



Thank you so much for your continued support of Lutherlyn. It has not been an easy 2 years for Outdoor Ministries but the support that we have received from individuals and congregations has been a true blessing for Lutherlyn and for each of our campers. It is an honor to serve as a Lutheran Outdoor Ministry of the NWPA and SWPA Synods and we greatly value the relationship that we have with each synod and the congregations.

It was a great year at Lutherlyn. Summer Camp 2021 was perhaps the sweetest summer I have had at Lutherlyn. We had a healthy and safe summer at a reduced capacity and it was AMAZING. The best compliment that we got from our campers was just how normal it felt to be at camp with friends and staff. It was clear that the campers needed that time away with their peers to have fun, grow in their faith, and be a kid! 2022 is back to full capacity with some COVID mitigation efforts in place to keep our campers and staff healthy. It is not too late to register a camper for summer camp.

In addition to a wonderful summer, some of the highlights from the past year are: Retreat groups and school field trips are returning. We were able to bring back most of the year-round staff positions that were eliminated in 2020. We updated our Strategic Plan and are actively working through immediate, short-term, and long term goals. We started the BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE Capital Campaign (more about that below). The state police conducted a safety and security evaluation of our property and buildings. We are actively implementing their recommendations to keep Lutherlyn as safe as possible for our campers and guests. Our American Camp Association accreditation visit was in July of 2021 and our accreditation was renewed. Rev. Ryan Fitch was called to serve as Lutherlyn's Assistant Director and Camp Pastor. We received a *Total Inclusion!* grant through Lutheran Outdoor Ministries in 2020 and are actively working to make Lutherlyn as inclusive as possible. We remain debt-free. We maintained our promise that no child is turned away from Life-Changing Adventures in Faith at Lutherlyn due to finances – every campership request was fulfilled.

The BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE Capital Campaign is off to a great start! This campaign is for 5 new winterized cabins, renovations to the Amphitheater, removal of older buildings that are no longer in use, and road/site improvements (with a challenge goal of 5 additional seasonal cabins). Each congregation will be asked to participate in this important campaign within the next year. This campaign will improve our facilities and make Lutherlyn more welcoming and accessible for all campers and retreat guests. It will also preserve Lutherlyn's beloved worship space for many years to come.

There are several ways that we could use your help. First, please continue to pray for Lutherlyn and all our campers and staff. Second, please spread the word about Lutherlyn; encourage youth from your congregation to come to Lutherlyn as campers and to consider serving on Summer Staff when they are college-age. Third, please do not let money be the reason that a child does not come to camp. Lutherlyn maintains its 74-year promise that no child is turned away due to finances. Camperships are available by contacting the camp office.

Again, thank you for your support and partnership. Please know that we regularly pray for the Church and the congregations of our synods. Do not hesitate to call or email the camp office, we are happy to talk with you and answer any questions that you may have. We can't wait to see you at Lutherlyn sometime soon!

In Christ's Love,
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