

Luther Park



Bible Camp

2024 ANNUAL REPORT



"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock." *Matthew 7:24-25*

From the Luther Park Board

Greetings on behalf of the entire Luther Park Board of Directors!

We are excited to share and celebrate with you many updates from this past year!

Early in the year, a special meeting of the corporation gave final approval to an updated constitution and by-laws. These new documents are serving us well!

The 2022 financial audit by Bauman and Associates was successfully completed. We will share briefly about this during the annual meeting, and anyone seeking more information can reach out to Executive Director Eric Klein.

The board continues to keep the strategic plan alive, reviewing it regularly during board meetings. This past Fall, the board held a retreat to provide further opportunity to dive into the strategic plan to ensure that it remains a living document. My thanks to Vice President Ted Bensen, who has been doing a great job making this happen! Ted will share a few updates during the annual meeting.

As we looked to the strategic plan, with so many needs and opportunities, it became obvious that the most critical need was to become financially sustainable for the long term before we could reach other goals. During this past year, we reimagined and revitalized the Growth and Development Committee. The committee is comprised of both board members and non-board members who have specific expertise in financial development. One of the things that became obvious to us is the need to add the position of Development Associate to the year-round staff. A job description has been created and we hope to move forward during early 2025.

Volunteers continue to make an impact on Luther Park! As a result, we had a successful Spring Work Day, a successful Heart for Luther Park Event, a successful Fall Work Day, and many other successes. A group of volunteers, led by Vice President Ted Bensen, designed and built four picnic shelters at Luther Woods, located at various spots throughout the property. These shelters are designed to be places for Bible Study, lunches, conversation, and rest stops during hikes. My thanks to all!

Luther Park became part of the Engaging Children in Worship Project, funded by a multi-year grant. Pastor Anna Sorenson, Luther Park Board and Project Co-Director, will share more about this during the annual meeting.

The year-round staff continues to be a rock star team! I am very proud of them! They are a blessing to all of us! Thank you!

I am also proud to be part of a very active board! They accomplish so much, both at monthly board meetings and in committee meetings. My thanks to all of them! They are the ones who make it all happen!

Finally, blessings and thanks to all of you who have built, served, supported, and shared in this sacred place for many generations. As we look to the future, we want to ensure that this place continues to grow and be a blessing for all those who will follow us.

John Moen, President
Luther Park Board of Directors

From the Executive Director

“Let us not grow weary in doing what is right,
for we will reap at harvest time if we do not give up.”

Galatians 6:9

Dear Friends,

I’ve been reflecting on what it means to endure in ministry. Galatians 6:9 speaks directly to laboring faithfully and trusting in God’s timing. It’s not always easy to keep going when our end goals feel distant or unclear, but this year reminded me that ministry is about staying committed and giving attention to where God is showing up in our work.

Looking back, it’s easy to focus on what we accomplished or how many goals we checked off. But this year, I found myself drawn to the relationships that sustain this ministry—the conversations, stories, and connections. These experiences reminded me that this ministry work is less about doing and more about being present.

Of course, challenges came, as they always do. There were moments when “enduring” felt like a discipline, not a gift. But time and again, I saw this community for exactly what it is. Volunteers showing up, our staff working tirelessly to keep this place going, and your generosity. Together, we leaned into the belief that what we do here at Luther Park matters—not because it is easy, but because it is rooted in the life-changing love of God.

So how about the future? I cannot wait for it. Every step we take today is an act of faith in what is yet to come. Whether through caring to this sacred place or creating opportunities for people to explore and experience God, we are planting seeds that will bear fruit.

Thank you for walking alongside us this year. Your support and prayers inspire us to keep going, to keep trusting, and to keep believing in the harvest to come. May we continue this work together, encouraged by the promise that God is with us every step of the way.

With gratitude and hope,

Eric Klein 
Executive Director



Luther Park Mission, Vision and Core Values

Our Mission

Luther Park invites people of all ages to explore and experience the life changing love of God

Our Vision

Luther Park will expand our ministry of the Gospel in ALL seasons, on ALL sites, with ALL people

Our Core Values

- ✝ **Relationships:** We cultivate the relationship between God, people, and creation
- ✝ **Safety:** We ensure a safe and inclusive environment inviting all people to be their true, authentic self while exploring their journey of faith
- ✝ **Community:** We are a community where together we explore faith and encourage each other so that all may grow as disciples of Christ
- ✝ **God's Grace:** We embrace the unconditional love and forgiveness shown through the gift of Jesus
- ✝ **Celebration of God:** We celebrate God through scripture, worship, prayer, and music
- ✝ **God's Creation:** We take our charge seriously to be good stewards of the world around us
- ✝ **Adventure:** We welcome a spirit of adventure that builds confidence, encourages risk taking, and develops leadership
- ✝ **Fun:** We create a place *Where Faith is Nurtured Through Holy Play*

Sincere thanks to our staff for their many talents and enthusiastic efforts as they are the hands and feet of Christ in our ministry of the gospel.

“We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.” *1 Thessalonians 1:2*

2024 Summer Staff

Halle Anderson
Cooper Antczak
Justin Brickner
Evan Bucknam
Jackson Bucknam
Autumn Clark
Rowan Donnelly
Makayla Finnegan
Sydney Garbe
Ainoa Gennarin
Dylan Halom
Caylie Hanson

Gabrik Hollenbeck
Isabel Lozano
Wyatt Mayer
Zoe Nelson
Harley Prill
Mikhaela Rodriguez
Gabrielle Schneider
Kaden Schneider
Simon Soldner
Laura von Tronchin
Camryn Yeakey

2024 Additional Staff

Ella Audorff
Evie Doncavage
Darbi Duistermars
Leah Ebner

Ana Evenson
Kaelyn Ostenson
Melissa Vander Laan

Year-Round Staff

Eric Klein, Executive Director
Abby Vander Laan, Program Director
Liz Caya, Program & Office Administrator
Bill Reed, Property Manager
Joan Stuart, Head Cook
Beth Kley, Cook
Jan Ramlet, Hospitality & Housekeeping
Stephani Fossum, Associate Housekeeper

Board of Directors

Christine Anderson
Ted Bensen
Kris Jenson
Beth Kley
Jeff Merritt
John Moen
Pastor Brad Peterson
Pastor Anna Sorenson
Jon Strand
Pastor Katie Wagner
Pastor Bethany Walker
Josie Wilterdink



2024 Highlights

- Participation in the 2024 EcoFaith Summit
- 3300 Total Guests
- 2365 Retreat Guests (Day or Overnight)
- 172 Quilt Retreat Participants
- 41 Youth Recharge Retreat Participants
- 722 Summer Campers
- 29 PALS
- 74 Specialty Camp Participants, Including New Program—Fishing Camp was at Max Capacity
- 86 On-Site Day Campers
- Four Programs Made Use of Luther Park Outpost (Luther Woods)
- 24 Summer Staff
- Inaugural Staff Alumni Gathering
- 26 Monthly Donors
- Began Partnership with the LaCrosse Area Synod & Sugar Creek Bible Camp on Engaging Children Initiative through a Grant from the Lilly Endowment
- Received Funding to Replace 45 Cabin Mattresses from Immanuel-Eau Claire, Trinity-Eau Claire, and Central-Chippewa Falls
- Received a Substantial Legacy Gift from the Estate of Pastor Leila Haight
- Implemented a Wristband System for Summer Camp
- Implemented Free Time in the Summer Camp Daily Schedule

Heart for Luther Park

Heart for Luther Park 2024 was held on Sunday, August 4th. Again we had great weather, fabulous brats from Louie's Meat Market and pies from Norske Nook, and over 100 gorgeous quilts. Dolly Neby again was our auctioneer and was entertaining as always for the crowd of 120+ people. The event raised \$31,000 between the live auction, silent auction, and food sales. Thank you to our sponsors, Sterling Bank and Norske Nook for helping make such a wonderful day. We also would like to thank the many volunteers and staff that make this delightful event happen, with a special shout out to Evie Doncavage, Scott & Paula Davis, Merry Soyck-Doring, Diana Thompson, Cheryl Johnson, and Dolly Neby.



LP Golf Outing

We had another successful Luther Park Golf Outing in 2024! On August 25, eleven teams gathered at Sioux Creek Golf Course in Chetek to test their skills and compete in a 9-hole best ball tournament. Many prizes were awarded and just over \$6,000 was raised for camp, which was a huge success. This event would not happen without the incredible volunteers, and especially the work of Pastor Brad Peterson and our sponsors: Central Lutheran-Chippewa Falls, First Lutheran-Cumberland, Trinity Lutheran-Boyceville, Jamie's Buckshot Bar-Boyceville, Johnson Motors-Menomonie, The Motley Crew in Memory of Rev. Benjamin Ahles-Iverson, Sioux Creek Golf Course-Chetek.

Improvements Made to Camp

Thanks to generous donations of dollars, gifts in kind and volunteer hours, a number of projects have been completed to improve the ministry of Luther Park in 2024, including...

- Four Picnic Shelters were Funded and Built at the Outpost by Volunteers
- Two Bedrooms & Bathrooms of the Covenant Center Remodel were Completed
- Shalom Center Bedrooms were Painted
- A Shade Pavilion was Built at the Pool Entrance
- Adirondack Chairs were Built by Trinity-Lake Nebagamon Volunteers
- Brush was Cleared along the Lakeside of Camp
- A Shade Sail Installed at the Farm
- Edison Lights Installed in the Chapel Interior
- Storage Rooms Framed in the Ministry Center Lower Level
- Shalom Center Bathroom Repair
- Emmaus Cabin Bathrooms Painted & Updated
- New Sign at Welcome Center Entrance
- Touched Up/Painted Parking Lot Sign
- Stained the Playground
- Stained the Swing Set
- Amphitheater Redesign
- Labyrinth Redesign
- Office Redesign



Luther Park is a Ministry Supported by

Cluster One Churches

Barronett Lutheran, Barronett *
Bethany Lutheran, Catawba
Bethany Lutheran, Rice Lake
Bethel Lutheran, Hawkins
Bethesda Lutheran, Bayfield
Calvary Lutheran, Minong
Chetek Lutheran, Chetek
Christ the Servant, Park Falls
Faith Lutheran, Cameron
First Lutheran, Cumberland
First Lutheran, Exeland
First Lutheran, Hayward
First Lutheran, Prentice
First Lutheran, Stone Lake
Georgetown Lutheran, Cumberland
Glen Flora Lutheran, Glen Flora
Good Shepherd, Ashland
Grace Lutheran, Brill *
Hope Lutheran, Ladysmith
Immanuel Lutheran, Cornucopia
Living Water Lutheran, Cameron
Long Lake Lutheran, Sarona
Messiah Lutheran, Washburn
Nathaniel Lutheran, Bruce
Our Savior's, Iron River
Our Savior's, Rice Lake
Our Savior's, Solon Springs
Poplar Lutheran Church
Stanford Lutheran, Rice Lake
Trinity Lutheran, Birchwood

Trinity Lutheran, Cumberland
Trinity Lutheran, Lake Nebagamon
Trinity Evangelical, Rice Lake
Trinity Lutheran, Spooner
Zion Lutheran, Winter/Calvary, Loretta

Cluster Two Churches

Barum Lutheran, Elk Mound
Bethel Lutheran, New Auburn
Big Drywood Lutheran, Cadott
Big Elk Creek Lutheran, Elk Mound
Central Lutheran, Chippewa Falls
Colfax Lutheran, Colfax
Dallas Lutheran, Dallas
Dovre Lutheran, Chetek
English of Bateman, Chippewa Falls
First Lutheran, Barron
Hay River Luther, Ridgeland
Holden Lutheran, Colfax
New Hope Lutheran, Sand Creek/Pine Creek
New Scandinavia Lutheran, Dallas
North Running Valley Lutheran, Colfax
Norton Lutheran, Colfax
Our Savior's Lutheran, Bloomer
Our Savior's Lutheran, Cornell
Our Savior's Lutheran, Stanley
Our Savior's Lutheran, Wheeler *
Our Saviour's Lutheran, Chippewa Falls
Ridgeland Lutheran, Ridgeland
Shepard of the Hill Lutheran, Elk Mound
St. John's Lutheran, Bloomer
St. John's Lutheran, Gilman *
Trinity Lutheran, Boyceville

* a supporting congregation that is not a member of Luther Park Bible Camp, Inc.

126 Churches in Four Clusters

Cluster Three Churches

Christ Lutheran, Menomonie
Eleva Lutheran, Eleva
First Lutheran, Ogema
First Lutheran, Westboro
Good Shepherd Lutheran, Eau Claire
Grace Lutheran, Eau Claire
Hope Lutheran, Eau Claire
Immanuel Lutheran, Eau Claire
Joy Lutheran, Prescott
King's Valley Lutheran, Osseo
Little Elk Creek Lutheran, Menomonie
Longwood Emmanuel Lutheran, Greenwood
Nazareth Lutheran, Withee
New Hope Lutheran, Downsville
Osseo Evangelical Lutheran, Osseo
Our Savior's Lutheran, Greenwood
Our Savior's Lutheran, Menomonie
Peace Lutheran, Menomonie
South Beef River, Osseo
Spirit Lutheran, Eau Claire
St. James Trinity Lutheran, Fall Creek
St. John's Lutheran, Eau Claire
St. Luke's Lutheran of Foster, Osseo
St. Paul's Lutheran, Augusta *
St. Paul's Lutheran, Curtiss *
St. Paul's Lutheran, Medford *
Trinity Lutheran, Eau Claire
Trinity Lutheran, Loyal
University Lutheran, Eau Claire

Cluster Four Churches

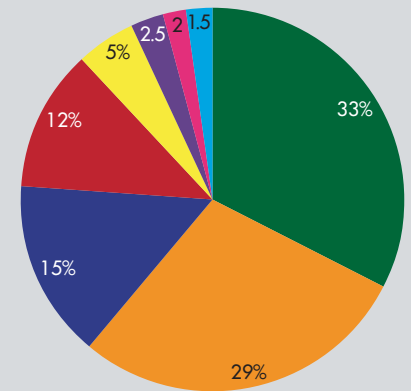
Blair Lutheran, Blair *
Central Lutheran, Mondovi

Chimney Rock, Strum *
Christ Lutheran, Arcadia
Elk Creek Lutheran, Osseo
Evangelical, Black River Falls
Faith Lutheran, Durand
Peace, Pigeon Falls
Fagerness, Blair *
First of Trempealeau, Taylor
French Creek, Ettrick
Good Shepard, Mondovi
Grace of Pleasantville, Whitehall
Hardies Creek, Ettrick
Immanuel, Pepin
Immanuel, Strum
Independence Lutheran, Independence *
Little Norway, Black River Falls
Living Hope Lutheran, Ettrick
Lyster Lutheran, Nelson
Modena Lutheran, Mondovi
Mt. Calvary Lutheran, Trempealeau
Northfield Lutheran, Hixton
Our Savior's Lutheran, Hixton
Our Savior's Lutheran, Whitehall
Pleasant Valley Lutheran, Eleva
Rock Creek Lutheran, Rock Falls
South Beaver Creek, Ettrick
Squaw Creek Lutheran, Black River Falls
St. John's Lutheran, Alma
Sabyland Lutheran
Taylor Lutheran, Taylor
Trinity Lutheran of Norden, Mondovi
Upper Beaver Creek, Taylor
Upper Pigeon Creek, Hixton
Zion Lutheran, Galesville

Balance Sheet

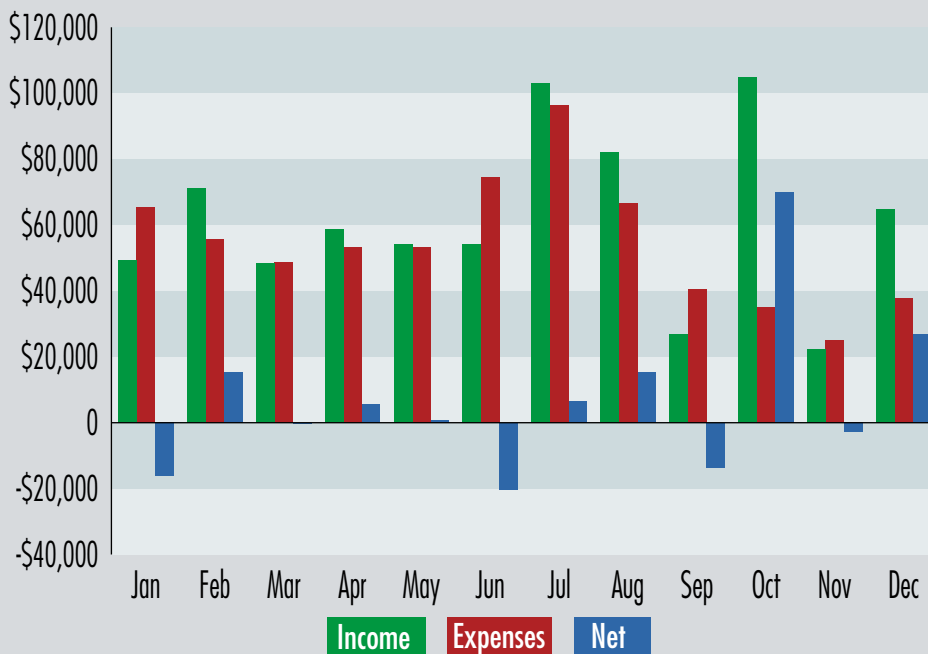
Assets	2024	2023
Sterling Bank Checking	\$59,317.27	\$34,578.34
Sterling Bank Reserve	\$54.82	\$54.26
Total Assets	\$59,372.09	\$34,632.60
Liabilities		
Sterling Bank Loan	\$152,801.93	\$160,931.50
Endowment Fund Loan	\$55,750.29	\$55,417.56
Sterling Bank Line of Credit	\$25,000.00	\$0.00
Total Liabilities	\$233,552.22	\$216,349.06

2024 Income

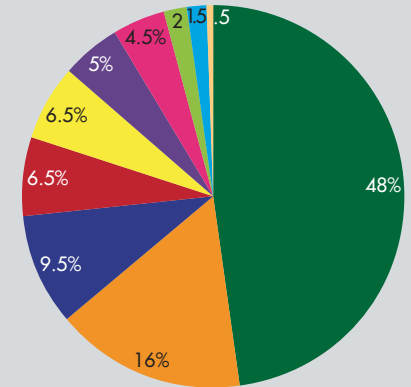


- Summer Camp Fees
- Individual Donors
- Congregational Support
- Retreats & Group Rentals
- Auctions & Events
- Organizations
- Other Revenue
- Canteen

2024 Month-to-Month Income



2024 Expenses



- Staff Salaries & Benefits
- Summer Staff & Program
- Insurance & Taxes
- Food
- Office & Business
- Maintenance
- Utilities
- Canteen
- Other Expenses
- Loan Interest



Income Statement & 2025 Budget

Income	2025 Budget	2024 Actual
Annual Fund Donations	\$284,000.00	\$343,293.16
Special Events	\$40,000.00	\$36,941.57
Summer Program Revenue	\$300,000.00	\$243,702.03
Non-Summer Program Revenue	\$48,000.00	\$27,806.85
Guest Group Rentals	\$67,000.00	\$58,264.96
Canteen Revenue	\$18,000.00	\$13,111.75
Other Revenue	\$22,000.00	\$16,751.38
Total Income	\$779,000.00	\$739,871.70
Expenses		
Canteen Expenses	\$15,000.00	\$15,569.23
Staff Development	\$6,000.00	\$1,620.63
Summer Staff Non-Wage	\$8,600.00	\$13,681.82
Payroll	\$364,000.00	\$336,657.35
Payroll Taxes	\$27,500.00	\$26,457.70
Board of Pensions	\$84,000.00	\$36,918.70
Banking, Accounting & Legal Fees	\$46,900.00	\$32,779.59
Insurance & Taxes	\$50,000.00	\$54,758.01
Property Taxes	\$4,000.00	\$8,141.43
Fundraising	\$2,500.00	\$1,477.86
Ministry Center Loan Interest	\$8,000.00	\$4,010.94
Program Supplies & Expenses	\$8,000.00	\$10,267.19
Office	\$15,000.00	\$10,213.85
Maintenance	\$38,500.00	\$31,503.13
Housekeeping	\$1,500.00	\$1,029.81
Kitchen	\$3,000.00	\$4,029.57
Food	\$42,000.00	\$39,713.59
Utilities	\$48,000.00	\$30,780.03
Vehicles	\$4,500.00	\$3,175.59
Other Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$5,991.87
Total Expenses	\$779,000.00	\$668,777.89
Net Income	—	\$71,093.81

Endowment Fund Report

Since the establishment of the Luther Park Bible Camp Endowment Committee at the February 2023 Annual Meeting, it has worked diligently, updating the Bylaws, establishing policies and managing the Fund's investments to return the highest rates of return for the Camp's "benefit."

Your gifts to the Endowment Fund will have a benefit in perpetuity to the Camp, while continuing to grow beyond your life.

Luther Park Bible Camp Endowment Committee

Scott Davis (*Chair*)

Katie Anderson (*Secretary*)

Wayne Kendrick (*Treasurer*)

Christine Anderson and

Anna Sorensen (*Board Reps*)

Eric Klein (*Advisor*)



Fund	2023	2024
Sterling Bank		
Checking Account Beginning Balance	\$22,251.69	\$3,932.60
Checking Interest Earned	\$9.58	\$3.95
Donation Deposits	\$1,820.40	\$1,763.71
Internal Loan Payment	\$0.00	\$500.00
Sterling Bank CD	(\$20,000.00)	\$21,110.55
Withdrawals by Check, Includes CD	(\$149.07)	(\$22,714.70)
Bank Account Ending Balance	\$3,932.60	\$4,596.11
ELCA Ministry Growth Fund (MGF)		
Beginning Market Value	\$31,666.42	\$8,056.23
Transfer to CD (<i>through MIF</i>)	(\$25,000.00)	\$0.00
Distributions to MIF	(\$743.70)	(\$80.20)
Distributions Retained	\$0.00	\$868.60
Transfers from CDs	\$0.00	\$33,000.00
Ending Market Value	\$8,056.23	\$43,244.16
Mission Investment Fund (MIF)		
Checking Account Beginning Balance	\$13,583.45	\$3,336.82
Deposits	\$355.58	\$0.00
ELCA MGF Distributions	\$743.70	\$1,633.22
Purchase CD	(\$12,000.00)	\$12,000.00
CD Interest	\$0.00	\$1,555.53
Checking Interest	\$35.64	\$23.57
Transfer CD Amount to MGF	\$0.00	(\$12,000.00)
Checking Account Ending Balance	\$2,718.37	\$6,549.14
Certificates of Deposit		
Sterling Bank 15 month CD	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
MIF CD (from MGF)	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
MIF CD (from MIF)	\$12,000.00	\$0.00
CD Interest Earned	\$1,054.99	In Accounts
Ending Balance	\$58,054.99	\$25,000.00
Loan to Luther Park Operations		
Loan Balance LPBC	\$53,543.54	\$55,417.56
Simple Interest @ 3.5%	\$1,874.02	\$1,939.52
Interest Payment	\$0.00	(\$1,589.04)
Principal Payment	\$0.00	(\$17.75)
Remaining Balance	\$55,417.56	\$55,750.29
Endowment Total	\$128,179.75	\$135,139.70
Total Camp Benefit	\$1,100.21	\$2,739.68
90% Payment to Camp	\$990.19	\$2,465.71

Financial Committee Summary of the Luther Park 2022 Financial Audit

The auditor found the financial statements to be accurate and fairly presented, with no significant disagreements.

The financial statements of Luther Park Bible Camp for the year ended December 31, 2022, show a net increase in assets of \$58,196. A \$13,068 adjustment was necessary for additional capital asset costs. Essentially this error was related to the cost of building the ministry center. The \$13,068 needed to be added to the value of camp's assets.

The camp's primary source of revenue is donations, followed by guest group revenue and program revenue. The camp's expenses primarily relate to program services, management and general, and fundraising. The auditor's report states that the financial statements present fairly the financial position of the camp and its changes in net assets and cash flows.

However, the auditor also identified some weaknesses in the camp's internal controls, particularly in the areas of segregation of duties and record-keeping. The auditor recommends implementing stronger internal controls, improving record-keeping practices, and enhancing board oversight to address these weaknesses, which we have started to work on.

1. Weakness — Lack of Strong Internal Controls: The Camp lacks a robust system of internal controls to ensure accurate financial reporting. This includes weaknesses in segregation of duties, especially regarding cash handling and approval processes.

How we have addressed it: Cash or check receipts are handled exclusively by office staff, deposit approvals are conducted by the Executive Director, and account reconciliations are independently performed by the out-of-office accounting firm, who is not involved in the receipt or approval processes. For checking disbursements, the out-of-office accounting firm prepares the checks, which require dual signatures from the Executive Director and a designated board member for amounts exceeding \$2,500. All reconciliations are subject to periodic reviews by the board to ensure compliance and maintain accountability. These measures provide a robust framework for safeguarding financial integrity.

2. Weakness — Record-keeping: The Camp struggles with maintaining accurate and complete records, such as payroll records and detailed reports.

How we have addressed it: We have improved our record-keeping and have records on site where they can be easily found and accessed. We also keep and store electronic back-ups.

3. Weakness — Insufficient Board Oversight: The Board of Directors needs to be more involved in overseeing financial matters, including approving pay rate changes and reviewing financial reports.

How we have addressed it: All pay rate changes are noted in minutes and all financial reports are reviewed not only by the Board of Directors but also by the Finance Committee and noted in minutes, which are kept. Reports are reviewed and approved monthly by the Board of Directors.

Towering Pines and Way Club Members

Towering Pines Gold Circle

(\$5,000 or more)

Joyce Bates

Dave & Bonnie Dobbs

Dale & Donna Kringle

Don & Jean Moats

Towering Pines Silver Circle

(\$3,000–\$4,999)

Irene Hunt

Mary & Sherman Toufar

Towering Pines Bronze Circle

(\$2,000–\$2,999)

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Towering Pines Members

(\$1,000–\$1,999)

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Janet Etnier

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Kevin & Cindy Albus
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Roxanne Berg
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Scott & Judy Coulson
Thomas & Jan Drehmel
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Romaine & Joyce Endreson
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Lyle & Andrea Griner
Judith Haugen
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Gary & Shelby Schlosstein
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Virginia & George Severson
Jennifer Sigfrinius
Myron & Kathy Siler
Joanne Stange
Janice Stearns
Pr. Mike & Angie Vetsch
Pr. Katie Wagner
Mary Barlow Weber
Bernard Ziegeweid



Gifts-in-Kind

Individual Donors

Julia Accola	Tootie Eskildsen	Deanna McGinnis	Teri Schut
Mara Ahles-Iverson	Mark Forster	Kathy McLellan	Ramona Simpson
Connie Anderson	Lynn Gagne	Carolyn Meinen	Ruth Skeie
Carol Arthur	Birgitta Haglund	Julie Miller	Foster Soper
Mary Baier	Carol Hakala	Don Moats	Merry Soyck-Doring
Mary Bensen	Ted Hakala	Joan Moats	Martha Stewart
Ted Bensen	Rev. Melinda Halom	Melanie Orendorff	Doris Tallman
Jim Brickner	Candi Hodgson	Mark Palma	Herbert Tallman
Sherry Brickner	Amanda Howen	Shannon Palma	Diana Thompson
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Lori Carlsen	Cheryl Johnson	Winnie Peterson	Angela Tonyan
Adele Danielson	Deb Keech	Sharon Radke	Ellie Toycen
Marilyn Danielson	Rebecca Koster	Debbie Reese	Deedra Wagner
Paula Davis	Marlene & Jodi Lee	Cathy Retzer	Heidi Wagner
Scott Davis	Charlie Leonard	K. Fred Rist	Dean Williams
John Deere	Gail Levo	Linda Roth	Dan Wood
Amy Eitrheim	Donna Matus	Crystal Sands	Kerri Wood
Dorothy Enger	Lisa Maves	Myra Scharpe	Val Zellmer

Groups/Congregations

Anderson's Maple Syrup	Little Elk Creek Church
Bethany Lutheran Church Quilters	Lutheran Church of Good Shepherd Quilters of EC
Bethany Luther Park Quilters	Monday Quilting/Rhonda Candler
Big Drywood Lutheran Church WELCA	New Hope Comforters - Sand Creek
Campia Community Quilters	New Hope Lutheran Church
Christ the Servant Lutheran Church-WELCA	Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Churchberries Quilt Group	Plum Creek Quilters
Comfort Quilters Group	Quilters of Christ Lutheran, Arcadia
Evangelical Lutheran Church, Black River Falls	Sabyland Lutheran Quilters
First Lutheran of Arland WELCA	South Shore Quilters - Mission Quilts
Friends of Bethany Lutheran	Spirit Lutheran Quilters
Friends of Luther Park	Trinity Lutheran Church

Memorials & Honorariums

Throughout 2024, many gifts have been given to Luther Park Bible Camp in special honor or in special memory of loved ones. These are the names of loved ones who have been remembered by gifts:

In Memory of

Dick Beckman
Richard Beer
Ruth Blom
Marilyn Borofka
Rodger Clark
Betty Davis
Jean Deering
Harvey Ebbighausen

Melvina Everson
Joann Frey
Mary Ann Friederich
Don Gallagher
Rev. Jerry Hibbard
Marty Iverson
Chuck Jackson
John Kurschner

Donna Lenbom
John Lionberger
Tom Mickelson
Joyce Oberdeck
Daniel Wanzung
Marilyn Zielke

In Honor of

Larry & Georgia Button's 70th Wedding Anniversary
Bill & Karen Foust's Wedding Anniversary
Margaret Hunstad's 97th Birthday
71st Anniversary of Irene and the late Carl Hunt
Bishop Martin Halom

Jean Harriman
Katie Rykal's Birthday
Bob & Mary Schoenknecht
Summer Staff

Legacy Giving

Legacy giving is a powerful way to ensure Luther Park Bible Camp continues to nurture faith and community for generations to come. These estate-planned gifts from individuals and trusts often support the Endowment Fund, scholarships, and capital improvements, such as the Ministry Center capital campaign, which benefited from approximately **\$76,000** in estate gifts this past year. Your legacy can provide future campers and retreat guests with opportunities to grow in Faith and fellowship. To explore how you can make a lasting impact, contact the camp office—we'd be honored to help you shape your legacy.



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Thrivent Action Teams

Any Thrivent member can apply twice per year for a \$250.00 grant to fund charitable projects. Luther Park has been the recipient of many Thrivent Action Team funded projects over the years. Check with the staff to see what types of projects you could name in the Thrivent Action Team application form: www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-action-teams

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Thrivent members may also identify Luther Park as the organization to which they would like Thrivent to direct a portion of their charitable funding each year. Choose Luther Park here: www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-choice

In 2024 Luther Park received **\$12,952.53** through these two programs. This was a huge boost to the health of the ministry. If you are a Thrivent member, we encourage you to apply to these programs to support the ministry of Luther Park and we thank those that have done so in the past year:

Julia Accola
Ryan & Shannon
Anderson
Todd Andrews
Jill Begalke
Jeffrey Berg
Kathy & Ricky Bowers
Greta Breiby
Bryan & Beth
Cunningham
Scott & Paula Davis
Tracy Denk
Paul & Beth Eberhardt
John & Ahna Marie
Ericksen

Doug & Shirley Erickson
Mark Everson
Francis & Kolleen Felber
Lee & Jane Flug
Robert & JoDeen Forsyth
David & Joy Fossum
Georgia Freidel
Edward Grever
Kim & Pam Harden
Kurt Jacobson
Roger Kees
Kathryn Lois
Charles & Victoria
Maves

Christian McKean
Donny & Jean Moats
James & Carol Mohr
Marlin & Lois Mueller
Kenneth & Sharon
Nelson
Steven Nelson
Jim Nesseth & Aimee
Wollman-Nesseth
Gary Nielsen
Melani Orendorff
Ardis Proue
Bill & Joan Reichwald
Rick & Lindsay Reiten
Donald Rice

Joyce Riebe
Beverly Rieck
Bonnie Ristola
Randy & Kay Sands
Rudy & Judy Schleusner
Darrell & Gail Solberg
Pastor Anna & Jacob
Sorenson
Bryan & Sarah Staff
Terrance & Barbara
Staff
David & Beverly Stone
Marilyn Strop
Doris Tallman
Scott Thalacker
Janice Theberge
Janis & Stanley Tischer
Sara & Joe Toufar
Diane Wood
Stacy & Michael
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Now Hiring Summer Staff!

Luther Park typically hires about 35 summer staff each year. Most are college age. Each year Luther Park representatives visit many of our Lutheran colleges and various state universities to recruit these amazing young adults. These summer staffers live out our ministry to hundreds of campers each year. Former staff universally remember their summer at Luther Park as one of the most fun and meaningful experiences that they have ever had.

But campus visits are not enough to find all of the talented staff that Luther Park needs each year. We need your help in spreading the word about summer staff opportunities with this incredible ministry. Please help us find young adults who are willing to share their gifts and talents in teaching our youth about Christ's love and grace! If you know someone that would make a great Luther Park staff member, please encourage them to apply by visiting...

lutherpark.org/summer-staff

2025 Calendar of Events

- January 12–13 Youth Recharge
- March 5–9 LPBC Quilt Retreat
- March 14–15 LPBC Youth Recharge
- April 26 Spring Work Day
- April 30–May 4 LPBC Quilt Retreat
- May 24 Way Club & Donor Banquet
- May 25–June 6 Summer Staff Training
- June 8–August 8 Summer Camp
- August 2 Heart for Luther Park
- August 3–8 Family Camp
- September 17–21 LPBC Quilt Retreat
- October 24–25 LPBC Youth Recharge
- November 12–16 LPBC Quilt Retreat



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"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." *Matthew 19:14*