



# THINGS ARE LOOKING UP!

This has been a very good year. The kind of year that suggests revitalization and a renewal of energy, confidence, and hope. It has been a decade since we have been able to celebrate this kind of good news.



2013 is the second year in a row with a slight uptick in summer camp numbers.

There are new faces in camp as groups discover Lutherlyn. Some find us on the internet, some through exposure via CampBlast, and some through other events that are new or growing at camp.

A very interesting freshman group from CMU joined us for the first time, renewing our ties with that university and joining the Schweitzer Fellows, a public health based scholarship program for graduate students from many of the universities in and around Pittsburgh, in utilizing the group building and environmental education assets of the camp.

CampBlast was huge in 2012 and grew to over 1,300 this year.



Talks and tours with parents of prospective campers led to many new summer campers so that even as our congregational confirmation camps have gotten smaller, our overall camp numbers have made up for it.

The Foam Run in May brought 6,000 people to camp and almost all of them were here for the first time. Many of them were raving about what a beautiful place Lutherlyn is and asked about the facilities, the program, and who can come here.



Spring brought the largest number of students to our L.E.E.P. programs in six years. Even as funding challenges force public schools to cut back on their field trips or reduce them to day trips rather than overnights, private schools are increasing their involvement in our programs so the net increase in participants reflects remarkable growth in the number of students served.

As our Adventure Program entered its

second year, growth centered in church youth groups and adult adventure opportunities.

Our riding stables are increasingly busy as our staff continues to develop events and clinics that concentrate on skill development and safety.

Of course, as people come for one activity and discover the beauty of Lutherlyn's trail system, they come back for more.

Retreating has been growing over the past couple of years with this year being the best in a very long time. Particularly notable are all of the retreats involving quilting, scrapbooking, weaving, making dolls and stuffed animals, being Fathers and Sons and Wild Women, and a host of other interests and activities that open opportunities for relationships and creativity.

Major groups that we host annually are seeing increases in their numbers, too.

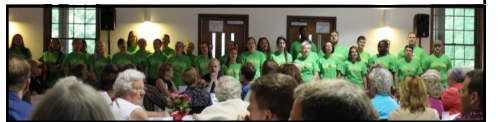
Camp Cadet, the annual summer camp week offered here by the PA State Police, has been increasing in attendance



over the past four years.

All of this is coming together as the economy seems to be strengthening, albeit very slowly. It also seems that parents are once again getting more comfortable with the idea of their children coming to camp and being away from home overnight. Many also seem to be reclaiming the importance of camp with its lessons in peer living and independence as an invaluable part of growing up.

The generosity of many special people (like Margaret Thompson who surprised us with a legacy gift of over \$220,000), along with our faithful Trinity Pines Club members, have enabled us to keep our fees frozen at 2010 levels. This is also a part of the mix that has fueled a new time of growth.



**Lutherlyn is alive and well and indications are that it will be for a long time to come!**



## FILL THE POOL!

The Maier Pool was built in 1986 and was dedicated in June of 1989 to the Rev. Patrick A.L. Maier "For his years of faithful service on the summer staff and the Lutherlyn Board and for his tireless efforts on behalf of the Lutheran ministry in the synods and congregations he has served in Western Pennsylvania".

In recent years Lutherlyn has been experiencing increasing complications with our aging pool. The concrete surrounding the pool is slowly crumbling as the eastern wall is sinking away from the rest of the structure. In-ground piping is bending, which is causing our strainers to stop functioning and leaks to be increasingly common and difficult to repair.

WE NEED A NEW POOL! More than 1,500 people use the pool every year. Since there is no guarantee that the pool will survive another year in its condition, it is Lutherlyn's desire to construct a new pool. This project will also include new fencing, concrete deck area, shaded area, and a solar heating system.

We are asking for your help in "filling the pool." Each gallon is a \$2 donation. For example to donate 50 gallons you can donate \$100. Please consider making a donation to the "Fill the Pool" campaign. Visit [www.Lutherlyn.com/pool](http://www.Lutherlyn.com/pool) for more information or send your check to Lutherlyn with "pool" in the memo line.



**UNDER THE RADAR**



This year our Under the Radar project benefited someone much closer to home, yet still has an impact far away in the African country of Liberia.

Alexander Gbelee joined the Lutherlyn family this summer as a counselor. He came to us from his home in Liberia through the ELCA International Camp Counselor Program.

Alexander was born in 1984. In 1989, when he was only 5 years old, his country was torn apart by civil war. From 1989 to 2004 (with a brief time of peace in 1997) the war raged on with rebel groups taking control and making his home an unsafe place to live. He moved from one refugee camp to another living in neighboring countries such as Guinea and Ghana.

Not only was Alexander's childhood stolen from him, but his ability to receive an education was severely delayed. After he was able to return to Liberia in 2004, at the age of 20, he began working towards his high school diploma. He finally graduated from high school in 2007, at 23.

Since then, Alexander has become involved with the Lutheran Church in Liberia. He has been serving as an employee of the Church providing life skills

counseling to those affected by AIDS. This experience has developed a desire in him to care for others as a nurse. When asked why nursing, Alexander stated profoundly: "I believe that if I go in that direction, my calling will be fulfilled."

When Lutherlyn learned of Alexander's desire to be a nurse we saw the opportunity to provide for him in a unique way that could change his life! Through the generous offering of Lutherlyn's campers and friends, we raised \$13,623.97 over the summer to send Alexander to college for his degree in nursing.

Alexander started his classes in September and is doing great! In a recent facebook message to the summer staff Alexander said, "This year is my year of progress. I am actively in school now learning a lot of things and getting myself ready for the international world; all because of you. May God Almighty never let you go hungry. Remember that I will work at Lutherlyn as staff once more. Love you all."



*The Family Camp 4th of July Parade!*

**SUMMER CAMP 2014**

**June 1-13**  
**Staff Training**

**June 15-21**  
**1 Confirmation**  
**Life in the Wild!**  
**Adventurers**  
**Horse Camp**  
**Staff-in-Training**

**June 22-27**  
**2 Confirmation**  
**Classics**  
**Leadership**  
**Horse Camp**  
**Adventurers**  
**Salmagundi**

**June 29-July 5**  
**3 Family Camp**  
**Horse Outpost**  
**On-Site Day Camp**

**July 6-11**  
**4 Arts**  
**Classics**  
**Horse Camp**  
**Salmagundi**  
**Confirmation**  
**Adventurers**

**July 13-19**  
**5 Classics**  
**Classic Sampler**  
**Young Folks**  
**Adventurers**  
**Horse Camp**

**July 20-26**  
**6 Classics**  
**Salmagundi**  
**Venture**  
**Horse Camp**  
**Rocketry**

**July 27-Aug. 1**  
**7 Night Owls**  
**Sports Camp**  
**Small Fry Days**  
**Musical Theater**  
**Horse Camp**  
**Jazz**  
**Adventurers**

**SUMMER STAFF SEARCH 2014**  
The search is on! Every summer Lutherlyn hires 60 mature Christian men and women to serve on the summer staff. If you or someone you know is interested in serving God, making a difference in the lives of campers, being part of an intentional Christian community, and having a great time with lots of kids, please check out the "employment" section of Lutherlyn's website or contact the camp office! Applications will be accepted starting on Jan. 1, 2014.

**VOLUNTEERS**  
Every summer Lutherlyn relies on MANY volunteers to help make Summer Camp the best that we can possibly provide. In the summer of 2013 we had 80 volunteers help at camp. We are so thankful for our chaplains, grandparents, nurses, and helpers in the office, stables, grounds crew, and kitchen.  
If you would like to learn more about volunteering at Lutherlyn please contact Deb in the camp office.

**DAY CAMP....**  
Nine congregations in Western PA hosted a Lutherlyn Day Camp in the summer of 2013. Thank you to the host congregations! It was a great experience for all of the campers! We are now booking Day Camp Sites for the summer of 2014!



**VENTURE**  
We had a great time with the Sr. High Venture campers this summer! Rachel Kurtz joined us as the musician for the week and one of the highlights was a Hot Air Balloon ride for everyone! Join us next summer with Bruce Rundman and lots of great surprises!



# Stables & Development

Fall is here and the horses have all begun to grow their soft teddy bear fur for the winter. We have had a wonderful year and were truly blessed with a wonderful staff. There were three great summer staff that really went above and beyond and our campers had a really awesome summer because of it.

Amanda Brown, one of our summer instructors, has decided to stay and try to grow a few new programs. She is starting a new unmounted educational group that will meet all winter. We want to provide kids who do not own a horse the opportunity to gain valuable horse knowledge. Amanda is very strong in ground work and will help lay the foundation for future great equestrians. The group also serves as a tool to give children with a common interest a place to go. Amanda is accepting students for small group and private lessons.



Diesel

On April 30<sup>th</sup>, one of our leased horses (Diesel) sustained an eye injury that resulted in a corneal ulcer. After treating it, Dr. Waldron advised us that he felt she really needed to go to Ohio State University to be seen by an ophthalmologist. He thought she had a fungal infection, most likely caused by a spec of dirt that was trapped under the cornea. On May 14th

we drove her to Ohio and she had an optical lavage put in to treat her eye. The doctors felt she had a great chance at recovering fully. Dr. Waldron came and did routine follow up blood work that showed that her creatinine levels had risen and that she needed fluids immediately. Her kidneys were affected by the pain medication she was on. She ultimately did not improve and was taken to Fox Run for IV fluids to help her recover from her renal failure. She was there for nearly a month fighting a low grade fever, kidney stones, and stomach ulcers. Thankfully, Diesel is completely healed and back at camp. She had to be on medication for her stomach ulcers for 6 months. Diesel's owner has a vet bill of nearly \$15,000. For her, putting Diesel down was just not an option. She owns Diesel's mother, and birthed Diesel in her back yard. We are collecting donations to help pay Diesel's vet bills. Donations can be sent to: Lutherlyn Stables, P.O. Box 355, Prospect, PA 16052. Please put "Diesel" in the memo.



Tuffy

We welcomed a 16 year old Quarter Horse gelding named "Tuffy" to our herd this summer. I have known Tuffy for nearly his whole life because he is from a local family. Tuffy loves trail riding, has been shown low level dressage, and is a good lesson horse. This fall we welcomed an 11 year old Morgan gelding named "Canyon". Canyon is a great all around horse that loves trail riding and is fantastic in the arena. We are very blessed to have these young riding horses donated to our program.



Canyon

We also received many donations of valuable stable supplies this year. Thank you to all of our donors; your donations are improving our program daily!

Our program is so fortunate to have many amazing people that help us in so many ways. I especially want to thank the volunteers. Without you we would not be able to run ANY of the events at Lutherlyn Stables. If you are interested in being added to our volunteer list, please contact Katie McNeal at [mckem@gmail.com](mailto:mckem@gmail.com).

Happy Trails,



Carla Babcock

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 724-496-5535

## Outdoor Ministries Blessed with Legacy Gift

Written on 03/04/2013 by Chad Hershberger, Director of Camp Mount Luther



Camp Mount Luther and Lutherlyn, both in Pennsylvania, and Camp Lutherwood in Oregon are three ELCA Outdoor Ministries that have recently received a generous bequest.

Margaret Ann Thompson, 79, of Florence, Oregon, passed away May 26, 2012, following a short illness. During her lifetime, Margaret established a Living Trust and placed her assets in the trust. Margaret designated that, upon her death, the proceeds of the trust be divided equally among three ELCA camps: Lutherlyn in Prospect, PA; Camp Lutherwood in Oregon; and Camp Mount Luther in Mifflinburg, PA.

Chad Hershberger, Executive Director of Camp Mount Luther, said they were surprised when they received a check in the mail for \$200,000 the day after Christmas.

"When we received word in mid-2012 that we were a beneficiary of Ms. Thompson's estate, we never imagined that we'd be receiving this generous amount. Add to that the fact that she split her estate among outdoor ministries of the ELCA is truly a testament to how important Ms. Thompson felt our work is toward spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ," Hershberger said.

At first, all three camps were unsure about their connection to Margaret. It wasn't until a few weeks later that the camps learned more about her.

"We went back through our archived pictures and yearbooks and we were able to learn that Margaret was on the Lutherlyn summer staff from about 1957 until at least 1965 when she was a faculty member. She would have been 33 in July of the summer of 1965-- finally old enough to teach!" Randy Gullickson, Executive Director of Lutherlyn said.

"My guess is that her generosity to outdoor ministries over the years

and in her death came from her experience at Lutherlyn. She is a testimony to how the camp experience can have a profound effect on many lives for years to come," Andrea Scofield, Executive Director at Camp Lutherwood, said.

After Chad Hershberger heard about Margaret's involvement at Lutherlyn, he began researching. Her obituary indicated she had taught at the "Pennsylvania Technical College" which, after an internet search, led him to wonder if Margaret taught at the Pennsylvania College of Technology in Williamsport, PA. He shared this with former Upper Susquehanna Synod Bishop A. Donald Main. Main contacted someone who he thought might have known Margaret and sure enough, she did. It was discovered that Margaret was a former member of Messiah Lutheran Church in South Williamsport, PA, and that she dedicated her whole life to education. She was also a very private person but a delightful, lovely individual. Current Synod Bishop Robert L. Driesen was Margaret's pastor when she was a member of Messiah and said that she was very interested in the outdoors and loved to go hiking.

And so it is believed that Margaret A. Thompson was touched by her experience in outdoor ministry at Lutherlyn and chose to divide her estate among the three ELCA outdoor ministries in the three places she lived during her lifetime. Because of her generosity, each of the camps is able to continue the tradition of sharing the love of God through Jesus Christ. That love is something that Margaret embodied during her lifetime and lives on through her generosity in these legacy gifts!



Margaret at Lutherlyn in 1958



We are sad to say goodbye to Jennifer Taylor, Food Service Manager and Chef. Jenn has done an excellent job and leaves big shoes to fill. Jenn especially excelled at meeting special dietary needs, staying calm under pressure, and finding a way to say "yes" to all kinds of requests. Jenn is teaching Culinary Arts in Pittsburgh and enjoying having her weekends free to be with her children. God's Blessing to you on your new adventure Jenn, you will be missed!



Connect. Inform. Grow.

Lutherlyn sends out a monthly e-newsletter through constant contact. If you are not on our e-mail list and would like to receive a monthly update from camp, please visit [www.lutherlyn.com](http://www.lutherlyn.com). There is a box on the front page of the web site that says "Join our Mailing List". Please submit your e-mail address there and you will be added to our e-mail list.

Each monthly newsletter includes upcoming events, photos, and news from camp!



# Trinity Pines Club

## (Gifts made between 1-1-2012 and 12-31-2012)

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(\$10,000 Lifetime)

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George & Rose Mellors  
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Edward & Linda Mertz  
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**Jonathan Miller**  
Kenneth & Marie Miller  
Laura Miller  
Robert & Margaret Miller  
**Jennifer Montag**  
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Evelyn R. Myers  
**Arthur & Carolyn Naccarelli**  
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**New Members in Bold**  
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## Honorariums

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**Scott Hunter Best Family**  
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**Juliana and Micah Bish**  
 By Timothy Bish  
**Chris and Kristin Brant**  
 By Merab Drennen  
**Jim Cunningham**  
 By William and Wylda Cole  
**Mary K. Davis**  
 By Merab Drennen  
**Eric Dietrich**  
 By William and Patricia Dietrich  
**Rebecca Dietrich**  
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**Samantha Dietrich**  
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**Eric and Heidi Drennen**  
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 By Ronald and Stephanie Eslinger  
**Joyce Eidbo**  
 By Joel Eidbo  
**Stephanie and Ron Eslinger**  
 By Merab Drennen  
**Elise Eslinger and Donald Perkins**  
 By Merab Drennen  
**Evan Eslinger**  
 By Merab Drennen  
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 By Linda Anderson  
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 By John and Susan Frantz  
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 By Homer Bollen  
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 By Lucy and Ron Nacey

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**Molly O'Brien**  
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**Collin O'Brien**  
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 By Curtis and Sally Frank  
**Ed and Elaine Roehling**  
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**Susan Schmidt**  
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 By Leslie and Sylvan Easler  
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**Addison and Elizabeth Anderson**  
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 By Kathy and Mark Armstrong  
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 By Peter and Nancy Graff  
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 By Robert and Sarah Bishop  
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 By Linda Schaeffer  
**Dorothy Bollen**  
 By Homer Bollen  
 Joyce Lydick  
**Les Boyer**  
 By Marie and Donald Spohn  
**Donald Burkness**  
 By Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,  
 Emporium  
**Harry and Ruth Burns**  
 By Annette and David Burns  
**Donna Carlsson**  
 By Andrew Carlsson  
**Betty Christy**  
 By Hope Lutheran Church Women  
 Jacque Jacobs  
 Shannon and Keith Glenn  
**Jane B. Clarke**  
 By Curtis and Sally Frank  
**A. Dale Clarke**  
 By Curtis and Sally Frank  
**Roger Cravener**  
 By David Adams Brown Family  
**Carol Ann Decker**  
 By Reverend Sigmund Decker  
**Richard Dumbaugh Sr.**  
 By Wilda Dumbaugh  
**Edward Eller**  
 By Lynn Schrimper  
**Stephanie Eslinger**  
 By Erika Linden and Randy Thompson  
 Sandra and Richard Cain  
 Rick and Jane Nelson  
 Barbara and Jesse Manering  
 Steven and Jane Poskanzer

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 Stephanie Huston  
 Robert and Becky Martzo  
 Susan Graham  
 Mark and Janet Rosenbury  
 Martha Fisher  
 Dale and Dianna Herold  
 Sheila and Keving King  
 Jennifer Foster  
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 Paul and Jan Kramme  
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 Janet and Richard Graham  
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 Robert Thompson  
 Luella Stone  
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 By Amy and Alan Freed  
 Jack and Judy Freed  
**"John, Sarah, & Pat" Freed**  
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**Suzan Rote Gergerich**  
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**Evon Marrett**  
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**Kenneth and Mary May**  
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**Mary May**  
 By Donald May  
**Mary McBride**  
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**Ed Miller**  
 By Linda Rachiator  
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 By Ruth Vasey  
**Wil Morrow**  
 By Susan and Daniel Morrow

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 By Lisa Sten  
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**Thomas Rowe Jr.**  
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**Earl Runge**  
 By Keith Runge  
**William Schall**  
 By David Adams Brown Family  
**Rev. & Mrs. S.S. Shaulis**  
 By Sue and Jack Lehw  
 John and Betty Sue Lehw  
 Jack and Betty Lehw  
**Sam Shaulis**  
 By Sue and Jack Lehw  
**Sam and Dorothy Shaulis**  
 By John and Betty Sue Lehw  
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**James Smith**  
 By Elaine and Ed Roehling  
**Paula Southwell**  
 By Brianne Thomas  
**Ruth Steen**  
 By Ruth and Del White  
**Russel and Ruth Steininger**  
 By Ronald and Stephanie Eslinger  
**Dorothy Sternot**  
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**Lea Strickland**  
 By Kathleen MacLean  
**Dolores Stumme**  
 By Ron and Carol Pisarek  
**John Tickner**  
 By The Hunting Gang  
**Susan Tost**  
 By Randy Tost  
**Rick Valensky**  
 By David and Robin Brown  
**Tom and Augusta Vezzetti**  
 By Delwin and Alicia Brockett  
**Marlene White**  
 By Ray and Lucille Allen  
**Barbara Elaine Wilson**  
 By Comfort Keepers  
 Carl and Katie Edstrom  
 Linda Berardelli and Carl Smith  
 Lorraine Golan  
 Dorothy Knepper  
 Ruth Bream  
 The Clark Family  
 The Suni Family  
**George Wolfe**  
 By The Hunting Gang  
**David Worthy**  
 By Don and June Kudas  
 Betty and Eugene Worthy  
**Julius and Anna Wudzke**  
 By Linda Anderson  
**Mary Ann Zeigler**  
 By Merab Drennen  
**Betty Lou Zellhart**  
 By Kathy and Scott Hacker

**Our sincerest apologies if we omitted your name.**

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## Remember and Honor Your Loved Ones

*Buy a Brick: Leave a Tribute on Friendship Way*

"Friendship Way" serves as a lasting tribute to those who have been honored or remembered; for those who have "left their footprint" at Lutherlyn.

**Become a part of the future of Lutherlyn!** Bricks are a perfect way to remember a loved one, honor a special occasion, or show your support to our mission. Your name or message can be engraved on a brick and will be placed in the brick walkway called "Friendship Way" that leads to the Lutherlyn Dining Hall. Bricks start at \$50.

You can now purchase bricks quickly and easily by going to [www.lutherlyn.com/bricks](http://www.lutherlyn.com/bricks).



# The "Second Season" & Adventure

## LUTHERLYN ADVENTURE PROGRAM

2013 was a great year for the Adventure Program! With over 2,800 participants, we definitely got the chance to provide some life changing adventures! But we didn't spend the entire year playing; we added onto our low ropes course, improved our climbing program, and began working on several new programs.

We were able to construct several new low ropes elements that are already seeing lots of use by school groups. These new elements are the "King's

Finger" and the "Initiative Wall". We also relocated and rebuilt our "Mohawk Walk" and "Stargate" elements. Check them out beside the Dining Hall during your next visit to Lutherlyn! In addition to these larger projects, we took some time to revitalize the rest of our low ropes course. New mulch was added to all areas, wooden structures were cleaned and painted, and brush was cleared!

Another great addition to our program this year was the purchase of rock climbing shoes. These shoes have soft and sticky rubber that greatly improves any rock climbing experience. These shoes are used onsite on our climbing wall, climbing chimney, and in our bouldering room as well as offsite climbing locations. We are planning to purchase several more pairs this coming spring so we have sizes to offer most people!

In late June of 2013 we received a very generous donation of bicycles from the City of Arnold, PA. These bicycles were fixed and made available for use by our summer staff and family campers. These bikes were much appreciated and a true

blessing!

Several years ago, a GPS tour of Lutherlyn was put into place; however it saw very minimal use due to the expanse of the course. This year saw a refurbishment of this course, and also got gears turning in our heads. Have you ever heard of Geo-caching? Next time you are at Lutherlyn ask us about our progress!

This fall we began working on a new mountain bike park, located between the lakes. This bike park will serve to teach basic mountain biking skills, and hopefully we will be able to expand it so that it will become a fun place for people of all abilities to play and practice. We are hoping to have some simple obstacles completed by the end of spring 2014, and

continue expanding on the park from there. If you feel the desire to come help with the construction, please call the office and let us know when you will be here!

At the beginning of summer we built our very own slackline! A slackline is a piece of flat webbing material that is pulled taut between two anchors, and then people walk on it!

It was used every week this summer for our Wednesday night games and was a massive hit! Ask to use it next time you come for a retreat or camp...you are bound to love it!

As you can see, it was a great year for Lutherlyn's Adventure Program. If you would like to be up to date on current adventure program offerings, please like our Facebook page, "Lutherlyn Adventures", and check the website regularly. See you soon!

Alex Hileman ~ Director of Adventure Programs



Winter Tea



UFO Retreat



Spring Work Day



CampBlast



Flavius & Denise Brinsfield of Dragon Run Forge and Livery were the recipients of the 2013 Cornerstone Award. Thank you Denise & Flavius for ALL that you do for camp!



Quilt Show



Golf Outing



Halloween Family Fun



Advent Retreat



You Are Invited:

# CampBlast

at



Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014

11:00am-4:30pm

FREE!!!

Visit [www.lutherlyn.com](http://www.lutherlyn.com) for more details.



Over 1,300 people came to the second CampBlast at Lutherlyn! It was a great day full of excitement and fun! One of the most exciting things was the number of people who were first time guests to Lutherlyn!

Join us for a day of FUN that highlights all that Lutherlyn has to offer. Horseback riding, campfire, crafts, gaga, archery, high ropes course, zipline, bouldering room, hikes, nature activities, canoeing, hay rides, games, sports, archaeology, rockets, disc golf, kayaking, biking, tours, displays and activities that highlight the "second season" (non-summer) things going on at camp, great food, worship, presentations, and MORE! The best part.... EVERYTHING IS FREE & there will be special summer camp discounts for NEW campers & for registered campers who bring friends who are NEW to Lutherlyn! Join us on Saturday, May 10th for a GREAT day at camp!

**11:00am – Worship in the Amphitheater**  
**Noon-3:30pm – FREE Lunch**

**Noon-4:00pm – TONS of ACTIVITIES!!**  
**4:00-4:30pm – Campfire**

Please help us spread the word about this great event! YOU are our best way of reaching people who have never been to camp before! If you would like postcards to distribute to friends, please let us know.

## 2014 Calendar

### January

17-19—UFO (Unfinished Objects) Retreat  
31-Feb. 2—Winter Retreat (4-12 grade)

### February

8—Geology Saturday Safari  
8—Ambassador Training  
9—Winter Tea

### March

7-9—Youth Leadership Development Institute  
8—Maple Sugaring Saturday Safari  
17-23—Mystery Quilting Retreat

### April

4-6—YouthFest (Jr. High & Sr. High)  
12—Mini Horse Camp  
22,23,29,30—Equestrian Gym Class  
26—Mini Horse Camp  
26—Work Day

### May

6,7,13,14—Equestrian Gym Class  
10—CAMP BLAST!!!  
17—Adult Break-Out Adventure (High Ropes & Zipline)  
23—Golf Outing

### June

1-13—Summer Staff Training  
7—Mini Horse Camp  
8—Trinity Pines Club Banquet  
15—SUMMER CAMP BEGINS!  
21—Adult Break-Out Adventure (Mountain Biking Basics)

### July

1-31—SUMMER CAMP CONTINUES!

### August

1—Last day of Summer Camp  
4-7—Family Camp for NWPA & SWPA Synod Rostered Leaders & families  
16—Adult Break-Out Adventure (Canoeing)  
29-30—Fathers and Sons Retreat

### September

1-7—Crafty Lady Week-Long Getaway  
9,10,17,18,23,24,30—Equestrian Gym Class  
19-21—Wild Women Weekend  
20—Adult Break-Out Adventure (Rock Climbing)  
21—Judged Pleasure Trail Ride

### October

1—Equestrian Gym Class  
4—Work Day  
18,19—Woodland Quilters Quilt Show  
18—Adult Break-Out Adventure (High Ropes)  
26—Family Halloween Fun

### November

1—Archaeology Saturday Safari  
21-23—Santa's Workshop Retreat

### December

5-7—Advent Retreat

Visit [www.lutherlyn.com](http://www.lutherlyn.com) for details and registration information.



# Lutherly Environmental Education Program

## LEEP Director Receives Award from Thiel College

Todd Garcia-Bish, Director of Lutherlyn's Environmental Education Program was presented with the "Leadership in Environmental Education" Award from Thiel College. Thiel presents the award as part of its Earth Week celebration in April. The award was given in recognition of Todd's commitment to environmental education and stewardship. Congratulations Todd!



## Did you know that the Lutherly Environmental Education Program...

- reaches 5,000 – 6,000 students a year?
- averages 96 students **per day** in April, May, and the first week of June?
- has schools that have attended annually for over 20 years?
- has made over 240 gallons of maple syrup since 1994?
- teaches over 150 stream studies a year?
- has an incredibly knowledgeable staff of 12 educators?

## EcoTheology in Northern Appalachia

For the second consecutive year, Lutherlyn hosted a one-week immersion course sponsored by the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. The course was taught by Dr. Gilson Waldkoenig, a professor at Gettysburg (and former Lutherlyn staff member). He was assisted by Todd Garcia-Bish, LEEP's Director. The course included a hike to Trinity Pines which focused on the history of extractive industries in Northern Appalachia, a tour of Terra Dei Homestead, trips to Allegheny National Forest and the Laurel Highlands, and kayaking on the Allegheny River. The seminar gave students an inside look at the conflicts defined by the environmental and economic issues facing communities and churches. The next EcoTheology course is tentatively planned for June 2015.



2012 EcoTheology Class



New Solar Panels at Terra Dei

## More Solar Panels Added at Terra Dei Homestead

Terra Dei Homestead is now almost 100% solar-powered! This fall Blue Roof Farms installed a 4.6-kilowatt grid-interactive photovoltaic system at Terra Dei. The system includes twenty multi-crystalline solar modules and micro-inverters. The array is replacing the 5-kilowatt wind turbine that used to stand to the west of Chapel Hill. With the price of solar equipment coming down markedly, it made sense to replace that power generation capacity with the new solar array.

## WISH LISTS

### Maintenance/Housekeeping

- small pick-up truck
- 2 electric golf carts (\$3000 each)
- Reliable mini van or SUV (for program use)\*\*
- replace welcome mats at cabins (30 X \$15)
- \*\*Lutherlyn relies on donated vehicles for Summer Day Camp Teams and program use. If you are ready to get rid of a used vehicle that is still road-worthy; please consider a donation to Lutherlyn that is tax deductible! (NEW vehicle donations welcomed too!)

### Office

- pens & pencils
- Post-It notes
- copy paper
- cardstock
- paperclips
- scotch tape
- masking tape
- glue sticks
- scissors
- thumb tacks
- permanent markers
- new 3-ring binders
- new easels and paper pads
- Bibles

### Crafts

- tacky glue
- scissors (adult & kids)
- pony beads
- seed beads
- tempera paint
- embroidery floss
- new markers
- new colored pencils
- paint brushes
- yarn
- construction paper
- colored tissue paper
- glue
- baby food jars

### Stables

- sub compact tractor with front loader
- artificial flowers & bushes
- iron jump cups
- new helmets
- pony reins
- fly spray & fly masks
- small pony western girth
- boots
- joint supplements
- multivitamin supplements
- cat food
- cat flea & tick treatments

### Environmental Education

- Rain coats for kids
- Riding mower or small tractor (for hauling compost)
- Winter coats for kids
- Winter gloves and hats for kids and adults
- 8 ounce "Cool-whip" containers

### Volunteers & Skilled Labor

We often have projects that could use volunteers with specific skills (painting, electrical work, carpentry, construction). If you have a trade or specific skill that you are willing to share with Lutherlyn, please let us know. Our schedule can be flexible to accommodate your availability. We also have projects that do not require much skill but need people willing to dedicate their time. Individuals and groups are always helpful in completing these tasks.



## Lutherans Restoring Creation

The Lutherlyn Environmental Education Program helped kick-off the formation of Lutherans Restoring Creation (LRC) chapters in the Northwest PA and Southwest PA synods. LRC is a grassroots movement promoting creation care in the ELCA. The April event brought Lutherans from throughout western PA together to discuss creation care and how to organize on a synod and congregational level to foster creation stewardship. The event included a screening of "Chasing Ice," a critically-acclaimed documentary. Lutherlyn is also participating in LRC's Energy Stewards Initiative. This program is designed for congregations and outdoor ministries. Through this program Lutherlyn should be able to reduce its energy costs, lower its carbon footprint, and save money for other ministry opportunities. Congregations or individuals interested in finding out more about LRC and its programs can learn more at [www.lutheransrestoringcreation.org](http://www.lutheransrestoringcreation.org). Those interested in being part of Lutherans Restoring Creation on a congregational or synodical level can contact the LEEP office.



Lutherlyn has over 2,000 "likes" on Facebook! Check out Lutherlyn on Facebook for the daily "Past Photo of the Day" and the most current happenings at camp!





## Director's Notebook

### E.E.K!

Wow, it seems that it was just the other day that I sat in my office with Mir Youngquist-Thurrow as she contemplated her master's thesis in environmental education at Slippery Rock University, but it was ... 1986. The result of that meeting was L.E.E.P. (Lutherlyn Environmental Education Program), a module-based environmental education program built around the requirements of the PA Dept. of Education's Office of Environmental Education and designed to be capable of offering classroom teachers hands-on experiences for their classroom curriculum.

In 1988, Russ and Sue Morrow, who were connected with the McCosky Center at Slippery Rock University and its permaculture program, presented themselves at camp one day and indicated their interest in helping us develop the concept on our site. That led to an herb garden behind the dining hall and to a group of students from Slippery Rock doing a micro-climate study and a permaculture plan for a three acre homestead at Lutherlyn. That's as far as it went at that time.

The Eberly Environmental Education Center was begun in 1988 and dedicated in '89 with the first schools arriving in September as a part of LEEP.

Mir completed her environmental education degree in 1990 having developed or adapted nearly 60 modules, attracted and trained teachers, and launched one of the most flexible and useful E.E. programs in Pennsylvania and maybe anywhere.

Meanwhile, in yet another converging

plot line, Todd Bish was growing up as a Lutherlyn camper and matured that connection as he served as a summer counselor in 1987 and '88, and as a unit leader from 1990-95. He began working for Mir on her LEEP teaching staff during the school year in the spring of 1990.

Todd completed his masters degree in environmental science and began his work at Luther Memorial Camp in Ohio during their EE season in 1992-93.

He joined the Lutherlyn EE staff full-time as the Director of Applied Environmental Science in the fall of 1993 to complement Mir's position as Director of Environmental Education. He immediately went to work on the permaculture plan and planted the garden and some fruit and nut trees on the homestead site. Summer campers still work in that garden and its bounty comes to our salad bar throughout the summer.

We began to consider our options for a house on that site. We had started recycling cabin roofs as we replaced the block cabins in main camp. Recycling made sense in our approach to a project designed to demonstrate sustainability. At the time, the McCosky Center was building a barn that included one straw bale and plaster demonstration wall. Russ and Sue brought us insights into the advantages of straw bale construction and we decided to build with straw. Todd took on the project, finalized the design, secured the funding and we were under construction.

I always liked to say that Mir was the director of the "wild side" of our program

and Todd the director of the "domestic side". This dichotomy is another important strength of our program since one side educates students about the natural world and the other teaches them ways that we can live in harmony with nature.

Mir and Todd worked together for 3 years before she and her husband Randy (RJ, our assistant director) left Lutherlyn to take their skills and energy to North Carolina, in 1996. Todd then stepped into the Director of EE position where he has served ever since.

Todd and Shayne Garcia were married in 1995 and became the first residents of the first straw bale house in Pennsylvania, Terra Dei Homestead, when it was completed in 1996.

Heath Gamaché joined the staff in 1997 as the Assistant Director of EE and did much over his ten year tenure to raise the visibility of the program. He secured grants for wind and solar power generation at Terra Dei and the construction of the Acid Mine Mitigation Project. This project cleaned up the discharge of an old coal mine on camp property and helped remove Semiconon Run from the PA List of Impaired Waters.

Kathy Price and Laura DeYoung joined the teaching staff in 1990 and 2001, respectively. Both have continued to be part of our year-around staff. Kathy teaches, handles logistics, builds displays, works in the garden and manages our teaching resources. Laura teaches and is our resident archaeologist, overseeing the excavation of the Venango Trail Homestead and the In-

dian Cave.

In 2012, Todd was named Outstanding Environmental Educator by the PA Association of Environmental Educators. This year Thiel College gave him a Leadership in Environmental Education award. He is a teacher, consultant, and collaborator with the Rev. Gil Waldkoenig of Gettysburg Seminary in teaching a class for the seminary called "EcoTheology" which is conducted at Lutherlyn.

So here we are today in the 25<sup>th</sup> autumn of LEEP. It's a good time to reflect on the history of this great program which is stronger than ever, but it is also important to consider its future. Programs that teach young people about our natural world by getting them outside have never been more important. As our youth spend increasing numbers of hours indoors with computers, as childhood obesity continues to be a problem, and as glacial ice continues shrinking in the shadow of global "weirding", getting kids outdoors, helping them learn to understand and appreciate their amazing planet and to care about it, is critical. Stewardship of the earth – care of the earth – is our first biblical imperative. LEEP has been faithful to that mandate for 25 years and I expect that it will be for many years to come.

*Pastor Randy Gullickson*

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The reality is, Lutherlyn is truly a year-round ministry. Lutherlyn was merely a "warm seasons" camp until the 1970's when select buildings were winterized. Lutherlyn made a huge leap in its ability to host year-round programming with the construction of the new dining hall and twenty new cabins. Along with summer camp, Lutherlyn now is full with retreats, field trips, events, and rental groups in every month of the year.

Our need for financial support also stretches throughout the entire year. We are thankful for our large family of dedicated supporters who help us through their generous gifts. The faithful and consistent giving of these friends provides us with our ability to give children the opportunity to experience Life-Changing Adventures in Faith.

You may only come to Lutherlyn once or twice throughout the year or you may not have the opportunity to visit us but once every few years. Still, there is a way you can be involved in what we do here every day by becoming a monthly donor.

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