

# **Doctrine and Policy Regarding Use, and Fellowship with non-Members**

## **Camp Croix**

Camp Croix is owned by churches who are members of the St. Croix Conference of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (“WELS”). Camp Croix is used as a means to enjoy church fellowship and carry out the doctrine of the church. As a result, Camp Croix follows the teachings and beliefs of the WELS.

Camp Croix is not open for public use and only members of a WELS congregation or those in fellowship with WELS are eligible to make reservations. Any person who makes a reservation for use of Camp Croix must be in attendance throughout the duration and is responsible for the activities of all attendees under their reservation.

We believe that those whose confession of faith reveals that they are united in the doctrines of Scripture will express their fellowship in Christ as occasion permits (Ephesians 4:3). They may express their fellowship by joint worship, by joint proclamation of the gospel, by joining in Holy Communion, by joint prayer, and by joint church work. God directs believers not to practice religious fellowship with those whose confession and actions reveal that they teach, tolerate, support, or defend error (2 John 10-11). When error appears in the church, Christians will try to preserve their fellowship by patiently admonishing the offenders, in the hope that they will turn from their error (2 Timothy 2:25-26, Titus 3:10). But the Lord commands believers not to practice church fellowship with people who persist in teaching or adhering to beliefs that are false (Romans 16:17-18).

This is the Bible’s teaching about fellowship with people who persist in teaching or adhering to beliefs that are contrary to the Bible’s teachings. For that reason, it is also the doctrine of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Every congregation and called worker accepts the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the written Word of God and the only rule and norm of faith and practice.

The policy and practice of Camp Croix, an organization operated for fellowship and outreach purposes by churches in the St. Croix Conference of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, is consistent with the Synod’s beliefs and teachings regarding fellowship. We believe that God’s teachings command believers to not practice fellowship or encourage those who persist in teaching or adhering to beliefs that are false. Our properties may not be used for any activities that are inconsistent with these beliefs.