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How have you been involved with Lutheran Island Camp?

Staff, Volunteer, Camper

Please share with us one or more of your favorite memories at Lutheran Island

Camp. In 2003, there were 9 of us who JCe'd together and we had the best weeks at camp. At the time, I had never had so much fun in my life. We worked really well together and stayed on for an extra weekend to spend more time together. Annie Pitschka and I went to go pick up pizza for supper, and when we came back to the island everyone was giggling. We couldn't figure out why until we spotted a stealthy Mark LaVoie (who has incredibly red, curly hair, and at the time it was long...or big...whatever...) hiding behind a tree with shiny, straight hair. How they convinced him to have his hair straightened with a straightening iron, I will never know! What a blast! That evening ended with us swimming at dusk and sharing in a devotional time at the deck overlooking the water in the boys' village. It was such a wonderful evening!

Tell us how God has worked through camp in your life.

Well, in the very biggest way, God delivered me my husband! Daniel and I met when I was working in the kitchen summer of 2004 and he was a counselor who was annoyed by "those crazy camp people." Fast forward a year, and we started dating in 2005. The rest, as they say, is history! LIC has also led us to our first home in Iowa where Daniel is the Program Director at the NLOMA camp, Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca.

Please feel free to share a personal update with other alumni in the space below.

I finished college in December of 2007, graduating in May of 2008 from Concordia University in St. Paul, MN with a degree in Youth, Family and Congregational Studies. Daniel and I were married in January of 2008 and have lived at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca in Iowa ever since. I began working at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Mt. Vernon, IA since February of 2008. I work with youth, families...anything that needs to be done! We have a dog, Sophie, and a cat, Victor, both of whom provide us with many laughs. I keep myself busy by decorating cakes and being involved with Higher Things, a youth organization of the LCMS. Life is good!

What year(s), if any, were you on the LIC staff?

2004-2005

If you served on staff, what position(s) did you hold?

Kitchen Staff and Counselor

What year(s) were you a volunteer at LIC?

2001-2004

What year(s) were you a camper at LIC?

1998-2003

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