613.



## Archive Yard Sale Fundraiser

Archives will host a Yard Sale Fundraiser during the Arcadia Daze weekend (July 23-25, 2010) with the help of the cottage colony and the Arcadia community. Our Goal of \$5,000 is bigger than ever, but with lots of hard work and generous volunteers we can make this the most successful yard sale yet. New this year is the "Camp Décor Corner" which will feature great surplus and repurposed items from Camp. Retro ark stump stool anyone? Here are the ways you can get involved:

- Donate items to be sold
- Donate funds for advertising, tent rental & supplies
- Volunteer at the sale
- Buy stuff from the sale
- Pray for good weather!



## Woell Panama Trip

In appreciation of their years of service, Camp Arcadia gave Stan and Karla Woell an Exploritas (formerly Elderhostel) trip to the Panama Canal. They took this trip in March. Here is what Stan & Karla had to say about their trip:

"We enjoyed two days of side trips showing the watershed areas that feed the Canal near Panama City, and a river launch on the Chagres River on the Caribbean end. The history of the Spanish conquest, the French failure, and the U.S.A.'s final struggle and success were fascinating. The best part was traversing the Canal itself and passing through the locks; we were close enough in our small wooden boat to touch the walls. It was an amazing experience.



We have tremendous respect and admiration for those people who hacked their way through dense forests and battled disease as well as displayed the ingenuity to build this engineering marvel. It was an amazing trip and the experience was all we had hoped for."



## End-of-Season Staff

Many people don't realize it, but when the college staff returns to school in the middle of August, we still have two months left in the season. We need new staff starting August 21 through October 24.

Maybe you're recently retired and looking for a way to serve. Perhaps you are a recent college grad looking to spend some time serving before you head into the real world. Or maybe you are a current high school or college student who wants to make a few extra dollars serving at Camp on the weekends. Whether you can come for a weekend or stay for a few weeks, we need you.

We have positions available in kitchen, housekeeping, caretaking, program, and office. These positions are paid at least \$100 per retreat, plus room and board. (Of course you get a staff t-shirt too.) Working on staff at the end of the season is hard work, but it is also a lot of fun and a rewarding way to serve God.

To apply you can contact Chip May at [chip@camp-arcadia.com](mailto:chip@camp-arcadia.com), call the camp office at (231) 889-4361, and access the application materials at [camp-arcadia.com](http://camp-arcadia.com).



## LCA Founding Father Passes

Dr. Fred L. Kuhlmann, 93, a longtime LCA member and leader, and cottager, died April 3 at his home in Webster Groves, Mo., a St. Louis suburb. Dr. Kuhlmann served on the steering committee, representing a group of “Concerned Arcadians”, which negotiated a deal to purchase the camp from the Walther League in 1968. This group founded the Lutheran Camp Association (LCA).

Dr. Kuhlmann, an attorney, helped run the St. Louis Cardinals baseball organization in the 1980’s and was a longtime executive at Anheuser-Busch Companies in St. Louis. For more than 50 years, he volunteered his time to many Lutheran organizations, serving on the board of directors for Concordia Publishing House, Valparaiso University and the LCMS Board for Mission Services.

Marilyn Brickler, Fred’s daughter and former LCA Board member, comments on his legacy, “One of the most important aspects of Dad’s history is his love for Camp Arcadia. He attended as a Walther Leaguer and came back year after year. His love has been passed on to his children, who both have cottages in Arcadia. My brother Mark met his wife at Camp Arcadia, and one of my grandchildren has ‘Arcadia’ for a middle name. Camp Arcadia is one of the greatest legacies Dad left to us.”

## Community News

### BIRTHS:

Andrew Dumas Greiner to Micah and Sarah Greiner - January 2010  
Luke Melin to Katie (Kretzmann) and Rob Melin - March 2010  
Twins Felix and Ada Doepke to Ben and Sarah (Wallace) Doepke - February 2010

### DEATHS:

Mike Mestelle November 2009  
Herb Brokering November 2009  
Barbara (Gerken) Hunter December 2009  
Mildred Hieber January 2010  
William H. “Bill” Ehrenberg Jr February 2010  
Lillian Nehring February 2010  
Jeanette Klaus February 2010  
David Panhorst March 2010  
Fred Kuhlmann April 2010  
Norene Rude April 2010

### MARRIAGES:

Jennifer Bulmann to Thaddeus Summers, September 2009

## From the Archives

Over 10,000 pieces of Camp history are preserved in the archives, *The Arcadian* will try to present a photo or story from camps of yesteryear here. The picture below was taken from the water, quite a feat in the 1920’s.



## Get Married at Arcadia

This fall, Camp Arcadia is blessed to host three wedding receptions. Two of those weddings, include former staff members (both couples met while on staff)—Kyle DeWees and Leah Maier (pictured), and Barrett Grebing and Chrysta Gotsch. “Camp [Arcadia] was such an important part of the beginning of our relationship, that it was not even a question as to where we wanted to get married. The opportunity to have both of our families and all of our friends together to celebrate our marriage—in our favorite place on earth—is really exciting for us and it is a true blessing,” remarked Leah Maier.



Barrett Grebing commented on their upcoming wedding at Camp, “Chrysta and I both love Arcadia. We thought it was only natural to have our wedding at the place we met and fell in love. We are looking forward to sharing Camp with our friends who have heard so much about it. Starting our lives together would only be complete in the beauty of God’s creation, with Kurt’s famous chocolate mousse.”

Camp has been hosting weddings and wedding receptions for over 10 years. Wedding guests stay in the Inn and Camp cottages for the weekend. Chef Kurt Harvey and his staff pull out all the stops for a wonderful reception dinner, as well as the other meals for the weekend. Guests have full access to the rest of Camp, including the game room and outdoor recreational spaces.

To learn more about having your wedding celebration (anniversary, renewal of vows, family reunion) at Camp Arcadia, please contact Director, Chip May at (231) 889-4361 or [chip@camp-arcadia.com](mailto:chip@camp-arcadia.com).



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...and most of all, time with God.