



# The Breeze

*"Building up all people in Christ for service and witness to the world."*

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## Thankful for those that come to Camp Luther!

### Giving Tuesday 2023

November 21—December 5!

*Our number one problem at camp is number two! We have a crappy problem and need your help! Help us keep camp flushing!* There are lots of funny ways we could share this with you...and we have to have some fun with it; however, the reality is parts of our septic system need urgent updating.

There are some companies that do not want to service our equipment because it's age and condition bring up safety concerns. This project in total will cost Camp Luther over **\$100,000**. This includes needed updates on the following parts: hardware & software in our lift station, upper tank, and control panels.

We recognize that this is not the big & shiny project that everyone wants to give to, but it is currently the highest need here at camp. **If we don't have a working septic system we can't have people come to Camp Luther!**

We will be using this year's Giving Tuesday funds to kick-off this project and we are asking you to prayerfully consider supporting our septic system getting these necessary updates! We have two ways you can support this project through Giving Tuesday:

- **Pray:** For the longevity of camp, for God to provide the funds to complete this project, and for safety of those that will be working on this project.
- **Donate:** You can donate by check (write "Giving Tuesday" in the memo) or you can use our online giving portal. For online giving select "Giving Tuesday" as the campaign then select "Outdoor Ministry Fund" as the purpose. [campluther.com/give](http://campluther.com/give)

Thank you to all who feel called to support this project!

### Celebrating those that have come before us!

June 18, 2023 was a historic day here at Camp Luther! During our normal outdoor worship service, which is held every Sunday in the summer at 10am, we celebrated the 50 years of ministry served by Pastor Al "Uncle Al" Behnke. This was a cherished time of celebrating the rich history of Camp Luther and praising God for the work He is continuing in this place. Thank you, Uncle Al!

*"I was truly humbled to be standing on the stage with almost all the people God has used over the last 76 years to lead Camp Luther in the Executive Director role. Of those was Al "Uncle Al" Behnke celebrating 50 years in the ministry, with his first call out of Seminary being to Camp Luther. It was an honor and encouragement for me personally to hear the stories shared by these great leaders. "Thank you Lord for going before Camp Luther and putting in place the right people at the right time. Help me, Lord, to be faithful to this position of Executive Director like Uncle Al and so many others!"*

Luke "Trigger" Kunze—Executive Director



Pictured left to right are: Luke "Trigger" Kunze, Gary "Woody" Vought, Jim "Jimbo" Yagow, "Uncle Al" Behnke, "Uncle Rick" Steinke, and "Uncle Arleigh" Lutz.

## Summer 2024 !

Can you believe it is already time to start thinking about the summer? We hope that your family is as excited as we are for Summer 2024!

Summer 2023 was our largest summer in the past few years, with 1,575 campers in attendance. This summer we will have 1,624 spaces available...that means we have room to grow and we need your help to get camp full!

How can you help fill camp you ask? Here are some ways you can help:

- Follow Camp Luther on Facebook/Instagram and share our posts related to Summer Camp.
- Share your own camp experiences with others, your stories are our best marketing tools.
- Come to Camp! Prioritize a week, or more, of summer camp in your family's summer schedule.

\*Registration opening DATES are located on pg. 2!

	Younger Kids (Pre-K to 3rd Grade)	Youth Camps (Grades 3-8)	Middle School (Grades 7-9)	High School (Grades 9-12)
<b>Week 1</b> (June 9-14)	Explorer (1-3)* *June 12-14	Pathfinder (4-6)	Quest (7-9)	
<b>Week 2</b> (June 16-21)	Kindercamp (Ages 4-7)* *Weekend: June 21-23	Pathfinder (3-5) Trailblazer (6-8)	Quest (7-9) Impact (8-10)* *June 21-21	Impact (8-10)* *June 14-21
<b>Week 3</b> (June 23-28)		Trailblazer (5-7)	Quest (7-9) Impact (8-10)* *June 21-28	Impact (8-10)* *June 21-28
<b>Week 4</b> (June 30-July 5)	Explorer (1-3)* *June 30-July 2, July 3-5 Kindercamp (Ages 4-7)* *Weekend: July 5-7	Pathfinder (3-5)	Quest (7-9) Impact (8-10)* *June 28-July 5	Impact (8-10)* *June 28-July 5
<b>Week 5</b> (July 7-12)		Pathfinder (4-6)	Quest (7-9) Impact (8-10)* *July 5-12	Impact (8-10) *July 5-12
<b>Week 6</b> (July 14-19)	Kindercamp (Ages 4-7)* *Weekend: July 19-21	Trailblazer (6-8)	Quest (7-9) Impact (8-10)* *July 14-21	Impact (8-10)* *July 14-21
<b>Week 7</b> (July 21-26)			Quest (7-9) Impact (8-10)* *July 19-26	High School Week (9-12)
<b>Week 8</b> (July 28 - Aug 2)	Kindercamp (Ages 4-7)* *Weekend: August 2-4	Pathfinder (3-5)	Quest (7-9) Impact (8-10)* *July 26-August 2	Impact (8-10) *July 26-August 2
<b>Week 9</b> (August 4-9)	Explorer (1-3)* *August 4-6	Trailblazer (5-7)	Quest (7-9) Impact (8-10)* *August 2-9	Impact (8-10) *August 2-9

# Our God is FaithFULL!

## Summer 2023 Recap

Our theme this summer at Camp Luther was **FaithFULL**. We got to talk about how in John 10:10 Jesus promises us "life to the full" and what that means in our everyday lives. **We shared how because of Jesus Christ we are FULLY known, FULLY forgiven, and FULLY loved.** This summer, camp was FULL. It was full of incredible summer staff, pouring out their hearts and lives in service of the gospel. It was full of amazing campers, bringing their laughter and excitement and worries and fears and joys and amazement and burdens and struggles and hope and delight – they got to bring all of that to camp.

It was full of passionate Junior Counselors, being built up and learning to serve and lead and love. It was full of awesome families, getting to connect and retreat and *get away*. It was full of extraordinary volunteers, serving behind-the-scenes and as legacy staff and in our Medic-of-the-Week and Pastor-of-the-Week volunteer programs. **Camp was FULL!**

We serve a God who is not just full – but who is faithful. And that faithfulness is what fills the emptiness and the cracks and the brokenness in our lives caused by an enemy who seeks to steal and kill and destroy. A heart that trusts God will always be full.

### Lamentations 3:22–23

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

This summer camp was full – full of the faithfulness of a God whose steadfast love never ceases, whose mercies never come to an end, whose promises are new every morning.

Thank you to each one of you who supported Camp Luther – through service, through prayers, through encouragement, through financial gifts – in making this summer of ministry possible. And thank you to the many, many of you who joined us at camp this summer and hopefully got to glimpse the faithfulness of God in action through that experience.

**Beth "Kardia" Lutz**  
Director of Programs



## The Community Center in Action: Utilizing the gift that has been given to us!

What an incredible blessing it was this past summer to begin utilizing all aspects of our new Community Center Building! A huge thank you to all the individuals and businesses that helped make this happen! The dining hall upstairs and the lower level were used fully for the first time this summer. Over all, this building is about 99.8 % complete with our goal to have it 100% complete by the end of this year! We are in the final count down! Camp Luther can't say thank you enough to everyone that gave so joyfully over the many years of this project! Camp Luther can't say thank you enough to everyone that has volunteered so joyfully over the many years of this project!

Most recently in this past year we had amazing gifts from Wally and Bonnie Pethke for all the wood given to finish out the lower level and a large grant from the Lutheran Women's Missionary League to help us finish all the final needs for the building! I can't help but also include many churches that have finished strong with their gift giving, like Redeemer Lutheran Church in Marquette, MI, and all of those that have completed their commitments! Thank you!



Lastly, we want you to **Come to Camp** and see this amazing blessing for yourself in person! We want you to be a part of what God is doing here!

### Here is how the Community Center was utilized this summer:

**The Dining Hall:** Outside of it's main purpose of serving meals, the dinning hall was used as a meeting space for multiple camper groups. One stormy summer night it even housed the Variety Show!



**The Deck of the Community Center:** Countless cups of coffee were consumed from the safety of the deck while our campers braved the frigid waters of Range Line Lake every morning. Many campers and retreat guests claimed that the deck is their new favorite spot at Camp Luther.



**The Servant Leadership Center (SLC):** The SLC turned into our Summer Staff lounge this summer. The multipurpose layout of the SLC made it the perfect location for staff training, all-staff meetings, and hanging out when staff had time off.



**The Lodge:** Named after the building that used to stand in it's place, the Lodge was mainly used by our Family Camp Program as their full-time meeting space and weekly game night location.



**Here is what a couple Family Campers had to say about the Lodge:** *"The Lodge is great! Nice tie-in to the "old" Lodge building for those of us who have been coming to Camp Luther for decades. It is wonderful to have a space dedicated to the Family Campers and their programs."* *"The Lodge added significant quality to the program and the potential for future programming options. We look forward to utilizing this space as our kids grow up."*

## Summer 2023 by the Numbers

- 40 Summer Staff Members
- 70 Junior Counselors
- 1,575 Youth and Teen Campers
- 150 Families Served Through Family Camp
- 60 Volunteers: Hundreds of Volunteer Hours
- \$3,000 Raised for FORK: Summer Mission
- \$22,000 Raised for the Every Kid to Camp Fund Through the Golf Classic
- 1,000 Perfect Polar Bears
- Thousands Built Up in Christ
- **1 Amazing God!**

## Summer 2024 Registration

Our opening day for summer registration has exploded in popularity in recent years resulting in an overload of registrations on our opening day. To help manage this load, and to help parents who may be trying to register campers for multiple programs, **this year we will be opening registration for a few of our most popular programs in advance of our general registration opening.**

We also want to give the most equal opportunity to all parents when registering campers. We recognize that not everyone can take time out of their work day to register their campers for camp. **Both registration opening dates will be Sunday afternoons.** We will have staff in the office on both Sundays to help answer any questions you may have. Follow Camp Luther on Facebook/Instagram for more announcements!

Please call or email if you have any questions: 715-546-3647 or [info@campluther.com](mailto:info@campluther.com)

### Registration Opening Dates:

- **January 15th-19th:** Fill-out your camper's forms!
- **January 21st:** Kindercamp | Quest | IMPACT
- **January 28th:** Explorer | Pathfinder | Trailblazer | High School Week
- **March 4th:** Village Glamping



Follow the QR code for more information on our summer camp programs!

[campluther.com/summer](http://campluther.com/summer)

# Serve the Best Campers Ever!

## Apply for the Best Job EVER!

Do you want a job that will change your life? Spend this summer serving at camp.

A summer serving at camp means diving into something that's real, that immerses you in what it means to love Jesus and love like Jesus. It's Kingdom-focused ministry that's impactful, purposeful, and life-changing.

And if not yourself – who can you come alongside and encourage in seeking what God might be up to in their life by serving at camp this summer?

### Why serve as a part of our summer staff team?

- You'll experience tremendous growth as you live into what it means to follow Jesus Christ.
- You'll be part of a close-knit community who will become some of your best and closest friends.
- You'll be led by full-time staff who are committed to your development and support.
- You'll gain marketable skills through purposeful training and hands-on leadership experience.

### This summer, Camp Luther is hiring 44 college-aged staff, including:

- 25 x Summer Counselors
- 11 x Program Coordinators
- 8 x Specialty Staff (Kitchen, Office, Maintenance, Float)

To apply for the Summer Counselor or Program Coordinator positions, you must be at least a year out of high school. If you're in high school this year but interested in serving at camp this summer, check out our Specialty Staff positions or consider applying to our Junior Counselor program. For more information about the different positions available and to learn how to apply, visit [campluther.com/summerstaff](http://campluther.com/summerstaff).

## Join a Kingdom-focused team!



## Calling all JCs!

### Apply for summer 2024 TODAY!

Our Junior Counselor program is one that offers so much to both those who apply and those they impact through their service here at Camp Luther. Junior Counselors volunteer for two weeks at camp during the summer. In those two weeks they get the chance to grow in their leadership abilities, learn what it means to serve others, and be strengthened in their faith. You will help our summer staff lead campers through different activities, and in that get the chance to make a difference in the lives of your campers. You will also have our incredible summer staff pouring into you the whole time you are here.

*"In the end, my experience as a JC has been incredible. There were many tough moments, but they were WORTH IT. The struggles have helped me realize my dependence on God and on other believers. It has also given me a good taste of what ministry is like and helped me utilize everything I've learned from years of camp."*  
-JC 2023

*"Listening to my campers talk about their faith and talk about God confidently like they were best friends really opened my eyes and helped me to talk to and about God that way too."* - JC 2023

If any of what you've read has caught your attention, then you should apply to be a part of this awesome family! The only major requirement is that you need to be a sophomore in high school or older to apply. Applications for summer 2024 opened on November 1 and are due by February 1. Visit: [campluther.com/juniorcounselor](http://campluther.com/juniorcounselor) to find more information and to learn how to apply.

## Christian Family Solutions



Serving in camp ministry, especially in the summer, is a unique job: it involves long days and intentional time spent pouring out your heart and life in service of others. We want to thank Christian Family Solutions for partnering with us this summer in providing our staff with easy access to online therapy services and support. Sometimes pouring out means needing to be filled back up, and Christian Family Solutions aided us in providing helpful services to our staff so they could continue to build up the people around them on a daily basis.

Thank you Christian Family Solutions!

## Hear what our past staff have to say about serving at Camp Luther!

*"Camp Luther doesn't take away the discomfort of hard situations, they allow you to deal with it but they give you the tools to be able to work through the situation. The staff will always build you up in what you do in your work."*

Firefly: 2022 & 2023



*"Being on Summer Staff prepared me for the joys and trials of ministry. It also helped me feel comfortable sharing God's word from the smallest children to the oldest adults."*

Trill: 2018, 2019 & 2022



*"After my time at camp, I have had a different approach to life where I let God be in control. Camp built me up in peace, love, grace, mercy, and trust. I have become a whole new being after serving at camp and I couldn't be any more grateful."*

Heihe: 2023



*"I've built some amazing friendships from my summers working at camp. They are an amazing Christian community & support system that constantly shows me the love of Jesus every single day."*

Voyage: 2022 & 2023



Follow the QR code to apply for a Summer Staff position or to be a Junior Counselor!  
[campluther.com/why-serve](http://campluther.com/why-serve)

# Our Volunteers Improve Camp Luther!

## Annual Cottage Remodel: Crowsnest!

This cottage will remain a three-bedroom with the biggest change being the added lakeside screen porch. The layout will change with a new entry accessible ramp. Inside will be a complete remodel removing everything down to the stud walls. We will install all new electrical wiring & outlets as well as new plumbing pipes and fixtures. Spray foam will be important for this cottage for heating efficiency with new doors & windows. New flooring, light fixtures, counter tops, and custom cabinets will complete this remodel.

Renovations officially started during our Fall Workbee, October 20-22. Our staff and volunteers spent several hours demolishing the interior of the cottage, which is step one in any full remodel. Our team is extremely excited to continue working on this project through the winter to have the cottage ready for Family Campers!

Please lift up our staff and volunteers in prayer as they continue to remodel this cottage. Also pray for those that will use this cottage, that their time spent there brings them rest and renewal!



## Attention Thrivent Members **thrivent**

Thrivent has been a long time supporter of Camp Luther's mission and has partnered with many of it's members through Thrivent Action teams, Thrivent Choice dollars, and monetary donations! **Thank you!**

If you are a Thrivent Member, please consider supporting Camp Luther through those same opportunities to bless the work here at Camp Luther.

### Thrivent Action Teams

You can organize a Thrivent Action Team to help Camp Luther! Action Teams are small groups organized for service projects or fundraisers. Thrivent provides a \$250 debit card as seed money for supplies and other project needs. Learn more at [thrivent.com/actionteams](http://thrivent.com/actionteams).

#### Events & Projects that we need Action Team Cards for in 2024:

- Volunteer Week: 3
- Spring Workbee: 2
- Spring Flowers: 1
- Staff Training/Summer: 3+
- Golf Classic: 2
- Fall Workbee: 2
- Trunk or Treat: 1
- Women's & Men's Retreat: 2+



We want to make this the easiest Action Team Card you have ever applied for! If you would like to utilize your Thrivent Action Team Cards for any of the above purposes please contact our front office:

[info@campluther.com](mailto:info@campluther.com) or 715-546-3647

We will send you all the information needed to apply!

### Thrivent Choice Dollars

Did you know Thrivent offers a great benefit to members called Thrivent Choice Dollars? Choose Camp Luther to receive your Thrivent Choice Dollars! All Choice Dollars get split between our Outdoor Ministry Fund and our Every Kid to Camp Fund.

If you have questions on how or why you should choose Camp Luther call our front office: 715-546-3647.

## Improvement Priorities

### 2024 Prioritized Areas for Improvements

- Additional Family Camp Opportunities
- Crowsnest Remodel
- Septic System Repair & Updates
- Continued Roof Repairs and Painting of Buildings
- Stairs and Dock Upgrade Program
- Program Equipment
- Covered Equipment Storage
- Signage
- Retreat Center

## New Camp Signs!



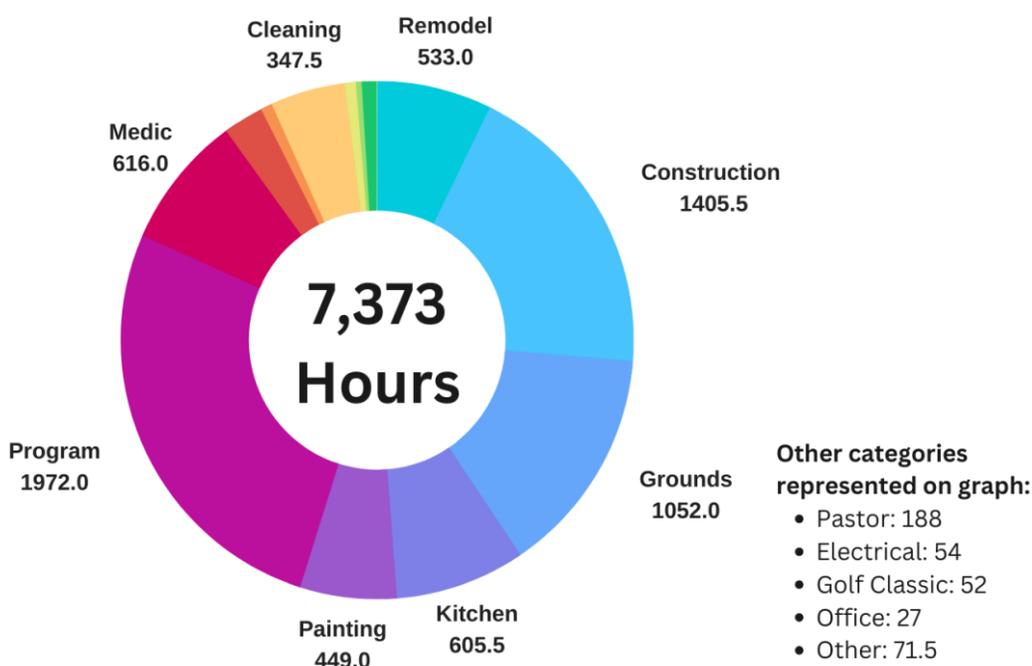
In June we installed new outdoor directional signs assisting those not familiar with the grounds. Dan Bauknecht owner of 4Ever Creations Studio donated his time to CNC & cut all the directional signs. Phase two will be installing signs on the buildings and inside the Community Center.



Thank You  
2023  
Volunteers!

## CAMP LUTHER - 2023 VOLUNTEER HOURS

January - Mid October



## Our Volunteers Don't Stop!

Shocked, amazed, even flabbergasted! Those are the emotions our staff feel when looking at the hours our volunteers have logged in 2023. We have no words other than Thank You!



Thank you for graciously giving your time and talents to the ministry of Camp Luther!

If you would like to come volunteer at Camp Luther, we would love to put you to work! Please reach out to [info@campluther.com](mailto:info@campluther.com) with your availability.



Follow the QR code for information about coming out to camp as a volunteer!  
[campluther.com/volunteer](http://campluther.com/volunteer)

# Support Others Learning About Jesus!

Please consider your ongoing financial support of Camp Luther online as a recurring monthly donor to our **Outdoor Ministry Fund**. Which is our "where needed most" fund. Reach out to [trigger@campluther.com](mailto:trigger@campluther.com) or call our office at 715-546-3647 if you have any questions.  
**Thank you!**



Help us keep our program's costs down by supporting our **Outdoor Ministry Fund!**

## Wish List Spotlight

### Amazon Wish List

You can support Camp Luther by purchasing needed items on our Amazon Wish List! View the wish list, purchase the item(s) you want to donate, and it will be sent directly to camp! Make sure to check the box "this is a gift" and write us a note so we can properly thank you. Some items currently on the Amazon Wish List include:

- KitchenAid Mixer
- Milwaukee M18 Heat Gun (tool only)



### Specialty Wish List

Some needed items will not be purchased through Amazon. Help purchase one of the items on Camp's Specialty Wish List. Some items on the Specialty Wish List include:

- New/Slightly Used, All Wheel Drive Automobile (fuel efficient)
- Trail Bikes
- Good Condition: Snowmobile (grooming cross-country ski trails)
- Concrete Mixer
- Inspection Camera

For more information about either list, visit :  
[campluther.com/wishlist](http://campluther.com/wishlist)

## Endowments

Camp Luther's endowments are an incredible way to support our mission into the future! Please consider these endowments as part of your future support to continue the generational impact Camp Luther has on individuals and families! Each year the endowment assets are invested, and a portion of the value of the fund is paid out to support the ministry of Camp Luther based on the policies of the endowment. Camp Luther's Endowments are held with the Lutheran Legacy Foundation: [lutheranlegacyfoundation.org](http://lutheranlegacyfoundation.org)

-**Camp Luther General Endowment** (Current Balance as of Oct. 2023 is **\$215,124**) This fund provides unrestricted support to the ministry of Camp Luther. It allows us to be good stewards of our staff, operations, and facilities while striving to keep our fees and costs as low as possible so more people can come to camp!

-**Camp Luther's Lee Belmas Every Kid to Camp Endowment** (Current Balance as of Oct. 2023 is **\$200,206**) This fund provides annual certificates that cover a child's registration fees for their first time at Camp Luther. This fund also provides financial aid to those in need in the form of scholarships.

For information on contributing to either of the Camp Luther endowments, please contact the Camp Luther office at: 715-546-3647.

## Ministry Funds

First of all, **THANK YOU!** to all that have financially supported the ministry of Camp Luther in the past! Thousands of people have been positively impacted because of your support! Secondly, Camp Luther would not be able to serve as it does without your support! Please prayerfully consider making Camp Luther's ministry a priority again in 2023!

Our "**Outdoor Ministry Fund**" directly supports and helps offset the expenses for all our ministry programs. This impacts our summer youth program, youth retreats, family camps, men's and women's retreats, church retreats and even our cottages. This fund is crucial to who we are as a ministry and for "Building up **ALL** people in Christ for service and witness to the world." *Thank you Lord for blessing Camp Luther with so many people and groups to serve!*

Our "**Every Kid to Camp Fund**" first seeks to support annual camperships that cover registration fees for any first time camper to attend a week of summer camp. Secondly, this fund supports all people attending Camp Luther programs by providing scholarships throughout the year. *Thank you Lord for the opportunity to give all people the chance to **Come to Camp!***

Our "**Improvements Fund**" supports the continual improvements needed for programming, equipment, furniture, facilities, buildings, trails, and future expansion. Camp Luther has over 200 acres and over 50 buildings to maintain and improve! We have just completed a comprehensive ongoing list that has identified all those current needs. Please view this list on our website under our Support tab and "Improvement List" page. *What a blessing to be able to take care of the place where we serve you Jesus in your creation!*

To make a donation or learn more about how you can help make a difference, please check us out at: [campluther.com/give](http://campluther.com/give)

Camp Luther currently accepts gifts of: cash, checks, credit cards, marketable securities, bequest and beneficiary designations under revocable trusts, life insurance policies, commercial annuities, retirement plans, charitable remainder trusts, lead trusts, and gifts in kind.

Once again, Thank You! If you have more questions, please contact: Luke "Trigger" Kunze at 715-546-3647 ext. 109.

## Every Kid to Camp Program

*"Thank you for letting me be a part of the Every Kid to Camp Program. Thank you so much for gifting me with such an amazing opportunity to spend a week at your amazing camp. The counselors, staff, and JC's were so kind and friendly. The devotions were incredible and I will never forget them. Thank you so much for an unforgettable and amazing camp experience." - 2023 Trailblazer*



*"Thank you for the opportunity to experience a week at Camp Luther through the Every Kid to Camp Program. This was my first year and I had lots of fun, I will be back. My favorite activities were polar bearing, JC games, and devotions." - 2023 Pathfinder*

Summer 2023 was an exceptional year for our Every Kid to Camp Program/ EKTC. **We had 201 campers attend this summer through the EKTC Program!** Due to the support of our amazing donors we were able to utilize **\$89,195** so that campers could have their first full week camp experience with their registration fees covered.

The EKTC Program is not a needs based program, meaning the only qualification to receive an EKTC certificate is that it must be your first full week of summer camp at Camp Luther. For those that have financial challenges, we offer scholarships. We were able to offer **39** campers **\$8,557.50** in scholarships this summer. **Praise God!**

### Supporting the Every Kid to Camp Program:

We rely on the faithful support of individuals and congregations to raise 75% of the annual contributions for the EKTC Fund! Our annual Golf Classic makes up the other 25% of the contributions. Thank you to everyone who supported the Golf Classic in 2023. With your help we raised **\$22,000!** We hope to see you again on **June 14, 2024**, for our 20th annual Golf Classic.



Follow the QR code for information about different ways to give to the ministry of Camp Luther!  
[campluther.com/give](http://campluther.com/give)

# Support Camp by Coming to Camp!

## 2023 Women's Retreat Recap

Women's Retreat 2023 is a wrap! It was our largest Women's Retreat EVER, with over 100 women joining together in community and encouragement.

Ladies, what a privilege to be able to come and grow in Jesus together! From worshipping with you all and hearing your beautiful voices raised in song, to laughing while trying to make the perfect pudgy pie, to learning from the dear Heidi Goehmann, to flexing creative muscles in the arts and crafts room, to watching otters while cruising the chain of lakes, to attempting to be a Fantastically Awesome Luther Lady, to jamming out to classic camp songs around a campfire (for a little bit at least – until the thunder started!), to greeting the sunrise with an epic voyageur canoe ride, and everything in between, it was a pretty incredible weekend.

Know that so much of what you experienced at camp is life as it is meant to be. We hope you went home filled with courage and hope, remembering we have a God who is with us in the everyday emotions we carry with us. What a privilege to spend the weekend with you. See you next year!

**Beth "Kardia" Lutz**  
Director of Programs



Due to your raving reviews of the Quiche that was served during Women's Retreat we decided to share our top secret recipe with you! ENJOY!

### Quiche Lorraine

#### INGREDIENTS

Yield: 6 to 10 servings

- Pastry for a one-crust 9-inch pie
- 4 strips bacon
- 1 onion, thinly sliced
- 1 cup Gruyère or Swiss cheese, shredded
- ¼ cup grated Parmesan
- 4 eggs, lightly beaten
- 2 cups heavy cream or 1 cup each milk and cream
- ¼ teaspoon nutmeg
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- Tabasco sauce to taste

#### PREPARATION

- Heat the oven to 400°
- Line a nine-inch pie plate with the pastry. Build a rim with the pastry and flute it. This is essential for the amount of custard indicated in this recipe.
- Cover the bottom of the pastry with a round of parchment paper and add enough dried beans or peas to partly fill the shell. Bake 10 minutes.
- Reduce the oven heat to 375°. Remove the beans and parchment paper and set the pastry on a baking sheet.
- Cook the bacon until crisp. Drain, reserving one tablespoon of the fat remaining in the skillet. Cook the onion in the remaining fat until the onion is transparent.
- Combine the eggs, cream, nutmeg, salt, pepper and Tabasco sauce.
- Crumble the bacon and sprinkle the bacon, onion and cheeses over the inside of the partly baked pastry. Pour the custard mixture over the onion-cheese mixture.
- Bake the pie until a knife inserted one inch from the pastry edge comes out clean, about 50 minutes. Remove to a wire rack. Let stand 5 - 10 minutes before serving.

## 2024 Upcoming Events

- **Winter Blast Weekends:** Last 3 weekends in January
- **Summer Registration Opens:** January 21 & 28
- **Volunteer Village Registration Opens:** February 1
- **Men's Retreat:** February 1-4
- **Village Glamping Registration Opens:** March 4
- **Volunteer Work Week:** April 22-26
- **Spring Workbee:** April 26-28
- **First Day With Campers:** June 9
- **Golf Classic:** June 14

## Winter Blast

Come out to camp for a winter blast of fun in God's creation and in His Word! A weekend for middle and high school youth groups to play broomball, go Tubing, XC Skiing, as well as dive deep into God's word. Join in with other youth groups from across Wisconsin, building relationships for years to come, and being in fellowship with other youth and leaders.

**2024 Dates:**

- **Weekend #1** January 12-14 (Full)
- **Weekend #2** January 19-21 (Limited Availability)
- **Weekend #3** January 26-28 (Open)

To register your group or for more information on Winter Blast visit our website:

[campluther.com/winteryouth](http://campluther.com/winteryouth)

## Men's Retreat 2024!

Men! Come for an adventurous and relaxing FULL weekend in fellowship with other men of God! Be built up in your faith, encouraged, and challenged in our Thursday evening thru Sunday morning retreat full of the best winter activities Camp Luther and the Northwood's have to offer.

February 1-4, 2024. Cost is \$170/person which includes 3 nights, 7 meals, and retreat center housing. Come with others and split the additional cost of a 2-bedroom cottage/ **\$200** (sleeping 2-6 guests) or a 3-bedroom cottage/ **\$240** (sleeping 3-8 guests).

**Activity Options Included** (but not limited to):

- **Winter Activities:** Bring Ice Fishing & Snowmobiling equipment with you, if you have it. Camp Luther will provide program equipment for on-site activities; broomball, tubing, XC skiing, and snowshoeing.
- **Close Quarter Combat Training / Conceal Carry Training**
- **Board Games**
- **Bible Study & Time Alone With God**

For more information and to register head over to:

[campluther.com/adult#men](http://campluther.com/adult#men)

## Volunteer Week/ Spring Workbee

Save the 2024 dates!

Every year Camp Luther has both a fall and spring Workbee where we get camp ready for the upcoming season. These times are crucial to getting camp ready for the many campers and guests we host throughout the year. If you have specific skills or just have a servant heart consider coming to one of our Workbees. Add the spring event to your calendar right now, April 26-28, 2024.

The week before our Spring Workbee April 22-26 will be our annual Volunteer Week. Come out for the whole week, or only part of the week, as we tackle some bigger projects alongside other friends of camp!



More information available on our website:

[campluther.com/volunteer](http://campluther.com/volunteer)

Thank you to everyone who attended our 2023 Fall Workbee! Your hours of service helped us get ready for our upcoming retreats & groups!



Follow the QR code for information about our different retreats!

[campluther.com/retreats-events](http://campluther.com/retreats-events)

# Serving with a Smile Since 1946!

## Welcome Taj:

### New Specialty Program Manager!

We are very excited to introduce our newest team member, Adam "Taj" Urban! Taj joined our team in early November, 2023, as our Specialty Program Manager. In this role, Taj will oversee fall, winter, and spring cottage rentals along with our specialty summer programs.



Taj is no stranger to Camp Luther. He has been attending summer camp here since he was in third grade. As he grew up he continued to come to camp every summer participating in Quest, IMPACT, and Teen Camp. He then went on to be a Junior Counselor (2017 & 2018). But, his desire to serve did not stop there! He served on the past three summer staffs: Counselor (2021), IMPACT Program Coordinator (2022), and Youth Camp Coordinator (2023). Please keep Taj in your prayers as he continues to serve here.

*"Hello, Camp Luther Family! I am beyond delighted to have the opportunity to serve Camp Luther in a full-time capacity as the new Specialty Program Manager! This opportunity to serve at Camp Luther means more than any words can express because this place has helped develop me as a person as well as my relationship with Christ. I am beyond humbled to start this new chapter in my life and am looking forward to 'building up all people in Christ for service and witness to the world.'" Adam "Taj" Urban*

## Thank you to our post summer/fall groups!

### It was an honor serving you!

We would like to give a big thank you to all those that came out to camp after our normal summer programming. Through the end of summer into the fall we had a number of churches, youth groups, schools, organizations, and individuals that came out to utilize Camp Luther in a number of ways and share in God's creation together. For Confirmation Camp we had **17 different churches**, **250 youth** and **56 wonderful adult leaders** come out! Thankfully camp does not close down once Confirmation Camp ends. After Confirmation Camp through the rest of fall we had over **20 groups** and over **900 individuals** come out to camp for various retreats and events!



Thank you to all those that came out to camp this fall season to share in the creation we have been given!

## Seasonal Staff

Winter Seasonal Staff Opportunities: Are you or someone you know interested in working at camp for a season?

We host a number of youth, adult, and family retreats throughout the winter and the spring. What better way to spend your winter than building up those that come out to camp in their faith journey through various winter activities, bible studies, and outdoor education lessons!

If you are interested in seeing a true snow globe winter and are ready to serve the retreats and cottagers of Camp Luther then contact: [shuphyl@campluther.com](mailto:shuphyl@campluther.com)

## Current Cottage Availability

Here at Camp Luther we have 15 cottages located along Range Line Lake. These are the ideal way for you to get away from the craziness of life and take time to just be. These cottages are used all summer for our awesome Family Camp program, but the rest of the year we have openings. That includes right now! There is no bad time of year to come and enjoy Camp Luther, to spend time with those you love and get to know God better by enjoying the beauty of His creation. Here are a few particular times coming up that we would love to highlight for you!

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**Time of Year:** November 19-December 20

**Description:** Early winter is a great time of year to enjoy Camp Luther! Usually the snow is a bit lighter this time of year, which frees you up to make use of our trails and other outdoor activities before peak winter settles in. You can enjoy watching some of those first snowfalls of the year from the comfort of your cozy cabin, looking out over Range Line Lake.

**Cost Per Night:** \$143 for a two bedroom cottage, \$159 for a three bedroom cottage.

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**Time of Year:** December 27-March 15

**Description:** This chunk of the year is a snow covered paradise. Cross country skiing, broomball, snowshoeing, tubing, and drinking hot chocolate by a warm fireplace. Need we say more? *Activity equipment use is included in price of cottage!*

**Cost Per Night:** \$148 for a two bedroom cottage, \$164 for a three bedroom cottage.

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**Time of Year:** March 15-April 30

**Description:** Spring is an underrated season here at camp. This is the time to see the early stages of the greenery that everyone envisions when they think of summertime at camp. The weather is warmer than winter but isn't yet hot like summer, making it an overall comfortable temperature for you and your family to explore the beauty of camp in. Who needs a spring break in Florida when you could spend less time and money to come and enjoy Camp Luther instead!

**Cost Per Night:** \$132 for a two bedroom cottage, \$148 for a three bedroom cottage.

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If you are interested in learning more about our cottages, please visit: [campluther.com/book-a-cottage](http://campluther.com/book-a-cottage) for more helpful information. If you would like to book a cottage or check our availability, please call 715-546-3647 or email [info@campluther.com](mailto:info@campluther.com).

### Church Workers, did you know that we have special discounts for you?

As part of our efforts to support healthy church workers, church worker marriages and families, Camp Luther offers FREE mid-week cottage retreats to full time professional church workers and their family.

#### Here are the details for our Church Worker Discounts:

- Cottages are available from Monday afternoon through Thursday evening. **Maximum two consecutive nights.**
- There is no cost; however, guests are welcome to make a donation to cover cleaning and utility expenses.
- All regular reservation policies apply.
- These are intended for full-time church workers and immediate family only.
- Maximum of one use per retreat season (Sept-May) No program or meals are offered.
- This cannot to be used in conjunction with any Camp Luther program or other offer.

For Weekend Cottage Rentals we offer all full time church workers a reduced rate!

## Prayer Requests

### Praise & Thanks

- Thank you, Lord, for blessing the work of our staff.
- Thank you, Lord, for blessing this place with an abundance of volunteers, prayer and financial supporters.
- Thank you, Lord, for another year full of opportunities to build people up in you.

### Supplication

- Lord you are the giver of good gifts. Bless our staff with an abundance of your Spirit to live out our mission boldly.
- Lord, with you comes peace and rest. Bless all that come to camp with rest that they may be strengthened for service and witness to the world.



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## Come to Camp!

Family and Friends of Camp Luther!

The note on the back of the picture says June 16, 1984. The setting as many of you know is the Camp Luther waterfront. The three kids are my older sister Teresa, me in the middle, and my older brother Clint.

To be honest, I don't remember that day...but Coming to Camp was a part of my childhood and some of my earliest memories of life! The following year when I was 5, I remember my dad coming to Kindercamp with me! I remember having to go to sleep while dad went and ate "liver and onions" with the other parents. My parents made the opportunity for us kids to come to camp a priority...every year! They did because they saw our faith being built up. They saw the positive impact it had on our lives growing up. Two of my siblings have calls in churches and the other four are in outdoors ministry across the U.S. You also may be one of those that experienced Christ-centered community, respectful & caring relationships, servant leadership, and meaningful service in a unique way at Camp Luther! Camp Ministry is powerful! I never thought as that 4-year old boy in the picture I would be back here serving in the same place 38 years later. My own family including now my 4-year old son, get to be a part of the work God is doing here...**Camp is powerful!** Camp Luther has a generational impact!

Thank you, Lord, for Dad and Mom who invested in our family coming to camp!  
Thank you, Lord, for all those that have come to camp to serve!  
Thank you, Lord, for all those that have come to camp and were built up in you!  
Thank you, Lord, for setting Camp Luther apart as a place for your work to continue!

*Come to Camp!*

Luke "Trigger" Kunze  
Executive Director



## Bulletin Board

### Camp Luther Gift Certificates

Looking for the perfect gift for your children or grandchildren? A Camp Luther Gift Certificate can be purchased in any amount and may be used for Camp Luther summer camps, cottage bookings, and in the canteen! Email [info@campluther.com](mailto:info@campluther.com) or call 715-546-3647 to purchase.

### Are you an Alumni Summer Staff?

Look for the Camp Luther WI Alumni Staff Facebook group and reconnect with your summer's staff.

### Go Paperless

If you do not wish to receive mailings from Camp Luther anymore or you would prefer to receive The Breeze electronically only, please email [info@campluther.com](mailto:info@campluther.com).

### Stay Connected

Did you know that each month Camp Luther sends out an email newsletter? It's called The Connection, and that's exactly what it does, it keeps you connected with what is currently going on at Camp Luther. If you would like to receive The Connection each month please email [info@campluther.com](mailto:info@campluther.com).

## Camp Luther's Board of Directors

The Board of Director's members are a huge blessing to the ministry of Camp Luther. Thank you all for giving so many hours and days of your life to help move Camp Luther forward. Thank you for your support in so many ways of this place, the people that come here, and the staff that serve here.

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## Camp Luther's Year-Round Staff

Luke "Trigger" Kunze: Executive Director  
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To view our staff's bios, photos, and emails visit: [campluther.com/our-staff](http://campluther.com/our-staff)

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