

June 2017

Dear Friends,

Summer of 2017 is here! No time to waste, as we have been running fast at Lahti Retreat Center (LRC). We have already expanded the serving area of the kitchen and are now moving full steam ahead with enclosing the new chapel addition. God is so good! He has allowed us to take a leap of faith and purchase all the windows and most of the doors for the expansion. We are so excited to move forward on this major project even though we have exhausted our budget funds to do so. We are confident He will sustain us and provide for LRC and its ministry beyond our expectations in order for us to continue without any additional loans.

It is very uplifting to know others share our vision at Camp Lahti...as reveled in this poem recently given to me by a dedicated supporter about one of our major projects, the chapel expansion.

Please continue to support and pray for LRC. May God be glorified in all we say and do! Thank you for your amazing support and much needed prayer.

MULTI-USE BUILDING (a.k.a. Chapel)  
@ Lahti Retreat Center

Some can see a building here,  
Before the workmen do their share.  
Faith has claimed so much before,  
Increase, we pray, our faith some more.

Just to build will never do,  
Unless there is a need in view.  
For our Lord taught by the sea,  
Often, too, on bended knee.

Built He Temples in the heart,  
By the Word, He did impart.  
This He molded from decay,  
Vessels fit from lumps of clay.

Except you help this church sustain,  
All labors, Lord, will be in vain.  
Father, gird it, and support,  
'Til its fruits show good report.

Consecrate and spirit enter,  
Endeavor for this Lahti Center.  
Teach and spread thy word abroad,  
Raise each child to honor God.

Remember friends the ways of man,  
Often run before God's plan.  
As each step brings near our dream,  
"God willing" still must be our theme.

Would you have a part in this,  
A prayer – a gift to bring success.  
God Bless every willing soul,  
As we continue towards the goal.

A vision has brought us to stand,  
Here upon this hallowed land.  
We dedicate it Lord to Thee,  
May its use – a Blessing be.

*Jim*

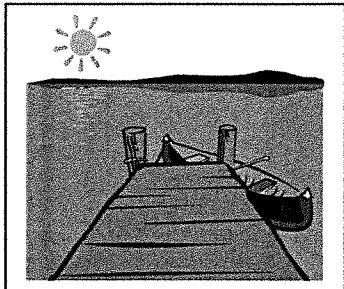
God's peace,  
Pastor Jesse Aho

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Camp phone (summer only)  
(906) 296-0643



**Summer Projects**

Enclose Chapel addition  
Staff house facelift  
New roof on Chapel  
Build hard-surface walkways  
    between dorms & bathhouse  
Build large sign over entrance  
Design new entrance gate system  
Reclaim drainage ditches  
Re-clear trees on trail  
Lay trail markers  
Cut & split firewood  
Landscaping & mowing  
**Needs & Requests**  
New swings (5-6)  
Lawn games  
30 gallon trash cans (4)  
Volleyballs & basketballs  
Paint brushes, rollers, pans  
Cleaning products (Windex, Clorox  
wipes, all-purpose cleaning spray)  
Monthly contributors  
Prayers

**2017 DATES TO REMEMBER**

**June 11-16** Confirmation Camp

**June 21-23** Kids Camp

**July 26-30** LBF Family Camp

**August 17-19** Adult Seminar Retreat  
w/ Jay Weidner

**August 20** All Church Picnic

**Sept 29-Oct 1** Lahti Ladies  
Weekend