

# Campingnews



I love how much my daughter loves camp. But that's bittersweet because she is already talking about working at camp and I will miss her a lot if she is gone for more than a week!

SUMMER 2025 CAMPER MOM



## Marking *ministry milestones* Celebrating deep roots, looking to the future

Covenant Harbor and Covenant Point — Christian sister camps serving the Midwest — concluded summer 2025 with gratitude and joy, as they served almost 3,300 campers. Now, they look toward ministry in 2026 and beyond.

### Covenant Harbor's Dining Commons

Pages 2-3 of the *Camping News* tell the story of how God has provided more than \$7.3 million toward the \$8.1 million project. The Dining Commons will be the center of the camp, the welcoming, gathering and dining space for summer campers and year-round guests. It will be on the site of the current Lodge. The Dining Commons marks a new milestone in Covenant Harbor's 78-year ministry.

### Covenant Point's Centennial Celebration

Pages 4-5 of the *Camping News* tell about the August 2026 celebration that will commemorate the founding of Covenant Point in 1926. The weekend event will bring together churches, ministry leaders and partners, former staff, campers, friends and families to experience a time of remembering and celebrating God's work through the camp's 100 years of ministry. Stay tuned for more details yet to come!

### Summer 2026 Registration Opens Nov. 11!

Registration for both Covenant Harbor and Covenant Point's summer 2026 youth programs begins at 7am CST on Tuesday, Nov. 11. Registration for family camps at Covenant Point begins Nov. 11 at 9am. Register early for the best selection! Visit [covenantharbor.org](http://covenantharbor.org) and [cpbc.com](http://cpbc.com) to see schedules and details.

[covenantharbor.org](http://covenantharbor.org) | [cpbc.com](http://cpbc.com)





## COVENANT HARBOR

I feel refreshed and free.  
I have felt so happy this  
summer at camp.

SUMMER 2025 CAMPER



*This rendering shows the Dining Commons from the perspective of Covenant Harbor's main parking lot.*

## Dining Commons project advances

### Fundraising progresses to within \$750,000 of goal

Thanks to a multitude of generous donors, fundraising for Covenant Harbor's new Dining Commons continues to gain momentum and energy as the campaign has reached \$7.35 million, with \$750,000 yet to raise.

"We are incredibly thankful for the broad support for this project," said Covenant Harbor Executive Director Eric Anderson. "From the Foundation for Covenant Harbor, to our board, to individuals and families, to churches and ministry partners, we have experienced tremendous excitement and response. Now is a great time to support this project as we have received a \$200,000 matching gift. With \$155,000 raised toward this match already, we are getting closer to our \$8.1 million goal."

### Making the transition

The Dining Commons replaces the camp's Lodge, which was built in 1949, two years after the camp was founded. It offered space for cooking and serving 5,000 meals a year. In 2024, Covenant Harbor served more than 100,000 meals from the Lodge. Construction of the Dining Commons is slated to begin in August 2026.

Plans for launching the construction of the Dining Commons include a retirement party for the much-loved Lodge on Sunday, August 2, 2026. "So many people have poured into the Lodge over the years," said Eric. "We want to honor the volunteers who built it and give people an opportunity to say goodbye to it. It's been the centerpiece of the camp for decades."

### Looking ahead

During construction of the Dining Commons, meals will be prepared in the Geneva Bay Center kitchen and other supplemental places. Programs and rental opportunities will continue, with specific logistics around meals and dining communicated with registrants throughout the project.

"We plan to operate as robustly as possible," Eric said. "There will certainly be adjustments and we are planning to

*Continued on next page*

## Staff Update

### Welcome new staff

- Daniel Botros and Caitlyn Fortune have joined as ministry staff. Daniel hails from Indiana and Caitlyn from South Africa.
- Dustin Onstott started as food service coordinator in March.
- Saifullah Arabzai (Sai) was promoted to serve as grounds and volunteer coordinator
- Liam Vanderwerf started as program coordinator.
- Angel Fischer joined as Snake Road Adventure Center office coordinator.
- Jackson Mcfaden started as guest services coordinator.
- Ethan Oliver began as activities coordinator



Daniel Botros



Caitlyn Fortune



Dustin Onstott



Saifullah Arabzai



Liam Vanderwerf



Angel Fischer



Jackson Mcfaden



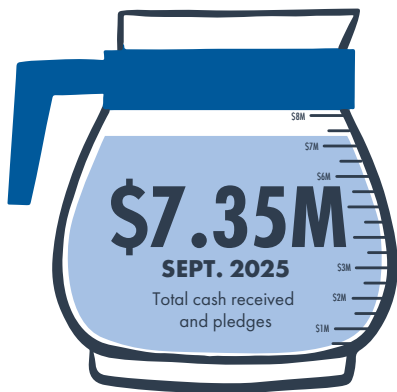
Ethan Oliver

### Fond Farewells

- Riley Callahan, ministry staff, left for an internship at Northwest Covenant Church, Mt. Prospect, IL.
- Jayda Josias, ministry staff, returned home to South Africa.
- Keely Lofy departed for new opportunities after many years as Snake Road Adventure Center office coordinator.
- Hannah Carlson, communications coordinator, left to pursue a career as a licensed professional counselor.
- Derrick Mosely, food service coordinator, moved to Sweden to be with his wife and baby.

## Now hiring staff for summer 2026

Covenant Harbor is seeking young adults 16+ who love kids and want to share Jesus. We have increased our pay rates for 2026 and offer many incentives, including a \$500 bonus for completing an application by Jan 1, 2026. Find details at [covenantharbor.org/summer-staff](https://covenantharbor.org/summer-staff).



accommodate our own programs and events, as well as the many groups we serve. The anticipation of our new, expanded space will be worth the modifications we need to make during construction.”

#### Join the effort

To learn more about the Dining Commons project, watch an informational video, see renderings, understand specific features of the building and to make a gift to the Campaign for Covenant Harbor’s Dining Commons, visit [covenantharbor.org](http://covenantharbor.org). To speak with a staff member, contact [eanderson@covenantharbor.org](mailto:eanderson@covenantharbor.org). [📍](#)



Camp helps me stay off my phone and do fun things to take my mind off of it.

SUMMER 2025 CAMPER



### Seniors enjoy a special day

On a spectacular, sunny day in early September, 110 senior adults attended Covenant Harbor’s 60+ Day. The event drew people from retirement communities and churches in Illinois and Wisconsin, along with couples and friend groups. A time of morning worship was followed by lunch, a boat tour that highlighted the stories of many of the historic homes on Geneva Lake and fika (Swedish coffee break). Pastor Steve Larson, third from right, and a group from Libertyville Covenant Church in Libertyville, IL, joined the fun.

### Alpha forms disciples through service

Covenant Harbor’s Alpha program offers students in grades 10 through 12 a unique opportunity to live in community and engage classic camp activities while daily supporting summer camp operations. Alpha campers serve in the kitchen and dining hall, on maintenance and grounds, as well as in program roles. “Our Alpha kids often come back for two or three summers,” said Program Director Emma Mueller. “Then, some serve on full-time summer staff. They mature in faith, grow personally and become strong young adult leaders.” To learn more about how Alpha campers earn community service hours, visit [covenantharbor.org/alpha-10-12-grade](http://covenantharbor.org/alpha-10-12-grade). [📍](#)



## Summer 2025 Snapshot

**Theme:** Live Out, from Luke 10:27. “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength and all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself.”

**Youth campers:** 2,684

**Alpha service leadership campers:** 88

**Camper scholarship funds distributed:** \$92,982, serving 189 campers

**Summer staff:** 72 summer staff + 7 high school camp associates + 24 RNs and community care workers + 12 volunteers

**Summer staff scholarships**

**distributed:** \$24,603, serving 22 staff

**Mission offering for Camp2Camp**

**Food Security in Honduras Project:** \$5,022





My son's cabin wrote down things they were struggling with, then threw them into the campfire, giving their worries over to God. This was impactful for him.

CAMPER PARENT

## Extending the goodness of camp

### Rhythms of Faith fosters faith at home and church

Pastors and parents appreciate the faith-forming value of a child's week at summer camp. And along with Christian camp leaders, they know that formation is at risk of stagnation or even decline as the school year starts and the demanding routines of life re-emerge.

"What happens in a week of camp might equal what happens in a year at church," explained Kyle Mecher, pastor of Children's Formation at Resurrection Covenant Church in Chicago. "Camp is compressed spiritual formation because kids are out of their daily context and placed in an immersive community. It's often a mountaintop experience. That can catalyze what we are already doing at home and in the church."

#### Kick-off summer

Rhythms of Faith is a two-year, interactive research project funded by a Lily Foundation grant offered

in partnership with Honeyrock, the Center for Leadership Development of Wheaton College. Covenant Point is one of nine camps nationally participating in the project, which launched in spring 2025. Results from the survey portions of the project will be shared with all Christian camps.

All camper parents are included in key aspects of the research and shared tools. For example, this summer Covenant Point sent daily emails to camper parents seeking to empower their roles as spiritual leaders. Additionally, Executive Director Erik Strom met with parents during a closing day session to share the fundamentals of Christian camping. The project also includes periodic surveys of parents about their child's camp experience. The results will be used to develop new resources and tools, and to improve the camp's programs, spiritual formation

*Continued on next page*



Covenant Point pastors and camp leaders gathered in April to launch Covenant Point's participation in Rhythms of Faith, an interactive research and equipping project that connects faith formation at camp to families and churches. Gathered at this table are Covenant Point Executive Director Erik Strom, back to camera, then left to right: Alicia Reese, pastor, Resurrection - Chicago; Mike Poindexter, pastor, Grace - Iron River, MI; Eric Anderson, Covenant Harbor executive director; Eric Landin - pastor, Batavia ECC, IL; and Melissa Wall, pastor, Anchor ECC - Lake Geneva, WI.

## Staff Update



Ray Marth

Ray Marth started as operations manager in September. He previously served as maintenance coordinator in summers 2021 and 2022 and managed the camp's annual triathlon with his wife, Laura. A Spanish teacher at Benet Academy for almost 35 years, Ray retired in May. "I am excited to join the staff and am grateful for Covenant Point's role in my life of faith, as well as my family's," he said.



Jon Starr, Lindsay Creeth and Aidan Tack are former summer staff members who are serving as interns this year. Lindsay is a 2025 graduate of Purdue University, Jon is a 2021 graduate of the University of Illinois and Aidan is a 2025 graduate of Columbia College Chicago.

#### Saying farewell

Covenant Point said goodbye to two valued staff members this fall, Anders Ahlberg and Cortney Tomczak. Anders served three years as operations manager and many prior years in various roles. He moved to the East Coast to pursue new opportunities. Cortney served two years as hospitality manager and many previous summers on staff. She moved to Chicago with her husband, Eric.

"Anders and Cortney will be deeply missed," said Executive Director Erik Strom. "They made meaningful contributions to ministry and were beloved friends and coworkers. Anders diligently cared for our property, and Cortney built on our long tradition of excellent food service. We send them off with gratitude and blessing."

## Now hiring staff for summer 2026

Covenant Point is seeking young adults 18+ who want to help campers take a new or next step in faith as summer staff, as well as students ages 16-18 for 4-week work crew sessions. Find details at [cpbc.com/staffopenings](http://cpbc.com/staffopenings).




practices and parent/church communications.

The camp also worked closely with partner churches, who received prompts and tools to help integrate their campers' experiences into the life of the church and who are sharing insights and ideas going forward. "Partner churches are trying to implement components like holding a pre-camp prayer of blessing and incorporating camper testimonies into worship after camp," said Shelly Poindexter, Covenant Point's Rhythms of Faith administrator. "We also are counting on their feedback and input."

## Lasting impact

Supporting the formation of Christian faith in children and youth is the mission of camp. Learning how to extend that support to engage parents and churches before, during and after camp is Covenant Point's exciting commitment through Rhythms of Faith.

"We desire to help equip parents so they are more confident in discipling their children and churches so they are supported in lifelong faith formation," said Shelly. "Intentional partnering, measured over time, will help ensure that steps of faith taken at camp will continue as camp, families and churches work together." 

**Camp is a fantastic adventure for my children!**

CAMPER PARENT



## A boat like no other



## Summer 2025 Snapshot

**Theme:** Transformed, from Eph. 2:8. "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing. It is the gift of God."

**Youth campers:** 556

**Family campers:** 175; 42 families

**Camper scholarship funds:** \$36,320,  
serving 100 campers

**Summer staff scholarship funds:**  
\$16,250, serving 10 staff

**Summer staff:** 39 + 26 work crew students

**Fundraising Triathlon: \$10,870**

**Mission offering for Camp2Camp Food Security in Honduras Project: \$1,961**

**Pastors of the week:** Pete Anderson, North Park University, Chicago; Peter and Genevive Dibley, First Covenant, Rockford, IL; Karen Hinz, Covenant Living, Northbrook, IL; Jeff Hunter, North Park Covenant, Chicago; Kate Klemp, Trinity Reformed, Grand Rapids, MI; Alicia Reese, Resurrection Covenant, Chicago; Andrew Sturdy, United Covenant, Gladstone, MI



## Honor and Memorial Gifts

Harbor Point Ministries honors and celebrates the lives of our friends and supporters and thanks the following donors for their contributions. Gifts recognized here have been received by Harbor Point Ministries, Covenant Harbor Bible Camp and Covenant Point Bible Camp between Sept. 16, 2024 and Aug. 15, 2025.



*Experiencing quiet reflection and time alone with God is an important part of programs at Covenant Harbor and Covenant Point.*

### IN HONOR OF

**John and Linda Anderson**  
Bob and Jane Klockars

**Mike and Lois Augustson**  
*On their 50th wedding anniversary*  
Brad and Sarah Augustson  
Steve and Judy Guy  
Bob and Joyce Karlson, Sr.  
Heidi Nevoso  
John and Lorraine Weszely

**Lois Auker**  
*On her birthday*  
Steve and Judy Guy

**Daniel Casey**  
*On his birthday*  
Marty and Susan Casey

**Alyssa Curry**  
Richard Street

**E. Elvira Englund**  
*On her 100th birthday*  
The Englund Family

**Greg and Jill Idrizow**  
Tim and Sylvia Fulk

**Kira Johnson**  
Aaron and Amy Balsam

**Bob and Jane Klockars**  
John and Linda Anderson

**Karl and Lynn Klockars**  
*On their 50th wedding anniversary*  
Bob and Jane Klockars

**Ken Kreitzer**  
Keith Gustafson

**Elizabeth Russell-Jones**

**Naomi Lee**  
David and Janelle Lee

**Erik Strom**  
Austin Fiascone

**Cole Tomei**  
Tom and Claire Johannesen

**Jessie (Rosell) and Austin Wagner**  
Beth Hjelm

**Windmill Grandchildren and Great-grandchildren**  
Bernie and Esther Windmill

**Yuen Grandchildren**  
Frederick and Stella Fei-Chun Yuen

### IN MEMORY OF

**Peter and Barbara Agnello**  
Mike and Mary Doucette

**Fay Andersen**  
Bay Covenant Church  
Jeff and Heidi Gustafson  
Michael and Hope Hanisch

**Clifford and Pat Anderson**  
The Anderson Brothers  
Matthew Anderson

**Thomas H. Anderson**  
Virgil and Jane Applequist

**Karen Bassie**  
Madge Schroeder

**JoAnn Bergwall**  
Catherine Brdicka  
Diana Eigenbauer  
Craig and Joan Hanson  
Cindy Duranceau-Obenland  
and John Obenland  
Marvin and Violet Reeves  
Glenn and Donna  
Rosenberger  
Carla Schilder  
The Streamline Family  
Ben and Eva Van Horn  
Brad and Gail Van Horn  
Karen Williams  
David and Karen Zahakaylo

**Matthew Brooks**  
Michael and Marlene Bukowski  
Larry and Patricia Franzen  
Jeffrey and Amy Loewe

**Lois Brorson**  
Dr. James and Ramona  
Brorson

**Dick Carlson**  
Mark Carlson

**Scout (Maggie) Cervený**  
Sharon Byrne  
Erik Demkowicz

**Jim Cusak**  
Friends of the Gump Group

**Nels Arthur Edstrom**  
Sandy Edstrom

**Chuck Frasier**  
Jane Frasier  
Wally and Wendy Frasier  
Paul and Megan Nyberg

**Scott Hartz**  
Jeff and Heidi Gustafson

**Margaret Lillian Hayward**  
Curtis and Marlene Williams

**Doris Hinz**  
Ray and Carol Erickson

**Ruby Isaacson**  
Janet Gustafson

**Clifford C. Jackson**  
Ray and Carol Erickson  
V. Kevin and Elizabeth Lundy

**Betty Lund Johnson**  
Gary and Peggy Lund

**Randy Johnson**  
Judy Johnson

**C. Vernon Johnson**  
Ted and Linda Johnson

**Amy Keller**  
Wes and Deb Lindahl  
Stephen Keller  
Karen Miller

**Gunnar and Thelma Klockars**  
Bruce and Diane Klockars

**Rev. James Know**  
Mary Ellen Ostrom

**Lloyd and Mazine Kornmann**  
Lynn and Jennifer Stickle

**Kirsten Leys**  
Curtis and Janet Anderson  
Marguerite Anderson  
Charles Bjork





The intentionality of 'no screens' fosters community and faith conversations. Thank you!

CAMPER PARENT

## OTHER GIFTS

We celebrate the memories of the following friends, as well as Milwaukee Evangelical Covenant Church and Fellowship Life Bible Church, whose gifts remind us of God's provision through legacy support.

### Harbor Point Ministries

Estate of Donald and Shirley Hacker  
Estate of Wayne and Margene Rosenquist  
Final Gift of Milwaukee Covenant Church

### Covenant Harbor

Estate of Alfred and Eleanor Erickson  
Estate of F. Wilbur and E. Kathryn Gustafson  
Estate of Thorsten M. and M. Jeannette Lindgren  
Estate of Verna M. Larson  
Final gift of Fellowship Life Bible Church

### Covenant Point

Estate of Thorsten M. and M. Jeannette Lindgren

Eloise Bjork  
Jennie Bjork  
Richard and Ruth Blohm  
Nora Boegehegn  
Doris Corwin  
Verne Dahlstrom  
Mary Ericson  
Reuben and Marjorie Hanson  
Rev. Steve and Bobbi Jackson  
Allen Johnson  
Duane and Diana Johnson  
Robert and Mary Ann Johnson  
Russell and Leann Johnson  
Karla Kull  
Jeffrey and Joy Larson  
Christine Masini  
The Moshovitis Family  
Andrew and Bonnie Muano  
Donna Mudgett  
Jack and Sandy Olson  
Mark and Ruth Peterson  
Ross and Carla Peterson  
The Ozdeger Family  
Thomas and Gayle Reese  
Vincent and Christine Rocco  
Karl and Irene Sahyouni  
Brian and Ursula Sedlak  
Daphne Tarabichi

### Sharlot Munson

Kyle and Vicki Anderson  
Beverly Chatfield

### Edna Spolander Munson

Bruce and Diane Klockars

### Thelma Spolander Munson

Bruce and Diane Klockars

### Arnold S. Nelson

Curtis and Janet Anderson  
Judy Anderson  
Verne Dahlstrom  
Fred and Jean Durler  
Bruce Hackett  
Curtis and Kathy Landin

Jeffrey and Amy Loewe  
Jeff and Kristi Lundblad  
Douglas Nelson  
Susan D. Nelson  
Erwin and Carol Peterson  
Jane Peterson  
Kristen Starr  
Roy and Lois Sundquist

### Billy Orris

Pastors Bill and Lisa Orris

### Reynold Palesh

Barbara Blackburn

### Keith Radnitzer

Karl and Crystal Radnitzer

### Ruth Radnitzer

Terry and Robin Anderson  
Roy Bodett  
Fred Brughardt  
Diane Cummings  
Gregory and Gloria Dearing  
Akio Greene  
Leona Gulliford  
John and Dorthy Levanti  
Timothy Manning  
Joseph and Wendy Musselman  
Lee and Cheryl Nelson  
David and Sarah Park and Family  
Mary Raad  
Karl and Crystal Radnitzer  
Del and Ruth Shimandle  
Janet Wright  
Carol Young

### Jim Reynolds

Heidi Nevoso

### Elijah Rosengren

Friends at Faith and Learning International  
Scott and Laurie Rosengren

### Adeline Ryan

Walter and Janice Dutell  
Mary Harlan  
Carl and Karen Hawkinson  
Charles Hawkinson  
Harold and Carol Hawkinson  
Ronald and Judith Hedstrom  
John and Joyce Juergens  
Charles Martin  
Kenneth and Linda Maurizi  
Claudia Eskridge and Cynthia Reedy  
Suzanne Ryan

### Taylor Scott

Kenneth and Marsha Behnke  
Timothy and Dinny Binger  
Barbara Buelter

### Dr. Ann Smith-Lund

James Lund

### Fridolf and Anna Spolander

Bruce and Diane Klockars

### Fred and Lucy Springs

Virgil and Jane Applequist  
Verne Dahlstrom  
Barbara Tsutsumi

### Jim Steere

Jason and Julie Barber

### John C. (Jack) Swanson

Samuel and Wyllis Paravonian

### Viola Voohries

Judy P. Tague  
Randy and Liz Voohries

### Chuck Walles

Darlene Walles

### Virginia "Ginny" Woodrow

Michael Woodrow

## Thank you for your support!

We are grateful for the significant financial contributions of many friends of camping ministry who support scholarships, daily operations, capital projects and special initiatives. Thank you, all!

**HARBORPOINT**  
MINISTRIES

[centralconf.org/ministries/  
camps/give-to-camp-ministry/](http://centralconf.org/ministries/camps/give-to-camp-ministry/)  
P.O. Box 643  
Lake Geneva, WI 53147  
(414) 416-8265



[cpbc.com/donate](http://cpbc.com/donate)  
358 W. Hagerman Lake Rd.  
Iron River, MI 49935  
(906) 265-2117



[covenantharbor.org/give](http://covenantharbor.org/give)  
1724 Main St.  
Lake Geneva, WI 53147  
(262) 248-3600





# HARBORPOINT MINISTRIES

1724 W. Main Street  
Lake Geneva, WI 53147

Non-Profit  
Organization  
US POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
KENOSHA, WI  
PERMIT NO. 1184

## Going on at Camp



### Covenant Harbor

#### Village Retreats

Nov. 7-9 | Nov. 14-16

These retreats are for church youth groups and their year-round leaders. They are intentionally small, with relaxed programming to allow room for leaders to build community among their group. Each retreat is designed with youth leaders' input to promote the best experience for each group.

#### Winter Camps

Jan. 23-25 | Feb. 6-8 | Feb. 13-15 |  
Feb. 20-22

These weekends for church youth groups are a time away from normal rhythms and distractions. They offer high-quality, large-group teaching and worship, free-time options and time for small-group interactions to encourage bonding and community-building. Volunteer and parent leaders are welcome.



### Covenant Point

#### Christmas Camp

Dec. 27-Jan. 1

Enjoy a week of relaxation with family and friends, winter sports, good books, great food, intergenerational worship and warm fireplaces.

#### One Life Retreats

Jan. 16-19 | Feb. 13-16

Bring your senior high youth group for a long weekend of broomball, polar bear dip, optional downhill skiing, group bonding and lively, meaningful worship.

#### Men's Retreat

Feb. 20-22

A highlight of the year for many, this weekend is for church and friend groups to gather, eat well, fellowship and enjoy worship and recreation.

Follow the camps all year long on Instagram and Facebook and visit their websites at [covenantharbor.org](http://covenantharbor.org) and [cpbc.com](http://cpbc.com).

*Save the Date*  
**Nov. 11, 2025**

Registration opens for summer 2026 programs  
at Covenant Harbor and Covenant Point!



All Covenant Harbor programs  
open at 7am CST



Covenant Point's Mainland, Island  
and Trip Camps open at 7am CST  
Family Camps open at 9am CST

Visit [covenantharbor.org](http://covenantharbor.org) and [cpbc.com](http://cpbc.com) to see program schedules, prices, discounts, scholarships and details.

**Questions?** Call Covenant Harbor at (262) 248-3600 and  
Covenant Point at (906) 265-2117.



*The Harbor Point Camping News is published annually by Harbor Point Ministries, the organization that connects Covenant Harbor and Covenant Point to each other and their sponsor churches. To learn more or to change your mailing information, email Beth Fredrickson at [bfredrickson@harborpointministries.org](mailto:bfredrickson@harborpointministries.org).*

[centralconf.org/ministries/camps](http://centralconf.org/ministries/camps) ■ [covenantharbor.org](http://covenantharbor.org) ■ [cpbc.com](http://cpbc.com)