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A Newsletter for Campers and Friends of Luther Park

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## SUMMER FUN BEGINS SOON AT LUTHER PARK! SIGN UP NOW!



This summer's theme is **"This Changes Everything"**. The key verse for the week is: *"For by grace you have been saved by faith, and this is not your own doing; it is a gift from God"* Ephesians 2:8

Where do we (and others) experience the unconditional love, forgiveness and presence of God? This summer, we will explore stories from the Bible,

and share our own stories to discover where God is at work in our lives. God's grace is a gift that transforms the world and our own lives. God's grace changes everything!

At Luther Park you will get to know friendly staff from all over the world and experience great food, music, fellowship, campfires, quiet moments in the outdoor chapel (and some loud ones too!), star-gazing, swimming and much more!



### SOME HIGHLIGHTS THIS SUMMER ARE:

#### Leadership Training Retreat

High schoolers, are you interested in becoming leaders at camp, called LT's? Before camp starts, you are invited to come for a weekend training retreat. You will get to know the staff you will be working with and the programming for summer camp before you meet the campers. You will then have the opportunity to come back to camp for free and work alongside a counselor. This is a great opportunity for your future resumes, volunteer positions, and jobs!



#### Grandparent Camp

The relationship grandparents have with their grandchildren is very special. Spend time together at Luther Park exploring God's creation, diving into the summer theme, and sharing each other's stories.

#### Family Camp

Spend a weekend with your family and experience God's creation at Luther Park, and discover more about each other and God. There will

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Bethel Family and Adult Retreat Center

## DREAM... BECOMES REALITY!

What an exciting time at Luther Park as the dream of a Retreat Center has been realized! The years of planning and fundraising have come to fruition. The Bethel Family and Adult Retreat Center is nearing completion (Fall of 2018). God has continued to be at work through the financial gifts of donors and the countless volunteer hours contributed to the retreat center.



This opens up opportunities for many to enjoy God's creations in the outdoors! Included are private hotel-style rooms, comfortable and flexible meeting areas, and fully accessible facilities for people of all physical abilities.

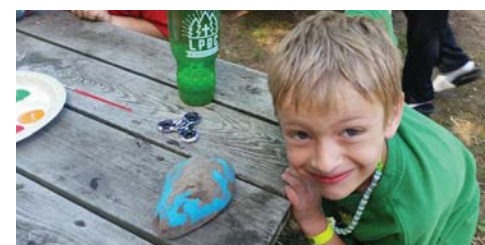
There still is work to be done before the actual completion by fall. If you are interested in providing a gift for the project, any size gift would be appreciated. Our website lists naming opportunities and gift levels for the following: Guest Rooms, Welcome Lounge & Fireplace, and Reception Areas. Also, volunteers are needed to assist with the interior finishing.

Please contact Joel Legred at [jlegred@lutherpark.com](mailto:jlegred@lutherpark.com) or at 612-987-6628 if you would be interested in providing a gift or would like to volunteer.

Luther Park is so thankful for your continued prayers and faith in this dream! God Bless! 🙏

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## Celebrate Luther Park ON LAKE 26 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Faithful Ministry AND SUMMER OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, July 14, 2018  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY (on p. 3)

## LUTHER PARK REMEMBERED

by Diane Anderson Chambers – a former counselor and camper from Luther Park. Her family also was a part of Luther Park's beginnings years ago.

*"We welcome you to Luther Park. We're mighty glad you're here...."* For two summers in the early 1970s, I and the other staff welcomed campers as the bus pulled into Luther Park. Each week we shared the Gospel through songs, skits, campfires, devotions, games, and fellowship. I became part of a close-knit staff that worked together creating community for the campers and ourselves. I read somewhere that Bible camp is one of the most important places for spiritual development among young people – and I think it applied to both the staff and the kids who showed up. It was a grand time for seeing God all around us and sharing the love of Jesus.



Photos circa 1972

But my experience with Luther Park did not begin with my counselor years. It began with the founding of Luther Park. Bethel Lutheran, the church my family attended then, came in at the start. My parents and their friends spent many weekends there, even

before the cabins were built. The most memorable time was the night we slept in the boathouse. Yes, the boathouse where bunk beds lined the walls. Mostly I remember the cold seeping in as we tried to sleep.

My times at Luther Park solidified in me my love of nature and the wonder of creation. I remember clearly the first time I stood in the field and looked up at the stars. This kid had never seen so many stars. It became a regular habit to look up and wonder—a habit I have not given up.



A few years ago I visited again with a group from Elim Lutheran. We stayed in the tree houses and enjoyed both fellowship with one another and the woods and lake around us. Of course, my sister and I reminisced about the boat house night, but we also breathed in God's grandeur. Luther Park is most likely the reason "How Great Thou Art" is one of my favorite hymns. 🙏

## Summer Fun Begins (cont. from p.1)



be lots of fun activities to do together but also time for parents to spend time exploring the joys and struggles of parenting while the kids connect with each other and the summer staff.

### Treehouse Camp (Grades 7-9)

Have you experienced Treehouse Camp for Middle School and High School 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?

### Treehouse Camp (Grades 3-6)

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

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

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

For a more information, visit Luther Park's website at [www.lutherparkdanbury.com](http://www.lutherparkdanbury.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. 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.)

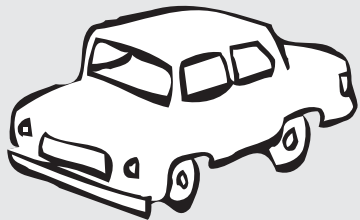
Luther Park is a wonderful opportunity for kids to step into their own relationship with God. For a few days they are not distracted by home life, technology, sibling squabbles, or pressure from school. *It's just them and God.*

Think about the impact it will have when, years down the road, campers look back on their 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](mailto:jlegred@lutherpark.com)



# LUTHER PARK BIKE-A-THON

Bicyclists again this year will be riding the *Annual Luther Park Bike-a-Thon*, to raise and deliver campership funds to Luther Park. Why are these dedicated bicyclists willing to ride 120 miles to camp for this important adventure?

The inspirational faith journey of a church camp experience gives new direction in a young person's life! Every camper at Luther Park is virtually subsidized (even when paying the "full price" of \$450), as the actual cost for each camper is about \$600 per week. Scholarship needs continue to grow and with your support, the life changing outdoor ministry Luther Park provides can continue.

## Two Scheduled 2018 Ride Dates;

Bike-a-Thon I – June 2-3  
Bike-a-Thon II – July 13-14

*Bike-a-Thon II arrives for the celebration of Luther Park's 60th Anniversary Open House*

### 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 and 45 miles the second day. Plus, meet some new friends!

#### Consider Financial Support

Support the bicyclists by donating online at [www.lutherparkdanbury.com](http://www.lutherparkdanbury.com), click on the donate button and select *2018 Bike-a-Thon* or mail a check to Luther Park. Your donation will be delivered in spirit by pedal power to Luther Park and is also tax deductible.

**Interested in participating on one of the rides or would like more information?**  
Contact: Joel Legred, Tel: 612-987-6628 or email: [jlegred@lutherpark.com](mailto:jlegred@lutherpark.com)

Join us at the end of the ride and celebrate **Luther Park's 60th Anniversary Open House, Saturday July 14th.**



Plus, Luther Park will celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Joel Legred's service as Executive Director. *And it will be his 60th birthday!*



**In honor of Luther Park's 60th Anniversary, consider making a donation in multiples of \$60.00**  
*Thank you for your donation and prayers.*

## A Message From The President

David P. Shirley



## Vision without action is merely a dream... Vision with action can change the world.

*"There is hope for your future," says the LORD. "Your children will come again to their own land." Jeremiah 31:17 (NLT)*

With the arrival of spring being somewhat delayed this year; my wife Pat and I recently spent a couple quality hours on our patio visioning for our future, while wearing some fine Luther Park sweatpants from the Canteen! In 1959, the first year Luther Park had campers, my parents moved our family into the house we live in now. Although our parents are no longer here on earth, they would be predictably delighted with the ways things have evolved and progressed on the home front. Certainly the founders of Luther Park in 1958 had vision for what Luther Park would look like in the near future and yet perhaps not fully predicting the profound faith journey impact that Luther Park's Christ based ministry would have in its first 60 years. As the current supporters of Luther Park, what is our vision for the next 60 years (or even 40 years from now at our 100th Anniversary)?

As I move through a term limit based final year on Luther Park's Board of Directors, it is personally very satisfying to see Phase 1 of the Bethel Family & Adult Retreat Center being constructed, with a projected occupancy status in late August or September of 2018. This vision of a retreat facility began about 40 years ago with the action commencing in 2017. Hopefully the vision of Phase 2 will be put into action shortly after the completion of Phase 1. We look forward to seeing an additional outpouring of volunteers and financial support for this long awaited amenity, which will enhance the overall programmatic elements of Luther Park's mission.

**Please consider coming back to Camp for the July 14th celebration of Luther Park's 60th Anniversary of its formation**, while also exploring the numerous opportunities for utilizing and supporting your year-round outdoor ministry.

Thank you everyone for the prior and current dedication to the Luther Park ministry during our six decades of turning vision into action, along with the future vision and action for many decades to come!

## 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.lutherparkdanbury.com](http://www.lutherparkdanbury.com)  
and click on "Staff"  
Call: 715-656-7244  
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Craig Larson, Site Director

Joel Legred, Executive Director

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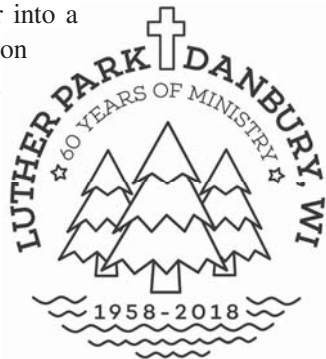
**A Message From The Program Director**

**Leah McDougall**



**The Impact of Bible Camp on Youth**

These past few months as I've been visiting churches and running into campers and their families in various contexts, I've been in awe of the impact camp has. The campers are eager to tell me how excited they are for this summer. And their parents are excited to share how their child has been positively influenced because of their camp experience. A recent study done with 6 different ELCA camps in Wisconsin showed that two months after camp, campers indicated increased self-confidence, devotional practices, church attendance, faith conversations and practices in the home and more understanding of how God is relevant in their daily life (Sorenson, 2017). Camp is shaping these little humans to enter into a world where they can be more confident with the person God created them to be. Because of camp, they can continue to explore how this is God's world, how we belong to God's people and that we are all loved very much by a wonderful, forgiving and grace filled God. To read more about the study please read the Effective Research Project findings at: [www.sacredplaygrounds.com/effectivecamp](http://www.sacredplaygrounds.com/effectivecamp)



**A Message From The Executive Director**

**Joel Legred**



Jesus said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the Good News to the whole creation!" (Mark 16:15)

One of my all-time favorite hymns is "I Love to Tell the Story."

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love ....  
I love to tell the story....for some have never heard  
the message of salvation from God's own holy word.  
I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest ....

For 60 years Luther Park's congregations, campers and staff have been telling the story! They have heard and shared the Good News of Jesus' love and God's amazing grace with some who have never heard and for those who know the story best.

On this special anniversary, I want to say thank you to all of Luther Park's volunteers, donors, and staff who have been storytellers and life-giving supporters of our ministry. Because of you we continue to be a place of rest, family fun, and spiritual renewal in God's great outdoors.

What will the next 60 years look like? Some of us may not be around in 60 years. What kind of legacy might you and I leave so that the Good News story continues? It's something to ponder. In the meantime, I wish you God's blessings and invite you to continue to tell the story!

**COME AND JOIN THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF LUTHER PARK AT THE OPEN HOUSE ON JULY 14!**

**Come and Join the 60th Anniversary of Luther Park at the Open House on July 14!**

Luther Park is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year! What an accomplishment! Think of all the lives the camp has touched in those 60 years! *And guess what else? It's Joel's 60th birthday too!*



So it's double the celebration! The new Bethel Family and Adult Retreat Center is nearing completion (Fall of 2018) and will be open for tours. You

can also take a walking tour of camp or a golf cart tour if you need to ride. There are pontoon rides, canoes, paddle boats and paddle boards to try. And of course swimming!

The Open House begins with a social time from 10:00-11:00 with coffee and goodies. At 11:00, guests can experience the outdoor worship at Luther Park's beautiful Outdoor Chapel. After this the 2018 Outstanding Christian Service Award will be awarded to Scott and Liz Housman from Mount Calvary Lutheran Church. They have volunteered countless hours to Luther Park and we thank them for their service! The delicious buffet lunch follows this presentation.

**Need Overnight Accommodations**

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

**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

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**THIS SUMMER YOU COULD BE A PRAYER BUDDY, AN ENCOURAGING SOUL & FRIENDLY FACE! SUPPORT-THE-STAFF @ LUTHER PARK**

**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. We ask you to 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). If you can, meet the staff member at Open House July 14, 2018. Finally, the staff member will write you a letter about their summer experience.

**How are the donation monies used?**

Supplies for on-site staff team building & bonding activities. Off-site outings for the staff to celebrate their hard work & continue building their bonds with each other.

**Why is Support-the-Staff important for Luther Park?**

At Luther Park, we believe we not only have the responsibility of ministering to the campers but the staff, too. Young adults are searching for their place in this world, an opportunity like camp is an intentional time to openly explore their vocational callings and who they are. Help support them in this journey! We feel called to empower the staff to be more confident in who they are and where they are going.

To sign-up for Support-the-Staff please donate and fill out your information so we can contact you this summer! Checks can be made to Luther Park with a memo stating "Support-the-staff" or you can donate by going to [www.lutherparkdanbury.com](http://www.lutherparkdanbury.com) home page, click-on the DONATE button and select Support-the-staff.

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

**WELCOME 2018 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 2018 Super Summer Staff!*

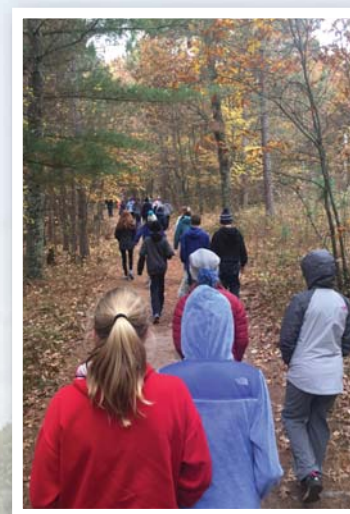
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| <b>Destiny Colville</b><br>Chaska, MN     | <b>Kurtis Hemphil</b><br>Antrim, Northern Ireland | <b>Hailey Simpson</b><br>Minneapolis, MN   |
| <b>Ally Darragh</b><br>Chifley, Australia | <b>Kaylynn Lang-Skjeveland</b><br>Eagan, MN       | <b>Matt Svestka</b><br>Northfield, MN      |
| <b>Cory Dinwiddie</b><br>Minneapolis, MN  | <b>Bryan Rodriguez Rivera</b><br>Cancun, Mexico   | <b>Margo Toth</b><br>Ujfeherto, Hungary    |
| <b>Justin Frederick</b><br>Chaska, MN     | <b>Kristine Schuldt</b><br>Wheaton, MN            | <b>Caity Wright</b><br>Apple Valley, MN    |
| <b>Peter Groton</b><br>Minnetonka, 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.lutherparkdanbury.com](http://www.lutherparkdanbury.com), click on "Staff", or contact; Leah McDougall, [programdirector@lutherpark.com](mailto:programdirector@lutherpark.com) - 715-656-7244

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

## 2017 Honorary Gifts (1-1-17 to 12-31-17)

IN HONOR OF	GIVEN BY
Jon Bowers	Robert and Linda Bowers
Family	Karen Dahlen
Destiny Colville	Gaye Guyton
Bill and Sharon Miller	Donald Notvik
Sons and Families	Thomas and Patricia Dooley
Joel and Brenda Legred	Bob and Kathy McLain
Bethel Chapel	Wendell and Lucille Olson
50th Wedding Anniversary	Mark and Julie Manfred
Teddy's Life-Savers (CPR/AED)	Parents Kim and Norman Okerstrom
Marion and Art Johnson	Edith Johnson
Betty Slater	Joan Slater
Brenda Legred	Gloria Boynton
Loved Ones	Clara Sider
Kyle and Aaron Sather	George Ware
Robert C. Slater	Betty Slater



**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.



## 2017 Memorial Gifts (1-1-17 to 12-31-17)

IN MEMORY OF	GIVEN BY
Bert and Toots Anderson	Nancy and Terry Couillard
Edna Mae Anderson	Gary and Pat Staffanson
Dick Arntson	Richard and Karen Arntson
Betty Batzli	Joel and Brenda Legred
Janelle Marie Bolstad-Toles	Norman and Linda Bolstad
Olga Burda	Edith Schultz
Don Carlson	Daisy Carlson
Earl Carlson and Beverly Carlson	Darlene Carlson
Fran Challman	Olga Challman
Larry Cole	Darlene Lang
Dane Ewald	Doug and Ginny Ewald
Espen Ewald	Doug and Ginny Ewald
Hope Goodman	Amy Buelow
	Robb and Lisa Bass
	Neil and Sandra Buelow
	Karen Gabrielson
	Judy Goodman
	Mark Goodman
	Mark and Patricia Heimkes
	Dennis and Janet Johnson
	Joel and Brenda Legred
	Thomas and Carol Luukkonen
	Russel and Janice Michaeltz
	John and Sue Nelson
	Karon, Eric and Paul Nelson
	Patrick Owen and Mary Theurer-Owen
	Judith Peacock
	Mary Claire Potter
	Donna Rooker
	Georgia Sampson
	Charles and Barbara Swanson
Cole Gustafson	Darelyne Gustafson
Mary Hansen	Barb McCauley and Gary Horejci
John R. Hanson	Jan and Jim Froberg
Bryan Hylan	Darlene Lang
Audrey Johnson	Evelyn Ramin
Carl R. Johnson	Randy Johnson
	Randy Johnson
Marilyn Johnson	Joel and Brenda Legred

IN MEMORY OF	GIVEN BY
Edith Johnson	Karen Boberg
	Karla Kay Nicklaus
	Greg and Betti Jo Norman
	Duane K Larson
	Lois Swenson
	Paula and Dale Conrad
Donald Klingman	Dawn Klingman
Gene Kranz	Penny Kranz
Dieter Lang	Darlene Lang
	Arlen Legred
Ramona (Mona) Legred	Joel and Brenda Legred
	Evie and Stan Tolzman
Rick Lissell (Fish)	Kristofer and Catherine Fenlason
Michael Patrick McGovern	Doug and Ginny Ewald
Burt Miller	Sharon Miller
Marian Miller	Kenny and Joan Herman
	Margaret Morton
Chris Morton	Michael Morton
	Beth and Mark Saliterman
	Julianne Samuelson
	Lori and Cal Wright
Howard Nelson	Dave and Leslie Gilyard
Nicholas Nelson	Vic and JoAnne Nelson
Rudy Palo	Hildegard Palo
Edith (Sissy) Poffenberger-Huelsnitz	Ray and Jan Bier
Dennis Prehn	Wendy and Mark Wersal
Shirley Rothstein	Peter Rothstein
Michelle Sisson	Gary Sisson
Arnie Sletten	Gerald and Sandra Doran
Gladys Spenny	Ed Spenny
Bill Stenzel	Donna Stenzel
Elwood Swanson	Bonnie Swanson
Amber Walker	Lynne Walker
Jennifer Warner	Diane and Harry Strandberg
David Wentzel	Darlene Lang
Delores Wentzel	Darlene Lang
Margie Wold	Roger Wold



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

# KIDS, CAMP AND SUMMER: A WINNING COMBINATION!

# THRIVENT CHOICE BENEFITS LUTHER PARK!

If you have a Thrivent Financial product you may be eligible to participate in the Thrivent Choice program. Through Thrivent Choice, you can help direct the company's charitable dollars to Luther Park and other non-profits enrolled in the program. Thank you to all who have designated monies to Luther Park through Thrivent Choice in 2017, which totaled \$3,671.00! Please visit [www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or call 1-800-847-4836 to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Luther Park.

Thrivent also has an employer matching program that matches contributions their employees make to a non-profit organization. This year, Thrivent employee matches and employee enabled giving totaled \$1,725.00.

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



## 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).*



## THRIVENT ACTION PLANS?

Did you know there is another way Thrivent members can help Luther Park? 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. Choose a project from the list show or come up with your own! Then go to the Thrivent website or contact your Thrivent rep to fill out the papers to apply. Upon approval, you will receive a \$250 gift card to be used toward the project or you can gift it to Luther Park who will utilize the money for the project.

This year, there were several Thrivent Action Teams that have assisted with fundraising and building projects. 🏠



### Action Team Project Ideas

- Lodge, Pine & Fir Cabin Renovations
- Replacement of Cracked Windows
- Improvement of Waterfront Area
- Repair of Paddleboats and Paddle Board
- Canoe Rack
- Boat House
- Health Kits
- Picnic Tables
- Food for Workdays
- Deck Repairs



**To apply, go to:**  
[www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/living-generously/thrivent-action-teams/](http://www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/living-generously/thrivent-action-teams/)

## ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

**The Luther Park Corporation held its Annual Meeting Sunday, March 11, 2018 at Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church.**

President David Shirley opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. We introduced ourselves and then Pastor Jo lead a short devotion by reading "A Prayer to Grow in Faith" by Richard Foster.

A great video, produced by Leah McDougall, Program Director, called "Luther Park 2017 Memories" was viewed and enjoyed by all.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer Deana presented Financial Statements. She commented that income for 2017 was good and had a substantial increase over 2016, due to a couple one-time gifts. The year end report was approved. Discussion followed that there could be additional income generated, once the Retreat Center is opened in Sept. Given the quality of the rooms, adults may book it for adult retreats. The 2018 Budget was presented by Deana and was approved by all.

### BOARD MEMBERS

Vice President Candace thanked the outgoing Board Members and presented the new candidates for the openings created by the retiring Board Members. Lisa Turnquist is taking over for Rachel Meinert from St. Barnabas, Randy Johnson is taking over for Darrell Hyde from House of Prayer, Nancy Johnson is taking over for Jenny Parker from Gustavus Adolphus and Scott Housman is taking over for Lori Wright from Mount Calvary.

### REPORTS

There was discussion of the Reports and Graphs. Joel commented that at the end of 2017 Luther Park is in Trust. Gifts were

way up in 2017. A big gift was used for improvements in the camp.

Leah addressed the group and talked about the upcoming summer. She has 9 staff members already signed up and perhaps a nurse as well. She will need 18 counselors. She spoke about "Support the Staff" which is a program designed to connect the Staff to the congregations. A supporter would receive a bio from a Staff person and the supporter would pray for and communicate with the Staff person. They could meet each



other at the Open House in July. Financial donations could also be made as the Staff people use contributions for growing as a group. The program was started last year and everyone loved it.

Joel gave us a handout on Peer Ministry. Luther Park received a grant in 2016 and the funds were used in full by early 2017 to host Peer Ministry camps and is continuing to host camps on Peer Ministry.

Joel then gave us an update on the Retreat Center. The HVAC system is getting installed currently, as well as electrical and plumbing. He is also working with the state of WI regarding rebates for using LED lights instead of fluorescent lights. He added that the last weekend in April will be a work weekend. The goal is to reroof the last 3 cabins with the donated shingles.

Leah mentioned that gardening is an option as well as working inside the Retreat Center.

David talked about the Master Plan and a site map was available for viewing.

### NEW BUSINESS

David reminded people about the annual Bikeathons and got the donating started by contributing a \$2,000 check. The Bikeathons have taken on more importance as we no longer have a Quilt Auction. Deana added that a Development Committee is being started and anyone can join it., i.e. non-board members.

A reminder that this is the 60th Anniversary of Luther Park and will be noted at the Open House. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony and it will be advertised on the website. The theme for camp this summer is "This Changes Everything" and is based on Ephesians 2:8.

There will be an ACA visit this summer (American Camp Association) which has been done every 3 years, but going forward it will be every 5 years.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Lori Wright, Secretary*

## 2017 CAMPER NUMBERS

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

Summer Campers and Day Camp	942
Retreaters	849
<b>2017 Total</b>	<b>1791</b>

## Board Officers Elected at May Board Meeting

*President:*

David P. Shirley - *Messiah*

*Vice President:*

Candace Cobb - *Diamond Lake*

*Secretary:*

Scott Housman - *Mount Calvary*

*Treasurer:*

Randy Johnson - *House of Prayer*



## Thanks to outgoing Board Members for their dedicated service!

Daryll Hyde - *House of Prayer*

Rachel Meinert - *St. Barnabas*

Jennifer Parker - *Gustavus Adolphus*

Lori Wright - *Mount Calvary*

## Welcome New Board Members

Scott Housman - *Mount Calvary*

Nancy Johnson - *Gustavus Adolphus*

Randy Johnson - *House of Prayer*

Lisa Turnquist - *St. Barnabas*

# VOLUNTEERS ARE ESSENTIAL TO LUTHER PARK'S SUCCESS!

Luther Park would not be able to survive without the countless hours of its volunteers. They assist with fundraising, painting, roofing, sheetrocking, cutting and stacking wood, landscaping, and many other things too numerous to mention.

Why do people volunteer? For some it provides them with opportunities to give back to an organization that has impacted their lives, to make a difference in the lives of others, or to feel valued and a part of a team. And add to that for Luther Park volunteers, the desire to help an organization that spreads God's love to the hearts of many!



A group of individuals just completed roofing one of the cabins a few weeks ago. Two more cabins still need new roofs, which hopefully will be done in the fall.

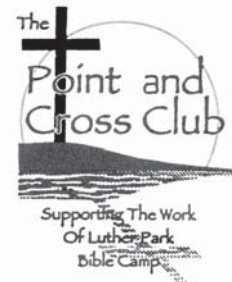
Now that the Retreat Center is done on the outside, volunteers are needed to assist with the finishing work inside. Please contact Joel Legred at [jlegred@lutherpark.com](mailto:jlegred@lutherpark.com) for more information. 🏡

**Thank you volunteers!**

# ST. BARNABAS HOSTS POINT & CROSS BANQUET OF BLESSINGS

Point & Cross Club members gathered for the annual Banquet of Blessings at St. Barnabas Lutheran Church in Plymouth on May 6, to enjoy a delicious lasagna dinner and hear about the various ways their donations make a very real difference in the life of campers.

Following a welcome by Pastor Wayne Peterson, and the great dinner, guests enjoyed a video presentation produced by Leah McDougall, Program Director. David Shirley and Joel Legred thanked everyone for their continued support of Luther Park and Leah McDougall and Werner Baker led the guests in some camp songs that are sung at Luther Park.



The Banquet of Blessings recognizes donors who contribute \$100 or more per year. These gifts enable Luther Park to offer financial assistance to any family requesting it. No child is ever turned away from Luther Park because of financial difficulties.

**Thank you to St. Barnabas for hosting the special event!** 🏡

# LUTHER PARK WISH LIST

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

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

## URGENT NEEDS

Reliable passenger car/van  
Dehumidifiers  
Four-wheeler  
\$20.00 gas cards (prefer Super America but can use all cards)  
Wilson amplifier

## SPECIAL NEEDS

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

## MAINTENANCE

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

Big frying pans

## PROGRAM

Projector with HDMI input  
Spark story bibles  
Clipboards (15-20)  
Battery powered pillar candles  
Battery powered votive candles  
Taper candles (to burn)  
Permanent markers  
Scrapbook paper  
Markers or colored pencils (no crayons, please)  
Pencil boxes  
Boxes of "duraflame firestart" for starting campfires  
Soft dodgeballs  
Soccer nets (2 - 12x6)  
Kayak paddles  
New or gently used canoes  
New or gently used tents  
Solar powered lanterns

## OFFICE

Laminating sheets for GBC laminating machine  
Copy paper (white and colored)  
Card stock (white and colored)  
Poster board  
Bulletin boards for cabins  
White boards & markers  
Batteries (D, AA, AAA, CR2032)

## HOUSEKEEPING

New pillows  
New sleeping bags  
Twin and queen size sheets  
New or gently used queen size quilts  
Shower curtains

**THANKS FOR ALL THE GIFTS GIVEN IN 2017!**

# COMING EVENTS



**MAY 30-JUNE 10**

Summer Staff Training

**JUNE 2-3** Bike-A-Thon #1

**JUNE 14-17**

Leadership Training Intensive

**JUNE 17** Summer Camp Starts

**JULY 5-8** Grandparent/Grandchild Camp

**JULY 13-14** Bike-A-Thon #2

**JULY 14**

Open House and Celebration of Luther Park's 60th Anniversary

**JULY 27-30** Family Camp

**NOV. 8-11 or 9-11** Scrap and Stamp Camp III

**DEC. 2** Glad Tidings Advent Dinner

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

# OLE AND LENA WAS A HOT DISH-COOL JAZZ GOOD TIME!

The Ole and Lena Silent Auction and Spaghetti Dinner was held on April 21. Supporters of Luther Park enjoyed a delicious spaghetti dinner, silent auction, and an entertaining evening featuring the duo Hot Dish-Cool Jazz. Nick Nelson and Molly Weibel entertained everyone with The Lake 26 Collection, a musical tribute to Luther Park. This was hosted by Richfield Lutheran Church and was the 22nd annual fundraiser that raises money to provide scholarships for children to go to camp at Luther Park. About \$3000 dollars was raised for Luther Park campships. A Thrivent Action Team also supported this event. Thank you to all who came and supported this event. Special thanks to Hot Dish-Cool Jazz and Richfield Lutheran for hosting this event and providing hundreds of volunteer hours to make this a successful fundraiser! 🏡



Entertainment featured the duo Hot Dish-Cool Jazz, Nick Nelson and Molly Weibel



# 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 2018
- ✓ 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.lutherparkdanbury.com](http://www.lutherparkdanbury.com)

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

## FEE SCHEDULE

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

	Member	*Non-member
3-Night/Snooper Camp	\$325	\$345
Full Week	\$450	\$470
Sr. High Leadership Intensive (Includes one free additional week)	\$390	\$410
Canoe Trips / Great Lakes Mission Trip	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

**If you have any special needs, please contact Luther Park at 715-656-7244**

	Member	*Non-member
Campground	\$18 per site/ per night	\$20 with electricity

## 2018 SUMMER SCHEDULE

Date	Ages	Program	Sr. High Leadership
<b>PRE-SUMMER</b> June 14-17	Grades 9-12		Leadership Training Intensive (Thursday – Sunday)
<b>WEEK 1</b> June 17-20	Grades 1-4	Half Week Cabin Camp	
June 17-22	Grades 3-6	Full Week Cabin Camp	
June 17-22	Grades 7-9	Full Week Treehouse Camp*	
<b>WEEK 2</b> June 24-29	Reserved for Good Shepherd – Inver Grove Heights		
<b>WEEK 3</b> July 5-8	Grandparents and Grandchildren	Cabin Camp	
<b>WEEK 4</b> July 8-13	Grades 3-6	Full Week Treehouse Camp	
July 8-13	Grades 7-12	Cabin Camp	
<b>July 14</b>	<b>Annual Open House – All Ages, All Day!</b> <b>10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Full of camp activities &amp; fun!</b>		
<b>WEEK 5</b> July 15-20	Grades 3-6	Full Week Treehouse Camp	
July 15-20	Grades 9-12	Mission Trip Cabin Camp	
<b>WEEK 6</b> July 22-25	Grades 1-4	Half Week Cabin Camp	
July 22-27	Grades 3-6	Full Week Cabin Camp	
July 22-27	Grades 7-9	Full Week Treehouse Camp*	
<b>WEEK 7</b> July 27-30	All Ages	Family Cabin Camp	
July 31-Aug 3	Reserved by Mount Calvary – Excelsior Confirmation/Leadership Camp – Contact Mount Calvary		



### SPECIAL PROGRAMS NOT LISTED ABOVE

**Canoe Trips or Great Lakes Mission Trip:**  
Group registration required, please contact Luther Park at 715-656-7244

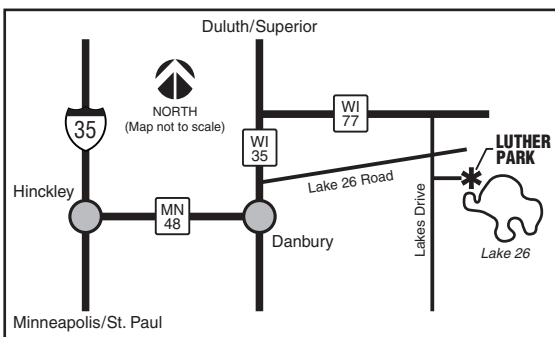
\*During **Grades 7-9, Treehouse Camp**, campers will experience all the fun of a traditional camping session in a whole new way. By staying up late and sleeping in each morning campers will be able to explore wonders of the natural world, its sights, creatures and sounds that often go unnoticed during the day. 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.

## 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!**

## 2018 Luther Park Bible Camp Registration and Health Form. Completed form must be signed by Parent/Guardian and Camper. Registration and Health Forms are available electronically online at [www.lutherparkdanbury.com](http://www.lutherparkdanbury.com).

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 \_\_\_\_\_