

Menno Haven Camp and Retreat Center

Youth and Family Camps • Retreats and Conferences • Adventure Education

December 2023

Greetings, Friend, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

I am filled with gratitude! I am overwhelmed by the love of Jesus for me! I stand in awe at the glory of God through His great Creation (particularly in this little 231 acre corner of the universe in Tiskilwa, IL)!

Maybe it is the **season of Thanksgiving and Advent** that bring my heart to be in this place of being **grateful for all the things the Lord has done, is doing, and will do** for the ministry of Menno Haven! I am thankful for our amazing core Ministry Team, wonderful summer staff, and dedicated part-time staff. I am grateful for the continued gifts of many hours of time by volunteers, the young to old who come to our Menno Haven sponsored programs, the many different churches and organizations that come for the first time or the 50th time for their own retreat, for the prayer champions that intercede daily on our behalf, and the ongoing financial support of donors who give as the Lord blesses them...for **all these combined make a thriving ministry!**



Over the course of the past year we have had 298 Menno Haven Program Participants, 84 Guest Group Events, 11 Summer Staffers, 349 Volunteers, 5+ Baptisms, and 7+ Believers made a commitment to follow Jesus (+ = that we know of). Guests continually comment about how they feel the presence of God in this place and how it is different than other places they have been. Youth are encountering the living Lord Jesus Christ during their time here. Lives are being changed. **All this...ALL THIS happens because of you and your** partnership with the thousands of other people who come and support this sacred place set aside to proclaim the Glory of the Lord Jesus Christ!

Will you join others in supporting this exceptional organization to further Christ's Kingdom in a world that struggles? **Here are three ways you can financially support the Menno Haven ministry** as we look towards 2024:

- **Give towards the Annual Fund.**

- It is out of this fund that we carry out the purpose of Menno Haven and cover the yearly operating expenses that come with upholding a high quality of service to our guests and campers.

- **Give towards 2023 Summer Camp Cabin Improvements**

- This past spring we purchased new thicker/more comfortable mattresses and installed solid professional entry doors for the cabins. Campers, parents, and summer staff were very appreciative of these improvements. There is a remainder of \$8,960 needing to be funded.

- **Give towards the Patio Renovation in front of Lakeview Lodge.**

- Will you join with the generous friends who have given before you to pay the remaining \$13,290 of the \$46,775 project? We would love to start off 2024 with this project fully funded.

Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus, providing love, care, and hope to all who come to this place. I pray you also are able to feel the love, care, and hope of Jesus this Advent season and always.

A Servant of Christ,

Doc Johnson
Executive Director

Would you consider a tax-deductible gift towards our ministry by December 31, 2023?

Menno Haven relies on donations of 15-20% of our budget (or approximately \$115,000) in order to meet ministry needs each year. We need additional gifts to help with improvements and capital projects.

Thank you for your generosity in the past....

...and for your commitment to care for our future!

