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A Newsletter for Campers and Friends of Luther Park

Spring/Summer 2016

## Summer Camp Is Right Around the Corner! Sign Up For the Adventures of Luther Park Camp Now.

Lots of exciting programs await you at Luther Park! Come by yourself or bring a friend!

Can you believe it's almost time for summer camp at Luther Park? Be sure to sign up for all the fun Luther Park offers! Water fun, singing, games, great food and evenings around the campfire are just some of the activities you will experience at Luther Park.

This summer's theme is "The Jesus Way!"

based on Ephesians 5:1-2: "Therefore,

be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us." Campers will learn to trust in God's promise as we feed, forgive, love, serve and pray. Daily themes are: Monday: Feeding; Tuesday: Forgiving; Wednesday: Loving thy Neighbor; Thursday: Serving Humbly; Friday: Prayer.

Maybe you would like to try the **TreeHouse Village in Night Owl Camp (Grades 7-12)**, where you stay up late to experience the North Woods at night and then sleep in in the morning! Or **All God's Critters (Grades 3-6)** and cook your own meals. Maybe you are new to camp, and want to try out **Snooper Camp**. Snooper Camp has all the fun and adventures of the week long camp, but is a shorter three-day experience for new campers.



Singing camp songs around the campfire, as the sun sets.

And new this year- **Sailing Camp!** This is for campers in grades 7-12, and will teach the sailing skills of safety, communications, navigation, and the physics involved in sailing aboard a 37-foot sailboat. This will be based out of Madeline Island and will also include time hiking, swimming, and camping.

There are also group canoe trips offered on

the Namekagon and St. Croix rivers, leadership training opportunities, and mission trip offerings.

Detailed information about dates available and fees are shown on the back page of this newsletter, in the camp brochure, and on the website at www.lutherpark.com. Register online or mail the form on the back of this newsletter with a \$200.00 deposit or the full amount if you wish. Final payment is due two weeks before camp. Scholarships are available.

Staff from around the world, music, fellowship, water fun, games, contemplative moments at the prayer labyrinth and the Trail of Grace crosses, and great food await you at Luther Park. Come and join us for a great adventure this summer. 🏕️

### The Bethel Family and Adult Retreat Center Plans Moving Ahead!

The Bethel Family and Retreat Center plans are moving ahead for breaking ground and will take place in 2016. Volunteers have worked on clearing the site and soil testing is underway.



Soil testing begins on the site of The Bethel Family and Adult Retreat Center.

A ground-breaking ceremony will be held at this summer's Open House on July 16. This retreat center will be a great

addition to Luther Park and the facilities will serve family groups and adults of all ages. It will include private hotel-style rooms, flexible, comfortable meeting spaces and fully accessible facilities for people of all physical abilities. Luther Park's ministry will increase dramatically with the addition of this Retreat Center! Please consider a gift to support this wonderful addition to the camp. Naming and memorial opportunities include:

- Retreat Center Wing.....\$200,000
- Worship/Gathering Space .....\$40,000
- Guest Rooms/Private Baths .....\$25,000
- Two Welcome Lounges/Fireplaces .....\$15,000
- Reception Area.....\$15,000

Gifts of any size are welcome! If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Executive Director Joel Legred at 612-987-6628 or jlegred@lutherpark.com 🏕️

### Why Summer Bible Camp?

Children are involved in so many activities in the summer-vacations, sports, summer school, music lessons, swimming lessons and various other things. Why is it important to find time for camp, especially Bible camp?

According to Sherry Turkle, an MIT professor, our children are losing the art of conversation. She says that children need to have a place to practice conversation. It's a crucial skill that we are losing in our culture, because of technology, especially cell phones. This seems to be leading to a lack of empathy in our young people. Camps have a crucial role to play in this. It is critical that children have a place to go where they don't have their phones. A place where conversations will bring them back to an empathic connection with each other. At camp they're looking into each other eyes and having real conversations about what's going on in their lives. That's very compelling. Sherry Turkle says that within just five days at a sleepaway camp, the capacity for empathy starts to be restored.



At camp, young people have more of a chance to experience solitude, imagination, and mind-wandering. They rediscover their imaginations.

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## Summer Open House

Saturday, July 16, 2016  
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

### Schedule of Events


- 10-11a.m. Arrive at your leisure to enjoy coffee/rolls
- 11 a.m. Outdoor worship
- 12:15 p.m. Outstanding Christian Service Award, Volunteer & other Recognitions, Bethel Family and Adult Retreat Center Ground Breaking Ceremony
- 12:30 p.m. Buffet Lunch at the Lodge
- 2 p.m. Old-fashioned ice cream social, pontoon rides, camp tours, waterfront open with lifeguard & more
- 3 p.m. LP Board Meeting
- 4 p.m. Farewell

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## Why Summer Bible Camp? (cont. from p.1)

They learn independence and to value community. Living with 7-10 other campers for a week teaches them to work together and learn that others care for them. Children at Bible camp learn they are loved by their counselors just for being themselves. And more importantly, they will discover the love of God. They learn that worship can be fun! Campers worship through songs, through skits and through Bible studies with their counselors. They have fun worshipping with friends in nature and discover worship can be exciting!

Children come away from camp with new-found skills. Maybe they learn to paddle a canoe, try new sports and games, make new friends. Campers learn to maybe step out of their comfort zone in a safe setting, surrounded by those that care about them.

And finally, because of Bible Camp, lives are changed. Campers leave with intentions to make a difference in their schools-helping the needy, befriending lonely students and being positive role models. They want to be more involved in helping their communities. Many campers leave Bible Camp with the decision to follow Jesus or renew their commitments in following him. They go home desiring to be a better person. Their personal relationship with God is strengthened. Bible camp is a life-changing experience for our young people. 

## Peer Teen Ministry Leadership In Full Swing at Luther Park

Luther Park was awarded a \$40,000 grant from the ELCA last fall for a partnership with Peer Ministry Leadership that will engage youth leadership in ten participating churches. Over 50 senior high youth and adults participated in training retreats this winter and spring. And a summer Peer Ministry Young Teen Leadership Camp is planned for this summer.



These retreats and camp are dedicated to broadening and deepening youth ministry and creating a ministry of leaders who care, welcome and affirm other youth.

"For many years, Luther Park has offered leadership programs, but now we wish to be more effective at helping grow sustainable leadership-producing cultures within congregations," said Joel Legred, executive director of Luther Park.

This program aims to form faith in youth and young adults and develop them into leaders, not just in their congregations, but also in their communities.


Lyle Griner, Peer Ministry Leader had this to say about one of the leadership retreats: "Another wonderful Peer Ministry Leadership training. Luther Park, with the help of the ELCA youth and young adult initiative grant, is dedicated to ensure that youth are leading and not leaving the church!"



Youth and adults shared these comments about their time at these retreats:

- More confidence in meeting new people
- The simplest conversations impact people's lives
- It is okay to just listen and not try to solve or fix
- I became a better listener
- It is important to be more observant of people around us.
- I can save a life by being willing to talk and listen
- I learned how important listening to non-verbals are.
- Very impressed with our youth and new understanding of leadership
- A whole room of strangers from three churches came together.



Luther Park will continue to work with the ten congregations over the next two years to train high school youth and young adults in this relational Peer Ministry. 

## LUTHER PARK BIKE-A-THON

### What is the Bike-a-thon?

To help raise funds for the camp, bicyclists seek donations, then ride from the Twin Cities to Luther Park to hand deliver the proceeds.

### Why are these dedicated bicyclists willing to ride 120+ miles?

The inspirational faith journey that a church camp experience provides gives new direction in a young person's life! Luther Park's needs continue to grow and with your support the life changing outdoor ministry can continue.

**Two Scheduled Ride Dates:** • Bike-a-thon I – June 4-5 • Bike-a-thon II – July 15-16

### How Can I Help?

#### Think About Riding

You will need a good, recently tuned, bicycle with no known mechanical problems and the ability to ride approximately 75 miles the first day, plus 45 miles the second day. Plus, meet some new friends!

#### Consider Financial Support

Support the bicyclists by giving a donation to be delivered by pedal power to Luther Park. Your donation is also tax deductible.

#### Like more information?

Contact Joel Legred, Tel: 612-987-6628 or Email: jlegred@lutherpark.com

I/We support the mission of the bicyclists on their quest to deliver, via pedal power, camp funds raised for Luther Park.

I would like to participate on the following exciting ride!

- Bike-a-thon I – June 4-5  
 Bike-a-thon II – July 15-16

Please make checks payable to:  
 Luther Park Bike-a-thon  
 Send donations directly to:  
 Luther Park Bike-a-thon  
 30376 Lakes Drive, Danbury, WI 54830

Supplement funds provided by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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AMOUNT \_\_\_\_\_  
 Thank you for your donation and prayers.

## A Message From the President

David P. Shirley



## "The Many Forms of Gifts and Talents"

*"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work." 1 Corinthians 12: 4-6*

My recent work travels provided some well needed additional time to actually read a book, a copy which was sitting on my wife Pat's side of our home-office desk for some time. The book is titled "Compassion, Justice and The Christian Life" by Robert D. Lupton. The author (as of 2007) had been working for 34 years on the Christian Community Development (CCDA) model for continual improvement (an initiative near and dear to my heart) in an inner-city Atlanta community. Although I will not provide a full "book report" of the author's exciting and thought provoking text, his timely reinforcement that everyone has something to give was prophetic and certainly caused me to reflect on Luther Park's 57 year old ministry. Just as my home church (Messiah Lutheran in Minneapolis) has changed dramatically during its 108 years of Christ inspired ministry, so has Luther Park since its inception in 1959. Communities, needs and focus are shifted, refined and improved on a regular basis.

When pondering the diverse and plentiful life changing successes at Luther Park, along with the physical achievements accomplished over the years; the gifts from staff, volunteers and donors have been miraculous. Some have brought forth inspirational faith-based enthusiasm that helped reinforce the faith journeys of people they touched. Others have given freely of time and talents to complete projects or to maintain existing amenities. Supporters with a wide range of financial means have given freely of resources to enable youth and others to experience the Christ based outdoor ministry that Luther Park provides. Everyone has something to contribute!

It has been spiritually uplifting to observe youth campers from Messiah and other Luther Park Corporate churches grow in their relationship with Christ, while additionally honing their God given gifts and attributes such as leadership and being a Christian role model for others. A gifted leader in Messiah's youth population, Hakeem Smith, will be a counselor at Luther Park this summer, following in the path of Matt Xiong and others from Messiah sharing their talent at camp and in the Church. For me personally; watching youth strengthen their faith, while developing and sharing their talents as they mature, is witnessing God's work at His finest. Please consider how Luther Park can support your Church's youth and adult ministry programs.

With Luther Park on the cusp of breaking ground for the long anticipated Bethel Family and Adult Retreat Center; we will continue soliciting gifts and talents from those who support the mission of Luther Park and share in the vision of further improving the facilities for adults and families. Please prayerfully consider how your personal God given gifts and talents may help in this project and other initiatives for the future of Luther Park. To help you visualize this long anticipated retreat center amenity for Luther Park; please join us at camp for the Summer Open House & Volunteer Recognition Celebration on Saturday, July 16, 2016 starting at 10:00 a.m.

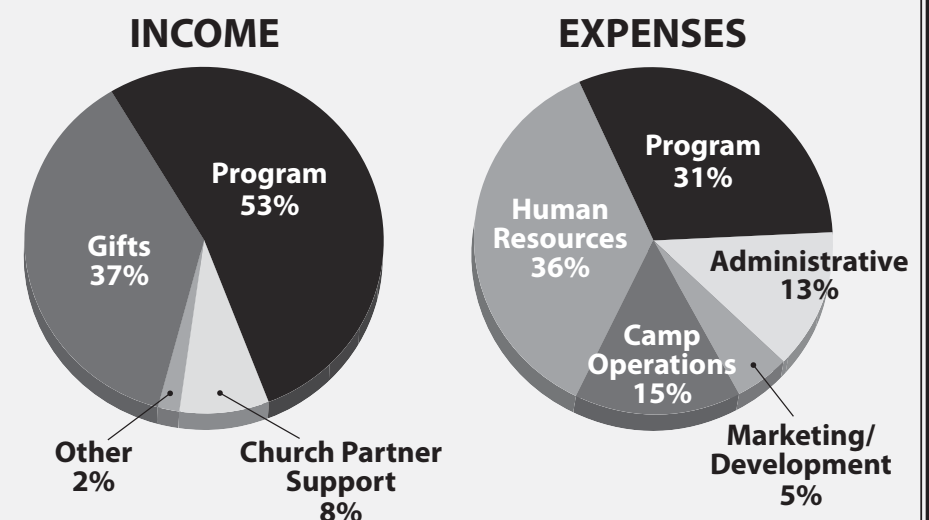
Thank you for your Christ inspired gifts, talents and prayers in the support of Luther Park's ministry.

In Christ,

*David P. Shirley*

David Paul Shirley-President on behalf of Luther Park

## 2015 Luther Park Income and Expenses



**A Message From the Associate Director**

**Anna Treague**



**Stillness**

*“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth. The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.” ~ Psalm 46:10 (1-11)*

How many of you find the time on a regular basis to “Be Still” and listen to God? I know that with 3 children there is no such thing as “being still” in our house even when they are sleeping. That is the time to get caught up with everything else that I didn’t get done that day and many times I don’t always get everything done I want then either.

It can be real draining on the spirit to keep going and going and going like the energizer bunny. God never intended for us to be so busy. God even built in a day for rest and rejuvenation, a day to spend with God, but in this world it seems to be just another day and the idea of a Sabbath is pushed aside.

Sometimes it takes getting away from everyday life to a place out in God’s creation to find that stillness for us to be able to tune our ears to God’s voice and listen to God’s words. Maybe some of you are able to find the time to take a walk, spend some time reading, praying, or even napping. All those are precious times of “Being Still.” In Proverbs 4:20 we find these words, *“Dear friend, listen well to my words; tune your ears to my voice. Keep my message in plain view at all times. Concentrate! Learn it by heart Those who discover these words live, really live; body and soul, they’re bursting with health.”* Take a minute, right now no matter where you are and think of these words, have they found a place in your heart?

One of my rare Sabbath/quiet times these days comes this time of year, Turkey hunting season. To be able to sit in the woods for a couple of hours in the early morning and let the stillness surround me. I am always amazed as to how clear my mind and heart are after that. It doesn’t matter if I get a turkey or not, but the time with God is what I treasure the most.

So as you leave your times of Sabbath and return to your everyday lives, I hope that you are able to recall a little bit of Luther Park to help you remember to “Be Still”, “Listen well to God’s Words”, “Learn them by heart”, and to “Live, really Live.”

*Anna Treague*

Anna Treague  
Associate Director

**A Message From the Executive Director**

**Joel Legred**



**God gives the evergreen to remind us God’s love lasts all year long! God also provides congregations, friends, donors, and volunteers who remind us of God’s generosity and provision for Luther Park.**

Thank you to everyone who has played a part in our ministry this year! Here are a few things we accomplished together:

- \$40, 000 ELCA Youth Grant for Peer Ministry Leadership
- Approval for Groundbreaking of the new Family and Adult Retreat Center
- New Lake Superior Sailing Camp Adventure
- New Roofs on Cabins and the Log House (only three cabins left!)
- Two new congregations joined the corporation
- The Art Caple Scholarship Fund
- Donor Match for New Lodge Roof
- New Fireplace insert in the Log House
- New Crosses and the “Trail of Grace”
- Elm Cabin Renovation

We celebrate this past year hosting the greatest number of year-round retreaters we have had at camp in several years. Luther Park is looking forward to a tremendous Summer Camp season, with a fantastic group of college age staff and campers! You can find more information about summer camp or retreats at [www.lutherpark.com](http://www.lutherpark.com).

We’re in the process of recruiting summer staff including Assistant Program Directors, Counselors, Lifeguards and Waterfront Director. Please let us know if you are aware of an 18-22 year old who has gifts for working with kids. Working at camp looks great on a resume plus provides valuable work experience. Work begins in June and concludes in mid-August with most weekends free.

Thank you to everyone who has invested their time, expertise, gifts of money and gifts-in-kind. We are so grateful for all who make sure this ministry thrives. Thank you for keeping Bible camp in your prayers and among your priorities.

*In Christ’s service,*

*Joel Legred*

Joel Legred  
Executive Director

**WELCOME 2016 SUMMER STAFF**

Luther Park is once again blessed with excellent and talented group of young Christian men and women who will lead and mentor our campers this summer. We welcome each one as they become part of our outdoor ministry this summer. Be sure to greet them and thank them at camp or at your church. *Introducing the 2016 Super Summer Staff!*

<b>Callie Allred</b> Saint Anthony, MN	<b>Cassie McDonald</b> Duluth, MN	<b>Kallie Schuchard</b> Fridley, MN
<b>Hayley Bannister</b> Wigan, Lancashire, United Kingdom	<b>Leah McDougall</b> Arden Hills, MN	<b>Hakeem Smith</b> Minneapolis, MN
<b>Mateo Gonzalez</b> Richfield, MN	<b>Elijah Morton</b> Perth, Western Australia	<b>Maria Rodriguez Tibana</b> Bogota, Cundinamarca, Columbia
<b>Kurtis Hemphill</b> Antrim, United Kingdom	<b>Chris Pollock</b> Belfast, Northern Ireland	<b>Joshua Yang</b> Minneapolis, MN
<b>Ciarra Lechman</b> Webster, WI	<b>Emily Porritt</b> Voorschoten, South Holland, Netherlands	<b>Maria Lucero Zambrano</b> Neiva, Colombia
<b>Madison Main</b> Webster, WI	<b>Mason Schaaf</b> Danbury, WI	

*We are still interviewing a few great people for summer counselors and leadership positions. Contact Anna Treague 715-656-7244 or email; [anna@lutherpark.com](mailto:anna@lutherpark.com)*

**Welcome Craig Larson, New Site Director!**

Craig Larson is the new site director at Luther Park. He brings a wealth of experience with youth to the camp! Craig has been involved with youth for 38 years in a variety of ways including Sunday School, confirmation and mission trips. Craig has worked up at Luther Park in the past. A member of Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Excelsior. Craig is a great addition to the Luther Park staff!

**Welcome Craig!!** 🙏



**Luther Park’s Open House A Great Time For All!**

Come and join the staff of Luther Park for this summer’s Open House on July 16. Experience a touch of summer camp in a day! Maybe you would like to see the newly remodeled cabins and check out the renovated Outdoor Chapel. Maybe take a hike to the Tree House Village. There will be pontoon rides on beautiful Lake 26, swimming, canoeing, paddle boats and paddle boards. Or just relax in the beauty of nature that surrounds you at camp.

The Open House begins with a social time with coffee and rolls from 10:00-11:00. At 11:00 guests will be treated to an outdoor worship service surrounded by the beauty of Luther Park. After worship the 2016 Outstanding Christian Service Award will be awarded. This year’s recipients are Tom and Janet Nelson of Elim Lutheran Church. This will be followed by a delicious buffet lunch which visitors rave about! Later there is an ice cream treat for all.

**We look forward to seeing you at Open House this year!**

YOU’LL FIND A MAP WITH DIRECTIONS TO LUTHER PARK ON PAGE 8.

**OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS**

Overnight accommodations may be available in the cabins or campground. Please call ahead, since space is available on a first-come basis. If you are interested in making a full weekend of the event, contact Craig Larson for rates and reservations. Call 715-656-7244 or email [camp@lutherpark.com](mailto:camp@lutherpark.com)

**Luther Park ECHOES From the Point**

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**YEAR-ROUND STAFF MEMBERS**

**Joleen Clendening, Kitchen Staff**  
**Rhonda DeMars, Kitchen Staff**  
**Craig Larson, Site Director**

**Joel Legred, Executive Director**  
**Anna Treague, Associate Director**

**2015 Church Partner Support**

These gifts are provided each year by member congregations as an expression of their ministry partnership with Luther Park.

CONGREGATION		
Bethany on 36th	Minneapolis, Minn.	\$800.00
Calvary	Minneapolis, Minn.	\$100.00
Christ Memorial	Plymouth, Minn.	\$100.00
Diamond Lake	Minneapolis, Minn.	\$3,000.00
Elim	Robbinsdale, Minn.	\$1,000.00
Gustavus Adolphus	Minneapolis, Minn.	\$2,000.00
Hope	Brule, Wis.	\$200.00
House of Prayer	Richfield, Minn.	\$1,500.00
Lake of the Isles	Minneapolis, Minn.	\$1,000.00
Lakeside	Webster, Wis.	\$300.00
Lord of Life	Maple Grove, Minn.	\$10,000.00
Mount Calvary	Excelsior, Minn.	\$2,000.00
Nativity	St. Anthony, Minn.	\$1,000.00
Peace	Plymouth, Minn.	\$250.00
Richfield	Minneapolis, Minn.	\$300.00
St. Barnabas	Plymouth, Minn.	\$1,500.00
Yellow Lake	Danbury, Wis.	\$300.00
Zion in Mpls	Minneapolis, Minn.	\$600.00
Zion in Hinckley	Hinckley, Minn.	\$300.00



**Other Congregational Giving**

In addition to Church Partner Support, Luther Park receives other generous gifts from churches and church-affiliated groups.

CONGREGATION	
Calvary	\$210.00 (Mission of the Month)
Christ Memorial	\$670.00 (Bike-a-thon)
Elim	\$2,000.00 (Lodge Roof Renovation)
Lakeside	\$1,000.00 (Trash & Treasure)
Mount Calvary	\$5,000.00 (MC Foundation) \$25,000 (Retreat Center)
Richfield	\$8.62 (Loose change offering)
St. Barnabas	\$1,365.41 (Gift of Love)

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans gifts for 2015 are shown on P.6.



**THE LUTHER PARK SMILE**  
*It's Priceless...  
but your gifts make it happen!*



**Kids, Camp and Summer:  
A Winning Combination!**

**Luther Park**

*A Place for All Ages...A Place for All Seasons*

**Mission Statement**

*Luther Park is a cooperative ministry of ELCA and other Lutheran congregations serving people of all ages through a variety of programs in an outdoor setting. Our Mission is to provide an environment in which the Christian faith may be strengthened and people may grow in their personal relationship to God.*

**2015 Memorial/Honorary Gifts (1-1-15 to 12-31-15)**

To receive a memorial/honorary gift packet for future use, please call camp at 715-656-7244.

IN HONOR OF	GIVEN BY
Art Caple	Bruce and Mary Beth Hendrickson Iva Jones Carleen Ozanich Bennett Melin Howard and Kristin Skulstad Omar Olson John and Linda Conklin Adrian and Dorothy Tilbury Karen Boberg Reverend Bruce and Jane Nelson Pastor Jo Bauman Johnson Ernest and Jean Haimig Calvin and Jeanette Buck Ronald and Barbara Hechsel Iva Jones Darlene Bonin Joyce McGraw Gene and Penny Kranz Applen Kranz Edith Johnson Duane Larson Edward and Yvonne Olson Edith Johnson Marcella Strand Myrna Wilcox Karla Nicklaus Frank and MaryAnne Sattervall Evy Lou Booth Roger Wold Pete and Marcia Brace Lisa Kallevig Lois Swenson Byron and Sharon Hlyen Richard and Mary Lou Maertens Chuck and Jackie Booth Arthur and Marion S. Johnson Lori Whitbeck Larry Cole Gene and Penny Kranz Jennifer Parker Scott and Cara Wright Cal and Lori Wright Jayne Bradshaw



IN HONOR OF	GIVEN BY
Blake Baumann Confirmation	Gary and Vikki Scharmer
Children and Families	Thomas and Patricia Dooley
Doris (Toots) Anderson	Terry and Nancy Couillard
Former Camper, Tara Meyers!	Todd and Deb Meyers
Herman and Delores Asproth, and their financial support of youth ministry	Michael and Cyndy Hurley
Joel	G. Lois S. Ringquist
Joel and Brenda Legred	Bob and Kathy McLain
Joel Legred	Kent and Lois Norby
Loved Ones	Dorothy McCarty
Luther Park	Paul and Julie Mattson
Nora Nielsen	Jennifer Parker
Our Children	Thomas and Susan O'Connell
Pastor Bob Quam's Ministry	Gary Horejsi and Barbara McCauley
Terry and Nancy Couillard	Diane Chambers and Don Parsisson
The pastors at Yellow Lake Lutheran Church	Norm and Kim Okerstrom



IN MEMORY OF	GIVEN BY
Harriet Anders	Norma Peterson
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Dolores Asproth	Michael and Cyndy Hurley
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Fran Challman	Olga Challman
Ronald Ehler	Arlen Legred
Mark Empanger	Paul and Barbara Johnson Elim Lutheran Church
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Carl R. Johnson	Marilyn Johnson Randolph Johnson
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Harry Rippe	Jacquelyn Rippe
Bob Slater	Joan Slater
Bill Stenzel	Donna Stenzel
Ardus Tamlyn	Tim Tamlyn
Joe Timmers	King and Evelyn Ramin
Elmer Tysver	Arlen Legred

## Thrivent Choice and Thrivent Action Teams

There are two ways in which you can contribute to Luther Park through Thrivent: Thrivent Choice and Thrivent Action Teams.

You are eligible for the Thrivent Choice program if you have a Thrivent Financial product. This lets members direct the company's charitable dollars to camps and other non-profits enrolled in the program. Many thanks to our Thrivent members for designating all or some of their Thrivent Choice Dollars to Luther Park. If you are interested in directing your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Luther Park please visit: [www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or call 1-800-847-4836.

Another way to contribute to Luther Park is through the Thrivent Action Teams. Policy holders are able to set up an "Action Team" project that benefits Luther Park. You can choose a project from the list of ideas or choose your own. Then visit the Thrivent website or contact your Thrivent rep to fill out the papers to apply. Once your project is approved, you will receive a \$250 gift card use toward the project or it can be given to Luther Park for materials. Projects completed this year

include painting, outdoor chapel, Ole and Lena dinner, cleaning, and a breakfast fundraiser at Elim. Here are a few more ideas of projects that might be funded by an Action Team:

- Wood shelters to keep split wood protected from the elements
- Lumberjack work: chain sawing trees and splitting wood
- Painting, roofing, and general upkeep of buildings
- Purchase health kits
- Picnic tables or deck repairs
- Food for work days
- Replacement of cracked windows
- Canoe rack and boat house repair
- Improvement of waterfront area
- Repair windows and screens

If you are interested, apply at:

[www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/living-generously/thrivent-action-teams](http://www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/living-generously/thrivent-action-teams)

## Thrivent Financial and Organizational Gifts Total \$44,736.63 in 2015!

Thank you to all of the following who contributed gifts to Luther



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- Anderson, Hager and Moe - \$435.00
- ELCA - \$40,000 Youth and Young Adult Innovation Grant from the "Always Being Made New" campaign
- Thrivent Employee Match - \$2,005.37 (Laura Gallati, Art Peterson, Cindy Hurley)
- Thrivent Carver-Hennepin Chapter - \$700 for Quilt and Silent Auction
- Thrivent Central Minneapolis Chapter - \$1,200.00 for Ole and Lena Dinner and Silent Auction
- United Way Donor Choice - \$221.26 (Laura Gallati)

*These gifts are greatly appreciated by Luther Park!*

### Quilt Auction at Mt. Calvary on Saturday, October 1



Quilters from throughout Luther Park member congregations are working hard together on quilts for the 26th Annual Quilt Auction to be held at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Excelsior on Saturday, October 1, 2016. A delicious lunch will be held at noon, at which time you can also view the quilts. Bidding will begin at 1:00. If you quilt, crochet or knit, please consider making something for the auction. Or just come and enjoy lunch and the auction! You never know you might find the perfect gift for someone or yourself! For more information or to donate, contact Joel Legred at 612-987-6628 or email [jlegred@lutherpark.com](mailto:jlegred@lutherpark.com).

## LEAVE A LEGACY OF GOD'S LOVE

Would you like to leave a legacy for future generations that reflects your faith and values?

**The Luther Park Legacy Society has been created to help friends of Luther Park leave a legacy.**

Legacy gifts to Luther Park will be a seed planted in good soil, because it will help people of all ages deepen their faith in Jesus. You can provide a legacy gift through a life insurance policy or a will bequest. If you have already completed your will, a codicil can be added at a nominal charge.

For additional information, please contact Joel Legred at 612-987-6628 or email [jlegred@lutherpark.com](mailto:jlegred@lutherpark.com).



## Board Officers Elected at May Board Meeting

- President:*  
David Shirley - *Messiah*
- Vice President:*  
Candace Cobb - *Diamond Lake*
- Secretary:*  
Lori Wright - *Mount Calvary*
- Treasurer:*  
Gerald Gallati - *Nativity*



**Thanks to outgoing Board Member for his dedicated service!**

Art Caple  
Bethany on 36th

**Welcome New Board Member**

Rachel Meinert  
St. Barnabus

## Annual Meeting Report

The Luther Park Corporation held its Annual Meeting Sunday, March 13, 2016 at Nativity Lutheran Church.

President David Shirley opened the meeting and welcomed everyone at 1:35 p.m. We introduced ourselves and Pastor Dan from Nativity Church gave some opening comments and a prayer.

We viewed an awesome video on Luther Park, put together by Luther Park staff.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Gerald Gallati presented the 2016 Proposed Budget. He noted that Total Income was \$307,473 in 2015 and Expenses were \$328,000 for a net loss of \$21,182. Joel noted that there were not as many large contributions this year.

### BOARD MEMBERS

Vice President Terry Couillard introduced the Board Member Elections. We thanked Art Caple, who has served the maximum 6 years and for decades of additional service.

### STAFF REPORTS

Joel presented his report to the group. He began by suggesting we check out the website for details on ongoing projects.

He stated that we are currently out of trust, but that we will be releasing



income that will become income for retreats and summer camp. This will put us back into trust and will occur before the end of the year.

We acknowledged Anna's report. Joel commented that we have hired a new Site Director, Craig Larson and said farewell to Joseph Larrivy (who was our Director of Summer Camp and Retreat Ministries.) Craig has spent lots of time at Luther Park and will be a great addition to our team!

We reviewed the graphs in the packet. Summer campers have been very stable. David Shirley requested that we separate Summer Campers from Day Camp numbers on the graphs.

### MASTER PLAN PROCESS

We are waiting for plans on the Retreat Center to be bid upon. We may be able to break ground in the Spring and this would cut costs significantly. Building would cease during summer camper attendance.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### Bikeathon

David presented a \$2,000 check as a challenge match. He encouraged the group to do Temple Talks in their home churches to draw attention to this fundraiser for Luther Park. It is a great way to raise funds.

#### Ole and Lena Dinner

Jim Pemberton had packets of tickets to distribute for the upcoming Ole and Lena Dinner on April 16 at Richfield Lutheran. Joel mentioned that April 23 is a work day.

We concluded the meeting with the reading of the Mission Statement.

*Respectfully Submitted,*  
Lori Wright, Secretary

## 2015 CAMPER NUMBERS

We praise God that Luther Park's ministry has had the opportunity to serve many.

Summer Campers and Day Camp	718
Retreaters	888
<b>2015 Total</b>	<b>1,606</b>

## Ole and Lena Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction A Fun Evening!

The Ole and Lena dinner was held on April 16 at Richfield Lutheran Church. The evening was a success with a delicious spaghetti dinner, great silent auction items, crowning of the queens, and the singing entertainment of



**Crowning the Uff Da Royalty Court**



**Bert Miller (Ole)**

the Sisters. Bert Miller (Ole), who passed away in April, was remembered by Joel Legred and a toast was given in his honor. Pastor Rolf also said a prayer in his memory. Over a hundred people enjoyed the dinner and fellowship with other Luther Park supporters. Over \$4200 was raised to send kids to Luther Park! Thank you to all who came and to Richfield Lutheran for organizing this annual event! 🏰



The night's entertainment, featured the silly antics and songs of – Sister, in their "Singing in the Kitchen" tour.

## Banquet of Blessings Annual Dinner Thanks Contributors to Luther Park



On Sunday, May 1, Point and Cross members gathered at St. Barnabas Lutheran Church for a delicious dinner and program, thanking them for their generous gifts to Luther Park's Annual Fund. These gifts enable Luther Park to offer financial assistance to any family requesting it. No child is ever turned away at Luther Park because of financial difficulties. This dinner recognizes anyone that has given \$100 or more to Luther Park. A big thank you goes to St. Barnabas for hosting this event! 🏰



**Supporter of Bible Camp Ministry, Bob Torkelson, speaking on the benefits of bible camp.**



Enjoying a wonderful evening at the Banquet of Blessing dinner.



## 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

- Small refrigerator (dorm style) for the First Aid station
- Gas Cards for camp cars
- Craft supplies for Summer Camp Tuna/Soup/Bean/Fruit/Vegetable/Etc. cans {cleaned & any size}
- Unwanted fabrics {scraps & pieces work great}
- Plastic Water Bottles {the sturdier the better-like Aquafina}
- Buttons
- Unwanted Frames {any size}
- Scrapbooking/Paper/Etc. Materials
- Bead/Jewelry Materials
- Anything else you find or want to get rid of and think would be useful in the craft room
- Reliable passenger car/van

### SPECIAL NEEDS

- Bag-less Vacuums
- New or gently used deck chairs and tables
- Ceiling Fans (new or gently used) for the Welcome Center bedrooms
- Microwave (counter top)

### MAINTENANCE

- 3/4 ton pickup truck & Plow
- 1/2 ton snow plow
- Dump trailer
- Four-wheeler
- Rakes
- Shovels
- Nuts, bolts, screws and nails of assorted sizes
- LED lightbulbs
- Chain saws
- Wire-Feed welder
- Solar lights for along paths
- Work gloves
- Weed whips
- Screen for windows
- Chains for chain saws

### KITCHEN

- Standup pantry cabinet for Log House (2-3' wide with shelves and closing doors)
  - Ice packs
  - Big frying pans
- ### PROGRAM
- Seed beads & pony beads
  - White boards & markers
  - Permanent markers
  - Coloring Utensils (markers, colored pencil, etc.)
  - Boxes of "Dura flame fire start" for starting campfires
  - Candle Wicks

### OFFICE

- Laminating sheets for GBC Laminating machine
- Copy paper (white and colored)
- Poster Board
- Bulletin boards for cabins

### HOUSEKEEPING

- New pillows
- New or gently used Sleeping Bags
- Twin and Queen Size sheets
- Portable fans for cabins
- Shower curtains

**THANKS FOR ALL THE GIFTS GIVEN IN 2015!**

## COMING EVENTS



- JUNE 4-5** Bike-a-thon I
- JUNE 5-18** Summer Staff Training
- JUNE 14-17** Young Teen Team Leadership Camp
- JUNE 19** Summer Camp Starts
- JULY 15-16** Bike-a-thon II
- JULY 16** Open House
- OCT. 1** 26th Annual Quilt Auction Mount Calvary, Excelsior
- NOV. 10-13 or 11-13** Scrapbook/Stamping Retreat
- DEC. 2** Glad Tidings Advent Dinner

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

## Volunteers Support Luther Park with Financial Gifts, Time and Talents!

Volunteers are the heart and soul of Luther Park! In addition to financial support, they give hundreds of hours of their time and talents to the camp. Some of the jobs accomplished are clearing brush, roofing cabins, painting, putting in docks, putting in the boat lift, splitting wood, organizing the arts and crafts cabin for summer, renovating cabins and many other jobs too numerous to list.

This year, a supporter donated the materials and constructed a Gaga Pit. Gaga is a fast paced, high energy sport played in an octagonal pit. The game is played with a soft foam ball, and combines the skills of dodging, striking, running, and jumping, while trying to hit opponents with a ball below the knees. Fun and easy, everyone gets a serious workout. This will be a great addition to the camp!

Thank you to all who support Luther Park financially and to those who give their time and talents to the camp! Luther Park would not exist without you! 🏰

## New Outdoor Chapel Under Construction at Luther Park!



Roger King has accomplished so many projects at Luther Park including the gazebo, prayer benches, the prayer labyrinth, and the ten crosses for the Trail of Grace. This year he took on renovating the outdoor chapel! He is busy building a stage for the altar, and a platform with new benches. This is so awesome! Be sure to come to Open House in July to see this wonderful improvement to our Outdoor Chapel. **Thank you Roger King!** 🏰

# Summer Camp Information

## TO REGISTER:

- ✓ Register Early! Some weeks and programs fill quickly.
- ✓ Select a program based on the grade your camper will complete in June 2016
- ✓ Completely fill out the Registration and Health History Form for each camper. Luther Park requests the health form shown on this page be filled out each year. Parent or guardian and camper signatures must be on the form. The state of Wisconsin requires a physical exam be completed less than 36 months prior to arrival at camp. Proof of a physical exam is required only if the camper is under the care of a physician for a medical concern, and it must then be signed by the examining physician and received at camp two weeks prior to the camper's arrival.
- ✓ Send the Registration and Health History Form with a \$200 deposit to Luther Park. The deposit is not refundable and non-transferable after May 1.
- ✓ Final payment is due at the camp office two weeks prior to arrival at camp.
- ✓ Upon receipt of registration materials, confirmation, directions to camp, and notice of balance due along with other important information will be e-mailed to you, unless you direct otherwise.
- ✓ Registration is on a first-come basis.

Mail to: Registrar, Luther Park Camp, 30376 Lakes Drive, Danbury, WI 54830-9508  
 Phone: 715/656-7244 Fax: 715/656-3013 Email: camp@lutherpark.com  
 Web site: www.lutherpark.com

**Go paperless & register online at: [www.lutherpark.com](http://www.lutherpark.com)**

## FEE SCHEDULE

**REGISTER FOR A 2ND WEEK (EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE) FOR HALF PRICE!**

	Member	*Non-member
3-Night/Snooper Camp	\$295	\$315
Full Week	\$430	\$450
Sr. High Leadership Intensive (Includes one free additional week)	\$350	\$370
Great Lakes Mission Trip	\$450	\$450
Lake Superior Sailing Camp	\$525	\$525
Campground	\$18 per site/per night: \$20 with elec.	

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

**Fees Cover:** meals, lodging and program materials (except Campground).

**Fees do NOT include transportation to and from camp:** Round-trip: \$80; one-way: \$60. *Not refundable.* Transportation from Twin Cities area is available for the week of July 24-29. Pickups at House of Prayer (Richfield) and Elim (Robbinsdale)

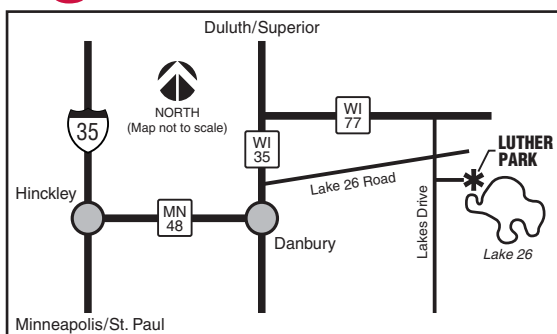
If you need transportation for any other week, please contact Luther Park at 715-656-7244

**NOTE: Camper fees shown are subsidized by gift allocations. The actual cost per week is about \$600. Check with your church about camp scholarships.**

## How to get to Luther Park

### From the Twin Cities:

Take I-35 to Hinckley, Minn. Go E. from Hinckley on Hwy. 48 (about 30 mi.) to Danbury, Wis. Then N. on Wis. Hwy. 35 for 2 mi., and E. on Hwy. 77 for about 5 mi. (Watch for white arrow sign on right side of road.) Turn right on Lakes Drive, go about 2 mi. to stop sign. Go straight ahead at stop sign and up driveway to Lodge, a large brown building on the left side.



### From Duluth:

Go to Superior, Wis. take Wis. Hwy. 35 S., then E. on Wis. Hwy. 35 S., then E. on Wis. Hwy. 77 (about 5 miles). Watch for white arrow sign on left-hand side of road. Go about 2 miles to stop sign & continue on driveway to the Lodge. **WELCOME!**

## 2016 SUMMER SCHEDULE

Date	Cabin Camp	Treehouse Village	Canoe Trips	Sr. High Leadership
<b>WEEK 1</b> June 19-22	Grade 1-4 Snoopers (3 night Camp)			
<b>WEEK 1</b> June 19-24	Grade 3-6	Grade 7-9 Night Owl Camp*	Group Registration Required	
<b>WEEK 2</b> June 26-July 1	Reserved for Good Shepherd - Inver Grove Heights			
<b>WEEK 3</b> July 5-8	Grade 1-6 Snoopers (3 night Camp)			Grade 9-12 Leadership Training Intensive
<b>WEEK 4</b> July 10-15	Grade 7-12	Grade 3-6 All God's Critters	Group Registration Required	
July 16	Annual Open House - All Ages, All Day!			
<b>WEEK 5</b> July 17-22	Grade 3-6	Grade 7-12 Sailing Camp on Lake Superior	Group Registration Required	
<b>WEEK 6</b> July 24-27	Grade 1-4 Snoopers (3 night Camp)			
<b>WEEK 6</b> July 24-29	Grade 3-6	Grade 7-12 Night Owl Camp*	Group Registration Required	
<b>WEEK 7</b> August 2-5	Reserved for Mount Calvary Confirmation Camp - Contact Mount Calvary.			



### SPECIAL PROGRAMS NOT LISTED ABOVE

**Great Lakes Mission Trip:** Each week (June, July & August). Group registration required.

\*During Night Owl Camp, campers will experience all the fun of a traditional camping session in a whole new way. By staying up late and sleeping in each morning campers will be able to explore wonders of the natural world, its sights, creatures and sounds that often go unnoticed during the day. Night Owl campers sleep late, have breakfast around lunch-time, enjoy lunch at dinner-time, and cook out a delicious meal late in the evening. Games, night hikes, campfires, stargazing, canoeing on the river and crafts will be part of this incredible experience. Christian Education will have a fresh feeling as campers learn more about themselves, God and each other through storytelling and discussion around campfires under the stars.

### Luther Park Camp Code of Conduct

1. Respect other people and their property. Respect is the most important tradition we have at Luther Park. We expect that you respect yourself, others and their property, Luther Park staff, nature and God. A part of respect is treating others as you would want to be treated. The following will not be allowed: racist comments, teasing, fighting, threats, swearing, and any other behavior that is demeaning to another person. We want a positive week for all who attend camp.
2. Safety is our number one concern at all times. Obeying all waterfront rules when swimming, boating, canoeing and fishing allows everyone to have fun in the sun. Waterfront activities are available only when waterfront staff is on duty.
3. The ropes Challenge Course—no playing, sitting or loitering on or by the stations unless supervised by authorized camp staff.
4. Campers may not enter cabins other than their own without prior permission from a Luther Park staff person. Areas that are off-limit to campers: the pole barn, kitchen, Staff residences, Log House.
5. Campers must be accompanied by a Luther Park staff person whenever outside of camp property.
6. We are pleased to offer an alcohol-free, smoke-free and substance abuse-free environment. Exceptions must be approved by the director.
7. Luther Park is a weapons-free environment. Campers may not bring any kind of weapon or explosive device, including firecrackers to camp. Use of any object as a weapon to hurt a person, animal or property will not be tolerated.
8. Luther Park reserves the right to store camper's personal items that may be inappropriate to their stay, including cell phones. (Please leave cell phones at home as we don't want them to get broken or lost.) Items will be returned for the trip home upon permission of the parent/guardian.
9. For your protection, all medications (including aspirin or similar non-prescription medications) must be turned into the camp health supervisor. If you are injured or do not feel well, report at once to your counselor or health supervisor. This is important for your safety and for the good of all campers.
10. Every camper is expected to follow the entire camp schedule unless excused by the Program Director.
11. To assure the safety of each camper and to provide the best week possible, campers are expected to follow all Luther Park rules that are presented to them while at camp.

## 2016 Luther Park Bible Camp Registration and Health Form. Completed form must be signed by Parent/Guardian and Camper.

A \$200.00 Deposit is required for registration

Camper Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Completed \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_

Camp Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Cabin mate \_\_\_\_\_

Date for 1/2 off 2nd Week \_\_\_\_\_ Cabin mate \_\_\_\_\_

Registering for:  3-Night Snooper Camp  Cabin Camp  Treehouse Village  Canoe Trip  
 Leadership Training Intensive  Lake Superior Sailing Camp  Great Lakes Mission Trip

Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Amount paid by church \_\_\_\_\_

Transportation: I will (check one)

- Provide my own transportation  
 Luther Park Bus Transportation (Available only the week of: July 24-29)

(\$80 roundtrip/\$60 one way; non-refundable) check one if riding

- roundtrip  one-way If one way, note which way: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Elim Lutheran Church, 3978 W. Broadway, Robbinsdale  House of Prayer, 7625 Chicago Ave. S., Richfield

Method of Payment:  Check/Money Order: Make Payable to Luther Park Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Visa  Master Card  Discover  AMEX

Acct. # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_ CSC (3 digit # back of card) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Custodial Parent(s)/Guardian(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone (s) \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Second Parent(s)/Guardian(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone (s) \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency phone \_\_\_\_\_

### INSURANCE INFORMATION:

(Please fill out completely & send copies of both sides of camper's insurance cards.)

Policy Holder \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date of Policy Holder \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Co. \_\_\_\_\_ Insurance Co. Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Co. Address \_\_\_\_\_

Group No. \_\_\_\_\_ Policy/ID No. \_\_\_\_\_

Family Doctor/Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Immunization Dates: DPT Permanent Shots \_\_\_\_\_ Polio Immunization \_\_\_\_\_

Tetanus Booster \_\_\_\_\_ MMR \_\_\_\_\_ Tuberculin \_\_\_\_\_

Conditions:  Asthma  Epilepsy  Diabetes  Heart Trouble  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies:  Insect Stings  Hay Fever  Poison Ivy  Penicillin  Other \_\_\_\_\_

This person takes NO medications on a routine basis.

This person takes medication as follows: (Luther Park administers medications only according to prescription label.)

Special Needs Campers: (dietary, health restrictions, mobility limitations, diabetes, seizures, etc.) please list:

My child has permission to engage in all camp activities, except as noted by myself and the examining physician. In the event I cannot be reached in an emergency, I give permission to the physician selected by the Camp Director to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for, to order injection, anesthesia or surgery for my child as named above. I voluntarily waive any claim against the sponsoring institution, local churches and camp personnel for any mishap or lost articles, or any and all causes which may arise in connection with activities of the above organization. I understand that unless I provide separate written notice, photos taken of my child at camp may be used for camp-approved publications. **My child and I have read the Luther Park Code of Conduct and agree to follow it. Inability to follow the Code of Conduct gives Luther Park the right to send the camper home without refund at the expense of the camper's parent/guardian.**

Signed: Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Camper \_\_\_\_\_