Walk On It
Kim Drost - Camp Tamarack Assistant Minister

This is what God the Lord says, the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out, who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it: (Isaiah 42:5, NIV)

When the pandemic and chaos that ensued first hit the United States last March, I sought solace in the woods at Camp Tamarack. As I sat my troubled heart on a tree stump on a trail, I realized that creation itself was carrying on as creation always does. Spring was springing up, totally oblivious to the virus. While we humans were in quarantine and felt disheveled and uprooted, the Creator was not. God was still doing what God always does in March, as was the rest of the creation that dwells here.

Last week, I did the same thing. I walked onto the same part of the earth to calm my heart, and I was immediately reminded (again) that the forest is not a quiet place. Creation was still carrying on (again). As I sat in God’s creation, I felt the Spirit breathe life into me (again) as I delighted in how the Camp was coming to life (again).

As we struggle with envisioning what the “new normal” is going to be for our local church families, I want to invite you to venture into the creation. I want to remind you that the Creator is caring for creation. God is in control. The creation is in Jesus’ care and that creation includes us. It includes your church, your ABC/WI Region family, and your Camp Tamarack – and the world.

Get outside. Take in the wonders of the creation, and Jesus will give breath and life to you as you walk on the earth.

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“SPRING INTO CAMP”

Join us for (socially distanced) Spring Into Camp 2021!
Camp Tamarack – Waupaca, WI

Thursday May 13 (Focus: Grounds & Spaces)
Saturday May 15 (Focus: John Gray & Tamarack Lodges)
Thursday May 20 (Focus: Grounds & Spaces)
Saturday May 22 (Focus: Cabins and Waterfront)

Approximately 8am to 4pm each day. Lunch will be provided.

RSVP to Carolyn at 715-281-2269 carolyn.dugan@abcowi.org or Kim at 715-281-7816 kim.drost@abcowi.org

CAMP TAMARACK 2021

**NOTE**: Dates will be finalized two months prior to the camp as we watch CDC data and work with health officials

Questions? Contact Carolyn at Carolyn.dugan@abcowi.org or 715-281-2269

Summer Camps (grades just completed)
- Sr High - 9-12th grade June 20-23
- Jr High - 7th/8th grade June 23-26
- Primary - 1st/2nd grade June 27-30
- Middler - 3rd/4th grade June 27-30
- Grandly - All ages June 30-July 3
- Junior - 5th/6th grade July 4-7

OTHER IMPORTANT Dates
- **6/12** ABWM Women’s Day 2021; Let the Walls Fall Down
- **6/24-26** ABCUSA Biennial Mission Summit; An Online Experience americanbaptists2021.com
- **10/1-2**: ABC/WI 177th Annual Gathering; Green Lake Conf Center

REGION OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday, 9 am-2 pm

Missed the Annual Gathering? Videos are available to share with church members. Transformation continues! bit.ly/ag2020abcwi

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