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A Newsletter for Campers and Friends of Luther Park

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## The Bethel Adult and Family Retreat Center Expands Luther Park's Camping Ministry Opportunities!

The nearly completed Retreat Center at Luther Park is scheduled to welcome guests of all ages in early 2019! The years of planning and fundraising are coming to fruition. This is a wonderful facility that opens up many opportunities for people of all ages to enjoy God's creation in the beautiful outdoor setting of Luther Park. The Retreat Center offers a reception area with a fireplace, private hotel-style rooms, comfortable and flexible meeting spaces and fully accessible facilities for people of all physical abilities. This is ideal for many types of ministries: church council retreats, scrapbooking or quilting weekends, family reunions, men's and women's retreats, Bible study groups, Grandparent/Grandchild Camp, Family Camp and many other opportunities.



If interested in booking an event at the Bethel Adult and Family Retreat Center you can call Craig Larson at 715-656-7244 or email your request to [retreats@lutherpark.com](mailto:retreats@lutherpark.com).

Volunteers putting in the finishing touches to the Bethel Adult and Family Retreat Center.



There is still a need for financial and volunteer support for this wonderful project. If you would like to provide a gift for the retreat center, just indicate "Retreat Center" with your gift to insure it is directed to the project. If you have questions or are able to volunteer, please contact Joel Legred at [jlegred@lutherpark.com](mailto:jlegred@lutherpark.com) or 612-987-6628.

Thank you to all who have supported this Retreat Center financially, with your time and talents, and with your prayers. This is a wonderful addition to Luther Park to be enjoyed by all for years to come!

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## COMING EVENTS



- DEC 7** - Glad Tidings Advent Dinner
- FEB 1-3**  
Luther Park Scrap and Stamp Camp I
- MAR 10** - Annual Meeting at St. Barnabas Lutheran Church 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.
- APRIL 6** - Ole & Lena Dinner and Silent Auction at Richfield Lutheran Church
- APR 26-28**  
Luther Park Scrap and Stamp Camp II
- APRIL 27** Point and Cross Banquet of Blessings Thank You Luncheon St. Barnabas Lutheran Church 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- JUNE 8-23** - Staff Training
- JUNE 1-2** - Bike-A-Thon #1
- JUNE 20** - Summer Camp Starts
- JULY 12-13** - Bike-A-Thon #2
- JULY 13** - Open House Celebration

Complete event information is available online at: [www.lutherparkdanbury.com](http://www.lutherparkdanbury.com) or call 715-656-7244

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## Luther Park's Summer Camp Theme for 2019: "Transform Community-God's Agent of Change"

Summer camp's key verse is: "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect." (Romans 12:2)

The first followers of Jesus were transformed by the way they lived their life together and organized their community. They were also transformed by their interaction and friendship with Jesus. Their community got the world's attention after Jesus physically left the earth. Because the early Christian community was so different it drew people from all over. It offered a way of living together that gave people hope, life and joy in a harsh world.

The agent of change during that time was the Christian community. It offered new, radical practices of generosity, inclusion, justice, compassion, and forgiveness. And it was all done through the teachings of Jesus and with the transforming action of God's love.

We are the agent of change today, we can offer people a life filled with God's love, hope and peace in a world that has so much despair. Be ready to explore how we are called to be God's agents who share the transformative nature of Christ's life-giving and love-giving presence in the world!



Some of the programs offered this summer are:

#### HALF/FULL WEEK CABIN CAMPS

Enjoy a half or full week of camp adventures which provide growth and expression of the Christian faith. Explore God's creation or sing around a campfire. Hike the trails of the north woods, go swimming, engage with Bible stories and so much more!

#### FULL WEEK TREEHOUSE CAMPS

Spend a week in rugged tree houses, working together to grow in a relationship with God, the environment and each other. This adventure will challenge and strengthen you in all aspects of your life. Cook over an open fire, explore, get dirty, get away from the crowd and have a ton of fun in God's great outdoors!

#### NEW! FULL WEEK CANOE TRIP

This week includes canoeing and camping on the Namekagon and the St. Croix Rivers. This adventure is great for people who love to fully experience the outdoors! Be prepared to be challenged physically and emotionally by stepping out of your normal comforts for the week.

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**A Message  
From The  
President**

**David P. Shirley**



**“Roots sustain our future”**

*“In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.”* Psalm 22:4 NRSV

The last couple of years have included a deep reflection on the history of my home church, Messiah in Minneapolis, along with my ancestors that were part of Messiah while still here on earth. As I recently perused a family tree, (a tree which is getting quite thin), I was invigorated by the significant impact those before me had made for their churches and far reaching communities. Just today, as part of a search of my past from my father’s side of the family; I found that Bethel Lutheran Church in Northfield, MN had my Grandfather, Ole Shirley, listed as the first signer of the church’s constitution drafted and adopted by seven gentlemen and their families, for which they are considered the Charter Members of the 110 year old church (with the roots of the church going back decades prior).

Messiah Lutheran (as a Charter Member of Luther Park) has completed a lengthy final transition from its former historic church building with the sale of the building. Messiah’s Congregation recently voted to tithe with the proceeds from the historic building sale and Luther Park received a portion of that forward thinking generosity. At its October 25, 2018 meeting, the Luther Park Board of Directors voted to keep moving forward with renovating three remaining cabins at a rate of at least one cabin per year. Messiah’s recent gift is earmarked by the Board to provide the materials for the renovation of one cabin in 2019. Although Phase One of the Bethel Family & Adult Retreat Center is nearly complete, it has taken considerable energy and the Board felt we need to make sure the other facilities receive proper attention. We are certainly placing our trust in the friends of Luther Park to keep the cabin renovation and new facility initiatives moving forward, along with promoting and expanding the use of Your Outdoor Ministry. *Striding into the next 60!*

As this will be the final A Message From The President column during my soon to be term limited tenure on the Board; it is a deep personal joy and satisfaction to see the Retreat Center take shape and the Board in good hands. To stay true to my love of Luther Park’s Christ based ministry; I plan to remain on the Finance and Development Committees, coordinate the June Bikeathon event, along with other outreach efforts, as my faith and volunteerism roots are deep at Luther Park. We celebrated Luther Park’s 60th year at the Summer Open House on July 14th and the energy for Luther Park is ever growing. Please keep Luther Park in your prayers, legacy planning, along with projects of special interest (perhaps join the Development Committee?).

Thank you for the continued support of Luther Park’s ministry, while helping to sustain and grow its long reaching roots.

**Luther Park Accredited by the American Camp Association**

Did you know Luther Park is accredited through the American Camp Association (ACA)? We go through extra steps to follow the guidelines set by ACA to ensure we are maintaining the best camp site, safety precautions and programming we can for both summer campers & retreat groups. This summer we had our re-certification visit that included going through all aspects of camp & getting scored. We passed with flying colors. We are so proud to be an ACA camp! 🏆



**A Message  
From The  
Program  
Director**

**Leah McDougall**



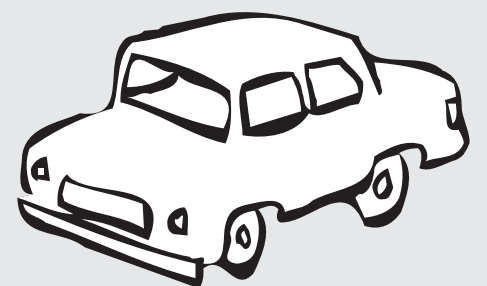
**Your Backpack Belongs**

*“For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.”* Romans 12:4-5

We are the members of the body of Christ. We each have a different function or better said different gifts, experiences and reactions that help us serve differently in this world. Each camper and staff member that come to camp have their own “backpack” that is filled with their life experiences and understanding of God and faith. They check in the on first day carrying this “backpack” with them. They aren’t sure how they will use their “backpack” or if it will get unpacked, repacked or added to during their stay. Having all the different campers and staff with their different “backpacks” in any environment provides for a community that may have struggles but also provides a great opportunity to learn how to live together. It’s an opportunity to acknowledge that we are many members of one body and although our differences sometimes divide us, they can actually unite us. Our “backpacks” make us all unique, special and an important member that contributes to the body as a whole. I have been doing a lot of reflecting on the concept of community, not only because of next summer’s theme but because it is so evident that camp provides a unique environment in which community is experienced. Where else can children, youth and young adults gather to unload their “backpacks” in a safe, welcoming and fostering environment? Where else do people of all walks of life gather in the same space, spend a week together and actually get to know each other? The camp community is exactly what I think the body of Christ looks like. It’s people from different places, with different experiences, different gifts and thoughts gathering in the same place and engaging in meaningful conversations and forming a relationship.

**Do You Have A Car You Can Donate?**

Donating a vehicle is easy to do, and you can receive a significant tax savings. If you are interested in learning more call Joel Legred at 612-987-6628 or email: [jlegred@lutherpark.com](mailto:jlegred@lutherpark.com)



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**Summer Camp Theme for 2019 (cont. from pg.1)**

**LEADERSHIP TRAINING INTENSIVE, LT**

As a camper you will learn leadership skills you can use in church, school and everyday life. You'll learn how to lead devotions, Bible studies, worships, games and how to lead small groups.

**GRANDPARENT/GRANDCHILD CAMP**

Grandparents and grandchildren spend time together exploring God's creations, diving into the summer theme, and sharing each other's stories. A great way to bond with each other!



**FAMILY CAMP**

Spend time with your family exploring God's creations, and discovering more about each other and God. There will be fun activities to do together but also time for parents to discuss the joys and struggles of raising children today, while the kids connect with summer staff and each other.

These are just some of the opportunities Luther Park will offer this summer. *Come and join in the fun!* 🏕️

**JOIN THE SUMMER STAFF MINISTRY TEAM**

Are you or do you know a young adult that is looking to make a difference? Being on summer staff at Luther Park not only gives you the opportunity to make a difference in another's life but will also change your life! You get to work closely with many children, youth, peers and other adults in a fun, Christ-filled environment. Expect to discover new things about yourself, God and the world around you all while having the best summer of your life!

Currently hiring for summer leadership, specialty (waterfront, activities, health care) and counseling positions. Apply online at [www.lutherparkdanbury.com](http://www.lutherparkdanbury.com) under the staff tab. Contact Leah McDougall with any questions at [camp@lutherpark.com](mailto:camp@lutherpark.com) or 651.472.4868. 🏕️

**Thank You to Bikeathon Pedalers for Raising Money for Luther Park Campers!**

The Luther Park Bikeathons help raise money for camperships for children who cannot afford to go to camp. Luther Park turns no one away due to the lack of ability to pay. The participants pedaled about 120 miles from Minneapolis to Luther Park to support their cause and deliver the money raised!

Thank you so much for your dedication to Luther Park! 2019 Bikeathon's 1 & 2 are scheduled next year for June 1-2 and July 12-13.

If you are interested in participating contact Joel Legred at 612-987-6628 or [jlegred@lutherpark.com](mailto:jlegred@lutherpark.com) 🏕️



**Bikeathon 1 participants:**  
**Messiah:** David & Pat Shirley, Tom Gustafson, Matt Settergren  
**Messiah/Elim:** Linda Sandell  
**Family of Christ:** Donny Bergquist, Steve Klempke  
**House of Prayer:** Ken Davidson



**Bikeathon 2 participants:**  
**Elim:** Stafford Gutknecht, Ann Tranvik, Riley Unzicker, Rex Unzicker, Tom Nelson  
**Elim/Messiah:** Linda Sandell

**Bikeathon 3 and 4 participants**  
**Diamond Lake:** Bob Kresse, Cyndi Kresse, Graydon Royce  
**Christ Memorial:** Pastor Rich Dahle-Koch, Gregg Ohman, Art Caple



**Kurtis Hemphill, from Antrim, Northern Ireland, was a international counselor at Luther Park between 2016-2018. Here are his reflections about summer camp.**



Hello, I'm Kurtis Hemphill and I spent the summers of 2016-2018 working at Luther Park. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time working at camp and I'm so glad to have both witnessed and been a part of the ministry that is taking place there. By bringing campers closer to the Lord, this ministry has not only enhanced the lives of thousands of campers over Luther Park's six decades but it has also strengthened my own faith. Children are wonderfully curious people and I believe we can learn an awful lot from them; I remember Jesus' words to His disciples, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and

become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." Personally, it had never occurred to me to question why Levites and Samaritans didn't have particularly cordial relations with one another however the inquisitive mind of a camper led to me gaining a deeper knowledge of a story I'd heard many times before. Furthermore, children's attitudes towards each other can be very intriguing. I've witnessed groups rally to comfort a friend in distress, the excitement on a campers face when their best friend arrives as well as the disappointment over having to leave on the last day. By openly expressing what they feel, they reveal their true selves with each character being distinctive and special just as God designed them. Therefore, these are the reasons why I love Luther Park as it offers all of us

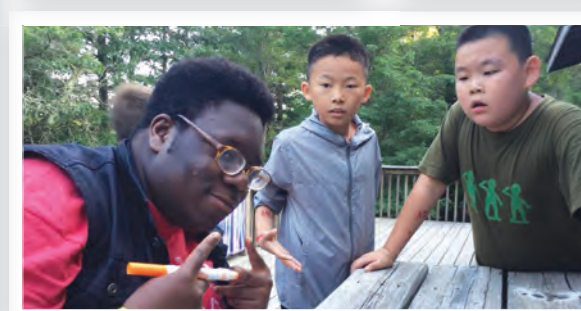
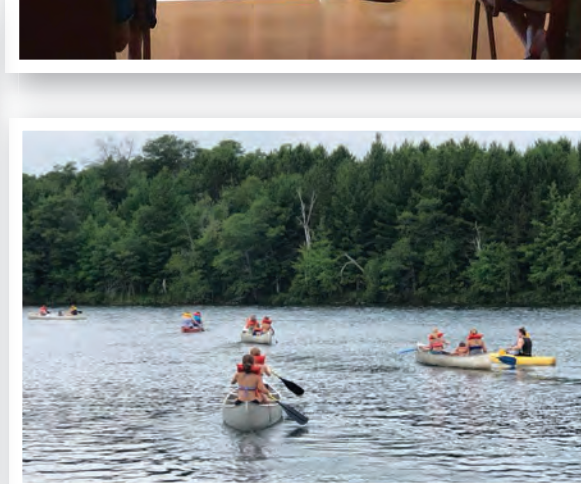
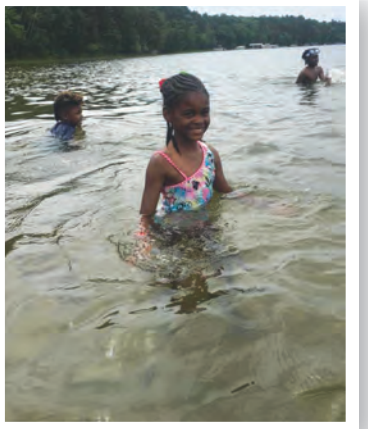


involved the opportunity to grow with each other because the staff learn just as much from the campers as they do from us. There is of course a dash of fun and games thrown into this mixture as well, after all camp isn't just school for summer! **Camp, to me, is an entertaining and caring community which seeks to glorify God and enjoy God's creation.** 🏕️

**Kurtis Hemphill**

# LUTHER PARK 2018 SUMMER MEMORIES!

Thank you to the many volunteers and donors for making these memories happen  
- Luther Park Board of Directors and Staff



# STRIDING INTO THE NEXT 60!

# 2019 Summer Camp Theme "Transform Community: God's Agent of Change"

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect." (Romans 12:2)

Register by January 15, 2019 - **SAVE \$25 for Half Weekers and \$50 for Full Weekers!!**

Register by March 1, 2019 - **SAVE \$15 for Half Weekers and \$25 for Full Weekers!** • Register online now!

DATE	AGES	PROGRAM
<b>PRE-SUMMER</b>		
June 5-8	Leadership Staff Training	
June 8-23	Summer Staff Training	
June 20-23	Grades 9-12	Leadership Training Camp
<b>WEEK 1</b>		
June 23-26	Grades 1-4	Half Week Cabin Camp
June 23-28	Grades 3-6	Full Week Cabin Camp
June 23-28	Grades 7-12	Full Week Treehouse Camp
<b>WEEK 2</b>		
June 30-July 3	Grades 1-6	Half Week Cabin Camp
June 30-July 3	Grandparents & Grandchildren	Grandparent/Grandchild Camp
<b>WEEK 3</b>		
July 7-12	Grades 3-6	Full Week Treehouse Camp
July 7-12	Grades 7-12	Full Week Cabin Camp
<b>Open House July 13</b>		
<b>All Ages, All Day!</b>		<b>10am-4pm Full of Camp Activities, Worship &amp; Fun!</b>
<b>WEEK 4</b>		
July 14-19	Grades 3-6	Full Week Treehouse Camp
July 14-19	Grades 7-12	Full Week Canoe Trip
<b>WEEK 5</b>		
July 21-24	Grades 1-4	Half Week Cabin Camp
July 21-26	Grades 3-6	Full Week Cabin Camp
July 21-26	Grades 7-12	Full Week Treehouse Camp
<b>WEEK 6</b>		
July 26-29	All Ages!	Family Cabin Camp
July 30-August 2	Reserved for Mount Calvary – Excelsior	

**ELEMENTARY PROGRAMS**

**Half Week Cabin Camp (Grades 1-4)**

An excellent opportunity to get a taste of camp life. A mini-camp (half-week) experience of new friends, fun, crafts, games, Bible stories, campfires and singing - everything a full-week camper experiences but in a shorter time frame. Campers stay in cabin village and spend their time at camp with the full week campers, too!

**Full Week Cabin Camp (Grades 3-6)**

Enjoy a week of camp adventures which provide growth and expression of the Christian faith. Explore God's creation or sing around a campfire. Hike the trails of the north woods, go swimming, engage with Bible stories and so much more!

**Full Week Treehouse Camp (Grades 3-6)**

Known as All God's Critters to many, campers experience all the natural resources Luther Park has to offer with hands-on environmental education activities relating to all of God's creations. Youth spend a week in rustic tree houses, working together to grow in a relationship with God, the environment and each other. This adventure will challenge and strengthen campers in all aspects of life. They will have the opportunity to cook over an open fire, explore, get dirty, get away from the crowd and have a ton of fun in God's great outdoors! A bathhouse with flush toilets, hot and cold running water, and showers are available.

**Day Camp (Register with the Churches)**

Watch what happens when Bible Camp comes to the campers' communities! Luther Park brings fresh ideas and trained staff to congregations throughout Minnesota and Wisconsin. Campers can enjoy lots of summer camp fun and many of the same experiences Luther Park offers on-site - singing, stories, games, arts and crafts. Campers spend the day with camp counselors and staff, then sleep in their very own bed at night. What a great win! **Contact Leah McDougall at camp@lutherpark.com or 651-472-4868 with questions about hosting a Luther Park Day Camp.**

**MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

**Full Week Cabin Camp (Grades 7-12)**

Campers experience a week of adventures that provide growth, development and expression of the Christian faith. This is also a great opportunity for teens to work through some of the biggest questions of life. Cabin camp includes all the traditional aspects of camp like worship, Bible stories, campfires, games, swimming, etc.

**Full Week Treehouse Camp (Grades 7-12)**

Known as Night Owl Camp to many, campers experience all the natural resources Luther Park has to offer with hands-on environmental education activities relating to all of God's creations but in a new "light." See and hear the sights and sounds of the great north woods in the dark by staying up late and of course, sleeping in in the morning. In this outpost program, youth spend a week in rustic tree houses, working together to grow in a relationship with God, the environment and each other. This

adventure will challenge and strengthen campers in all aspects of life. They will have the opportunity to cook over an open fire, explore, get dirty, get away from the crowd and have a ton of fun in God's great outdoors! A bathhouse with flush toilets, hot and cold running water, and showers are available.

**NEW! Full Week Canoe Trip (Grades 7-12)**

This week includes canoeing and camping on the Namekagon and the St. Croix Rivers. Spend Sunday night at camp, then head out on the river early Monday morning. Return to camp Thursday evening for Luther Park's Banquet Dinner and Variety Show. This adventure is great for people who love to fully experience the outdoors! Campers should be prepared to be challenged physically and emotionally by stepping out of their normal comforts for the week. Campers will cook meals over an open fire, explore the river-front areas, get dirty and get away from normal hustle and bustle of city life. No group registration is required. However, group registration is offered most weeks per request.

**INTERGENERATIONAL PROGRAMS**

**Grandparent/Grandchild and Family Camp**

Looking for a great way to spend family time together? Come up to Luther Park for a family Camp experience!

All meals will be provided by our fabulous camp cooks! There will plenty of time for family bonding activities and times for adult and kid breakout sessions. Expect to explore God's creation and Word through many different types of activities and Bible studies. There will be plenty of free time during the day to swim, canoe, kayak, paddleboard, play gaga ball or basketball, visit the canteen and spend time in arts & crafts. We will start our day with Worship and end with a Campfire.

Stay on Mainsite in cabins (sleeps 12-14), the Log House (5 rooms that sleep 2-5), the Welcome Center (4 rooms that sleep 4). For an additional cost, stay in the Bethel Family and Adult Retreat Center handicap accessible guest rooms with private bathrooms. You can also pitch a tent or camper at Outpost.

**Register Early!**  
Some weeks fill quickly.  
Register by:  
**January 15, 2019:**  
Full Weekers Save \$50!!  
Half Weekers Save \$25!!  
**March 1, 2019:**  
Full Weekers Save \$25!  
Half Weekers Save \$15!

**REGISTRATION**

Register Online at: [www.lutherparkdanbury.com](http://www.lutherparkdanbury.com), click on: **Register**

Register by mail after printing out the registration form at: [www.lutherparkdanbury.com/summer-camp](http://www.lutherparkdanbury.com/summer-camp)

Register over the phone by contacting Leah McDougall at: **651.472.4868**

Select a program based on the grade your camper will complete in June 2019

More Information at: [www.lutherparkdanbury.com](http://www.lutherparkdanbury.com)

Email camp with questions at: [camp@lutherpark.com](mailto:camp@lutherpark.com)

Final payment is due two weeks prior to arrival at camp.

Take advantage of early registration discounts

**SPECIAL OFFER!** Sign up for a second week (of equal or lesser value) for half price.

Check with your church about camp scholarships.

CAMPS	MEMBER	NON MEMBER*
Half Week Camps	\$325	\$345
Full Week Camps (includes Treehouse and Canoe Trips)	\$450	\$470
Leadership Training Camp (includes one free volunteer week)	\$390	\$410
INTERGENERATIONAL	ADULT	CHILD AGES 5-12
Grandparent/Grandchild and Family Camps <b>FREE</b> for ages 4 and under	\$200	\$100**

\*\*If your camper is registered for another week of camp, they pay half price for Grandparent/Grandchild and/or Camp Family Camp

**NOTE: Camper fees shown are subsidized by gift allocations. The actual cost per week is about \$600.**

\* Non-member churches are those that are not members of Luther Park Corporation.

Fees cover meals, lodging and all program materials, except in campground

Campground	\$18 per site/ per night	\$20 with electricity
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## Luther Park Wish List

Listed below are some of the camps current needs. Perhaps you don't have any of these items on hand, but could give a special gift or a gift in honor or memory of someone.

To contribute toward any of these items, just make a check out to Luther Park and note your wishes and mail to: Luther Park, 30376 Lakes Drive, Danbury WI 54830-9508

**URGENT NEEDS**

- Reliable passenger car/van
- Dehumidifiers
- Four-Wheeler
- Gas Cards (Prefer Speedway but can use all cards)
- Wilson Amplifier

**SPECIAL NEEDS**

- Blu-Ray DVD Player
- New or gently used deck chairs and tables for new Retreat Center deck
- Soccer balls, Basketballs, volleyballs, kick balls
- New or gently used furniture for reception areas of the new Retreat Center
- Batteries (AA, AAA, D, 9V, and CR2032)

**MAINTENANCE**

- Rakes
- Shovels
- LED Lightbulbs
- Chain Saws
- Wire-Feed Welder
- Solar lights for along paths
- Work gloves (large and X-large)
- Screen for windows
- Chains for chain saws

**KITCHEN**

- 8 Cup Food Processor
- Large Size Scissors

**PROGRAM**

- Projector with HDMI input
- Spark Story Bibles
- Clipboards (15-20)
- Battery Powered Pillar Candles
- Battery Powered Votive Candles
- Taper Candles (to burn)
- Permanent markers
- Scrapbook Paper
- Markers or Colored Pencils (no crayons, please)
- Pencil Boxes
- Boxes of "duraflame firestarters"
- Soft Dodgeballs
- Soccer Nets (2-12'x6')
- Kayak Paddles
- New or Gently Used Canoes
- New or Gently Used Tents
- Solar Powered Lanterns

**OFFICE**

- Laminating sheets for GBC Laminating machine
- GBC Laminating Machine
- Copy paper (white and colored)
- Card Stock (white and colored)
- Poster Board
- Bulletin boards for cabins
- White boards & markers

**HOUSEKEEPING**

- Floor Rugs for the Retreat Center
- Guest Rooms
- New Pillows
- New Sleeping Bags
- Twin and Queen Size sheets
- Shower curtains

**Thanks for gifts given  
in 2018!**

# Open House 2018: A Grand Celebration of 60 Years of Luther Park!

A wonderful time was had by all at Luther Park's Open House on July 14! This year's Open House was extra special since it was *Luther Park's 60th anniversary* of its faithful ministry! This was also a celebration of *Joel's 30th anniversary* as Executive Director and his *60th birthday!*

As always, guests were greeted warmly by the staff and treated to coffee, juice and rolls. And then enjoyed an inspiring outdoor worship service surrounded by God's creations in nature.

Following the worship service, several presentations were made. A beautiful quilt was presented to Luther Park from Bethany Lutheran by Dale Conrad. Bethany closed its doors after 109 years and along with a generous monetary gift, wanted Luther Park to have the quilt its members made for their 100th anniversary.



The Outstanding Christian Service Award was presented to Scott and Liz Hausman, two very dedicated volunteers. Thank you Scott and Liz for your dedication to Luther Park!

And in honor of Joel's 60th birthday and anniversary as Camp Director, the staff presented him with a Luther Park anniversary shirt.

After the worship service and program, a delicious buffet lunch was enjoyed by all! The kitchen staff always outdoes itself for this buffet lunch!

After lunch, the Bikeathon participants pedaled into camp, tired and hot! Thank you so much to these hardy riders for

their support of Luther Park and camper scholarships!

The afternoon offered a variety of activities such as Retreat Center tours, pontoon rides, canoeing, paddle boarding, swimming and camp tours. Open House guests enjoyed



seeing Joel Legred, Anna Treague, Leah McDougall and Werner Baker in the lake honoring Luther Park's 60th Anniversary! Ice cream treats were served later in the afternoon.

*This was a day shared by many supporters of Luther Park, celebrating 60 years of spreading God's love. Looking forward to many years to come!* 🏠



Scott Hausman accepting on behalf of himself and his wife Liz, the 2018 Outstanding Christian Service Award from Joel Legred



## Bethany Lutheran Closes Its Doors But Opens Up Camping Ministries for Luther Park

Bethany Lutheran made the hard decision to close its doors after 109 years and their building was sold. Bethany members believed strongly in the value of camp as a place where seeds of faith in young and old would be planted. Thus, they decided to present Luther Park with a significant monetary gift from the some of the proceeds of the sale. As the doors of their beloved church closed, they opened the door for camping ministries on Lake 26.



Bethany also decided that Luther Park should be the recipient of the quilt they made in 2008 to commemorate their 100th anniversary. The quilt was the idea of member Annetta Gardner, who suggested the idea of the anniversary quilt. She talked with the quilting group, Busy Hands, about how to go about doing it and what it would entail. She handed out squares of material to the members of the congregation with the idea that they would draw a meaningful picture of their personal faith journey, their life journey at Bethany, or a favorite Bible verse or memory of a group they attended.

There were a total of 44 squares that Annetta took home and with the help of her husband Loren, laid out and sewed the squares together and then bound the quilt. This quilt was hung in the stairway going down to Bethany's Fellowship Hall as a reminder of the faith and ministry of the members of Bethany for those 108 years.

Art Caple, Noah Hanson-Best, Paula and Dale Conrad presented this quilt to Luther Park, in honor of its 60th Anniversary. Bethany Lutheran hopes this quilt will serve as a reminder of a faithful community that was a part of Luther Parks's ministry for 60 years. 🏠

## Messiah Lutheran Donates Money to Luther Park for Cabin Renovation

Messiah Lutheran sold its 100 year old historic building (the church now meets elsewhere) and decided to gift Luther Park with a part of the proceeds from that sale. This gift has been earmarked by the Luther Park Board to provide the materials necessary for the renovation of one of the three cabins yet to be updated. Luther Park is an important part of Messiah's outreach ministries. Thank you Messiah Lutheran for your generosity! 🏠



Thank you Messiah members for the beautiful gift.



**YOUR LEGACY TODAY**  
Ideas for leaving a lasting legacy at Luther Park



### Now Make A Gift From Your IRA!

Are you 70 ½ years old or older? Do you have an IRA?

If you answered "yes" to both of these questions, you are eligible to provide up to \$100,000 in charitable gifts directly from your IRA. Under this law, gifts distributed directly to a charity from your IRA are excluded from your taxable income, but may be used to satisfy a portion of your required annual minimum IRA distribution.

Think about consulting your financial advisor for individual advice on this opportunity.

Think about resources you have that you may no longer need. Your generosity will continue the incredible ministry that is Luther Park Bible Camp. Contact Joel Legred at 612-987-6628 or [jlegred@lutherpark.com](mailto:jlegred@lutherpark.com) if you would like more information. 🏠

# Luther Park Retreat Ministry

Luther Park is a great place for a variety of retreats. All types of groups are invited - youth, men, women, quilters, confirmands and families to name a few-to head up to the North Woods for a relaxing/exciting weekend. Mid-week retreats are also welcome for a reduced rate and retreat planning assistance is available.

For more information contact Luther Park at 715-656-7244; email: [retreats@lutherpark.com](mailto:retreats@lutherpark.com)

"Luther Park is a place to relax, rejuvenate and spend time with friends surrounded by the beauty of God's creation."

Luther Park Weekend Retreater

Here are some upcoming programmed retreats at Luther Park:

### Scrapbooking and Stamping Retreat Weekends

- Winter Scrapbooking and Stamping Weekend I, February 1-3, 2019
- Spring Scrapbooking and Stamping Weekend II, April 26-28, 2019
- Fall Scrapbooking and Stamping Weekend III, November 8-10, 2019



### Scrapbooking Retreat Costs

- 3 days, Friday-Sunday \$95.00

To register, please complete the attached form and return it with your \$50.00 deposit to: Scrapbooking & Stamping Weekend, Anna Treague, 30376 Lakes Drive, Danbury, WI 54830

**Watch for more retreats that may be added this Winter and Spring. And remember-you can choose your own times and program your own retreats. Luther Park will be happy to assist you in anyway!**

### Just ask!

To book a retreat or to see what opportunities Luther Park can provide for your next retreat, please call; Luther Park at 715-656-7244 or e-mail; [retreats@lutherpark.com](mailto:retreats@lutherpark.com)

Remember, Luther Park is not just for summer activities! We are open year round. Join us for some fun, fresh ideas to jazz up those winter blues. Bring a friend, church group, or come alone. Don't miss out on a great winter weekend!

A Message From The Executive Director

Joel Legred



## Life Gotten Too Hectic?

Bible camp is one of the places that slows time down. People get up here and share that the pace is so delightful because it's not the rush of normal life. Families, couples, and friends come together to be in relationship. People rediscover what they value.

Harry Chapin's song "Cats in the Cradle" is one of my favorites. It's a song about how precious our time is with the people we love. Here are some of the words.

*My son turned ten just the other day,  
He said, thanks for the ball, Dad, come on let's play.  
Can you teach me to throw? I said, not today.  
I got a lot to do. He said, that's okay....  
Well, he came from college just the other day  
So much like a man I just had to say  
"Son, I'm proud of you, can you sit for a while?"  
He shook his head and said with a smile  
"What I'd really like, Dad, is to borrow the car keys.  
See you later. Can I have them please."  
I've long since retired. My son's moved away.  
I called him up just the other day.  
I said, "I'd like to see you if you don't mind."  
He said, "I'd love to Dad if I can find the time.  
You see my new job's a hassle and the kids have the flu,  
but it's sure nice talking to you, Dad."*

People have said Luther Park is where they come when life is hectic. Camp is where they have the chance to connect with loved ones. It's where confirmands find friendships. It's where kids find they fit in and counselors have time for them.

The song "Cats in the Cradle" reminds me of something else. Time passes. What is our legacy? God will use us wonderfully and powerfully. How will God use you?

## LUTHER PARK SCRAPBOOK & STAMPING CAMP WEEKEND REGISTRATION FORM

Retreater(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse (If applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ (optional for adults)

### Registering for:

- Winter Scrapbooking & Stamping Weekend I; Feb 1-3
- Spring Scrapbooking & Stamping Weekend II; Apr 26-28
- Fall Scrapbooking & Stamping Weekend III; Nov 8-10

Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_ Names of preferred roommates(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Weekend Fees:** 3 days, Friday - Sunday is \$95 per person

Total Price: \_\_\_\_\_ Please send a deposit of \$50.00 when registering.

Deposit Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

### Method of Payment:

- Check/Money Order: Make Payable to Luther Park Camping & Retreat Center
- Visa  Master Card  AMEX

Acct. # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp \_\_\_\_\_

CSC #(3 or 4 digit number on card) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**THIS AUTHORIZATION MUST BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED BY PARTICIPANT.**

I understand that unless I provide separate written notice, photos taken of myself at camp may be used for camp-approved publications such as the Luther Park Echoes. Please list ALL allergies & dietary restrictions so we are better able to provide you with the best service possible.

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## THE THREE TREES

NEXT TIME YOU'RE AT LUTHER PARK YOU'LL HAVE TO CHECK OUT "THE THREE TREES" 2018 ART INSTALLATION.



Every Monday night this summer the campers heard "The Tale of Three Trees" at campfire. They learned about how God's love changes everything- including themselves! Every Tuesday, the campers painted images of love to create the "branches" of the trees.

With the help of a summer staff member we now have another visual reminder of just how much God loves us and how God created us with creativity, uniqueness and the ability to do great things in this world!

Check out the full "The Tale of Three Trees" story here: <https://youtu.be/DjI0ViJIM3U>