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A Newsletter for Campers and Friends of Luther Park

Spring/Summer 2019

SUMMER CAMP ADVENTURES ARE JUST AROUND THE CORNER – COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN!



This summer's theme is **"Transforming Community"**. The key Bible verse for the week is: *"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect."* (Romans 12:2, NRSV)

The early Christian community was an agent of change during its time. The community's radical practices of generosity, inclusion, justice, compassion, and forgiveness were transforming their community. The teachings of Jesus live beyond his physical years on earth and the spirit of God's transforming love never ends - which enables transformation in a world that is set on cultural and religious expectations. As followers of Jesus, we are called to be agents in the continuous work of transforming community. We are surrounded and involved in many communities. Camp is just one of those communities. The community that gathers at the beginning of the camp week undergoes their own transformation by the time they head back to their home communities. Where do our communities need transforming? What gifts, skills, talents, callings and resources do we all have that can enable us to be agents of change? That's what we get to explore this summer!

At Luther Park you will meet awesome staff from all over the world, and find great food, music, fellowship, campfires, star-gazing, swimming and quiet (and loud) moments in the Outdoor Chapel.

SOME SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES THIS SUMMER:

NEW! Full Week Canoe Trip (Grades 7-12)–July 14-19: This week includes canoeing and camping on the Namekagon and the St. Croix Rivers. Spend Sunday night at camp, then head out on the river early Monday morning. Return to camp Thursday evening for Luther Park's Banquet dinner and Variety Show. This adventure is great for people who love to fully experience the outdoors! Campers should be prepared to be

challenged physically and emotionally by stepping out of their normal comforts for the week. Campers will cook meals over an open fire, explore the riverfront areas, get dirty and get away from normal hustle and bustle of city life. No group registration is required. However, group registration is offered most weeks per request.

Leadership Training Camp (Grades 9-12)–June 20-23: Before camp even starts, we invite High Schoolers interested in becoming leaders to come for a weekend training retreat. This gives leadership trainers or as we call them at camp, LT's, the chance to get to know the staff they will be working with and the programming before they meet the campers. This is a great opportunity for a High Schooler's future resumes, volunteer experiences and jobs!

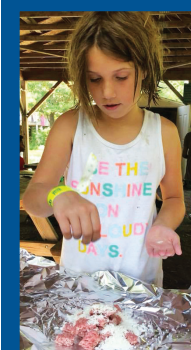
Grandparent/Grandchild Camp – June 30-July 3: A great experience for both Grandparents and Grandchildren! Maybe your camper isn't ready to come to camp alone, or maybe they aren't old enough, or maybe camp is better experienced together! The relationships between grandparents and their grandchildren are special. Spend special time together at Luther Park exploring God's creation, diving into the summer theme and sharing the experience of camp together!

Family Cabin Camp–July 26-29: A fully planned family weekend getaway! You get to spend the whole weekend with your family and other families exploring God's creation, growing spiritually closer together and discovering more about each other and God. There will be plenty of opportunities to do activities together but also time for parents to spend time talking about the joys and struggles of parenting while the kids connect with each other and the summer staff.

And of course, there are the traditional camp offerings! **Come and be a part of the fun at Luther Park this summer!** 🏕️

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THOUGHTS FROM A CAMPER...

ELAINA JOSLYN

Elaina Joslyn is a seventh grader from Elim Lutheran Church. She has attended summer camp at Luther Park for 5 years. Here are her reflections about Luther Park.



Luther Park is something that I look forward to every year. I've met so many amazing people at camp, and even kept in touch with a few people throughout the rest of the year too! I love being able to get away from busy day to day life, and relax in nature, surrounded by God and God's creation. One of the things I enjoy most about the day is the all

camp game. My favorite all camp game is Boofers! I'd like to think I'm pretty good at it too. But one time, me and few other friends

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THOUGHTS FROM A COUNSELOR...

CAITY WRIGHT

Caity Wright is a former Luther Park camper and has worked at there for four years as Waterfront Director. In this article, Caity reflects on how Luther Park has affected her life.

As a kid I loved Luther Park, but I never thought in a million years that I would come back to work on staff. I was an incredibly homesick kid and I would come to camp each year and cry for the whole week. I had fun but I couldn't help it. I missed my parents so much and it was such a new experience that I was overwhelmed. But even so, I kept coming back every year, until I was a

sophomore in high school and had finally kicked the homesickness. Then, the next summer, for the first time in 8 years, I didn't go to camp. It felt strange, but I figured that it was the end of my



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Celebrate Luther Park ON LAKE 26 SUMMER OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, July 13, 2019
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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FEELING OF BEING PART OF SOMETHING...

by Heidi Barr



Heidi Barr is a Minnesota based writer and wellness coach dedicated to promoting sustainable ways of being for people, communities and the planet. Here are a few of her reflections of her time at ELCA camps, including Luther Park.

“June always holds a sense of emptiness for me – not in a negative way, just in a way that reminds me that for a really long time, “working at camp” and everything that comes along with what that means defined my summers. From 1998 to 2004, Lutheran Outdoor Ministry was a huge piece of the filter through which I viewed the world, and it still colors how I choose to observe what goes on around me. The scent of pine needles on a hot day in August will probably always transport me instantly to a shared footpath in an alpine forest, or a lodge deck peppered with distant laughter in a misty valley, or the sunny bank of a scenic river way.” Excerpt from Woodland Manitou, published by Homebound Publications. For more information visit www.heidibarr.com

At Luther Park, in Danbury, Wisconsin, I split time between a cabin on stilts and a tent on the banks of the Namekagon River. My last two summers in college were spent as a Canoe Guide/Outpost Counselor. It meant shepherding groups of teenagers down the river in canoes for a week at a time, starting

a lot of campfires and swimming across Lake 26 with a lifeguarding tube. I felt like I was an essential part of making the place function, and the place turned into an essential piece of what made me function. I felt like I mattered, and I felt like I belonged there.

And then, after quitting my second “real” job, I found myself back at Luther Park again. I lived in the Log House and spent my last camp summer as the Waterfront Director. It meant feeling a little adrift as one of the “old” staff members. It meant letting my future spouse reclaim the role of lead guitarist, wondering what I was going to do after another summer ended, and trying to hold onto the strength I had uncovered over the years. It meant being in a place as an essential part of the whole, and it meant holding that wholeness as my foundation even on the days that were punctuated by more struggle and uncertainty than I was prepared for. Even in the midst of challenge, I felt like I mattered, and I felt like I belonged there. It’s been well over 10 years since I was on staff at an ELCA camp, leading games and day hikes and prayers. These days I wouldn’t last

more than a half a week in a cabin full of 12 year olds with only an hour off per day. But what sticks with me, and always will, is the feeling of being part of something that is hard to put into words. It’s that feeling of being essential, of deep belonging and of community without borders that shines a light into places that might have otherwise remained unexplored. It’s the feeling of peace that can stay present despite the “emptiness” that can be left behind after a fire goes through. The emptiness, the new space that was made visible only by something old passing away, shows us to a gate that leads into a world that lies beyond what we can clearly see right now. Jim Hubbell writes, “Our task is to walk through and discover where the gate leads.”

Maybe the emptiness that I sense in June each year is simply a reminder of the newness that can come from the passing of the old into the life that waits beyond. To use the words of Wendell Berry, perhaps we could all benefit from remembering to practice resurrection. 🏕️

Thoughts from a camper (cont. from p.1)

tried to run up Tick Alley, but there was a boofer at the top and we got boofed halfway up! We sat there for the rest of the game because nobody came by, and nobody could hear us! Night-hikes are also really fun, and I’m always super excited when we get to go on one. We go down to the holy-water pump, and I fill a water bottle. Usually I keep the water bottle pretty full all year, because I only drink any of it when I feel sick! Star-gazing is another really fun nighttime activity that I enjoy. Last year, I would always start to run towards the flashlight, like you’re supposed to; but I would chase it! I ended up tackling who ever was holding the flashlight almost every time! I also hit my head really hard on the ground though. My second favorite part of the day is free time. During free time, I usually try to go to canteen first, but the line gets really long! After my possible trip to canteen, I go down to the waterfront and spend the rest of my time there. I love swimming, and paddle boarding, and kayaking, and jumping off of the raft. I love it all! But my absolute favorite thing is Campfire. Singing fun songs with all of your friends, and watching as the sun sets over the horizon. It just has a certain feeling to it that I can’t get anywhere else. You can feel God’s



presence in the earth and people around you. It’s the perfect way to end a perfect day. Luther Park is one of the best things I’ve ever done, and I don’t know what my life would be like without it. It’s a truly astounding experience to get to connect with God through nature, fun activities, and friends. Luther Park is a place I will always cherish, and I know that it has brought me further in my journey of faith. 🏕️

Thoughts from a counselor (cont. from p.1)

camp era. It made me sad to think about not going back to camp, but I had never even considered applying there because I was such a shy and introverted kid. Then, about a year later, at the end of my junior year of high school, my dad got an email from Anna. She knew that both my sister and I were lifeguards and loved coming to camp as kids, so she was wondering if either of us were interested in coming to work as the waterfront director that summer. My sister Chloe already had a summer job lined up so she was out, and I was very apprehensive, but I decided to go for it. I was incredibly scared, but there was something pushing me to do it. This is the most sure sign from God that I have ever gotten. God knew that I needed camp as much as camp needed me. So I went, and I think at the beginning, everyone could see just how nervous I was. Even though



I knew the songs, graces, and games like the back of my hand, I was too shy to lead them. But as the summer went on, my comfortability and confidence grew. By the end, I couldn’t wait to come back for my next summer. And now here I am, having just signed my contract to come back for summer number 4. I can’t express how much Luther Park has changed me for the better. Working at camp has given me the confidence and leadership skills I will need for my future, but more important than that, it has strengthened my faith immensely and given me some of the best friends I have ever had! 🏕️

BIKE-A-THONS 2019

Combine your passion of riding your bike and helping send campers to camp! Raise funds for Luther Park and then ride your bike 120 miles from Minneapolis to Danbury.

TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO RIDE (OR CREATE YOUR OWN)

#1: JUNE 1-2

#2: JULY 12-13

then stay for Open House on the 13th!

HOW CAN I HELP?

Consider Financial Support

Support the bicyclists by donating online at www.lutherparkdanbury.com, click on the donate button and select 2019 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.



Contact Joel Legred to join the ride at jlegred@lutherpark.com or 612.987.6628



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YEAR-ROUND VOLUNTEERS

Pete and Marcia Brace

Eric and Marlene Zaraza

A Message From The Program Director

Leah McDougall



“Over the last couple of years I have had the privilege of being connected with the larger camp community of Lutheran Outdoor Ministries (LOM). Luther Park is a member of the LOM association which provides opportunities for professional and personal growth as both an individual and as a camp professional. LOM organizes events and opportunities for camp professionals from across the country to gather together to share experiences, grow in faith and develop better practices and programs for our camps. The LOM community has provided me with a strong network of supporters, of people who understand my work on a new level and an opportunity for me to expand my horizons for both making camp a better place and myself a better person. Two years ago I attended the national gathering where I learned about the power of the LOM community. In the fall I attended the program track of the Leadership Training Event where I received formal training on how to do my job more effectively. Throughout different times of the year I gather with other program directors across the region to share programing ideas, work through camp struggles and reconnect with others in the same line of work. LOM has been a blessing to both Luther Park and my personal growth. Being a part of a community like LOM provides a larger sense of community, belonging, support and mission. I am very thankful for the opportunity that I have to be a part of Luther Park and LOM as a whole.”

A Message From The Executive Director

Joel Legred



60th Anniversary Celebration

We had a wonderful turnout for our 60th Anniversary Celebration at our Summer Open House July 14th. Highlights included worshipping in the outdoor chapel (led by our summer staff), dedication of the Bethel Family and Adult Retreat Center, fantastic food and fellowship! Join us July 13, 2019 for our annual Summer Open House as we continue to “*Stride into the Next 60*” years of ministry!

Ministry Highlights

- Luther Park enjoyed a tremendous Summer Camp season with a fantastic group of college age staff! Lives of campers and staff were impacted by being part of Luther Park’s ministry. God is good...All the time!
- We are looking for staff members for this summer. Camp is for the camper, but working at camp is a life changing experience for staff members as well. Please let us know if you are aware of an 18-22 year old who enjoys working with kids.
- Individuals provided hundreds of volunteer hours around camp and especially on the retreat center, saving Luther Park thousands of dollars. This helped us stretch the beautiful gifts we received from individuals, congregations and organizations.
- This summer we had our re-certification visit for ACA (American Camp Association) and we passed with flying colors! We are so proud to be an ACA camp! This is a rigorous accreditation process that reviews all aspects of Luther Park’s ministry and is done every few years.
- We are thankful for year-round staff members: Rhonda DeMars and Joanne Anderson – Food Service; Craig Larson – Site Director/Retreat Host; Leah McDougall – Program Director; Anna Treague – Health Care Supervisor; Pete and Marcia Brace and Eric Zaraza as wonderful volunteers.

Bethel Family and Adult Retreat Center

- This wonderful addition to Luther Park’s ministry is slated to be available soon! This will expand our ministry to better serve families and adults. If you would like to provide a gift or volunteer, please contact me at 612-987-6628, or jlegred@msn.com. If you are interested in booking a retreat, please check out our website www.lutherparkdanbury.com or call me at 612-987-6628.

Gift from Bethany on 36th Ave.

- Bethany Lutheran, one of the original congregations that started Luther Park in 1958, made a difficult decision to close its doors after 109 years of ministry. In that discernment process, the congregation decided that when they closed the doors on 36th Ave, they wanted to help open doors on Lake 26! The funds we received helped with the building of the retreat center, as well as provided camper scholarships and assistance with other projects. God is at work in this place through board members, volunteers and donors who have invested in Luther Park and the people who serve and visit here. We are so grateful for all who make sure this ministry thrives! Thank you for keeping Luther Park in your prayers and in your priorities.

LUTHER PARK OPEN HOUSE 2019
A GREAT WAY TO GET TO KNOW THE CAMP!



Join Luther park staff and friends for the annual Open House on Saturday, July 13, 2019. Come and tour the beautiful Retreat Center. Enjoy coffee and rolls from 10:00-11:00 followed by an inspiring outdoor worship service and volunteer recognition at 11:00. The Outstanding Christian Service Award will be presented to Scott and Cara Wright and their daughter Caity, (see her article on page 1), who has worked at Luther Park for the past 4 years. Welcome the Bike-A-Thon participants as they pedal into camp and then enjoy a delicious buffet lunch! In the afternoon take a pontoon ride, try a paddle board or paddleboat and/or tour the camp!

Overnight accommodations may be available in the cabins, Welcome Center the new Retreat Center, or the 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.

Mark your calendars for July 13. We look forward to seeing you at Open House this summer! 📅

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

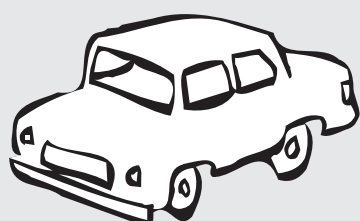
10:00 to 11:00 a.m.	Arrive at your leisure to enjoy coffee/rolls & social hour
11:00 a.m.	Outdoor worship
12:00 a.m.	Welcome bikers
12:15 p.m.	Outstanding Christian Service Award, volunteer & other recognitions
12:30 p.m.	Free will offering Buffet Lunch at the Lodge
2:00 p.m.	Enjoy camp activities (swimming, boating, ice cream social, camp tours and much more!)
3:00 p.m.	LP Board Meeting
4:00 p.m.	Farewell

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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



JOIN THE SUMMER STAFF MINISTRY TEAM

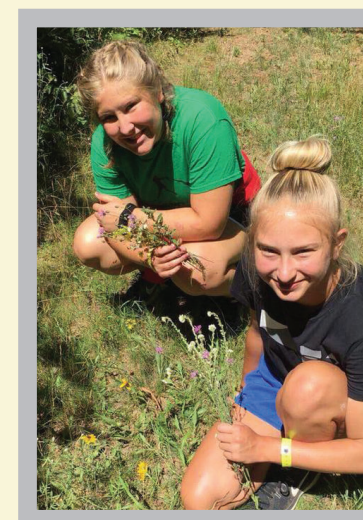
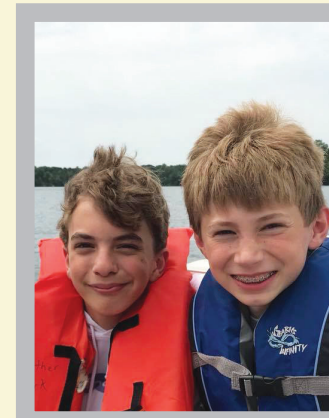
Are you or do you know a young adult that is looking to make a difference? Being on summer staff at Luther Park not only gives you the opportunity to make a difference in another’s life but will also change your life! You get to work closely with many children, youth, peers and other adults in a fun, Christ-filled environment. Expect to discover new things about yourself, God and the world around you all while having the best summer of your life! Currently hiring for summer leadership, specialty (waterfront, activities, health care) and counseling positions. **Apply online at www.lutherparkdanbury.com under the staff tab. Contact Leah McDougall with any questions at camp@lutherpark.com or 651.472.4868.**



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

2018 HONORARY GIFTS (1-1-18 to 12-31-18)

IN HONOR OF	GIVEN BY
Luther Park 60th Anniversary	Lori & Cal Wright
Destiny Guyton	Gaye Guyton
3 Daughters who camped at Luther Park years ago	Dale & Barb Nelson
Joel "Young Joey" Legred	Mark Orvick
Irene Horejsi	Gary Horejsi & Barbara McCauley
Rachel Bowers	Robert & Linda Bowers
Joel Legred (30th Anniversary as Dir. of LP, 60th Birthday)	Karla Kay Nicklaus John Chell Scott & Cara Wright Kent & Lois Norby
Bethel Family & Adult Retreat Center	Alan & Cindy Olson
Emma & Connor Turnquist	Lisa & Brett Turnquist



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.

2018 MEMORIAL GIFTS (1-1-18 to 12-31-18)

IN MEMORY OF	GIVEN BY
Cole Alred	Joel & Brenda Legred
Eleanor Amundson	Boyd Amundson
Donald W. Carlson	Daisy Carlson Barbara & Bruce Johnson
Fran Challman	Olga Challman
Rose Marie Chell	John Chell
Edward Cunningham (Son)	Jean & Mike Cunningham Mark & Rosalyn Anderson Janet Bolster Michael T. Erickson Dave & Leslie Galyard Mel & Margaret Price Leonard & Barbara Zondlo
Marian Erickson	John & Donna Staubus
Eric Flom	David & Lucy Edlund
Ruth & Lloyd Gilyard (Parents)	David & Leslie Gilyard
Robert Goodman	Bill & Sherry Goodman
Cole Gustafson	Darelyne Gustafson
John R. Hanson	Janet & Jim Froberg
Miner Hendrickson	Marie Aquirre David & Cathy Aust Evy Lou Booth Art Caple Anne Ronning Duff Marlys Ensrud Nancy Foster Craig & Joan Hanson Bruce Hendrickson Phyllis Herman Katherine Hugson Scott & Sharon Kron Vance & Ruth Maki Richard & June Nelson Karla Kay Nicklaus R.D. & L.M. Olson Judith & Raymond Pascoe, JR. Bruce Peterson Lois Ringquist Gregory & Cathy Schmit James & Nancy Westcott Roger Wold



IN MEMORY OF	GIVEN BY
Betty Anne Jensen	Richard (Dick) Jensen
Carl & Marilyn Johnson	Randy Johnson Marion J. Johnson
Dean Johnson	Joel & Brenda Legred
Edward C. Johnson	Marion J. Johnson
Dale Klevgard	Joel & Brenda Legred Gloria & Tom Wagener
Douglas J. Lafontaine	Daniel & Laurie Lafontaine
Mona Legred	Joel & Brenda Legred Evie & Stan Tolzman
Harlow Loney	Steve Loney
Mary Lou Maertens	Karla Kay Nicklaus
Clayton McDougall	Susan & Daniel McDougall
Mel & Marian Miller	David & Leslie Gilyard
Burt Miller	Sharon Miller
Chris Morton	Michael Morton
Nicklas Nelson	Vic & JoAnne Nelson
Loved Ones	Thomas & Patricia Dooley
Jake Pengra	Karla Kay Nicklaus
Pastor Curt Peter	Jeff & Gloria Wilcox
Gordy & Marlys Peterson	Duane & Monica Anderson
Dennis Prehn	Wendy & Mark Wersal
Jean Schmidt	Ed Schmidt
Floyd Schneckberg	Bill & Judy Handke
Steven Schwartz	Janet & Tom Nelson
Dale Settergren	Lois Settergren
Michelle Sisson	Gary Sisson
Elwood Swanson	Bonnie Swanson
DeLoris Swanson	Dave & Carolyn Hagford
Debbie Zaic	Joel & Brenda Legred



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

“LUTHER PARK PROVIDES OUTDOOR OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE TO KNOW THEY ARE A BELOVED CHILD OF GOD, THEY BELONG TO GOD’S PEOPLE AND THIS IS GOD’S WORLD.”

COMING EVENTS

April 6
 "Welcome To The 60's"
 Spaghetti Dinner
 Richfield Lutheran

April 27
 Banquet of Blessings
 Luncheon
 St. Barnabas Lutheran

June 1-2
 Bike-A-Thon #1

June 20-23
 High School Leadership
 Training Camp

July 12-13
 Bike-A-Thon #2

July 13
 Summer Open House

September 28
 Luther Park Benefit Concert
 Featuring Morpheus
 Eagles 34, Minneapolis

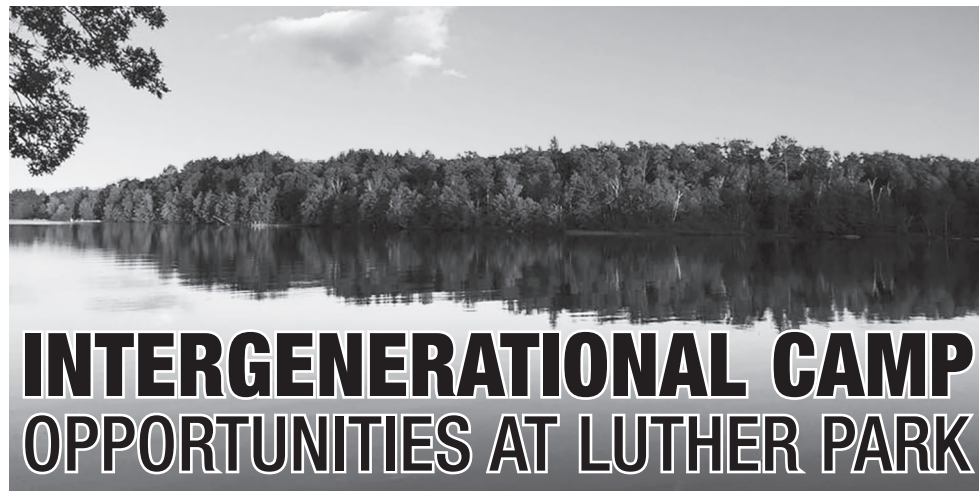
November 8-10
 Luther Park Scrap and
 Stamp Camp III

December 6
 Glad Tidings Advent Festival
 and Silent Auction

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

SAVE THE DATE - SEPT. 28TH Luther Park Benefit Concert Eagles 34, Minneapolis

Join us for a fun evening! Listen to the
 11-member band, Morpheus, perform
 hits from some of music's greatest
 classic rock bands – Blood, Sweat &
 Tears, Steppenwolf, Santana, Chicago,
 The Eagles, The Doors *and more!*



Luther park is a wonderful place to experience God's creation with your family. There are two intergenerational opportunities for families this summer to deepen your relationships with God and each other.

Grandparent/Grandchild Camp – Sunday, June 30 - Wednesday, July 3
Family Camp – Friday, July 26 - Monday, July 29

This is a great way to spend family time together in the beautiful setting of Luther Park! All meals will be provided by our fabulous camp cooks! There will be plenty of time for family bonding activities and times for adult and kid break-out sessions. You will explore God's creation and Word together as a family. There will be plenty of free time to swim, canoe, kayak, paddle board, play volleyball or basketball, play in the Gaga Pit, visit the canteen and do arts and crafts. Each day will begin with Worship and end with a Campfire.



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



What a great way to bond with your family at Luther Park! 🏕️

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.



LUTHER PARK BENEFITS FROM THRIVENT MEMBERS

There are a couple of ways in which Thrivent members can provide financial support for Luther Park. If you have a Thrivent Financial product you can direct the company's charitable dollars to Luther Park through the Thrivent Choice program. This year Thrivent members designated \$3,556.00 to Luther Park through this. Thank you to all who designated Luther Park to receive these Thrivent Choice dollars.

Another way Thrivent members can help Luther Park is through Thrivent Action Plans. Policy holders are eligible to set up an "Action Team" project that benefits Luther Park. Upon approval, you will receive a \$250 gift card to be used toward the project or you can gift it to Luther Park to use for the project. 🏡



ACTION TEAM PROJECT IDEAS

- Lodge and Cabin Improvements
- Improvement of Waterfront Area
- Treehouse Pavilion
- Treehouse Improvements
- Canoe Rack
- Boat House
- Health Kits
- Picnic Tables
- Food for Workdays
- Deck Upgrades



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



Welcome Board Members

- Jim Warren - *Nativity*
(Newly elected in 2019)
- Candace Cobb - *Diamond Lake*
(Elected to another 2 year term)
- Deana Miller - *Zion Evangelical*
(Elected to another 2 year term)

Board Members in the Second Year of their 2 Year Term

- Lisa Turnquist - *St. Barnabas*
- Randy Johnson - *House of Prayer*
- Terry Couillard - *Elim*
- Jim Pemberton - *Richfield*
- Suzie Bergquist - *Family of Christ*
- Scott Housman - *Mount Calvary*
- Nancy Johnson - *Gustavus Adolphus*

Thanks to outgoing Board Members for their dedicated service!

- Vicki Elliott - *Nativity*
- David Shirley - *Messiah*
(David has served as President the past few years and has completed the maximum of 6 years on the board)

ANNUAL MEETING

The Luther Park Corporation held its Annual Meeting on Sunday, March 10, 2019 at St. Barnabas Lutheran Church in Plymouth, MN.

There was a quorum in attendance at the meeting and the 2019 budget was approved. Thank you to St. Barnabas for hosting the meeting and to all who attended.

If you are interested in becoming a member on the Luther Park Board please contact *Joel Legred at 612-987-6628 or email jlegred@lutherpark.com.*

We would love to have you join us!



2018 CAMPER NUMBERS

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

Summer and Day Campers	820
Retreaters	817
2018 Total	1637

LUTHER PARK WISH LIST

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

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

URGENT NEEDS

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

SPECIAL NEEDS FOR RETREAT CENTER

New or gently used deck chairs and tables
New pillows, sheets, quilts (queen and twin)
Bedside tables and lamps for sleeping rooms
Large floor rugs
Plants/shrubs/landscaping
Furniture for sitting areas

MAINTENANCE

Rakes
Shovels
Nuts, bolts, screws and nails of assorted sizes
LED light bulbs
Chain Saws
Wire-Feed welder
Solar lights for along paths
Work gloves
Weed Whips
Screen for windows (Regular and "Dog" screen)
Chains for chain saws

KITCHEN

8 Cup Food Processor
Commercial Electric Steam Table
Large Size Scissors

PROGRAM

Projector with HDMI input
Spark Story Bibles
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 balls, Basketballs, volleyballs, kick balls
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
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, 9V, CR2032)

HOUSEKEEPING

New Sleeping Bags
Twin and Queen Size sheets
Shower curtains

Thanks for gifts given in 2018!

LUTHER PARK SUPPORTERS ARE THE BACKBONE OF CAMP!



Throughout the years, the financial and volunteer support of Luther Park have been crucial to the success of the camp.

Financial supporters, both individuals and churches, have enabled the camp to renovate and modernize the cabins, add a steel roof to the lodge, and attain the dream of a Retreat Center. They have also contributed to the scholarship fund which makes Luther Park possible for children who could otherwise not afford to go.

In addition to the financial support, many volunteers are required to keep the camp going. Without the countless hours of the volunteers who share their time and talents, Luther Park would be lost!

Luther Park thanks all of its supporters, both those that contribute financially and those that volunteer their time and talents! Without you, there would be no Luther Park! 🏡



LUTHER PARK SPAGHETTI DINNER WITH A NEW TWIST- REMEMBERING THE 60'S!

Join Luther Park friends for a candlelight spaghetti dinner served tableside by our Spaghetti Scout campers and support Luther Park. In partnership with Richfield Lutheran Church youth ministries, enjoy good food, music from the 60's, a raffle, and silent auction items. Come dressed to win "best 60's costume".

So where were you in 1958 when Luther Park was born? Were you rockin' in bobby socks? Doing the Peppermint Twist? Hanging out at the drive-in? Maybe you weren't even born yet? Well, here's your chance to relive or experience the fun of the 60's for a great cause!

There will be camp songs, a Luther Park update, and stories of lives changed because of camp. Hope to see you there! 🏡

Saturday, April 6, 2019

5:00 - 7:30 p.m.

TICKETS: \$20/person

Call for reservations Today!

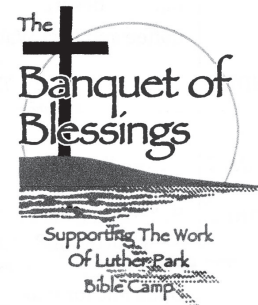
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A FUN-draiser for Luther Park Bible Camp hosted by:

Richfield Lutheran Church
8 West 60th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55419

NEW DAY AND TIME FOR THE BANQUET OF BLESSINGS!

This year, the Banquet of Blessings will be a Saturday luncheon. It will be held on Saturday, April 27 at 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at St. Barnabas Lutheran Church in Plymouth. The Banquet of Blessings is a thank you to loyal supporters of Luther Park.



The Banquet of Blessings recognizes supporters 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! 🏡

DONATIONS FOR RETREAT CENTER

If you have furniture you would like to donate for the retreat center, just send a picture to jlegred@msn.com and we'll let you know if it will fit the decor. You can also send a gift and designate for retreat center furnishings to: Luther Park 30376 Lakes Dr., Danbury, WI 84830

WELCOME

to the 60's as we celebrate
Luther Park Bible Camp:
"60 and Still Going Strong!"
1958-2018

Spaghetti Dinner
Served Table-Side

Saturday, April 06, 2019
5:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$20/adults \$5.00/students

1960's Costume
Contest

Richfield Lutheran Church
60th & Nicollet Avenue South
Minneapolis MN

Fun Raffle
Games!

Best Dressed 1960's Costume Contest for Fun & Prizes!
Trivia Contest & Raffle Games

MENU: Caesar Salad, Spaghetti with Sauce, Breadsticks,
Dessert & Beverages served table-side by
Luther Park's Spaghetti Scouts
Gluten-Free and Vegetarian Options
available with ticket purchase!

Limited Seating - Call for Reservations Today! 612.861.2265 x3
Proceeds will provide scholarships for children to attend Luther Park Bible Camp in Danbury, WI
Visit our website at: www.lutherparkdanbury.com

LUTHER PARK - DANBURY, WI ON LAKE 26



SUMMER 2019 CAMP INFORMATION

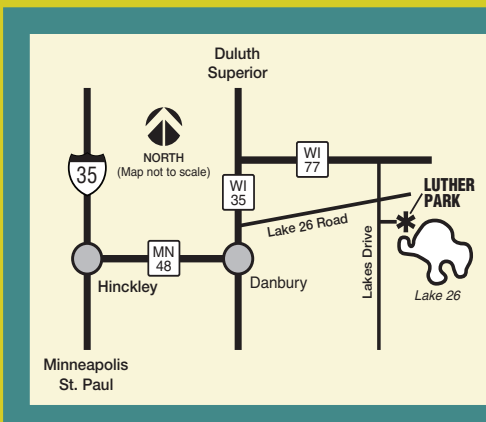


SCHEDULE



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

HOW TO GET TO LUTHER PARK-DANBURY, WI



30376 Lakes Drive • Danbury, WI 54830

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.

SUMMER CAMP FEES

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

CAMPS	MEMBER	NON MEMBER*
Half Week Camps	\$325	\$345
Full Week Camps <i>(includes Treehouse and Canoe Trips)</i>	\$450	\$470
Leadership Training Camp <i>(includes one free volunteer week)</i>	\$390	\$410
INTERGENERATIONAL	ADULT	CHILD AGES 5-12
Grandparent/Grandchild and Family Camps FREE for ages 4 and under	\$200	\$100**
<i>**If your camper is registered for another week of camp, they pay half price for Grandparent/Grandchild and/or Family Camp</i>		
NOTE: Camper fees shown are subsidized by gift allocations. The actual cost per week is about \$600.		
<i>* Non-member churches are those that are not members of Luther Park Corporation.</i>		
Fees cover meals, lodging and all program materials		

REGISTRATION

Register online at: www.lutherparkdanbury.com, click on: **Register**

Register by mail after printing out the registration form at: www.lutherparkdanbury.com/summer-camp

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

More Information at: www.lutherparkdanbury.com

Email camp with questions at: camp@lutherpark.com