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Luke 5:4—"Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." - Jesus directs us if we listen.

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A Communication for Deep C's Members

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DEEP C'S DIRECTOR - STEVE CRUIKSHANK

Hello all,

The Fall Retreat was amazing!!! We had 41 participants including 3 men who brought their sons. For the first time at the Fall Retreat we had 2 Baptisms. Ken Stahn and I took the plunge and renewed our commitment to our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I could go on and on about how great the Fall Retreat was but I'm going to let the men who were there tell the story. Enjoy.

Steve



Fishing for Life Fall Outing - 2019

What does it mean to me to be able to attend the Fishing for Life Fall Outing on Lake Carlos?

This was my third Fall Outing and I think my favorite so far. I liked the accommodations we had this year at Mount Carmel Retreat Center on Lake Carlos. The rooms were great and comfortable. The dining was awesome and plenty to eat at each meal.

I have never been much of a crankbait fisherman. Having fished for 30 years in Lutsen with a bobber. So this year I pretty much stuck to my old ways as I worked with a new Lowrance and a new trolling motor on the boat. So my fun was catching lots of Sunfish.

Attending the Fall Retreat is really more than a great fishing opportunity, it is one of the best fellowship outings of the year. The devotionals by the Pilla brothers are always inspiring and meaningful. The band was great again this year.

I attend not just for the fishing, which was really fun this year and a great lake to fish on, but the overall experience with Fishing for Life and the opportunity to grow in Christ.

I look forward to going back next year and maybe trying to do some crankbait fishing, well that will depend on learning more how to use the baits and which ones work for me. Then again I may stick to my bobber, worms and leaches ...

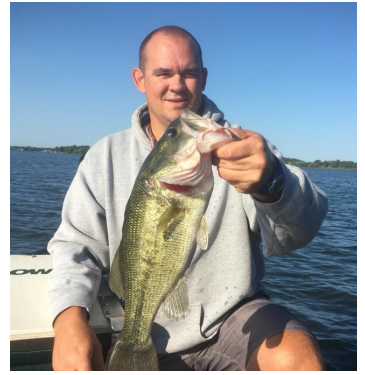


In Christ all is possible,
Ron Buster

Fall Retreat

Freelance writer Travis Busch

Have you ever tried to explain why you love fishing? Some anglers love fishing because they love being outdoors. I love the outdoors too, but I could just go on a hike if I wanted to experience nature. Other fishermen talk about spending time with friends and family while fishing. I also enjoy this aspect of fishing, but I could go to Starbucks if I wanted to connect with people. A cup of coffee is much cheaper than all the equipment that most of us have anyway! Some guys like to fill their freezer, they are fishing for food. I have nothing against this, but food at the grocery store really isn't that expensive and I could afford to skip a few meals, if you know what I mean.



The reason I love fishing is because I love exploring the mystery of the unknown. As you look across a lake, there is no proof that there is even a single fish in the lake. You cannot hear them, you cannot see their tracks or their scat. Fish do not leave rub marks on small trees. They are a mystery! But yet, we know how to bring the fish from the mysterious depths to the surface and into the boat. I have read about lifelong anglers who have taken up the hobby of scuba diving. Once they have had a chance to explore the underwater world, it is no longer a mystery and the desire to fish lessens. For me, catching a fish is like solving a mystery!

As much as I love fishing, it is not the reason I love the Fall Retreat so much. The Fall Retreat gives us men a chance to get to know each other and, more importantly, to get into Scripture to personally get to know our Lord and Savior.

1 John 1:7 *"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin."*

Ken's Baptism testimony

I've been asked to tell why I recommitted my life thru re-baptism to Jesus. Its hard to say. Its a very personal thing to share your heart in thoughts. Especially to have them printed for the world. I'm a pretty private guy. But I think the Holy Ghost is leading me to say something. Which is big for me because I haven't felt lead by God often. This is one reason I did it. I've been praying for God to show me what he wants me to do as I'm sure most who believe do from time to time. I try to live "the way" as much as possible but felt the drift over the summer as bible studies I did took a break. Its hard to keep in the word on your own. Too many distractions, & if you let yourself become undisciplined the drift snowballs. I'm glad my oldest granddaughter sought me out to attend church with me. She was truly God sent! This is another reason to find a good buddy you can share your faith with. I'm sure if your married you do this with your wife. Or should, as the spiritual leader of your home. But what do you do if she's not interested? Find a brother, I guess, and work on repairing that part of your walk with her being patient and humble by the Spirit's guidance. At the fall retreat when Steve said he was recommitting to Christ through baptism, I just thought "well good for him". It crossed my mind also, for a second, but I dismissed it just as fast by fear or maybe evil's attack. I felt I was good with God in trying to do good for others. But I was still empty in seeking the LORD for some sign or direction. I've been reading about Peter's faith in getting out of the boat and trusting the LORD with everything. Over the following days at the retreat I was being drawn back to the beach 3,4,5 times. It seemed just a nice quiet place to hang for a while, peaceful, but I was still feeling drawn to something. Well on the last morning after chapel, when Steve asked me to help him in the water during his baptism, it was like God finally smacked me with the 2x4! This is what I want you to do! Get off the fence and GET ALL IN! Literally. I was baptized as a infant, and figured I didn't need to, at times I thought it was wrong, like it would be a lie. But in my heart I decided if I chose to do this to honor Jesus, that is how He would accept it. So when they asked if anyone else wanted to be baptized, I said, I wanted to. The words came out & kind of shocked me. Was that me? Well your already wet, lets do this! When I came up I felt that this was right and at peace with it. That God accepted this as a conscious act of committing my life to Jesus. Accountable to my brothers there to do my best to serve them and the LORD. God bless all who read this with the same inspiration to accept Jesus as their Redeemer, Savior & LORD. In His Holy Name, Amen.

Come on in, the waters Fine!

Kens Stahn

One to Remember by Nathaniel Fox

If you did not make it to the fall retreat this year, you missed out on amazing fishing and fellowship. For me, this was a weekend I will never forget. This was my second year attending the fall retreat and decided to bring my Dad. Even though I grew up with Fishing for Life and going to Deep C's my Dad wasn't able to get that involved. He brought me to my first Marathon Man event at the Docks of Maynard's on Minnetonka and had been to a couple of the banquets. This year has been a year of many hardships and changes for my family and knew I needed to get my Dad back into the thing that has always brought him joy.

Growing up my best memories were spent fishing with my Dad and Grandpa for a week up at a cabin in Cass County. This is where I grew up in fishing and learning from my Dad. As I grew up and life got crazier, the less I was able to get out fishing with my Dad. This was right about the time I found Fishing for Life. The first time I saw the mobile trout pond at the Christian Community fair I knew I had to get as involved as I could. This year I have felt like I have been able to reconnect my dad to fishing and the great outdoors. Back in 2008 my Dad's boat broke down and he hasn't had one since, but for Father's Day I bought him one at our Annual Boat auction which has got him hooked once again.

As Dad and I were driving up to Mount Carmel so many memories came flooding in. We drove through the rain and wind while worshipping God and I realized this was going to be the first Christian retreat my Dad and I have been on together and knew God was going to bless this time. The first night was a great time of fellowship and worship. In the History of the DeepC's fall retreat no one had ever caught a Muskie and knew I had to get my Dad to be the first. That first day a lot of people stayed on Lake Carlos chain of lakes, but I knew I had to fish the rough waters of Lake Miltona, the largest lake in the region. When we got out on the water it was white caps everywhere with four foot swells. We pounded across the lake to a promising looking area that was a little bit out of the wind. In the first fifteen minutes we saw our first Muskie. In the next hour we had six follows and two strikes, but no fish. I decided I knew this was a promising spot and headed to my second location. We started casting and in less than fifteen minutes it was fish on. My dad was casting a deep diver off the back of the boat and hooks into a Muskie. As he's fighting the fish I rush for the net and in one quick swoop I had the fish in the net and in the boat. I was shaking! I could not believe the first fish God blesses my dad was a twenty seven inch Muskie. We take the measurement and picture and release the fish. We keep fishing this weed line and catch three more species to bring his score to 80 inches the first day. My Dad was in the lead, but only by six inches.

We had dinner and enjoyed Chapel together and I could feel God moving in both our hearts. Pastor Dan talked on the story of Jesus and the Demoniac and how Jesus broke every social norm just to save this one soul and how he cares personally about every soul on earth and he brings calm and peace into a life that is otherwise full of chaos. I could see God doing this for my Dad though this weekend.

After chapel we looked at the weather and saw it was going to be the perfect night to get out on the water. We knew that if my dad was going to hold his lead he needed to up his inches through the night. So we decided we needed to get to a couple of hours of sleep in and then hit the water. We were on the water by 1:00 AM and casted for muskies under the full moon for two hours. After no luck, I knew I needed to change up and get him some inches. By 5:45 he increased his inches by twenty eight inches breaking the highest score of any fall retreat. We walked into breakfast with 108 inches.

After breakfast and chapel we headed back out to see if we could improve our score. Fishing was hard but we still caught fish. At this point it's lunch time and my back is killing me. We decided to call it a day and head in early with a grand total of 118 inches.

Saturday night most people would think my highlight would have been my dad sweeping the board with largest muskie, largest walleye, largest sunny, and most inches but they would have been wrong. That night my dad had opened up and shared part of his testimony and I was in tears. I am in tears just writing this. This was the first time I had ever heard my dad open up, especially in a group of people, and share his story. He was open and honest on where he was and I couldn't have been more proud. I want to thank everyone that came to this fall retreat and helped make it so special. I close with my life passage. Hebrews 10:23-25 - 23 Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another-and all the more as you see the Day approaching.



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Monthly Deep C's Men's Group Gatherings with FREE dinner at 6PM. Bring a friend!

WEST GROUP - 2nd Tuesday
6 PM—Cabela's, Rogers

SOUTH GROUP - 2nd Thursday
6 PM— Mercy Road Church, Burnsville

EAST GROUP - 4th Tuesday
6 PM—Cabela's, Woodbury

NORTH GROUP - 4th Thursday
6 PM—Thorne Bros, Blaine

Deep C's October Speakers:

Speaker this month at all 4 chapters will be Lon Hudak and he will be haring about his street ministry called JC Fish Company. Free dinner - bring a friend.

- West - October 8
- South - October 10
- East - October 22
- North - October 24

Depth Finder is a monthly publication for our 4 Deep C's groups.

Submissions should be emailed to the editor. All articles, testimonies, informational items, pictures, recipes, and items for sale or wanted are welcomed and encouraged. Please make submissions to the editor or Steve.

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Fishing For Life, founded in 2004, is a tax exempt charitable organization whose mission is to inspire a love of fishing and outdoor activities through Christ-centered programming.

Within Fishing For Life, there is a men's ministry called Deep C's. There are four chapters active - West, South, East, and North - each meeting once / month. The Deep C's meetings all begin at 6pm with a free supper. All are welcome at any of the meetings.

2019 Theme

"Where the great commission meets the great outdoors"

Deep C's Leaders & Volunteers

Deep C's Director	Steve Cruikshank
Depth Finder Editor	Daryle Hamlin
West Chapter - Rogers - 2nd Tuesday	
Spiritual Leader	Vaughn Blackburn
Chapter Coordinators	Leroy Gruwell & Kent Lillehaugen
Food Coordinator	Perry Whitney
South Chapter - Lakeville - 2nd Thursday	
Spiritual Leader	Wes Wheatley
Chapter Coordinators	Terry Branham & Gary Christianson
Food Coordinator	Jeff Wynne
East Chapter - Woodbury - 4th Tuesday	
Spiritual Leader	Dan Pilla
Chapter Coordinators	Randy Markey & Troy Sonnenfeld
Food Coordinator	Randy Markey
North Chapter - Blaine - 4th Thursday	
Spiritual Leader	Dan Pilla
Chapter Coordinators	Travis Busch & Ken Stahn
Food Coordinator	Nathaniel Fox

Deep C's Men's Group

Deep C's is a men's group that regularly gathers together to share in their knowledge of and love for the outdoors, and, most importantly, to fellowship with one another through faith in Jesus Christ. We desire to deepen our relationships with Him and with each other. There are currently four active groups across the Twin Cities.

All are welcome!

Deep C's hats available at all Deep C's meetings for \$10. Each chapter has their own color hat.



WILD TURKEY BUTTER BURGERS

Ingredients:

- 2lb ground wild turkey
- 2 slices of bacon, chopped
- 1 white onion, diced small
- 1T bourbon
- 1T fresh thyme chopped
- 1/2 lb butter, softened
- Salt and ground black pepper
- 6 Aged white cheddar slices
- 6 Brioche burger buns



Directions:

1. In a heavy bottomed pan, preferably cast iron, sauté the bacon for a couple of minutes and add the diced onions. Sweat the mixture until the onions are just translucent. Don't brown the onions too much. Add the bourbon and flambé. Turn off heat and add fresh thyme. Fold this into the ground turkey mixture and chill for 15 minutes.
2. Patty the turkey mixture into 6oz balls and hand form burger patty's evenly so they cook evenly. Using the same pan that was used for the bacon-onions, cook the turkey patty's on each side for 3-4 minutes or until the center reads 165F on a digital thermometer. Top with cheese when flipped.
3. Butter each bun with 1-2T soft butter and toast cut side down in the pan that was used to cook the burgers.

Archie's Funnies

A WRINKLE IN TIME

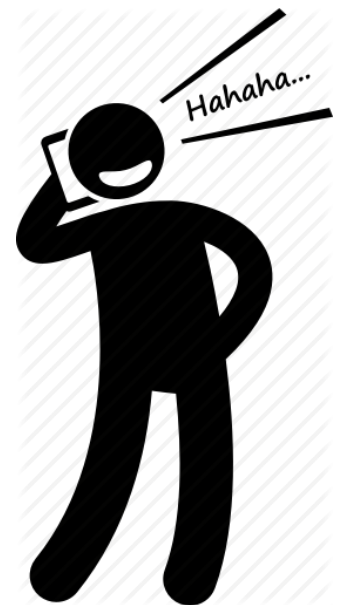
A little girl got on her grandpa's lap and said, "Did God make me?"

"Yes," the grandpa replied.

"Did God make you too?"

"Yes," the grandpa said.

"Well," the little girl said, looking at his wrinkles and thinning hair. "He sure is doing a better job nowadays!"



Submit your favorite jokes for future issues.

Josh Lund - FFL's fishing tips prostaff

With the beginning of fall, change is officially upon us. The water temps in most lakes keep dropping and turnover will begin to happen on many lakes in the next 30 days. Turnover is the process that warmer water in the upper water column cools to a point where it mixes with the bottom layer to become a constant water temperature. This happens on lakes that develop a thermocline during the summer. Some shallower or wind swept lakes like Mille Lacs and Devils Lake don't have thermoclines. Fishing can be tough during this turnover process. One recommendation is to look for shallower lakes during this time that have already turned over or never had a thermocline. Once the turnover process is complete, it's not unusual to find fish like wall-eyes in 50-60ft of water feeding on bait fish. Post turnover fish are usually hungry and looking to add some weight before winter.



My National Walleye Tour Update:

This was my first official full season fishing the Cabela's National Walleye tour. In 2018, I left Devils Lake, ND at 118 place in the Cabela's National Walleye Tour. Thankfully, I found some nice fish in 45 feet of water during pre-fishing on a rock/mud transition that held very nice fish. I used my Humminbird Mega SI to stay on the rock/mud transition. Jigging raps and the brand new Eagle Claw prov bend 1/16 jigs under slip bobbers where the ticked to catch all the fish. I ended up with 35.92lbs after my 1lb dead fish penalty and 12th place at the National Walleye Tour Championship. I was just .08lbs out of making the top 10. I will tell the whole amazing story this winter at the Roger's Deep C meeting.

Josh Lund

When You Volunteer, You Benefit!

At Fishing for Life, we run on volunteer power. Annually, we need over 1,000 volunteers to step up and help us run over 65 events throughout the year. To say the least, we owe everything to God and the power of our volunteers! We love and cherish each one of you that have committed your time, talent and energy into each of our events and beyond! The kudos that we receive are a testament to each volunteer that has interacted with our event participants, and we THANK YOU!

Many volunteer without even thinking about it... And some volunteers need a bit more encouraging... We've all been there, it would be easier to hit the alarm clock one more time instead of getting up, getting ready, and getting to the event. Satan knows this pull he has on you and will use it every time in our times of weakness. He says things like, "They won't need you today. You already gave of your time last week. Didn't you want to spend your weekend doing x, y, z instead? It's all the way on the other side of town and will take me forever to get through traffic." Believe me, Satan knows our weaknesses well!

There is another side to volunteering that far out-weighs the time and energy it took to volunteer in the first place and here are those benefits:

- 1. Gives Your Life Greater Purpose** - There are a numerous important causes in the world and quality places to volunteer your time. At Fishing for Life, your efforts could result in someone's life being changed for eternity. A simple act of taking a family/Vet fishing has the possibility of getting them one step closer to God.
- 2. Gives A Broader Perspective** - Serving others allows us to focus on larger issues and others rather than always on ourselves.
- 3. Gives Me Lifelong Friendships** - There are unique relational bonds that come from "being in the foxhole" with someone and serving together. Personal connections and lifelong friends can be a result of volunteering.
- 4. Gives A Healthier Self-Image** - It may sound egotistical but there is a healthy sense of pride which comes from serving others and not being called to a lesser task. You just feel better about yourself when your life matters and makes a difference.
- 5. Helps Others** - Living an internally focused life benefits no one. Serving others relieves suffering, benefits the under-resourced, meets the needs of the marginalized, provides hope, and improves the quality of people's lives.
- 6. Makes You More Generous** - Generosity is time, talent and treasure. Fishing for Life volunteers give sacrificially of their time and talent BEFORE giving sacrificially of their treasure. It is a sequential process. By being generous with your time and talent, financial generosity is a natural outflow which "doubly" extends the reach of our ministry.
- 7. Gives Lasting Influence** - When your family and friends see or hear about you serving, you're passing on a legacy of service to the next generation.
- 8. Volunteering Will One Day Result In A Greater Reward** - Like many of you, I look forward to the day when I hear my Heavenly Father say "Well done my good and faithful servant". At sporting events those in the stands pay to watch the game. Those on the field get paid! The same is true for Fishing for Life volunteers.

If you are not volunteering, it is time to get on the field and start getting paid with these incredible benefits.

Benefits Adapted from an article by **Brian Dodd**, Director of New Ministry Relationships for Injoy Stewardship Solutions, and author of [The Two Minute Leader](#).

2019 EVENTS

OCTOBER

★ ≈ 30—Muskie Mayhem Event

NOVEMBER

★ 11—Veteran's Day

14—Give to the Max Day

30—St. Paul Ice Show

DECEMBER

12—All FFL Christmas Party

15—Tip Up Weekend

Key

≈ Lake Events

★ Veteran Programming

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FISHING CAREERS WORKSHOP

OCTOBER 26, 2019
8:30AM-5:30PM



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