

Luther Park



Bible Camp

Planting seeds since 1932

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.

Matthew 13:31-32

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, both in this annual report and during the annual meeting!

As I indicated in last year's annual report, when we looked at the Luther Park 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. Given that, we re-imagined and revitalized the Growth and Development Committee, and this past year we created the position of Development Associate as a member of the year-round staff. Heather Day was selected for that position. Welcome, Heather! During October, we held a board retreat at Luther Park with a focus on development strategies for the future. We will be sharing more on those as we move forward. Along with new development strategies, we are embarking on some new marketing strategies as well.

The board has approved moving forward with a solar energy project at Luther Park. The project involves the installation of solar panels, which will provide power to a portion of camp, resulting in significant financial savings over the next several years. The project is being funded by generous donations from constituent church foundations and makes the camp eligible for significant rebates. The project will also provide educational opportunities for campers on the topic of sustainability. We will be sharing further information as we continue to move forward.

Volunteers continue to make a critical impact at a variety of events throughout the year! You are valued! My thanks to all of you for everything you do!

Among those volunteers are people who serve on the Luther Park Board of Directors, board committees, including Finance, Growth and Development, Program, Property, and the Executive Committee. There are also the Endowment Fund and the Nominating Committees. As provided for in the Luther Park By-Laws, both board members and non-board members with specific areas of expertise serve on these committees. These folks accomplish so much, both during monthly board meetings and in committee meetings. My thanks to each of them for all that they do!

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 to each of them for all they do!

I also want to lift up a special accomplishment. During this past May, Executive Director Eric Klein graduated from Luther Seminary with a Master of Arts Degree in Leadership and Innovation for Ministry. Congratulations, Eric!

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

Dear Friends,

This past year was a year of planting seeds, intentional decisions made with the expectation that growth will come, even if it is not yet fully visible. It was a year focused on preparing Luther Park for change and future growth, while remaining rooted in who we are and who we are called to serve.

We faced real and ongoing challenges. Financial pressure continued, summer overnight camper numbers declined further, and it became increasingly clear that we must continue discerning our role as a regional ministry. One of the most significant realizations this year was that we can no longer rely on summer camp revenue to subsidize the entirety of our ministry. Luther Park cannot simply be a summer camp anymore. This required us to realign our goals with today's reality rather than yesterday's assumptions.

In response, our Board of Directors and camp leadership made several important decisions. We hired Heather Day as our Development Associate to intentionally grow our fundraising capacity and position Luther Park to function more fully as a nonprofit organization. We ran a full summer onsite day camp as an affordable childcare option for local families, responding to a clear community need and using resources already present at camp. We raised retreat and rental rates to more accurately reflect true costs, shifting our model so retreats and fundraising support summer camp rather than the reverse. We also moved forward with a solar array project, reflecting our commitment to care for creation and long-term stewardship by offsetting approximately 45% of our energy usage.

These decisions are already showing signs of movement. Onsite day camp participation increased by over 100 campers, and we expanded our reach through three traveling VBS programs. While overnight camper numbers declined, donor engagement increased, with more individual donors supporting the ministry. Retreat usage grew significantly, and that growth is reflected in increased revenue, which is momentum we expect to strengthen even further in the coming year. We also invested heavily in infrastructure, replacing major mechanical systems, adding a walk-in freezer, purchasing 140 new cabin mattresses, and beginning our solar project. All steps that reduce future risk and strengthen sustainability.

Even in a year of financial pressure, we chose to continue offering affordable onsite day camp and to avoid significant increases in summer camp rates, even as many peer camps raised prices dramatically. These decisions reflect our commitment to accessibility and to serving families who rely on Luther Park as a place for their youth to explore and experience the life-changing love of God.

I am deeply grateful for the extraordinary leadership of our Board of Directors and Endowment Committee. It is their vision, teamwork, and faithful commitment that is shaping this ministry's future.

We move forward committed to building a comprehensive development strategy, strengthening outreach, and stewarding this ministry with care. Thank you for continuing to plant these seeds together.

God's Love Endures,

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*



“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

2025 Summer Staff

Isaac Anderson, Counselor
Lily Anderson, Counselor
Cooper Antczak, Counselor
Daniela Arias, Counselor
Evan Bucknam, Counselor
McKenna Ellsworth, Day Camp Counselor
Makayla Finnegan, Counselor
Sydney Garbe, Counselor
Dylan Halom, High School Lead
Curtie Harrison, Kitchen Staff
Lauren Jackson, Assistant Program Director
Ben Klein, Maintenance Assistant
Madison Lehman, Counselor
Andres Martinez Rubiano, Counselor
Wyatt Mayer, Counselor
Karen Mendez Guiza, Counselor
Leahna Pederson, Counselor
Barbora Podrouzkova, Counselor
Mika Rodriguez, Counselor
Madison Rondeau, Counselor
Gabby Schneider, Counselor
Kaden Scheider, Counselor
Sawyer Smock, Counselor
Simon Soldner, Health Care Coordinator
Francisco Trevino, Counselor
Lauren Waldrop, Day Camp Counselor
Ryan Wilterdink, Maintenance Assistant

Year-Round Staff

Liz Caya, Program & Office Administrator
Heather Day, Development Associate
Stephanie Fossum, Housekeeper
Eric Klein, Executive Director
Beth Kley, Cook
Bill Reed, Property Manager
Joan Stuart, Head Cook
Abby Vander Laan, Program Director

Board of Directors

Pastor Mara Ahles-Iverson, Program
Christine Anderson, Secretary, Program
Susan Bayer, Program
Ted Bensen, Vice President, Property
Kris Jenson, Program, Heart for Luther Park
John Moen, President, Program, Property
Rod Nordby, Property
Pastor Brad Peterson, Treasurer, Finance
Elizabeth Schoenkecht, Growth & Development
Pastor Anna Sorenson, Growth & Development
Jon Strand, Finance
Pastor Katie Wagner, Growth & Development



Growth and Development Committee

What is in a name? In the last 18 months, the Luther Park Marketing and Fundraising committee has been reestablished as the Growth and Development committee. This isn't just different words—this is an urgently needed change in approach and philosophy. We added two committee members with expertise in development with religiously oriented non-profit organizations. We spent time learning about development best practices and engaging the board and executive director in conversation leading to a comprehensive plan for fundraising and donor development.

In 2025, we prepared the soil for this ambitious and proactive plan. Luther Park has hired Heather Day as development associate. Heather has done extensive work to ensure our database includes accurate contact information and can be used to communicate effectively with a variety of audiences (camper parents, staff alumni, congregations, donors, etc.). We began a program of regular donor invitations for the annual fund, to support the ongoing ministry of Luther Park. Recognizing our need for support in storytelling and communications, we encouraged the board to engage a marketing and communication firm, Tic Tac Toe Marketing. Their work began in January.

Over many years, Luther Park has often been reactive—initiating a giving campaign when something breaks or asking staff to do more with less resources. The Growth and Development committee reminds the board to lead proactively and boldly—watching trends, anticipating needs, and preparing for future ministry guided by our strategic plan.

Luther Park will expand our ministry of the Gospel in ALL seasons, on ALL sites, with ALL people.
~ *Luther Park Vision Statement*

It is now time to plant the seeds that will bear the fruit of our vision statement. This spring, the Growth and Development committee will be holding one-on-one conversations with key constituents and using data from the program committee survey and the camper parent survey. Information gained through these conversations and surveys will be part of board visioning, strategic plan review, and development of plans for program, personnel, and capital improvements. A strong base of support for the annual fund will allow us to prepare for the future, respond to needs as they arise, be wise stewards of legacy and endowment gifts, and position Luther Park to reach ALL people, on ALL sites, in ALL seasons with the ministry of the Gospel. You are invited to plant these seeds for the future with regular generous gifts to Luther Park.

We are grateful to you, the donors and supporters who make this ministry possible, and are so excited to discover what the Holy Spirit has in store for Luther Park and its people in the coming year.

Committee members: Eric Klein, Executive Director; Heather Day, Development Associate; Nate Berkas, and board members Elizabeth Schoenknecht, Rev. Anna Sorenson, and Rev. Katie Wagner.



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 2025, including...

- Walk-in Freezer Installed in the Kitchen
- Shoe Rack Installed at the Pool Entrance
- Replaced 140 Cabin Mattresses
- Deep Cleaned and Painted Galilee Cabin
- Replaced Four Water Heaters
- Installed a Cross at the Amphitheater
- Replaced the Farmhouse Boiler
- Installed Edison Lights at the Amphitheater
- Replaced Welcome Center Furnace
- Internet Installed at Covenant Center
- Removed Flooring, Completed Asbestos Abatement, and Painted the Game Room in the Chapel
- Removed Three Trees
- Converted the Summer Resource Room into a Bedroom in Covenant

2025 Highlights

- 3519 Total Guests
- 2643 Retreat Guests (Day or Overnight)
- 154 Quilt Retreat Participants
- 533 Overnight Campers
- 189 On-Site Day Campers
- 175 Traveling VBS Campers
- 26 Summer Staff
- 34 Monthly Donors
- 36 New Donors
- Continued Partnership with the La Crosse Area Synod & Sugar Creek Bible Camp on Engaging Children Initiative through a Grant from the Lilly Endowment
- Participation in the 2025 EcoFaith Summit
- Participation in the 2025 ELCA Youth Ministry Network Extravaganza

Heart for Luther Park

Heart for Luther Park 2025 was held on Saturday, August 2. We had great weather and delicious food, including fabulous brats from Louie's Meat Market. The live auction contained over 80 beautiful quilts, as well as a variety of other handcrafted creations. The silent auction contained 47 items including crocheted blankets, hand-painted pictures, and a variety of themed baskets. Dolly Neby again was our auctioneer and was entertaining as always for the enthusiastic crowd.

The event raised over **\$27,000** in total. 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 and Dolly Neby.



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 Lutheran, 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
Shepherd Lutheran, Ashland
Hope Lutheran, Ladysmith
Immanuel Lutheran, Cornucopia
Living Water Lutheran, Cameron *
Long Lake Lutheran, Sarona *
Messiah Lutheran, Washburn
Nathaniel Lutheran, Bruce
Our Savior's Lutheran, Iron River *
Our Savior's Lutheran, Rice Lake *
Our Savior's Lutheran, Solon Springs
Peace Lutheran Church, Poplar
Stanfold Lutheran, Rice Lake
Trinity Lutheran of McKinley, Cumberland *
Trinity Lutheran, Lake Nebagamon *
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 Lutheran of Bateman, Chippewa Falls *
First Lutheran, Barron *
First Lutheran of Orland, Prairie Farm *
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 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 *
United Lutheran, Prairie Farm *

* Congregations providing financial support in 2025



125 Churches in Four Clusters

Cluster Three Churches

Christ Lutheran, Menomonie *
Eleva Lutheran, Eleva *
First Evangelical Lutheran, Ogema *
First Evangelical 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 Lutheran, 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 Evangelical Lutheran, Augusta *
St. Paul's Lutheran, Curtiss *
St. Paul's Lutheran, Medford *
Trinity Lutheran, Eau Claire *
Trinity Lutheran, Loyal
University Lutheran, Eau Claire
Wilson Lutheran, Wilson *

Cluster Four Churches

Blair Lutheran, Blair *
Central Lutheran, Mondovi *
Chimney Rock Lutheran, Strum *

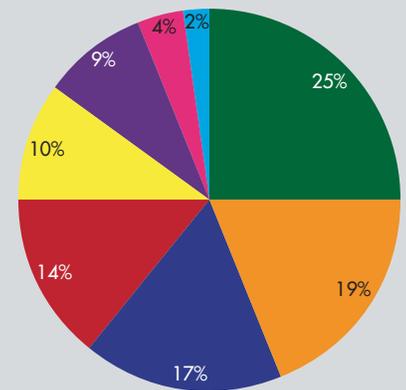
Christ Lutheran, Arcadia *
Drammen Lutheran Church, Mondovi *
Elk Creek Lutheran, Osseo *
Evangelical Lutheran, Black River Falls
Fagerness Lutheran, Blair *
Faith Lutheran, Durand *
French Creek Lutheran, Ettrick *
Good Shepard Lutheran, Mondovi *
Grace of Pleasantville Lutheran, Whitehall *
Hardies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



Balance Sheet *(as of December 31, 2025)*

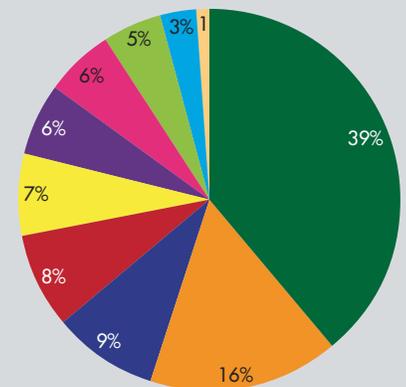
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	\$20,417.58
Accounts Receivable	\$0.00
Total Current Assets	\$20,417.58
Fixed Assets	
Buildings and Improvements	\$2,416,215.51
Furniture and Equipment	\$14,594.18
Total Fixed Assets	\$2,430,809.69
TOTAL ASSETS	\$2,451,227.27
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	\$0.00
Bank Line of Credit	\$62,000.00
Total Current Liabilities	\$62,000.00
Long-Term Liabilities	
Ministry Center Loan	\$154,931.50
Endowment Fund Loan	\$54,237.53
Total Long-Term Liabilities	\$209,169.03
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$271,169.03

2025 Income



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

2025 Expenses



- Staff Salaries & Benefits
- Summer Staff & Program
- Kitchen & Food
- Insurance & Taxes
- Maintenance & Sanitation
- Office & Business
- Utilities
- Solar Array
- Other Expenses
- Canteen



Income Statement & 2026 Budget

INCOME	2026 Budget	2025 Actual	2025 Budget
Individual Support	\$180,000.00	\$165,156.72	\$114,000.00
Church Support	\$105,000.00	\$148,233.90	\$105,000.00
Other Support	\$99,000.00	\$78,947.02	\$65,000.00
Special Events	\$35,000.00	\$32,073.00	\$40,000.00
Program Revenue	\$247,000.00	\$213,870.66	\$300,000.00
Non-Summer program	\$40,000.00	\$34,325.00	\$48,000.00
Guest Group Rentals	\$115,000.00	\$86,291.40	\$67,000.00
Canteen Revenue	\$18,000.00	\$15,151.09	\$18,000.00
Other Revenue	\$21,000.00	\$85,286.64	\$22,000.00
Total Income	\$860,000.00	\$859,335.43	\$779,000.00
EXPENSES	2026 Budget	2025 Actual	2025 Budget
Canteen Expenses	\$10,000.00	\$10,329.87	\$15,000.00
Staff Development	\$4,300.00	\$2,040.59	\$6,000.00
Summer Staff Expense	\$3,900.00	\$6,785.40	\$8,600.00
Payroll Expense	\$475,500.00	\$465,584.77	\$475,500.00
Bank, Legal, and Acct Fees	\$38,300.00	\$43,497.54	\$46,900.00
Insurance	\$56,000.00	\$60,765.88	\$50,000.00
Property Taxes	\$4,100.00	\$4,066.18	\$4,000.00
Fundraising Expenses	\$2,500.00	\$1,829.76	\$2,500.00
Capital Campaign/Loan	\$15,200.00		\$8,000.00
Endowment Loan	\$5,000.00		
Promo/Public Relations	\$24,000.00	\$3,878.59	\$5,000.00
Program Supplies & Expenses	\$6,600.00	\$28,401.00	\$8,000.00
Office Expense	\$5,000.00	\$3,211.69	\$10,000.00
Safety and Sanitation	\$12,400.00	\$12,587.72	
Maintenance	\$40,000.00	\$48,383.09	\$38,500.00
Solar Array	\$45,000.00	\$44,632.00	
Housekeeping	\$1,500.00	\$620.28	\$1,500.00
Kitchen	\$1,000.00	\$25,636.54	\$3,000.00
Food	\$48,500.00	\$50,983.58	\$42,000.00
Utilities	\$42,700.00	\$47,488.58	\$48,000.00
Vehicle Expenses	\$4,500.00	\$8,846.03	\$4,500.00
Other Expenses	\$14,000.00	\$19,013.14	\$2,000.00
Total Expenses	\$860,000.00	\$888,582.23	\$779,000.00
Net Income	—	(\$29,246.80)	—



Endowment Fund Report

Having accomplished the goal of organizing the structure and investments of the Endowment Fund, the Committee has begun work on the long-term viability and fruitfulness of the Fund for the sake and future of the Camp.

Fund growth was achieved in 2025 through gifts and return on investments. Gifts to the Endowment Fund have an immediate "benefit" to the Camp, while continuing growth has benefits beyond your life.

Fund	2024	2025
Sterling Bank Checking	\$4,696.11	\$3,014.08
ELCA Mission Investment Fund Checking	\$6,549.14	\$3,412.31
ELCA Ministry Growth Fund (Market Value)	\$43,244.16	\$90,094.76
Certificates of Deposit	\$25,000.00	\$0.00
Loan to Luther Park Operations	\$55,750.29	\$54,237.53
Endowment Total	\$135,239.70	\$150,758.68
Total Camp Benefit	\$2,739.68	\$2,375.36
90% of Benefit Paid to Camp	\$2,465.71	\$2,137.82

Luther Park Bible Camp Endowment Committee

Scott Davis (*Chair*)
 Pr. Katie Anderson (*Secretary*)
 Wayne Kendrick (*Treasurer*)

Elizabeth Schoenknecht and
 Pr. Anna Sorenson (*Board Reps*)

Heather Day (*Liaison*)
 Eric Klein (*Advisor*)



Engaging Children Initiative Year–End Report

The Engaging Children Initiative is a five-year grant program through the La Crosse Area Synod. We help equip leaders to creatively engage children in prayer and worshipful experiences through the arts, movement, curiosity and story. ECI adds connectivity, intentionality and supportive resources to empower ministry leaders to create spaces where children of all abilities and their families feel truly welcomed in the life of the church.

Phase One: 2025–Spring 2026 Learning Laboratories (camps and congregations experiment with creative ways to engage children)

Phase Two & Three: Two rounds of cohorts 2026–27 & 2027–28 (learning labs will mentor the cohorts in these phases)

Phase Four: 2028–2029 Sharing our learnings

The following congregations and camps are ECI Learning Labs:

Cashton Lutheran Parish	St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran (Prairie du Chien)
Immanuel Lutheran (Viroqua)	Sugar Creek Bible Camp (Ferryville)
Luther Park Bible Camp (Chetek)	Trinity Lutheran (Sparta)
Prince of Peace Lutheran (La Crescent)	

Learning Labs have been experimenting and collaborating with other regional leaders in creatively welcoming and engaging children in worship and prayer.

What we've done so far

- Learning Labs have gathered four times to support, learn from one another and explore available resources
- Lent Parent and Caregiver Survey—<https://tinyurl.com/ECISurveyResults>
- Summer Camp parent survey to assist in program improvement and ECI goals
- Fall Retreat at Sugar Creek Bible Camp including an Interactive Training with Pastor Jen Rome to equip church staff and volunteers
- Began compiling resources and ideas to share via:
Worship Wonders monthly email (sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/WorshipWonders>)
and our website at <https://eci.lacrosseareasynod.org/home>

Coming in 2026

- Site visits and parent focus groups in congregational Learning Labs
- Applications and selection of the first round of cohorts
- Fall training event on Saturday, September 26 at Luther Park Bible Camp

Respectfully submitted by ECI Staff,
Pastor Anna Sorenson, Kendra Wieser & Caleb Kvale
engagingchildren@lacrosseareasynod.org



ENGAGING CHILDREN
INITIATIVE



Towering Pines and Way Club Members

Towering Pines Diamond Circle

(\$10,000 or more)

Irene Hunt

Don & Jean Moats

Towering Pines Gold Circle

(\$5,000–\$9,999)

Joyce Bates

Ted & Mary Bensen

Dave & Bonnie Dobbs

Amy Eitrheim

Dale & Donna Kringle

Audrey & Jim Kusilek

Renee & Charlie Rihn

Towering Pines Silver Circle

(\$3,000–\$4,999)

Catherine Friederich

Pr. Richard & Carol Halom

Chuck Hillert

Thomas & Ellen Potterton

Andy & Leila Wieser

Towering Pines Bronze Circle

(\$2,000–\$2,999)

Edwin & Ann Berg

Joyce Hanson

Anita Husby

Anne Keller

Judy Lies

Howard & Rita Slinden

Mary & Sherman Toufar

Towering Pines Members

(\$1,000–\$1,999)

Julia Accola

Christine Anderson

Craig & Teresa Anderson

Arlan & Diane Bergquist

Scott & Paula Davis

Doug & Shirley Erickson

James & Valerie Fedie

JoAnn Fuerbringer

Pr. Martin & Melinda Halom

Sarah Hoefflin

Ronald Hoepner

Chet & Clenora Hoversten

Margaret Hunstad

Scott & Paula Jackson

Wayne Kendrick

Eric & Allison Klein

Dale & Joan Moe

John & Leslie Moen

Kirk & Karen Myhre

Kenneth & Sharon Nelson

Suzanne & Kirk Olson

Verna & John Perkins

Elizabeth Schoenknecht

Dana & Jim Schroeder

Gordy Thorpe

Way Club Diamond Circle

(\$500–\$999)

Valerian Ahles

Alden Berg

Pr. Rexford & Janet Brandt

Dan & Judy Byom

Brad & Rebecca Carter

Steven & Chris Dahlberg

Heather Dahms

Randy & Barb Dahms

Heather & Herschel Day

Donald & Barbara Dukerschein

Francis & Kolleen Felber

Robert Forsyth

Jean Friske

Gary Gienapp

Vernon Gensing

Mark & Naomi Hall

Tina & Dave Henningsen

Kurt Jacobson

Adam Jeffers & Amy Gamerdinger
Jeffers

Marlys Kolstad

Roger & Marlene Lee

Carol Lekies

Jill Lenhart

Ralph & Dorothy Marquardt

Earl & Linda Mathison

Dean & Marsha Moats

Sandy & Mike Moszer

Alzada Nelson

Jeff & Gail Olson

Beverly Rieck

Kathy & Randy Rosenberg

Katie & Craig Rykal

Roger & Shirley Shepler

Arvin & Barbara Solsaa

Anna & Jacob Sorenson

Rich & Charlene Stevens

Jon & Julia Strand

Craig & Jennifer Turcott

Thomas & Gloria Wagener

Deedra Wagner

Bethany & Nate Walker

Heather Whitcomb

Thomas & Sheila Zahorik

Way Club Gold Circle

(\$300–\$499)

Mara Ahles-Iverson & Ken Pauley

Gary & Connie Allram

Debra Antony

Lowell Bolstad

Loren & Bonnie Barker

Luise Beringer

Mary Blake

Dean & Carolyn Brockmeier

Dorothy & Dave Enger



Janet Etnier
Georgia Freidel
Victoria Hendricks
Dave & Sue Hildebrand
Brianna & Joe Iverson
Harry & Louise Janke
William Jensen
Roger & Donna Jones
Josh & Emma Jorstad
Dan & Dorothy Lee
Sharon Loe
Cheryl Lowery
David & Linda Martinson
James & Carol Mohr
Tim & Elizabeth Schmidt
Arlyn & Joanne Solberg
Doris & Herbert Tallman
Katie Wagner

Way Club Silver Circle
(\$200-\$299)

Steven & Diane Aldach
Bryan & Theresa Anderson
Glenn & Sandra Anderson
Lana Anderson
Suzanne Arnevik
Monica & Richard Bahr
Jeffrey Berg
James Christenson
Roger & Cheryl Dahl
Judith Dahlgren
Romaine & Joyce Endreson
Mark Everson
Lee & Jane Flug
Gary & Faith Garnatz
Todd & Heather Gienapp
Gerard Hanson
Kyle Jaeger & Laura Mackey
Michelle & Christopher Johnson
Sally Kallenbach
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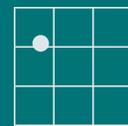
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Groups/Congregations

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Drammen Lutheran Church	Trinity Lutheran Church, Boyceville
Evangelical Lutheran Church, Black River Falls	Trinity Lutheran Church, Lake Nebagamon
Hardies Creek Lutheran Church	Women of Trinity Lutheran Church of McKinley

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, capital improvements, or special initiatives. 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.

Estate Gifts

Vernon Gensing – \$648.45
Leila Haight – \$2,171.79

Congregational Gift

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rice Lake – \$40,000



Memorials & Honorariums

Throughout 2025, 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

Janice Anderson
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LP Golf Outing

On August 7, 2025, twelve teams teed off at Sioux Creek Golf Course, turning a friendly 9-hole best ball tournament into a day full of laughter, competition, and generosity. Between long drives, short putts, and plenty of good-natured trash talk, the outing raised just over \$6,000 to support Luther Park's ministry, proof that community and mission pair well with a golf cart and a scorecard.

What makes this event special isn't only the funds raised, but the people behind it. The outing thrives because of dedicated volunteers, especially Pastor Brad Peterson, and the generous sponsors who make the day possible: Central Lutheran in Chippewa Falls, First Lutheran in Cumberland, Trinity Lutheran in Boyceville, Jamie's Buckshot Bar in Boyceville, Pump & Meter in Chippewa Falls, The Motley Crew in Memory of Rev. Ben Ahles-Iverson, and Sioux Creek Golf Course.



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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 2025 Luther Park received **\$9,912.00** through these two programs. 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:

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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

2026 Calendar of Events

- January 21–25 LPBC Quilt Retreat
- February 7 Annual Meeting
- March 11–15 LPBC Quilt Retreat
- April 18 Spring Work Day
- April 29–May 3 LPBC Quilt Retreat
- May 30 Way Club & Donor Banquet
- May 24–June 5 Summer Staff Training
- June 7–July 31 Summer Camp
- August 1 Heart for Luther Park
- August 2–7 Family Camp
- August 6 LPBC Golf Outing
- September 16–20 LPBC Quilt Retreat
- September 26 Engaging Children Initiative Training Event
- November 18–22 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