

2022

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BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE CAMPAIGN



We are excited to announce that Lutherlyn’s BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE capital campaign will start in 2022. Lutherlyn conducted a feasibility study in 2019-2020 and determined that a campaign is feasible and necessary for Lutherlyn’s future.

The campaign projects are:

NEW CABIN VILLAGE: Five cabins will be constructed between the A-Frame village and the new pool. This will eliminate the use of the Shaulis Village cabins for campers and volunteers. All summer campers and retreat guests will have the same comfortable housing in cabins located in the main camp area. The cabins will have a similar layout to the current cabins with two bathrooms/showers, the same number of beds, and the ability to be divided into two separate spaces. However, the new cabins will be slightly wider to accommodate storage/shelving for luggage and toiletries. This will also include re-routing the road and the demolition of unused “cabin row” cabins.

AMPHITHEATER RENOVATION: The Steinger Amphitheater has provided meaningful moments for over forty years. This iconic and special place needs to be renovated for safety

and accessibility. Plans include repairing the floor, reducing the slope of the steps, and replacing the shifting benches and walkways. We hope to honor the many beautiful memories that have been made in the amphitheater by completing all of the necessary repairs while keeping the look and feel of the existing amphitheater.

REPAIRS AND UPGRADES: The “new” cabins are now 20-35 years old and need repairs and updates. The unused Upper Shower House will be converted into a meeting space (similar to Redwood Lodge). The original staff cabins and some of the Shaulis Village cabins will be removed. Roads, paths, and lighting all around camp need attention.



“BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE” WEBSITE AND CAMPAIGN DETAILS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE SPRING OF 2022. WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS COMING SOON!

WHY NOW?

There’s something refreshing about retreating to camp. Removed and unplugged from the demands and expectations of hectic life, our pace slows. We are free to engage with nature, and we hear, think, and reflect more clearly. Perhaps more than ever before, we are in desperate need of thoughtful space to hear God’s reassuring promises.

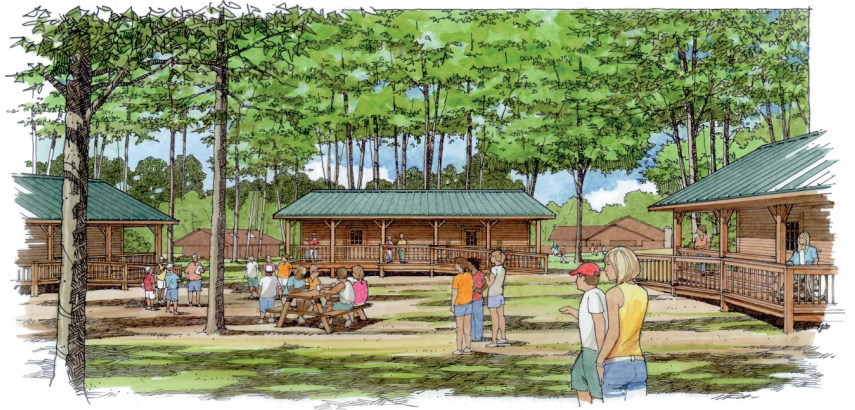
More than 75 years ago, the Pittsburgh Synod of the United Lutheran Church recognized this need. They committed to respond by finding intentional space to engage with God’s creation, to provide programming which would strengthen faith and identity as children of God, a place of learning and growing together with shared experiences, interests, and goals. They developed a “leadership training camp” in western Pennsylvania; Lutherlyn.

Today, leaders of Lutherlyn remain faithful to the purpose for which we were formed - providing programs that draw people closer together, helping individuals stretch their talents and abilities, and teaching youth and adults skills valuable for a lifetime - all in the context of learning more about who God is, who God calls us to be, and how we live in community with one another and God’s creation.

Over the years, buildings and programs have been added and updated to provide accessibility and hospitality for campers and guests. Our well-used spaces have begun to show their wear. Camp leadership has prioritized these projects to keep Lutherlyn vibrant for years to come and remain a place where all are accepted into a loving Christian Community, challenged to grow, and sent back into the world to let their light shine.

NEW CABIN VILLAGE

CABIN FLOOR PLAN



LUTHERLYN IS A GOD-GIVEN PLACE TO BE ACCEPTED, CHALLENGED, AND SENT.

DEBT FREE

We are committed to retaining Lutherlyn’s long-term financial health throughout this campaign and beyond. Lutherlyn became DEBT FREE in November of 2019 and has remained DEBT FREE throughout the pandemic. Lutherlyn’s leadership intends to begin construction only when gift agreements and “cash in hand” allow us to do so. This campaign will fund the projects in full and Lutherlyn will not acquire long-term debt as a result of this campaign.



Summer Camp

Life-Changing Adventures in Faith!

The summer season felt like an oasis of joy and restoration. The campers were as eager as ever to be in this place to play, learn, and grow. The staff was strong and empowered for ministry in the church and the world. There were changes made to keep everyone safe (testing, masking, pods, sanitizing) but the things that make this place a sacred space were ever-present. We sang together on Chapel Hill, played games in the fields, read Bible stories together, went on hikes, launched rockets, and closed each week with affirmations and a visual reminder of how each camper carries the light of Christ into the world. Here's what some of the campers said about summer 2021:

"Lutherlyn has the most friendly and caring staff in the world!" "I am beloved."
 "I really liked swimming in the pool." "I just love camp." "BEST WEEK EVER!"
 "I feel closer to God here. I get to be with my friends." "Can I live here all summer please?"



SUMMER BIBLE STUDY THEME

Each week, campers lived through a four-day curriculum entitled *Beloved*. The content was centered around 1 John 4:7-8 which reads, "*Beloved, let us love one another because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.*" Each day explored the word "beloved" with a different direction. Day 1 was Beloved Being, where each of us is claimed as a beloved child of God. Day 2 was Beloved Belonging, where we all belong together, and that community is loved by God. That love for community reminds us to act in ways that are loving towards other creatures of God. Day 3 was Beloved Believing, where we talked about how we believe and trust in a God who is Love. Day 4 was Beloved Beyond, where we are sent out into the world to love as God loves us. This summer we also split the daily content into three sections so that the whole day was infused with faithful growth.



JUMP PILLOW

The new Jump Pillow was by far the most popular activity at camp this summer! The Jump Pillow is like a bouncy-castle but it is built into the ground. Campers spent lots of time playing and jumping on this new addition to camp.

"The Jump Pillow was my favorite thing!"
 "The Jump Pillow is so much fun to jump, and run, and play games on. I wish we could be on it all the time!"

UNDER THE RADAR PROJECT

Our Under the Radar summer offering project was constructing school supply kits. Through a SWPA Synod Ethel L. Verney Grant and donations from our campers, Lutherlyn was able to purchase all of the supplies for 750 backpacks full of school supplies. Every summer camper assembled a school kit for a child in need. The kits were distributed in August through several Lutheran churches and the Kids' Weekend Backpack Program in Butler School District. All of the volunteers who received the kits voiced their appreciation and the impact that the kits would make in the lives of children.



CAMP SUMMER STAFF... THE BEST JOB EVER!

We need incredible leaders to serve on summer staff. If you know anyone who would make a great staff member at Lutherlyn please ask them to check out:

www.lutherlyn.com/summeremployment

\$100 off for FIRST-TIME campers!

This coupon code entitles FIRST-TIME Lutherlyn campers to \$100 off of the registration fee for Summer 2022. This applies to Lutherlyn's residential week-long programs. Half-week programs (Young Folks) get \$50 off for FIRST-TIME campers. Does not apply to Family Camp, Confirmation Camp, Day Camps, or Small Fry Days. Must be a FIRST-TIME summer camper. No additional discounts may be combined with this offer. Enter coupon code: **FIRST**. Register at **WWW.LUTHERLYN.COM/SUMMER**.
Registration opens February 1.



HONEYBEES AT LUTHERLYN

Pastor Nathaneil Christman, pastor of Oak Grove Lutheran Church in Zelienople and a beekeeper, established honeybee hives at Lutherlyn in the spring of 2021. We recently asked him some questions about the honeybee hives at Lutherlyn. Here are his answers. Thank you Pastor Nathaneil!

Q: Why did you want to set up bee hives at Lutherlyn?

A: Beekeeping is a small step in caring for creation, supporting agriculture, and feeding our community. Honeybees are exceptional pollinators, they drive ecosystems and are essential to agriculture. Due to globalization, less than 10% of honeybees are feral [*living in the wild without human caretaking*]. Humans unintentionally have moved Varroa destructor (a honeybee mite native to Asia) across the globe, decimating the European honeybee populations. If it weren't for the work of beekeepers, we would be facing even greater agricultural, environmental, and economic challenges.

Q: What did you have to do to bring bees to Lutherlyn?

A: Over the centuries beekeepers have learned much about these fascinating insects and their instincts and habits. One of the things we have learned is that you can take a frame of eggs (up to three days old) from a colony, set it aside in a new hive, and the bees will requeen [*establish a new queen bee*] and rebuild a new hive. So, my 11 year old son and I pulled eggs and bees from a couple of colonies, loaded them into the back of my car, and introduced them to hives at Lutherlyn. We spent the morning prepping the site for the hives and setting up an electric fence to keep the black bears away. A big thank you to Eric and the maintenance department for bringing in a Bobcat and doing most of the hard work!

Q: What do you have to do to take care of the bees?

A: This is a huge question! Beekeeping is farming insects. Like a farm, it is hugely affected by weather, pests, health, time, location, and experience. There are always things that could be done, things that should be done, and things that must be done. A beekeeper learns what works for them, at their location, and with their bees.

Q: Why are the beehives in a location away from campers and guests?

A: While honeybees are not aggressive, they can be defensive. Especially during certain times of the year, they can sting in defense of the hive. So it is ideal to keep hives out of site and out of mind! Also, a lot of people are fearful of stinging insects and, unfortunately, lump honeybees in with yellow jackets, wasps, and hornets. Finally, we also have to put up an electric fence to help keep the black bears away from the hives.

Q: How can campers learn about the bees at Lutherlyn?

A: As the camp schedule and my schedule permit, my family is happy to collect bees from their hive and bring them into camp in an observation hive. This permits campers the opportunity to see live bees and learn about them. Down the road, Lutherlyn might have beginner beekeepers' classes and "out yards" to give beginner beekeepers the opportunity to get hands on experience in a hive.

Q: Will we be able to get honey from the beehives?

A: Honey bees make honey as a food source over winter. By the way, they are the only insects on the planet that make something humans can eat. In their first year, they have to put an enormous amount of energy into building up the hive but as honeybees get established in an area, they are able to put their resources into honey storage. Most hives store much more honey than they need for winter. We can extract the extra honey and keep it for ourselves. Eventually we will be able to collect other resources from the hives as well, like wax, propolis, and pollen. When there is enough honey to extract from the honeybee hives at Lutherlyn it will be used in the Dining Hall.



LEEP INTO SCHOOL

The pandemic greatly reduced the number of LEEP field trips over the last year. However, it has given the LEEP staff a chance to try out new LEEP into School programs! Throughout the last year, the LEEP staff has been invited to quite a few schools and has educated over 700 students. The teachers, administrators, and parents that we have worked with have been outstanding and they have enabled us to realize just how many different LEEP activities can work in a school setting. Orienteering in the school yard? Sure! Live amphibians in a classroom? Oh yeah! A new program based on Native American Heritage Month? That works, too! We have taken microscopes and pond water into some classrooms to teach Ecology. We have taught Archaeology with artifacts that had just been unearthed at the Venango Trail archaeology site. We have even brought many of the animals from the Discovery Room with us to teach about mammals.

If you know of a school that would like to have a great day of learning come to them, please have them contact the LEEP office.

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ENVIRONMENT AND RELIGION IN NORTHERN APPALACHIA

This October was the fifth time that Lutherlyn hosted an intensive course for United Lutheran Seminary. The course, "Environment and Religion in Northern Appalachia," was taught by Dr. Gilson Waldkoenig with the assistance of Todd Garcia-Bish, LEEP Director, and Rev. Ryan Fitch, Lutherlyn's Assistant Director. The course exposed seminary students to the environmental, social, and economic issues of Northern Appalachia (yes, that does include western PA). It also focused on ways these issues affect ministry and how ministry can affect these conflicts. At Lutherlyn, students learned about the environment of Northern Appalachia and its industrial history. A Trinity Pines hike was a microcosm of Northern Appalachian history from the First Americans to lumbering, agriculture, and coal mining. The students also learned about the current natural gas boom and toured Terra Dei Homestead. Pastors from the Northwestern and Southwestern PA synods offered their insights into ministry in this place and in this context. The students were from United Lutheran Seminary (Gettysburg and Philadelphia Campuses) and Virginia Theological Seminary. There were students from New England, Michigan, Nebraska, Georgia, Washington D.C., and Illinois. The next intensive is scheduled for October, 2022.





Lutherlyn Equestrian Center

Greetings from the Equestrian Center!



What a whirlwind of a year 2021 has been! We are so incredibly blessed to have the love and support of our donors, staff, students, and their families. We had a tremendous year at the Lutherlyn Equestrian Center. Our donors continue to show support for this program. With their help, we were able to replace a damaged wall on our indoor arena. The finished product looks amazing and is a huge improvement to the building. With the help of our donors, we have also been able to begin the much needed job of replacing our electric fence. Our existing fence has served us well for over 30 years! The new fence will have increased visibility for both our horses and the deer and will greatly reduce the time needed for fence repairs. So far we have raised enough funds to replace half of our fencing. If you would like to partner with us on the project please contact the Development office (development@lutherlyn.com).

We want to welcome Sid to the farm. Sid is our newest addition to our school horse program. He came to us after spending many years as a family horse. Sid excels in English riding, trails, and jumping. Sid is 13 years old and is already becoming a barn favorite. His beautiful black and white coloring makes him easy to spot in the pastures.

The Lutherlyn Equestrian Center currently has over 70 students taking riding lessons on a regular basis. In November, we hosted a dressage show to allow our riding lesson students the chance to show off their skills to friends and family. It was a great experience and a great show! The participants in the dressage show ranged from 8-year-olds through adults.

Lutherlyn also has a 4-H Equestrian Club. One of our 4H'ers had an amazing accomplishment for her first year of showing. Teagan made it to the 4H State Horse Show! She rode Silver, one of our school horses. It was great to see them work together to achieve their goals. Years of working hard to master her skills with her instructor, Teresa, really paid off!

We had a great summer with the horse campers! In addition to Lutherlyn's residential horse camp programs, we also held three weeks of Equestrian Day Camps. Each program filled and our campers grew in their riding ability and had a great time at Lutherlyn!



FROM THE LUTHERLYN KITCHEN BUTTERNUT SQUASH BREAD

Ingredients

- 3 1/3 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ground cloves
- 3 cups granulated sugar
- 1 cup canola oil
- 4 large eggs
- 2/3 cups water
- 1 3/4 cups butternut squash puree (see below)

Instructions

Preheat oven to 350 °. Grease two regular sized loaf pans - set aside. In a medium bowl, whisk together flour, baking soda, salt cinnamon and cloves - set aside. In a large bowl with an electric mixer, beat together the oil and sugar. Add the eggs and vanilla and beat for about a minute. Alternating between the water and the flour mixture slowly beat into the sugar/oil/eggs mixture, until combined. Beat in the butternut squash puree. Evenly distribute the batter into the loaf pans. Bake for 55 - 65 minutes or until bread is fully cooked. Test for doneness, insert a toothpick into bread. If it comes out clean, the bread is done. If not, continue baking.

Notes

To make puree: preheat oven to 350 °. Place cubed butternut squash on a parchment or foil-lined baking sheet. Bake for 45-50 minutes or until squash is tender. Remove from oven and allow to cool before pureeing in a food processor or blender.

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FIND THE LUTHERLYN HORSE NAMES IN THE WORD SEARCH!

- BRITT
- CHARLIE
- HOUSTON
- PUMPKIN
- ROMEO
- SID
- CANYON
- CHECKERS
- MOLLY
- REGGIE
- RUE
- SILVER
- CARACEY
- GRACE
- PATTY
- RILEY



Lutherlyn Retreats & Events

HALLOWEEN FUN DAY

One hundred people joined us in October for Halloween Family Fun Day. Each family enjoyed autumn crafts, a hay ride, an environmental education lesson about skulls, s'mores, Halloween carnival games, the jump pillow, an All-Saints worship, and trick-or-treating. This annual event is a fun way to enjoy autumn at Lutherlyn as a family.



WOODLAND QUILT SHOW

Many thanks to the Woodland Quilters for the beautiful Quilt Show at Lutherlyn in October! One hundred and ten quilts were on display in the Dining Hall and Rice Hall. The Woodland Quilters raised over \$6,000 for Camperships and shared Lutherlyn with hundreds of guests.



GROWN-UP CAMP

Grown-Up camp is a great August weekend for adults to enjoy all the fun of camp, without the kids! An awesome group of 20 campers enjoyed a beautiful weekend of fellowship, worship, fun, relaxation, and exploring Lutherlyn. Over the years, Grown-Up camp has also become a great way for past Lutherlyn staff and campers to come together for a reunion weekend!



SAVE THE DATE—LUTHERLYN'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY!

2023 will be Lutherlyn's 75th anniversary and we are going to PARTY! Mark your calendar now!

- May 13th, 2023 will be CampBlast. CampBlast will be a GIANT Birthday Party for Lutherlyn. Everyone is invited!
- June 10th, 2023 will be a 75 year ALL STAFF REUNION! All past staff are invited for a day of fun, reminiscing, and reuniting with old friends at Lutherlyn. If you have connections with past staff members who might not be on our mailing list, please encourage them to contact development@lutherlyn.com so we can make sure they get all of the details.
- June 11th, 2023 will be the Trinity Pines Club Birthday Party. Everyone who donates \$200 or more annually is invited to the Trinity Pines Reception.
- Each week of summer campers in 2023 will include an EVERYONE BIRTHDAY PARTY with cupcakes and party games.

CAMPBLAST SPREAD THE WORD

Everyone is invited to CampBlast and it is a great way to introduce NEW families and campers to Lutherlyn. We could use your help. Will you please mark your calendar for CampBlast (May 7th) and then invite friends and potential campers to come with you or meet you at camp that day? CampBlast is free and does not require any reservations so it is an easy invitation. It is a great way for new campers to visit camp, take a tour, experience some of the camp activities, and learn about camp before registering for summer camp.

Saturday, May 7, 2022

LUTHERLYN ROCKS

There is a new art display at Lutherlyn. Just outside of the office, there is a rock garden with painted rocks from summer camp and a variety of retreat groups. We will continue to add to this rock garden with camper art until it is full! There are some very creative rocks; make sure you check it out the next time that you visit Lutherlyn!



LUTHERLYN MODEL ROCKETRY REUNION

2021 was the 50th summer of Model Rocketry at Lutherlyn! It may be a year late but please join us for a reunion and celebration! All are welcome.

Saturday, July 30th, 2022 – 3:00-8:00 pm

Rustic Retreat Campground at Lutherlyn (also known as "Rocket Hill")

FREE (engines, shirts, and patches will be available for purchase)

Lutherlyn will provide hot dogs/buns, s'mores, and water.

Bring your own rockets, blanket, chair, canopy, and picnic.

Tentative Schedule:

- 3:00 – Welcome
- 3:15 – General launch starts and sign up for competition launches
- 4:45 – Group Photo
- 5:00 – Hot dog cookout, continue launching
- 6:00 – Competition Launch (spot landing)
General launch when competition is over
- 7:30 – Rocketry Campfire

*Anyone under 18 must have an adult present. No alcohol and no pets.
Tent Camping is available on Saturday evening at Rustic.*

PLEASE SHARE WITH PAST ROCKETRY CAMPERS AND STAFF.

R.S.V.P. required by July 10th

www.lutherlyn.com/rocketryreunion or 724-865-2161



What's New at Lutherlyn

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION CONGRATULATIONS!

Rev. Ryan Fitch, Lutherlyn's Assistant Director, was Ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament on July 17th at Camp Mount Luther in Mifflinburg, PA. Ryan is called by the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod of the ELCA to serve as Lutherlyn's Assistant Director and Camp Pastor.

This momentous occasion was celebrated at Camp Mount Luther because that is where Ryan began his camp journey. Ryan spent five summers as a camper at Mount Luther and then four summers on summer staff while he attended Susquehanna University. It was on summer staff at Camp Mount Luther that Ryan felt called to Outdoor Ministry and met his spouse, Amber.

Ryan graduated from United Lutheran Seminary in 2020. His pastoral internship was served at Lutherlyn and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Chicora. Ryan started as Lutherlyn's Assistant Director in March, 2021.

In September, 2021 we celebrated Ryan's Installation at Lutherlyn where he was officially called to serve as Lutherlyn's Assistant Director and Camp Pastor.



LUTHERLYN ON LOCATION
LUTHERLYN ON LOCATION is a day camp program where Lutherlyn sends a team of summer staff to a church/community to lead a week of camp programming for 1st-5th grade campers. We are now reserving LUTHERLYN ON LOCATION sites for the summer of 2022. Details can be found at:
www.lutherlyn.com/daycamp



WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!

After serving as Lutherlyn's intern in 2019-2020, **Ryan Fitch** joined the full-time staff in March of 2021 as the Assistant Director. Ryan and his spouse, Amber, welcomed baby Rowan to the Lutherlyn family in February of 2021. It's been a busy year for the Fitch family!

Rachel Mossman joined our full-time staff in April of 2021 as the Office Manager & Registrar. Rachel brings with her great organizational skills, a love for ministry, and camp experience as a staffer at Seneca Hills Bible Camp.

JaNae Lyon-Brown became Lutherlyn's Housekeeper in April of 2021. JaNae excels at hospitality and is full of joy! JaNae has been involved at Lutherlyn through her home church since she was a child.

2022 RETREATS & EVENTS CALENDAR	
<u>January</u>	
11-16	Quilting/Crafting Retreat
22	Winter Youth Day Retreat
<u>February</u>	
1	Registration opens for Summer Camp 2022!
5	Animal Tracks Saturday Safari
18-20	Fathers and Sons Retreat
<u>March</u>	
5	Maple Sugaring Saturday Safari
15-20	Quilting/Crafting Retreat
19	Blacksmithing Class
<u>April</u>	
30	Work Day
30	Blacksmithing Class
<u>May</u>	
7	Camp Fun Run
7	CAMPBLAST!
7	Blacksmithing Class
<u>June</u>	
5	Summer Staff Training Begins
12	Trinity Pines Club Program
19	Summer Camp Begins!
<u>July</u>	
30	Rocketry Reunion & Launch
<u>August</u>	
5	Last day of Summer Camp
26-28	Grown-Up Camp
<u>September</u>	
7-11	Quilting/Crafting Retreat
10	Mushrooms & Edible Plants Saturday Safari
10	Blacksmithing Class
<u>October</u>	
15-16	Woodland Quilters Quilt Show
15	Blacksmithing Class
23	Family Halloween Fun Day
<u>November</u>	
5	Geology-Lutherlyn Rocks! Saturday Safari
15-20	Quilting/Crafting Retreat
19	Blacksmithing Class
<u>December</u>	
2-4	Advent Retreat
3	The Plunge!
3	Advent Worship

2022 SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE	
Week 1 June 19-24	-Camp Medley (JH) -Staff-In-Training (SH) -Life in the Wild (Jr & JH) -Horse Camp (Jr) -Adventurers (JH & SH)
Week 2 June 26-July 1	-Classic (Jr) (JH) -Horse Camp (JH) -Adventurers PLUS (SH) -Grown Up & Me (Th & Fri) -Small Fry Days (Th & Fri) -Young Folks (Sun-Wed)
Week 3 July 3-8	-Family Camp -Adventurers PLUS (SH) -On-Site Day Camp (1st-5th grade)
Week 4 July 10-15	-Arts & Musical (Jr & JH) -Horse Camp (Jr) -Classic (Jr) (JH) -Adventurers (JH & SH) -Venture (SH)
Week 5 July 17-22	-Classic (Jr) (JH) (SH) -Adventurers (JH & SH) -Advanced Horse Camp (JH & SH) -Camp Medley (JH)
Week 6 July 24-29	-Classic (Jr) (JH) -Horse Camp (Jr) -Rocketry (JH & SH) -Grown Up & Me (Th & Fri) -Small Fry Days (Th & Fri) -Young Folks (Sun-Wed) -Junior Adventurers (Jr)
Week 7 July 31-August 5	-Classic (Jr) (JH) -Night Owls (JH & SH) -Rocketry (Jr) -Adventurers (JH & SH) -Horse Camp (JH)

"Young Folks" - campers enter grades 2-3,
"Jr" - campers enter grades 4-6, "JH" - campers enter grades 7-9,
"SH" - campers enter grades 10-12 or a 2022 graduate





Special Highlights

LUTHERLYN WISH LIST

Site and Facility:

- Golf Cart for Nurses (prefer electric)
- 6-foot white plastic tables - Lifetime brand (16) *
- 50-foot outdoor extension cords (10) *
- Multi-plug power strips (10) *
- Flatware (knives, forks, spoons)
- New or gently used vacuum cleaners
- Reliable minivans or SUVs with current inspection
- Reliable 4 wheel drive pickup truck with inspection
- Truckloads of 2A limestone (for roads and paths)
- Gift cards for Home Depot, Lowes, and Walmart
- New work gloves (all sizes) *
- New or like-new washers and dryers
- Painter's tape (blue) – 1 and 2 in. wide *
- Tarps (all sizes, no holes) *

Summer Program:

- Pony and seed beads *
- New washable markers *
- New colored pencils
- Paint brushes *
- Construction paper *
- Colored tissue paper *
- Glue sticks *
- New unscented jar candles

Equestrian Center:

- Shop vac (around 15 gallons) *
- Electric air compressor
- Rubber mats for stalls *
- Waterproof sheets (68", 70", 78")
- Water proof blankets (68", 70", 78")
- Fly spray
- Fly masks
- 18" Jumping saddle
- MSM joint supplement
- Horse multivitamin supplements
- Cat food
- Cat flea & tick treatment

Food Service:

- 5 gallon water Coolers *
- 70 qt. Cooler *
- 48 qt. Cooler *

Environmental Education:

- Kid- and adult-sized rain coats
- New 8x10 tarps, and larger
- Kid- and adult-sized winter gloves
- Vis-à-Vis wet erase markers *
- 8-inch Professional Bypass Pruning Shears *
- 25-inch Extendable loppers *
- Garden produce baskets *

Special Events that Benefit Camperships:

- Gift baskets (contact the office for more specifics)
- Monetary sponsorships

Volunteers:

- Willing to help cut and split firewood
- Help regularly maintain plant beds around the dining hall porch
- Help to maintain flower beds around camp and the Amphitheater
- Help clearing hiking and riding trails
- Event volunteers
- General maintenance help
- General cleaning help
- General office help
- Nurses to help for a week in the summer or on Sundays in the summer during check-in

Office:

- Forever stamps
- Pens and pencils
- Dry erase markers & erasers *
- Copy paper
- White cardstock *
- Paperclips
- Masking tape *
- Scissors *
- Permanent markers
- New easels and paper pads
- Highlighters *

Items marked with * can be found on our Amazon Wish List.

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN

On the afternoon of July 31st, after the conclusion of summer camp, our summer staff helped Lutherlyn's Board and year-round staff host a Lemonade Reception to thank our Trinity Pines Club donors. Each individual or family who donated \$200 or more during 2020 was invited to attend. Those who joined us enjoyed lemonade and snacks while hearing updates from Pastor Sandra Jones (President, Lutherlyn Board of Directors), Pastor Ryan Fitch (Assistant Director), Deacon Deb Roberts (Executive Director), and Andi Dunmyre (Development Director). They also had the opportunity to meet the amazing young people who served on summer staff. For many, the highlight was singing camp songs with the summer staff.

In addition to hearing about the recently concluded summer camp season (which was GREAT), those in attendance received late-breaking updates on many of the topics which have now been shared elsewhere in this newsletter, and they were able to participate in the conclusion of the Under the Radar Project. During Lemonade on the Lawn, Pastor Ryan led us in blessing the backpacks and students who would receive them when the school year began. In total, our campers assembled 750 backpacks! In the days following the event Pastor Ryan did the heavy lifting - distributing the backpacks stuffed with school supplies to grateful school and church programs in Verona, Millvale, Evans City, Butler, and Penn Hills.



THE PLUNGE!

On the cold morning of December 4th, a dozen warm-hearted friends of camp took their icy dip into Lower Lake to support Lutherlyn's Annual Fund. Our group of "Plungers" included a mix of Lutherlyn's current staff, former staff, volunteers, and friends of camp. Each of this year's 13 plungers worked for weeks ahead of their icy swim to gather donations for Lutherlyn's Annual Fund, which provides camperships for campers who need financial assistance to come to camp. Each plunger had a goal of raising \$1,000, and everyone eagerly competed to be named the year's "Sovereign Plunger" by raising the most in sponsorships. Desperate to retain his title as "King Plunger," Lutherlyn's own Todd Garcia-Bish made it a tough competition by raising nearly four times his initial \$1,000 goal! Thanks to the generosity of his friends, Todd has secured his title (and inflatable crown) for another year.

This year's team of plungers showed real style! We had plungers dressed as a cow, a turkey, Snow White, a shark, and several ready for a Hawaiian luau. In addition to the invigorating time that our plungers had, their cheering friends and family experienced a warmer morning at the lake, staying dry and toasty warm by the campfire. In total, this year's team of plungers raised more than \$13,000! Way to go 2021 Plungers!!

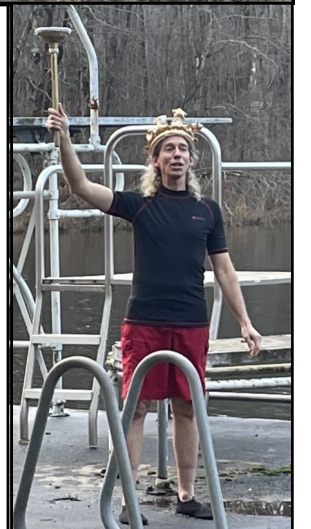


VEHICLES NEEDED

Lutherlyn is in need of several vehicles prior to summer of 2022. We have been very fortunate in the past to receive donated used vehicles. Lutherlyn needs:

- 2 minivans or SUVs for Day Camp teams
- 1 Golf Cart or ATV with an enclosed back for housekeeping
- 1 ATV for Unit Leaders and Camp Nurses
- 1 vehicle for the maintenance staff to run errands

If you would like more information about donating a vehicle to camp or donating funds for camp to purchase used vehicles, please contact Andi in the Development Office at 724-865-2161 or andrea@lutherlyn.com.



VOLUNTEER NURSES

Each summer we rely on the help of many volunteer camp nurses. We have 2 nurses on-site for each week of summer camp, plus an additional 2-3 nurses each Sunday to help with check-in.

If you or someone you know might be willing to volunteer as a camp nurse, please contact Lutherlyn. Nurses receive a free week of camp for their children/grandchildren.

Save the Date:

The 2022 Trinity Pines Club Program is on June 12, 2022

(Anyone who donated \$200 or more in 2021 will be invited to attend the Trinity Pines Club Banquet.)



Director's Notes

The Director's Notebook.....

I will start and end this letter with a very sincere word of thanks to each of you for supporting Lutherlyn in various ways, especially over the past several years. There are so many ways that the Lutherlyn family has supported camp and helped us to navigate the last two years.



Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the debt reduction campaign in 2016-2019. When Lutherlyn became debt free in November of 2019, there was absolutely no way to know what was coming just four months later and how much being debt free would ease the struggles of a pandemic that drastically reduced our income for almost two years. We remain debt free and, thanks to our faithful donors, we have been able to adjust and adapt throughout the pandemic and continue the ministry of Lutherlyn.

It was scary, lonely, and sad to have an empty camp for much of 2020. Yet, the full-time staff and the board of directors remained focused on the campers and the mission of Lutherlyn. Everyone worked hard and did everything that they could to have camp ready to safely welcome campers and guests back to Lutherlyn. Each staff person worked outside of their job description to do whatever needed to be done. We worked through a long "to do" list of projects that we typically struggle to find time for. The board met more frequently (via Zoom) and dedicated much time and thoughtful consideration to each decision that had to be made. A generous donor provided the funds for us to hire a small summer staff of twelve for the summer of 2020 and put out virtual content for our campers and their families. Thousands of people participated in weekly virtual worship and campfire throughout the summer of 2020. I am so thankful for the team of staff and board members that served and showed true dedication to Lutherlyn's mission through 2020 and 2021.

Summer of 2021 was AMAZING!! After long months of planning, preparation, and adjusting plans (and then adjusting again... and again...), there was so much joy and excitement for the summer of 2021. I always love summer at Lutherlyn, but there was just something so sweet about summer camp 2021. Every Sunday evening on Chapel Hill, every Service of Affirmation in the Amphitheater, the sounds of campfire and kids at the pool, the joy of kids at camp doing all of the camp things; it was all exceptionally special. I have tears in my eyes just writing this and reminiscing about last summer. We had a safe, healthy, faith-filled summer where each camper was accepted, challenged, and sent back home to let their light shine. My favorite compliment of the summer was every single time that a camper told me just how "normal" it felt to be at camp. The stress, anxiety, and disappointment of the prior year was relieved for a safe and fun week in a loving Christian community. I can't wait to do it again in a few months!

After delaying for one year, I feel very hopeful for the "Building for the Future" campaign. Planning for Lutherlyn's long-term future with a dedicated team of staff and volunteers, under the leadership of professional fundraising consultants, is a very exciting endeavor. We have been doing "behind the scenes" work for this campaign for three years now (the "Director's Notebook"

article right before the pandemic announced that the campaign would be starting in January of 2021) so we are all excited to kick off this campaign. It is important that we provide accessible and comfortable accommodations for our campers and retreat guests. While the Shaulis Village cabins have served us well, it is time for them to be retired and all of our campers to be housed in updated cabins. The Amphitheater holds so many special memories for hundreds of thousands of people and should remain a sacred space for worship and affirmation for future campers. I remember sitting on the floor of the Amphitheater as a camper with each of my counselors and hearing the ways that they saw the light of Christ in me... it was life-changing. There is nothing more fulfilling than watching current campers have that same experience and planning for future generations to be blessed in that way. More detailed information about the "Building for the Future" campaign will be shared over the next several years. Your prayers and support are greatly appreciated throughout this process.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Our biggest need that each of you could help with right now is camper recruiting. For as long as we have been tracking how our first-time campers heard about Lutherlyn, the #1 answer has been "I came for a field trip" (followed closely by "my church" and "I came with a friend"). Until 2020, we had 6,000-8,000 kids at Lutherlyn for a school field trip each year; all going home with a postcard about summer camp. In 2020 we had less than 100 students and in 2021 we had less than 1,000 students. We certainly anticipate that those number will go back up starting this spring but, in the meantime, that is a lot of potential new campers that we were not able to reach. We have a marketing plan and we are trying new ways of reaching new families, however, nothing is better than a personal invitation from someone that is known and trusted. We have postcards with an invitation to CampBlast and the coupon code for \$100 off of a week of summer camp for first-time campers. Please call the office or send a message to registrar@lutherlyn.com and let us know how many postcards we can send to you to share with potential campers and their families. Remember that financial assistance is available for anyone who might need it. No child is turned away for financial reasons and we are very happy for your invitations to include those who may need a campership.

Again, I don't feel like I can adequately express how thankful I am for this Lutherlyn family. To each camper, camper parent/guardian, congregation, pastor/deacon, volunteer, donor, summer staffer, staff and camper alumni, retreat group leader, riding lesson student, field trip teacher, board member, and friend of Lutherlyn: thank you for being a part of the Lutherlyn family. You are truly a blessing to this ministry. I can't wait to see you again at Lutherlyn sometime soon!

Your Partner in Ministry,



ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

As stewards of God's creation we realize that we are commanded to care for and sustain the earth. We also realize that at times we fail to understand our impact upon the created world around us. For this reason Lutherlyn places a high priority on the careful management and restoration of the land with which we have been blessed. Education of campers and staff is seen as an important part of sharing God's vision for the world.

MISSION STATEMENT

Lutherlyn extends the ministry and mission of Jesus Christ, by inviting all people to engage the Word of God, one another, and themselves in an intentional, challenging, exciting, and fun outdoor Christian community centered in the grace of God and the goodness of earth and life.



Lutherlyn has a social media presence on Facebook and Instagram. Check out "Camp Lutherlyn" for regular updates from Lutherlyn.



Lutherlyn sends out a monthly e-newsletter through Constant Contact. If you would like to receive a monthly update from camp, please visit www.lutherlyn.com/newsletter and sign up!

