



## Woodland Center for Arts and Crafts



The Woodland Center for Arts and Crafts is the latest “revolutionary new idea” that we are pursuing at Lutherlyn. In the conviction that we are created in the image of a creative God, we believe that art and creative expression is actually an *essential* part of life well lived as God’s people. We also believe that allowing the artist in each of us to find expression is part of what it means to be “whole” people – physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. Art provides profound connections among our thoughts, feelings, bodies, and spirituality. Art, music, poetry, stories, colors, shapes, the act of making something – these things stir us and move us to think differently about the world, ourselves, others, and God. Art is a language that speaks in ways that words can’t.

We live in a culture that appreciates creative expression in children...until they are old enough to know that grass is green, the sky is blue and coloring is to be done *inside* the lines. Then we tend to consolidate their attention and leave colors and shapes behind in favor of numbers and letters. Everybody gets reading, writing, and arithmetic, while art becomes increasingly elective in American education.

Pablo Picasso is credited as having said, “Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up.” Put a piece of clay in a person’s hands and they immediately begin to “play” with it. Human beings create. We imagine. We doodle. We tweak. We build. We leave our mark. Life doesn’t always afford us the opportunity to follow our creative im-

pulses as we leave childhood or student days behind.

As adults we often lack the time, the space, the encouragement, or the resources to explore the media that interest us. As a result, many of us let those “nonessential” passions move to the back burner and then slip away. We may even come to think of them as unimportant and of ourselves as “not really creative.” Others may have “going back to try that, someday” on our bucket list, but when someday comes, we really don’t know where to go or how to begin.



The Woodland Center for Arts and Crafts is intended to give adults opportunities to reclaim their artistic selves. Several things have converged to make this enterprise feasible. One is our persistent awareness of the popularity of crafts at camp. Another is the ongoing growth of the crafting retreats that we have been offering adults over the last decade. The last is the closing of the Pottery Dome near Grove City at the end of 2013. This led to the opportunity to invite potter, Bob Isenberg, to be our potter/artist in residence, and the subsequent repurposing of Craft Cabin 2 as the Woodland Pottery Studio.

As this idea was taking shape, our board caught a vision and exciting things began to happen. As the pottery was coming on



line, Flavius Brinsfield was outfitting a blacksmithing forge. Over the years, Flavius has offered many blacksmithing demonstrations for retreats at camp and is especially well-known among those who have participated in Fathers and Sons days.



This fall, Vie Dunmyre, who has been a casual mentor to beginning and fellow quilters during our many quilting related retreats, began offering quilting classes.

The vision begins with classes and moves toward community. In the long term, Shaulis Village will be rebuilt with studios, upgraded cabins, a community building, and a gallery. All this is leading us to offer weekend and weeklong learning opportunities for adults year around.

The Woodland Gallery is currently under construction near the entrance to Shaulis Village. It is the first component to be built because we need to be able to properly display work in order to sell it. Of course we need to be able to sell the art that we create to support the program, but the gallery will also be a focal point for the community. We have been in conversation with lots of artists over the past year and have found that many of them are interested in having space in a gallery in exchange for teaching classes. This collaboration benefits everyone involved. Lots of artists will have space, the gallery will have a wide selection of works which is attractive to people looking for special gifts for special people, and we will have a talented group of artist-instructors offering

high quality classes.

Over the past year we have also been talking with our Ambassadors and many retreat participants about what kinds of opportunities they would be interested in. We have identified over 70 classes as diverse as painting, cooking, photography, weaving, wooden bowl turning, beer brewing, winemaking, and music. We are interested in hearing from people about their interests and about their skills and how they might want to become involved. There is more information about classes on our website.



As might be expected, since Bob Isenberg is on site making pottery fulltime, pottery has been our flagship. We have had dozens of people taking classes, people signing on for open studio time, and lots of pottery sales. Bob’s work is currently available in the pottery studio, at Phipps Conservatory, Clean Creek, and specially created items are available at Nemaocolin Woodlands Resort.

The somewhat formal expression of the purpose of the Woodland Center for Arts and Crafts is that it “exists to build a community gathered around opportunities that invite, awaken, and nurture the spirit and expression of creativity. We believe that providing accessible, affordable, creative experiences of the highest quality can help people discover and develop a fuller and more abundant life.”

Keep an eye on our website to see the progress and watch your mailbox for an invitation to the grand opening of the gallery.



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We are excited to share with you that we have exceeded our goal for the Pool Replacement Project!

Thanks to the participation of over 500 donors, we have raised over \$150,000 for our new pool! **Thank you to those of you who gave to this project.** Every gift added up and made a huge difference.

Our new pool will be constructed behind the Dining Hall (across the road on the way towards the Miller Center and Arbor Village). This move to a more centralized location provides campers closer access to cabins and will make the pool a natural center of activity. We have been working with a pool construction company and plan to break ground in early spring.

Keep updated on the project as construction begins by going to [www.lutherlyn.com/pool](http://www.lutherlyn.com/pool) and keep an eye out for pictures posted on our Facebook and Twitter pages.

Thank you for helping us “Fill the Pool”!



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**2 Confirmation**

**Classics**

**Leadership**

**Horse Camp**

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**Salmagundi**

**June 28-July 4**

**3 Family Camp**

**Horse Outpost**

**On-Site Day Camp**

**July 5-10**

**Arts**

**Classics**

**Horse Camp**

**Salmagundi**

**Confirmation**

**Adventurers**

**4**

**July 12-18**

**Classics**

**Classic Sampler**

**Young Folks**

**Horse Camp**

**Salmagundi**

**5**

**July 19-25**

**Classics**

**Venture**

**Horse Camp**

**Rocketry**

**Adventurers**

**6**

**July 26-31**

**Night Owls**

**Sports Camp**

**Small Fry Days**

**Musical Theater**

**Horse Camp**

**Adventurers**

**7**

### UNDER THE RADAR

This year's Under the Radar Project once again visited the country of Liberia in Africa through our contact with B. Abel Learwellie, the founder and executive director of Camp For Peace Liberia (CFP - Liberia). This non-profit organization contributes to the empowerment, rehabilitation, and reintegration of former child soldiers, orphans, abductees, child mothers and vulnerable women heading households through education, peace building, human rights, livelihood support and HIV/AIDS programs. Our project supports the efforts of CFP - Liberia by helping to fund the needed construction of a shower house and dormitories at one of their sites, Camp KP. Lutherlyn's campers and friends raised \$12,240 for Camp KP!

### 2014 SUMMER STAFF



### MISSION QUILTS



Lutherlyn received a generous grant from Lutheran World Relief for summer campers to make Mission Quilts. This was a great opportunity for the Woodland Quilters and summer campers to work together on quilts that will be distributed to people in need all around the world! Every Tuesday during the summer campers had the opportunity to help make these quilts. By the end of the summer we made 18 quilts that were sent to Lutheran World Relief. The quilts are being tracked and we will post their final destination on our website and facebook page.

### SUMMER STAFF SEARCH 2015

The search is on! 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.com](http://lutherlyn.com) or contact the camp office! Applications are being accepted.

# Stables, Staff, & Development

The long days of summer have passed, and the leaves have begun to change. For me fall is often a time of reflection of the year's riding season, and thinking of the changes to improve next year's programming. This year was a year of growth for our program.



All of our equestrian events had more participants than previous years. What a success! We hosted two hunter pace rides this year. In April, Washington and Jefferson College Equestrian Team had their first hunter pace.

The event was a success and the team is planning on having another. Mountaineer Hunter Jumper Association held their annual hunter pace in the beginning of June. As usual, it was a fabulous event. Our September mini trial was amazing! For the last four years we have been working hard to make a wonderful event, and this year was an all-around success. We had more participants than ever - 47! The show ran smoothly, and all of the participants had safe cross country rounds. We hope that our mini trial grows and continues to provide Western Pennsylvania eventers a place to school and compete. The haunted Judged Trail Ride, held October 5, finished up our events season. The colder temperatures of the day did not deter the competitors from coming. We had a wonderful (chilly!) day. As the leaves change we continue with equestrian gym class, private lessons, and the training of our new horses.

This year was an exciting year for horse donations. We are always keeping our eyes peeled for horses that meet our program needs. Frisco came to us in May. Frisco is a 23 year old Appendix quarter horse. Frisco has spent most of his life as a kid's lesson horse. He was donated to us from a local family that attends our homeschool programming and he has been a true asset to our program. He is a very good boy. He is very popular at the barn be-

cause he is jet black and is very good natured. Saison came to us on lease over the summer. Saison is a 19 year old Belgian Warmblood. She has an extensive training and show history. Saison lived most of her life in South Carolina and had a career showing up and down the east coast competing in 4 foot jumpers. She likes long walks on the beach (seriously) and hanging around giving beginner lessons. She is the epitome of a "gentle giant". She is the tallest horse in our barn and is often paired with the most timid of riders because of her gentle nature. Blue was purchased by one of our lesson students and is currently boarded at Lutherlyn. She will be available to us for lessons and summer camp (yay!). The feedback we got from campers who rode Blue was all very positive, and we are very happy to have her available for our use. Coffee and Tea were the last to join our crew this year in September. Coffee and Tea are an adorable 12 year old matched driving pair. They are also half sisters! (Just like our Tootsie and Sue). The girls are half Arabian and half Welsh pony. They are very steady and seem to enjoy everything we ask them to do. As our luck continues - three weeks after we received Coffee and Tea, another donor donated a pony driving harness! What an amazing learning opportunity the kids will have next season - driving!

Please keep us in mind when cleaning out your linen closets. We can always use donations of towels and washcloths. Another way you can help is by purchasing flea and tick treatments for our 5 cats. They are a very important part of our farm.

We are always in need of volunteers for our mini trial and judged trail ride. Both of these events require about 30 volunteers, or more. Please consider giving up a Sunday to help these fundraiser events go smoothly so we can continue to host them.

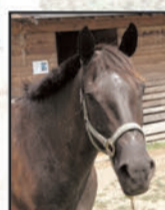
Happy Trails,  
*Carla Babcock*

**On a personal note:**

This year I decided to take my horse, Reggie, to the Colorado Ranger-bred National Horse Show. Reggie's breed of horse is a Colorado Rangerbred; they are a specific bloodline of appaloosa. His registered name is KK Regal Request. This was my first breed show in over ten years so I wasn't sure what to expect. Reggie was fabulous and the show was really great. We won several prizes. Reggie was named the Reserve National Champion Gelding in Halter. We also got third in Hunt Seat Pleasure and first in the Road Hack Class. I was so proud of him! He has really been a special horse to me. I am glad to be able to see my children ride on my childhood horse, and to be able to share him with camp.



Frisco



Blue



Coffee



Tea



Saison

## WELCOME:



Erica Flanders joined the staff in September as the Office Manager/Registrar. Erica was a camper and summer staffer. She lived at camp for 3 years as a nanny and barn help where she discovered that she wanted to make "Outdoor Ministry" her career!



Bob Isenberg joined the staff in January as the "Potter in Residence". Bob comes to us from the Pottery Dome in Grove City. Bob brings an incredible amount of talent with him and is an excellent pottery teacher!



Eric Roehling re-joined the staff in September as the Site Manager. Over the past 30+ years Eric was a camper, summer staffer, full-time grounds crew, and the Site Manager. Eric left in 2008 to go to school for restoration carpentry. We are so happy to have him back!



Chef Mike Patillo joined the staff in January as the Food Service Manager and Head Chef. Mike has been impressing groups this past year with all kinds of "deliciousness"! Mike has been a chef at a variety of restaurants and has a degree from Le Cordon Bleu Institute.



Tim Bock joined the staff in November as the Adventure Coordinator. Tim was on summer staff for 3 summers and has been teaching Environmental education for the last year. Tim met his wife, Holly, at camp and they were married at Lake Side Chapel in June.



Joe and Jim joined the Maintenance staff this year and Shawna is the Housekeeper. This team, along with Gary and Eric, are doing great work at Lutherlyn to maintain 100 buildings and 660 acres of land with our guests and campers as their top priority!!



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**St. John's Lutheran Church, Warren**  
 St. John's, Perrysville  
**St. Paul's Lutheran, Vandergrift**  
**St. Peters Lutheran Church, Uniontown**  
**Trinity Lutheran Church, Reynoldsville**  
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**WELCA -St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Evans City**

*New Members in Bold*  
 † Giving level increased from previous year

## Honorariums

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 By Virginia and Dennis Stacy

**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).



# Retreats & Events



Four times a year the Quilting and Crafting Retreats take over the dining hall and it becomes a beautiful place of fun, creativity, fellowship, laughter, friendship, and LOTS of great projects! Each year Lutherlyn offers the UFO (unfinished objects) Retreat in January, the Mystery Quilt Retreat in March, the Crafty Lady Week-Long Getaway in September, and the Santa's Workshop Retreat in November. 50-75 women join us for each of these retreats and they bring with them all of their supplies and tools needed to work on their projects. Over the years we have had retreat participants working on quilts, scrapbooks, stained glass, cards, embroidery, hand-woven baskets, loom-woven tapestries, clothing, ornaments, stuffed animals, knitted scarves, drawings, novels (reading and writing), and many other beautiful pieces of art and expressions of creativity!



The annual Golf Outing is held every May. In 2014 we had 68 golfers and raised \$12,600 for the campership fund! The golf outing is held at Oakview Golf Club in Slippery Rock. The day starts with a hot dog lunch followed by 18 holes of golf in a scramble format. After golfing is complete there is an awards dinner with door prizes and team and individual skill prizes. Visit [Lutherlyn.com/golf](http://Lutherlyn.com/golf) for more information about the 2015 golf outing.



The Winter Retreat was truly a WINTER RETREAT!! We had lots of fun in the snow and started exploring our summer Bible Study theme: Life Together! The Winter Retreat is for 4th-12th graders (they are divided into Juniors, Jr. High, and Sr. High for the weekend).

Shawn Smith joined us for YouthFest in April. YouthFest is the Jr. High and Sr. High Youth Retreat for the Northwestern PA and Southwestern PA synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.



The Winter Tea was a huge success. In February our Table Hostesses brought their tea sets, table decorations, and 6-8 of their friends for a lovely tea party. Chef Mike provided excellent food and Potter Bob did an amazing pottery wheel demonstration. There were great ticket auction prizes and everyone voted for their favorite tea party table. Every year we look for 10-15 table hostesses to invite their friends to Lutherlyn for the tea. If you are interested in hosting a table at the Winter Tea, please contact Deb in the camp office.



The woodland Quilters host a beautiful Quilt Show in the Dining Hall and Rice Hall each October. This year the theme was "Garden Party" and it featured over 100 quilts. The 2014 Quilt Show was in memory of our dear friend, Jean Nollinger. Jean was one of the original Woodland Quilters who helped to make the quilts hanging in the Dining Hall.

In November, St. John's Lutheran Church of Highland hosted a Quilt Auction to benefit the Lutherlyn Campership Fund. Pastor Bill Diehm was the auctioneer and the event raised over \$3,800 for campers! Each year we look for 1 or 2 congregations to host an auction. Please contact the camp office if you are interested in hosting a quilt auction in the future.

Over 160 people joined us for Halloween Family Fun! We had a great day carving pumpkins, playing games, roasting marshmallows, going on a hay ride, and trick-or-treating.



## 2015 Calendar

### January

16-18—UFO (Unfinished Objects) Retreat  
30-Feb. 1—Winter Retreat (4-12 grade)

### February

7—Saturday Safari  
7—Ambassador Training

### March

6-8—Youth Leadership Development Institute  
7—Maple Sugaring Saturday Safari  
8—Winter Tea  
16-22—Mystery Quilting Retreat

### April

10-12—YouthFest (Jr. High & Sr. High)  
11—Mini Horse Camp  
21,22,28,29—Equestrian Gym Class  
25—Mini Horse Camp  
25—Work Day

### May

5,7,6,12,13—Equestrian Gym Class  
9—CAMP BLAST!!!  
22—Golf Outing  
31—Summer Staff Training Starts

### June

1-12—Summer Staff Training  
6—Mini Horse Camp  
7—Trinity Pines Club Banquet  
14—SUMMER CAMP BEGINS!

### July

1-31—SUMMER CAMP CONTINUES!  
31—Last Day of Summer Camp

### August

3-6—Family Camp for NWPA & SWPA Synod Rostered Leaders & families  
21—Pony Pals  
29-30—Fathers and Sons Retreat

### September

4-5—Fathers and Sons Retreat  
7-13—Crafty Lady Week-Long Getaway  
15,16,22,23,29,30—Equestrian Gym Class  
18—Pony Pals  
20—Judged Pleasure Trail Ride  
25-27—Wild Women Weekend

### October

3—Work Day  
6,7—Equestrian Gym Class  
9—Pony Pals  
17,18—Woodland Quilters Quilt Show  
19—Horselovers Class  
20—Horsemanship Class  
23—Pony Pals  
25—Family Halloween Fun  
26—Horselovers Class

### November

7—Saturday Safari  
20-22—Santa's Workshop Retreat

### December

4-6—Advent Retreat

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

## You Are Invited:

# CampBlast

at



## Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 11am-4:30pm

### FREE!!!

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



# Lutherlyn Environmental Education Program

## Archaeology Continues at Indian Cave

Over the last 15 years, a couple of archaeologists have taken the time to periodically dig at Lutherlyn's Indian Cave. However, digging had been rather sporadic and infrequent until this year. Laura DeYoung, who has been part of the environmental education staff at Lutherlyn since 2001, has become a certified field archaeologist and has been digging at the cave as time and weather permit.

This past year, Laura unearthed a piece of chert that Native Americans had used 10,000 years ago! This represents the first evidence of Paleo-Americans at Lutherlyn. These people often followed large animal herds and lived in the area as the last ice age was ending.

Thanks to Laura for taking up the challenge of becoming a field archaeologist and doing the hard work that it takes to dig into the past.



## St. Luke Lutheran School and LEEP – A 25-Year Partnership

On October 3, 1989 students from St. Luke Lutheran School in Cabot were some of the first students to attend a field trip of the brand new Lutherlyn Environmental Education Program. Brenda Fett, fourth grade teacher at St. Luke, may not have realized that she was starting a partnership that would last for 25 years.

On October 21, 2014, fourth and fifth graders from St. Luke returned for their annual field trip. This year the trip included a pond study, hiking to the Venango Trail and learning about pioneer life, exploring some of the life skills needed by Native Americans of the Eastern Woodlands, and St. Luke's traditional hot dog cookout.

Over the years the partnership has expanded to include annual field trips for the kindergarten class, maple sugaring field trips for first and second graders, and special in-school events for students in pre-school and kindergarten. The teachers keep returning because LEEP experiences offer hands-on, kid-friendly activities that correlate well with their curriculum.

This partnership has benefitted Lutherlyn, too. LEEP has been able to pilot programs and activities with St. Luke students. Both ministries are stronger because of this lasting partnership.



## LEEP Staff Changes

The New Year will bring some role changes to the staff of the Lutherlyn Environmental Education Program. Kathy Price, who has been part of the LEEP staff since 1990, will continue to teach with school groups, but she will turn over many of her year-round responsibilities to Holly Schubert. Kathy has done a fabulous job keeping the EE program organized and running efficiently. This change will give Kathy a little more time to spend with her family, especially her 5 grandchildren.

Holly has been a member of the LEEP staff since 2012 and was the summer gardener in 2012 and 2013. Holly has a myriad of talents, is a wonderful educator, and has a vision for ministry. Holly has also moved into Terra Dei Homestead and has taken over responsibilities there.

## THE FALL 2014 L.E.E.P. STAFF (Lutherlyn Environmental Education Program)



## WISH LISTS

### Maintenance/Housekeeping

- 1 Ton Dump Truck
- Home Depot and Lowes Gift Cards
- Reliable mini van or SUV (for program use)\*\*
- 25 hp Tractor with belly mower and snowplow (or \$18,000 to purchase one)
- NEW twin & Queen size sheets

\*\*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

- pony driving cart or wagon
- garden tractor
- rubber mats for stalls
- water proof sheets and winter blankets of all sizes
- size 13, 14, 15 mens boots
- fly spray & fly masks
- dressage saddle
- 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.



# Director's Notebook

Reformation Sunday was confirmation day at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Eastmont and Pastor Linda Orsen Theophilus invited me to preach a *Reformation-confirmation Lutheran identity* kind of sermon. It seems to me that there is a lot of pressure in our culture today to homogenize our faith. "A Christian is a Christian is a Christian" – so society seems to say and believe, so I welcomed the invitation and found it energizing to restate for myself and those at worship what it is that makes Lutheran Christianity important.

The text for the day was from the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter of John and included this, "if you continue in my word, you will know the truth and the truth will make you free."

When I was about 7 years old, it came time for my mother to make a rule: *no ball playing in the house*. There came a day when Mom was out and my brother and I disregarded that rule. The game of catch quickly became a game of "let's see if you can handle this one..." Of course the game ended with the destruction of one of those knickknacky things that mothers care about and 7 year olds don't get. We did our best to camouflage the damage, but within seconds of walking in the door, Mom noticed. *How do moms do that?* She sat me down and asked me...

something about it...I was soooo sorry...I was crying...I got a hug...and a "don't do it again." So how did I react to that? Of course, I thought, "Wow. That was a fine example of grace. Just like Jesus, Mom forgave the sinner and said, 'your sin is forgiven. Go and sin no more.'" Not. I actually thought, "I dodged that bullet." But I couldn't help but notice that Mom was sad and disappointed and maybe a little hurt. It took years for me to see that exchange for what it was – which really was...Mom being like Jesus. We didn't play ball in the house after that – not because of fear of punishment under the law, but because we didn't want to see that dis-

appointed look again.

This word of Jesus that he calls disciples to "continue in" is "grace." I love that Bishop Kuserow defines grace as, "unexpected welcome." It's not the kind that happens when you open the door and people blow horns and shout, "surprise." It's the kind that comes when you are the prodigal coming home in shame and your father runs to meet you – even sparing you the "I told you so."

This is the word that Jesus brought: God is not a wrathful deity with a people swatter just waiting for the humans he created to screw up so he can swat us. God is all about life...and love...and has expectations about how it should work. We are called to be gracious and forgiving... loving. In spite of her anger, it never occurred to me that my mom would kick me out of the house for all eternity for messing up. That's not God's way either. Sin hurts and disappoints God, but it doesn't stop grace.

We are called to the Jesus Path, the way of love and graciousness. We are called to do the things that give life to all whom we encounter – as Jesus taught and did. Feed the hungry, help the sick and the outcast, be a peacemaker...be the neighbor.

Grace is key in Lutheran thinking. Grace is what saves us. Grace sets us free. Grace calls us home. There are still rules and it hurts and disappoints God when we disregard them because it's not good for us or anybody else. Bad things happen. Life is hard; sometimes very hard, but life is good. God doesn't send Ebola or AIDS or hurricanes or volcanic eruptions to punish us anymore than he sends sunny days and good health to reward us for good behavior. God is in it all – not causing – not abandoning, but being with us in the midst of this very complicated universe that gives us the opportunity to participate in life.

It was the matter of grace, and the for-

giveness and relationship implicit in it, that became the major bone of contention in the Reformation. Rome had taken upon itself the role of gatekeeper. Gatekeeper of the Word (keep the Latin), of the means of grace (who is permitted at the table), of forgiveness (indulgences), and even the gate to heaven (purgatory and limbo). It was against this that Luther rebelled. And a bloody rebellion it was. We sometimes forget, if we ever really knew, that the Reformation was not only a battle of theology, but one of politics and the authority of a church that had positioned itself to have power over nations. People died for access to the truth that yields the freedom that Jesus had already given them.

In recent years there are a couple of theological points of view that have become popular. One is a version of Christianity that is very much rooted in Old Testament law and, for all practical purposes, fails to grasp the concept of grace. These are people who claim that Ebola and even the death of a child is punishment for somebody's sin. They can tell you who is going to hell. Another is the Theology of Glory that focuses only on Christ risen, and is only about a personal relationship with Jesus. These are the folks who will tell you that once they came to Jesus all is glorious and if it isn't for you, it is because your faith is weak or you don't pray enough. They hang the "He is Risen" banner on their church the Friday before Passion Sunday and go straight to Easter. They don't feel they need confession and absolution as part of their worship. It's a warm and fuzzy kind of Christianity. They will tell you that the death of a child is God's will or that God "needed another little angel."

Luther built his theology on the cross and expounded the "Theology of the Cross." In a nutshell, it means Lutherans call things what they are. Ebola is a disease. The death of a young child is a gut-

wrenching heart-breaking loss. Hunger is a bad thing that can be eased by sharing. Earthquakes and big storms happen just because they do. In the midst of loss and grief and struggle, Lutherans do not sugar coat or assign blame. We pray and wade into the struggle with a sandwich and a shovel and "peace be with you" on our lips. God does not abandon people and neither do we. That's why our disaster services reach into 120 countries and our social service network is un-paralleled. That's why we go to Ground Zero and Camp Victor. It's why we work with our partners in the Lutheran Church Liberia to fight Ebola. That's why we say, "This death is heart-breaking and gut-wrenching, but God has not abandoned you and neither will we. We will get through this together. We will not let you do this alone."

The world needs gritty Lutheran theology and bold Lutherans reaching into the world in love to give life. In our generations, Lutherans, for the sake of God's people, must continue to step up as stewards of the earth, peacemakers, workers for the common good, and people who in word and action proclaim Christ and Him crucified...and risen.

At the end of John's Gospel, Jesus gave the disciples a new command – "Love one another. This is what people will see. This is how people will know that you are my disciples." Gritty Lutherans living in the freedom of grace, committed to living life and sharing God's gifts of life with others – that's the kind of faith formation we work to nurture in our campers. It's never too early to help kids understand that they can make life-giving choices and positive differences in the lives of others; from neighbors to classmates to people in need around the world.

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