

June 17, 2021

BFC volunteers,

Please consider volunteering to help build a new church for Our Savior Lutheran Church in Roanoke, VA. They are moving to a new site at 9044 Cloverdale Road, Troutville, VA which is 5 miles from their current facility. The project is scheduled to run from September 14 to November 6.

Our Savior Lutheran had a 2020 membership of 83. They are looking forward to upgrading their worship space and hoping to be able to present a more inviting environment to visitors and to improve their own worship experience. Some of our management team visited the congregation in April and had a great time meeting the members of Our Savior and looking forward to working with them to build their new church.

Camping has been arranged 12 miles from the worksite at Camp Bethel in Fincastle, VA. There are 8 campsites available to us. One caveat is that there is no alcohol or smoking, vaping, or cannabis allowed on the grounds although they will not monitor what we do within our own campers. There is also no sewer system for dumping camper wastewater so they will have our campers drained once a week by a disposal company. There will be bath houses available for showers 200 yards from the campers, so we should be able to make it a week on our tanks. I apologize for the inconveniences, but no one ever said serving the Lord would be without sacrifice. Most likely the dining hall or the pavilion will be available for us to use in the evening for cards, games etc. There will be two BFC campers available for up to 3 weeks per volunteer. There is a \$75/week rental fee for these campers.

The area is in the foothills of the Blue Ridge mountains so I'm thinking it should be a beautiful place to be in the Fall!

Originally the project was to run July through November, but this campground does not come available until September 13. That is why we are not able to start on this project until then. However, the contractor is not waiting for us. He will begin as soon as all the necessary permits are obtained. As so often happens, permitting has not gone as hoped and at this time a project start date has not been determined. Consequently, the work that we will do when we arrive will be determined by what stage they are in by September 14. If they are still framing, that's what we'll do. I would expect it to be more in the area of sheeting walls, siding (vinyl, last I heard) and soffit, and insulating, but that remains to be seen. They would also like us to do the interior painting and flooring as time permits. I have communicated to the General Contractor that drywall and drywall finishing is not our preference, and the roof is beyond our limits with 12' sidewalls and 7/12 pitch.

The expected end date for our part is November 6 because that's when the campground intends to close although favorable weather may persuade them to let us stay longer if those on site at that time agree to stay.

I pray everyone is having a blessed Summer and also pray you will join us in the Fall in Virginia!

Due to the original length of the project, we had a large management team organized to tag team the project. We are keeping that team intact. Listed below are the project managers:

Steve and Kim Blado, Dan Oetzman, Brian and Ramona Saatkamp, Elwood and Connie Heldt

If you have any questions, please call Elwood at 507-327-3313.