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A Newsletter for Campers and Friends of Luther Park

Spring/Summer 2017

SUMMER CAMP ADVENTURES BEGIN SOON AT LUTHER PARK! SIGN UP NOW!

This summer's theme is "The Water of Life". The key verse for the week is: "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you." (Isaiah 43:2)

At Luther Park you will find friendly staff from all over the world, great food, music, fellowship, campfires, quiet and loud moments in the outdoor chapel, star-gazing, experiences in the north woods and much more!

Have you tried the Night Owl Camp for Junior/Senior High youth, where you get to stay up late and explore the sights and sounds of the woods at night? And then sleep in the next morning!



Or maybe you would like to try the Tree House camp as an Elementary Age camper, where you stay in tree houses and cook your own meals.

If you just want to try Luther Park, you could come to Snooper Camp, a three-night experience and stay in the cabins. This has all the same fun adventures, but in a shorter time for new campers.

Or join us for a Leadership Training Intensive for High School youth. This is for high schoolers who are interested in developing their leadership skills. Before camp starts, we invite high schoolers to come up for the weekend and get trained. During the training the campers will get to know the (cont. on p.2)



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THIS SUMMER LUTHER PARK IS OFFERING TWO INTERGENERATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES!

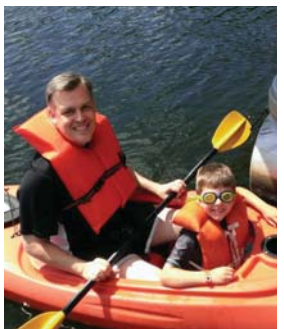
Family Camp

Looking for a great way to spend family time together? Come up to Luther Park for a full camp experience with the whole family! Enjoy God's creation, the company of each other, and get to know other families.

You can spend Sunday-Friday, July 16-21, exploring God's creation in nature while growing closer together and discovering more about each other and God. There will be plenty of time for family bonding activities and for parent and child break-out sessions, as well as time to swim, canoe, kayak, paddleboard, play gaga ball or basketball, visit the canteen and spend time in arts & crafts.

Jessie Voerding, a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and Registered Play Therapist-Supervisor, will be our guest. She has 10+ years of experience working with and supporting children, families and women. Her creative approaches include play therapy, writing, art, movement, and yoga. She will lead family bonding sessions that help families engage with each other in new ways!

What a wonderful opportunity for families to spend time together away from the distractions of technology and busy schedules.



Grandparent Camp

Grandparent Camp is back! The bond between grandparents and their grandchildren is unique and special. Come to Luther Park for a full camp experience July 5-7 that's designed just for those valuable relationships! You will enjoy campfires, singing, swimming and boating, arts and crafts, star-gazing, and just hanging out. What a wonderful opportunity to experience God's creation with your grandchildren!

Lodging and Food for Family Camp & Grandparent Camp

All meals will be provided by our fabulous camp cooks! Options for lodging for Family Camp and Grandparent Camp on the main site include cabins (sleeps 12-14), the Log House (5 rooms that sleep 2-5), or the Welcome Center (4 rooms that sleep 4). There are also options for tent camping or RVs.

Registration information can be found on the website at www.lutherpark.com or call the camp at 715-656-7244.



NEW RETREAT CENTER GETS ITS WINGS!

It's an exciting time at Luther Park as we consider how God continues to be at work through financial gifts from donors and volunteers who have gifted time to make this retreat center a reality. This new building will serve families 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.

Following our groundbreaking celebration last summer, we ran into some permit challenges for our retreat center. The good news is that now everything is set for construction to begin in early September, after summer campers leave. We want them to be safe and not exposed to a construction site.



The ground has been cleared by volunteers. Our architects have done the final specifications. Our contractor was able to purchase materials this spring before costs rise, providing a significant savings to the camp on lumber costs. Once the shell is up, we will be seeking volunteers to help with some of the interior work to stretch our dollars.

If you are interested in providing a gift for the project, any size gift would be appreciated. Our website lists naming opportunities and gift levels for the following: Worship & Gathering space, Guest Rooms, Welcome Lounge & Fireplace, Reception Areas.

Please contact Joel Legred at jlegred@lutherpark.com or 612-987-6628 if you would be interested in providing a gift or would like to volunteer when the time comes for help with the interior work.

God bless everyone for your continued faith in this project.

SUMMER OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, July 15, 2017
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Schedule of Events

- 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Arrive at your leisure to enjoy coffee/rolls
- 11:00 a.m. Outdoor worship
- 12:15 p.m. Outstanding Christian Service Award, Volunteer & other Recognitions
- 12:30 p.m. Free will offering Buffet Lunch at the Lodge
- 2:00 p.m. Old-fashioned ice cream social, pontoon rides, camp tours, waterfront open with lifeguard, relaxing in the great northwoods & more!
- 3:00 p.m. LP Board Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. Farewell

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY
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Summer Camp Adventures (cont. from p.1)

staff, the programming, and participate in a small celebration with the staff! Campers will then have the opportunity to come back to camp for free and work alongside a counselor. This is a great opportunity for future resumes, volunteer experiences, and jobs! We are excited to have Andy Jolivette, a Career & Life Coach from Center for Good Work, join us to talk about values, strengths & how those play into our leading styles & everyday life. This will be a time of self-discovery, team building and vocational exploration.

For a more information, visit Luther Park's website at www.lutherpark.com. Dates and fees are shown on the back of this newsletter as well as on the website.

Register soon! Some weeks are filling up quickly. You can register online or mail the form on the back with your deposit. Final payment is due 2 weeks before you arrive at camp. (Scholarships are available.)

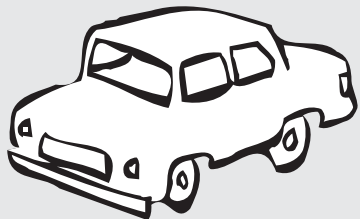


Parents, Luther Park is the perfect opportunity for your kids to step into their own relationship with God. For a few days they are not distracted by home life, sibling squabbles, or pressure from school. It's just them and God.

Think about the impact it will have when, years down the road, they look back on their camp experience and say, "I know God is real, because I met God at camp." 🙏

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



TWO BIKE-A-THON FUND RAISERS SET FOR THIS SUMMER

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.

Combine your passion of riding your bike and helping send children to camp!

Raise funds for Luther Park and then ride your bike 120 miles from Minneapolis to Danbury.



BIKE-A-THON 1 – JUNE 3-4, 2017
BIKE-A-THON 2 – JULY 14-15, 2017

Like more information or join the ride?

Contact Joel Legred,
612-987-6628 or email:
jlegred@lutherpark.com
www.lutherpark.com

How Can I Help?

- Think About Riding & Help Raise Funds**
 You will need a good, recently tuned, bicycle with no known mechanical problems and the ability to ride approximately 80 miles the first day, plus 40 miles the second day. Plus, meet some new friends!
- Consider Donating Now**
 Support the bicyclists by going to www.lutherpark.com home page, click-on the DONATE button and select Bike-A-Thon. Your donation is tax deductible.

Supplement funds provided by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

A Message From the President

David P. Shirley



Providing the Water of Life

"You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it." Psalm 65:9 (NRSV)

As I showed-up for my frequent 'ad hoc' duties as usher at Messiah Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, (our home church in the Center For Changing Lives); the bulletins for our 9:00 a.m. Easter service were wet with visibly running ink. A quick assessment identified an overhead horizontal roof drain pipe's elbow as the source of the leak, which apparently occurred during a 1.5" downpour the night before our Easter Day services. My first thought was how I would apologize for and explain why worshippers had wet bulletins, especially at one of the "busier" services in the Church year. Then it hit me; God had provided the needed rain for spring growth and a green Easter celebration of Christ's risen life. How great the Water of Life! The congregation and guests seemed to appreciate the Announcements mention of needed rain and did not mind the damp bulletins. Thank you Lord for an excellent win-win! Alleluia!

As Luther Park starts its 2017 Summer Camper season, with the theme "Water of Life", how wonderful it is as Christians to experience the Water of Life that quenches our souls, floats our faith journey, while (in the literal sense) is even refreshing to swim in at beautiful Lake 26. As we move into the latter part of this summer; the new Bethel Family & Adult Retreat Center will be growing from the ground up. My hope is that the visual growth of this amenity will reinforce interest with friends of Luther Park, thus providing additional resources to complete Phase I of this long anticipated project. Both funds and volunteer labor will be needed to finish this phase of the project, while we anticipate that Phase II (with additional sleeping rooms) will be "hot on the heels" of Phase I. Please prayerfully consider how you and your Church may support this effort. There are still naming opportunities for the individual sleeping rooms and common areas, which is a wonderful ongoing legacy and testament to supporting your Outdoor Ministry.

We look forward to seeing you this summer at Camp, while certainly the July 15th Summer Open House and Volunteer Recognition event should be "a rock on your calendar". Please join us and share in the vision of Luther Park's future!

Thank you for providing your life changing support of Luther Park's ministry, as we grow into the future!

123 Help Wanted

Luther Park is Looking for a Few Great People

We are still interviewing for summer counselors & leadership positions.



To apply on-line or for more information

Visit: www.lutherpark.com
and click on "Staff"
Call: 715-656-7244
Email: camp@lutherpark.com



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Joel Legred, Executive Director
Leah McDougall, Program Director
Anna Treague, Associate Director

YEAR-ROUND VOLUNTEERS

Pete and Marcia Brace
Eric and Marlene Zaraza

**A Message
From the
Program
Director**

Leah McDougall



Luther Park is dear to my heart

I was a camper there for 9 years and have been a summer staff member for three years. When I applied to work at Luther Park three years ago I had no idea I would gain a family, a new perspective on my life, my vocations, my faith and the world. Luther Park is the place I can specifically remember first thinking God is real and actually a part of my life. I was given the space to explore God in new and different ways in nature touching, hearing, smelling, seeing and feeling all that God creates. I experienced being a part of community that loved and cared for me.

This is what I hope the summer staff and campers will experience while at Luther Park. Camp encourages children, youth, and adults to unplug from their home work, environment, pressures and normal rhythms. They will meet and interact with people they would not normally get to know. They will be in a safe environment to learn about the different home lives, challenges and joys that others are going through. They will get to ask questions about God, life, Jesus, faith and the world. They will get to wonder about and explore who they are in this world.

I have narrowed down everything I would hope a camper and a counselor will understand once they leave Luther Park this summer:

1. This is God's world and we live in God's creation and are called to take care of it.
2. You are a child of God and God loves the unique person you are, unconditionally.
3. You belong to God's people and we all have a space to be in community with each other sharing our gifts, stories and time with each other.

Camp is about exploring God's creation, discovering who you are and being a part of a community that loves and cares for you. This summer all of our programming falls under these three categories. Together we will explore how God is present in our lives and share that with each other. Isaiah reminds us of God's promise, "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you."

**A Message
From the
Executive
Director**

Joel Legred



Nothing you do for children is ever wasted!

When my mother was a girl, someone encouraged her to go to Bible camp. She often shared that it was one of the most impactful and influential times of her life. Her faith in God and love of Jesus became the foundation for her life and the life of her family.

My mom insisted that I go to Bible camp. She knew it would impact the rest of my life.

She was right! I attended Bible camp and soon became a camp counselor and worked at camp for several summers. The days I spent leading worship, singing around campfires, hiking, swimming, and sharing faith stories under the stars were some of the best days of my life. It's why I decided to become a camp director and have stayed in it 28 years!

Each generation is responsible for passing faith on to the next. A Bible camp experience is one of the best ways we can share faith with children and youth. It's one of the places credited for inspiring young people to become church leaders, youth directors, and pastors—even camp directors.

My wife Brenda and I are going to provide a couple of camper scholarships in memory of my mom. We would like to continue her legacy of getting kids to camp. Will you join us with a gift in memory or in honor of someone? Is there someone who inspired your faith? Give God thanks!

God bless you!

EXPERIENCE LUTHER PARK FOR A DAY AT OPEN HOUSE!

Come and join the staff of Luther Park for a day at camp on July 15! Relax in the beauty of nature that surrounds Luther Park. You can take a walking tour of camp or a golf cart tour if you need to ride. Come and see the newly painted Lodge with its new steel roof! There are pontoon rides, and canoes, paddle boats and paddle boards to try.

The Open House begins with a social time from 10:00-11:00. At 11:00, guests can experience the outdoor worship in the beautiful Outdoor Chapel, after which the 2017 Outstanding Christian Service Award will be awarded. This year's recipients are Pete and Marcia Brace. They are members of Bethany on 36th Avenue, a charter church member that is closing this year, and Lakeside Lutheran, a Luther Park corporate



church near the camp. We are so grateful for their involvement and commitment to Luther Park! And of course the delicious buffet lunch follows this presentation.

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

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 it a weekend of the event, contact Craig Larson for rates and reservations.

Call 715-656-7244 or email camp@lutherpark.com 📧

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WELCOME 2017 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 2017 Super Summer Staff!**

Callie Allred
Saint Anthony, MN

Lars Anderson
Duluth, MN

Werner Baker
Duluth, MN

Zach Fischer
Rice Lake, WI

Mateo Gonzalez
Richfield, MN

Kurtis Hemphill
Antrim, United Kingdom

Fernanda Hernandez
Puebla, Mexico

Mitchell Paddock
St. Paul, MN

Madison Main
Webster, WI

Nevaeh Pittman
St. Paul

Hakeem Smith
Minneapolis, MN

Dana Soukup
Lakeville, MN

Savannah Staydohar
St. Paul, MN

Caity Wright
Apple Valley, MN

*We are still interviewing a few great people for summer counselors and leadership positions. If you are interested in more information or to apply on-line, visit www.lutherpark.com, click on "Staff", or contact either; Leah McDougall, programdirector@lutherpark.com - 715-656-7244
Anna Treague, anna@lutherpark.com - 715-656-7244*

SUPPORT-THE-STAFF @ LUTHER PARK

THIS SUMMER YOU COULD BE A PRAYER BUDDY, AN ENCOURAGING SOUL & FRIENDLY FACE!

What does Support-the-Staff include?

In June, you will receive a picture & bio of a summer staff member along with any prayer requests they have. Write a letter to the summer staff member at the beginning of the summer where you can introduce yourself, offer encouraging words & ask for prayer requests. Throughout the summer, pray for the staff member (& the staff member will be praying for you). The staff member will write a letter back to you about their experience at Luther Park!

To sign-up for Support-the-Staff please donate and fill out your information so we can have the staff contact you! Checks can be made to Luther Park with a memo stating "Support-the-staff" or you can donate by going to www.lutherpark.com home page, click-on the DONATE button and select Support-the-staff.

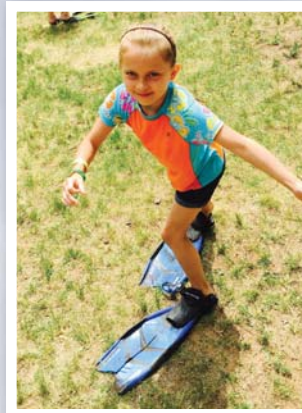
Meet the staff member at Open House July 15, 2017.

Thank you for helping the staff in ministry by providing funds & support for our summer ministry team! 📧

THE LUTHER PARK SMILE...IT'S PRICELESS BUT YOUR GIFTS MAKE IT HAPPEN!

2016 Honorary Gifts (1-1-16 to 12-31-16)

IN HONOR OF	GIVEN BY
Art Caple and Karla Nicklaus	Loren and Annetta Gardner
Destiny Colville	Gaye Guyton
Diane Dickmeyer	Joel Jacobsen
Grandsons Owen and Austin Hawley	Chuck and Pam Freiberg
Joel and Brenda Legred	Bob and Kathy McLain
Joel and Brenda's Engagement Anniversary	Jennifer Swick
Luther Park and it's ministry.	Paul and Julie Mattson
Luther Park Board	Norm and Kim Okerstrom
Owen and Austin Hawley	Chuck and Pam Freiberg



2016 Memorial Gifts (1-1-16 to 12-31-16)

IN MEMORY OF	GIVEN BY
Bert & Doris "Toots" Anderson	Terry and Nancy Couillard
Bob Slater	Joan Slater
Burt Miller	Arlene Stoneberg
	Art and Jane Peterson
	Butch and MaryAnn Kimmes
	Carol and Terry Bungert-Meland
	Cecilia MacDonald
	Charlene, Cory, and Troy Holmstrom
	Chuck, Betty & Erik Hughes
	Cindy Bungert
	David and Corina Bauer
	David and Linda Christiansen
	David and Patricia Shirley
	David Bungert
	Deana, Kevin and Daren Miller
	Debbie and Jamie Anderson
	Don and Renata Notvik
	Frank and Patricia Farnham
	Jamie and Debra Anderson
	Joel and Pastor Brenda Legred
	Karen Durant
	Kari (Neslon)Toensing
	Marci Miller Franzen
	Maria Kimmes
	Martha and Chris Schaffer
	Mike and Sheilah Eloff
	Nancy Foster
	Peter and Kari Toensing
	Raymond and Judith Pascoe
	Roger and Beth Rettke
	Sharon Miller
	Lavile and Ronald Nelson
	Sheire Swanson and Gary Mrachek
	Steve and Sheryl Borgstrom
	Terri Bungert
Carl R. Johnson	Randolph Johnson
Chris Morton (Lori's brother)	Cal and Lori Wright
Cole Gustafson	Darelyne Gustafson
Donald Carlson	Bruce and Barbara Johnson
	Daisy Carlson
	Dawn Klingman
Donald Klingman	Joel and Pastor Brenda Legred

IN MEMORY OF	GIVEN BY
Doris "Toots" Anderson	Dave and Amy DeNure
	David and Shirley Mork
	Dorothy Granning
	Elaine Bohanon
	Jeanette McChesney
	Joanne Arntson
	Joel and Pastor Brenda Legred
	Kenny and Joan Herman
	Randall and Lanet Johnson
	Richard and Karen Arntson
	Robert and Clarice Nord
	Rodger and Janet Anderson
	Scott and Joleen Branch
	Shelley and Shaun Johnson
	Tom and Janet Nelson
	Wendell and Lucille Olson
Elwood Swanson	Bonnie Swanson
Erwin Sider	Clara Sider
Fran Challman	Olga Challman
Gael Embretson Ellis	Larry and Nancy Embretson
Glen Rasmusson	Danny and Bonnie Stover
Glenn G. C. Olson	John and Mary Claire Potter
Glenn Gates and Daryl Gates	Marjorie Gates
Grandson Nicklas	Vic and JoAnne Nelson
Harry Rippe	Jacquelyn Rippe
Larry Cole	Arthur Caple
	Calvin and Jeanette Buck
	Carleen Ozanich
	Evy Lou Booth
	Joel and Pastor Brenda Legred
	Karen Boberg
	Karl and Pamela Streed
	Marlin and Norma Carlson
	Roger and Diane Wenschlag
Les Walstrom	Renee Walstrom
Mom (Mona Legred)	Joel and Pastor Brenda Legred
Parents	Edith Johnson
Pearl Stevenson	Peggy Stevenson
Phyllis Carlson, Jan Johnson & Rev. Judy Burgett W	Lynn Seep
Richard A. Arntson	Joanne Arntson
Roger Van Der Heyden	Joan Voeller
Ruth Laemmle	Carlton and Dorothy DeClercq
Tuck Thomas	Sherrie Thomas
Vivian Janowic	Evelyn Ramin
	Earl and Shirley Evenstad
William Arthur Miller	Joel and Pastor Brenda Legred



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.

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

KIDS, CAMP AND SUMMER: A WINNING COMBINATION!

CONTRIBUTE TO LUTHER PARK THROUGH THRIVENT CHOICE AND THRIVENT EMPLOYER MATCHES

If you have a Thrivent Financial product you may be eligible for the Thrivent Choice program. With Thrivent Choice you can recommend where some of Thrivent Financial's charitable outreach funds go. 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. In 2016, Thrivent members directed \$4,101.00 to the camp! If you are interested in directing your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Luther Park, please visit: www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 1-800-847-4836

Also, Thrivent has an employer matching program that matches a contribution their employee makes to a non-profit organization. This year these Thrivent employee matches and employee enabled giving totaled \$2,740. If you would like to know more about this employee matching please visit: <https://doublethedonation.com/matching-gifts/thrivent-financial-for-lutherans>

Thank you to Thrivent and it's members for these financial gifts!



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.



THRIVENT ACTION PLANS

Thrivent members can assist Luther Park in a big way! This help is just a few clicks away on your computer! You can donate \$250 from Thrivent to Luther Park at no cost to you.

Policy holders are eligible to set up an "Action Team" project that benefits Luther Park. You can choose a project from the list below or come up with your own. Then go to 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 to be used toward the project or you can gift it to LP who will spend it on the project.

We have had several Thrivent Action Teams in 2016 that have assisted with fundraising and building projects.

To apply go to <https://www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/living-generously/thrivent-action-teams/>

Action Team Project Ideas

- Health Kits
- Picnic Tables
- Food for Workdays
- Deck Repairs
- Building Improvements
- Window Repairs
- Canoe Rack
- Improvement of Waterfront Area
- Boat House
- Repair of Paddleboats and Paddle Board

THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS

WHY
It's easy to take action on a cause you care about to help strengthen your community as you guide others to be wise with money and live generously.

HOW
1. Identify an unmet need.
2. Apply online for resources to jumpstart your project.
3. If approved, you'll bring together family and friends to make an impact where you live, work and worship.

APPLY
Learn more or apply at Thrivent.com/actionteam. Within five business days, you'll learn if your project is approved. If it is, you'll receive resources—including T-shirts and seed money—to help you get started.

WHAT
Thrivent Action Teams are member-led projects—fundraisers, one-time service activities or educational events—that can be completed within 90 days.



ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

The Luther Park Corporation held its Annual Meeting Sunday, March 19, 2017 at Diamond Lake Lutheran Church.

President David Shirley opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. We introduced ourselves and Secretary Lori Wright declared a quorum based on 10 churches being represented (4 churches are required to have a quorum).

Prayer was given by Pastor Mark Orvick.

Joel presented a wonderful video on Luther Park put together by Anna Treague, Associate Director at Luther Park. Many new features were highlighted.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Gerald presented the Year-End 2016 Financial Statements. 2016 had a surplus of \$39,000 for an actual difference of \$62,000 compared to 2015 year-end figures. Joel announced that the Camp had a phenomenal Jan. and Feb. of 2017 and the Camp is back in Trust. Annual revenue growth and Camp revenue grew. Both are considered equal in growth, meaning across the board growth, which makes the Camp healthier.

The next item was the Budget for 2017. Gerald presented this and it was approved.

BOARD MEMBERS

Vice President Candace Cobb introduced the Board Member elections. We thanked Gerald Gallati and Susan Mattson for their



dedicated service. They both completed the 6 year maximum term limit.

Joel introduced Lauren and Grace Meinert and asked them to talk about Camp. They have both gone for 3 years and have signed up for a fourth year. They were very enthusiastic about Camp and are looking forward to it.

REPORTS

Joel said that the Camp had a great year. A sum of \$30,000 was raised to replace the Lodge roof with steel. In Sept. 2017 the Bethel Family Retreat Center will be started. The shell will go up which will take 6-8 weeks, weather permitting. Joel thanked the friends of Luther Park who helped make this dream a reality. He pointed out a growth of camper numbers, but a slight decline in retreat numbers. However, income did not decline. Retreat numbers are an indicator of why the retreat center is so important, so that we can better serve adults, older adults and families.

President David Shirley presented Master

Plan Progress. Primarily, the focus will be to move forward on the Retreat Center.

NEW BUSINESS

Bikeathon

David promoted the Bike-A-Thon by presenting a matching check of \$2,000. We have raised approximately \$15-\$18,000 in the past. This year the goal is \$20,000.

Ole and Lena Dinner

Jim Pemberton spoke briefly about the Ole and Lena Spaghetti Dinner. The entertainment is once again an act called "Sister". Jim distributed packets of tickets for the upcoming event.

We concluded the meeting with the reading of the Mission Statement and the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lori Wright, Secretary

2016 CAMPER NUMBERS

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

Summer Campers and Day Camp	879
Retreaters	870
2016 Total	1749

Board Officers Elected at May Board Meeting

- President:*
David Shirley - Messiah
- Vice President:*
Candace Cobb - Diamond Lake
- Secretary:*
Lori Wright - Mount Calvary
- Treasurer:*
Deana Miller - Zion



Thanks to outgoing Board Members for their dedicated service!

- Gerald Gallati
Nativity
Susan Mattson
Grace

Welcome New Board Members

- Deana Miller
Zion
Vicki Elliott
Nativity

21ST ANNUAL OLE AND LENA SPAGHETTI DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION *Was an Uff-Da Good Time!*

The 21st Ole and Lena Dinner was held on April 22 at Richfield Lutheran Church. As always there were great silent auction items, a basket raffle, a new heads and



Basket raffles and silent auction are always a big hit!



tails game, and a delicious spaghetti dinner! All guests were entertained by a wonderful musical act, Sister. Nearly \$5,000 was raised for camperships for Luther Park. A Thrivent Action Plan supported this fun event! Thank you to all who came and especially to Richfield Lutheran for hosting! 🙏



The musical act of "Sister" was the night's entertainment.

BANQUET OF BLESSINGS ANNUAL DINNER THANKS CONTRIBUTORS TO LUTHER PARK



On Sunday, May 7, 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! 🙏



COMING EVENTS



- JUNE 3-4** Bike-A-Thon #1
- MAY 31-JUNE 11** Summer Staff Training
- JUNE 11** Summer Camp Starts
- JUNE 15-18** Leadership Training Intensive
- JULY 5-7** Grandparent/Grandchild Camp
- JULY 14-15** Bike-A-Thon #2
- JULY 15** Open House
- JULY 16-21** Family Camp
- NOV. 9-12 or 10-12** Scrapbook/Stamping Retreat
- DEC. 1** Glad Tidings Advent Dinner

Complete event information is available online at: www.lutherpark.com or call 715-656-7244

VOLUNTEERS MAKE THINGS HAPPEN AT LUTHER PARK!

Volunteers have been sprucing up the camp by painting, cleaning, raking, working on the waterfront, and organizing. Joel Legred commented that there have been more volunteers than ever before! Churches have had service weekends where lots of work gets done.

Thanks to these volunteers, the Lodge roof has a new steel roof. It looks awesome! Thank you to the churches and individuals who contributed to the \$30,000 that was raised for this project. Volunteers are also giving the Lodge a new coat of paint!



Nativity member Roger King has spent many hours over the past few years building the gazebo, prayer benches, the prayer labyrinth, Trail of Grace and the outdoor Chapel. He's now working on bringing power to the outdoor Chapel, and will be replacing the tops on benches that need repair. This will be a great addition. Luther Park thanks Roger for the countless volunteer hours and finances he and his wife Kathleen have given to the camp for these projects. And of course, volunteers have been busy helping to clear the land for the Retreat Center. Construction of this will begin in the fall of 2017. 🙏



Thank you volunteers! You are invaluable to Luther Park!



4 cedar picnic tables made as an Eagle Scout Project by Charlie Dutton, Troop 3346 of Minnetonka, Minnesota.

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

*Specific needs for Summer 2017

URGENT NEEDS

- *Portable fans for cabins
- *Dehumidifiers (2)
- *Solar Powered Lanterns for Treehouses (4)
- New or gently used life jackets
- A-Frame cooker for use over an open fire to boil water at Outpost

SPECIAL NEEDS

- Bag-less Vacuums
- New or gently used deck chairs and tables
- Ceiling Fans (new or gently used) for the Welcome Center bedrooms
- Portable screen
- 3/4 ton pickup truck & plow
- Snow plow for a 1/2 ton pickup truck
- Reliable passenger car/van

MAINTENANCE

- Rakes
- Shovels
- Nuts, bolts, screws and nails of assorted sizes
- LED lightbulbs
- Chain Saws
- Four-wheeler
- Wire-Feed welder
- Solar lights for along paths
- Work gloves
- Weed Whips
- Screen for windows
- Chains for chain saws

KITCHEN

- Ice packs
- Big frying pans
- Commercial grade can opener for #10 cans (electric preferred)

PROGRAM

- *Projector with HDMI input
- *Clipboards (15-20)
- *Battery Powered Pillar Candles
- *Taper Candles (to burn)
- Permanent markers
- Scrapbook Paper
- Markers or Colored Pencils (no crayons, please)
- Boxes of "duraflame firestart" for starting campfires
- *Candle Wicks
- *Soft Dodgeballs
- *Blue and Green Paper Streamers
- \$20.00 Gas Cards (Prefer Super America but can use all cards)

OFFICE

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

HOUSEKEEPING

- *New pillows
- *New Sleeping Bags
- *Twin and Queen Size sheets
- Shower curtains

THANKS FOR ALL THE GIFTS GIVEN IN 2016!

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 2017
 - ✓ 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

FEE SCHEDULE

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

	Member	*Non-member
3-Night/Snooper Camp	\$305	\$325
Full Week	\$440	\$460
Sr. High Leadership Intensive (Includes one free additional week)	\$370	\$395
Great Lakes Mission	Negotiable	

NOTE: Camper fees shown are subsidized by gift allocations. The actual cost per week is about \$600. Check with your church about camp scholarships.
 * Non-member churches are those that are not members of Luther Park Corporation.

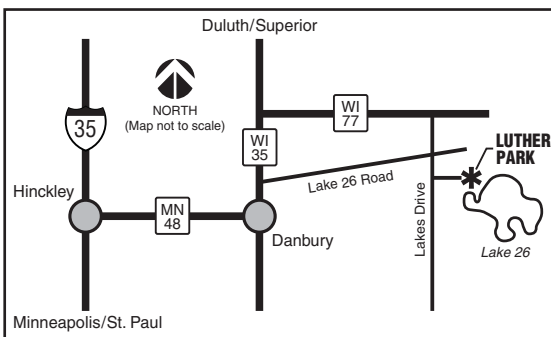
Fees cover meals, lodging and all program materials, except in campground

Fees do NOT include transportation to and from the camp. If you need transportation, please contact Luther Park at 715-656-7244	Round Trip: \$80 (Non refundable)
	One-way: \$60 (Non refundable)

Campground	\$18 per site/ per night	\$20 with electricity
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HOW TO GET TO LUTHER PARK

From the Twin Cities: Take I-35 to Hinckley, MN. Go east from Hinckley on Hwy. 48 for about 30 mi. to Danbury, WI. Then north on Wis. Hwy. 35 for 2 mi., and east 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 from stop sign to Luther Park Camp Sign, turn left and follow driveway to the Lodge, a large brown building on the left side.



From Duluth: Go to Superior, WI take Wis. Hwy. 35 south for about 46 mi., then east on Wis. 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 from stop sign to Luther Park Camp Sign, turn left and follow driveway to the Lodge, a large brown building on the left side. **WELCOME!**

2017 SUMMER SCHEDULE

Date	Cabin Camp	Treehouse Village	Canoe Trips	Sr. High Leadership
WEEK 1 June 15-18				Leadership Training Intensive Grade 9-12 (Thursday - Sunday)
WEEK 2 June 18-21	Grade 1-4 Snoopers (3 night Camp)			
WEEK 2 June 18-23	Grade 3-6	Grade 7-9 Night Owl Camp*	Group Registration Required	
WEEK 3 June 25-30	Reserved for Good Shepherd - Inver Grove Heights			
WEEK 4 July 5-7	Grandparent Camp			
WEEK 5 July 9-14	Grade 7-12	Grade 3-6 All God's Critters	Group Registration Required	
July 15	Annual Open House - All Ages, All Day!			
WEEK 6 July 16-21	Family Camp	Grade 3-6 All God's Critters		
WEEK 7 July 23-26	Grade 1-4 Snoopers (3 night Camp)			
WEEK 7 July 23-28	Grade 3-6	Grade 7-12 Night Owl Camp*	Group Registration Required	
WEEK 8 July 30-Aug 4	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.

2017 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 _____
 Grade Completed _____ Age _____ Sex _____ Birth date _____
 Camp Date: _____ Cabin mate _____
 Date for 1/2 off 2nd Week _____ Cabin mate _____
 Email _____

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

Congregation: _____ City _____ Amount paid by church _____

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