New Synod Strategy

At their February meeting, the Upper Susquehanna Synod Council adopted a new strategy for the synod. The strategy has been in the works for two years, culminating in conversations at last year’s Synod Assembly which guided the direction of where the synod might go in the coming years.

As part of the adoption, Synod Council established an Implementation Team (to replace the former Mission Strategy and Mission Tables) that will propose annual goals, processes and procedures to put this strategy into effect. They also will charge the Implementation Team to propose revisions to the current synod committee, task force, team structure in order to better align with the strategy.

Also, Synod Council recognized and thanked the work of those who participated in developing this mission strategy: deans, conversation facilitators, congregations, synod assembly members and visitors, Mission Strategy Table, synod council members, our Bishop, and the Director for Evangelical Mission.

More details on the strategy will be shared in the USS Ark in the coming months. If you would like to see a copy of the strategy, visit https://www.uss-elca.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/2019-Mission-Strategy.pdf

Pastor Goes to India

By Rev. Stina Schaeffer, pastor of Salem, Selinsgrove.

Two plane rides. 24 hours. 8,119 miles. It was my joy and privilege in November to participate in the ELCA Global Mission Gender Justice Conference in Hyderabad, India. Women from 13 countries gathered for a week of relationships, learning, worship, and walking together along the long journey toward gender justice. The event was hosted by the Henry Martyn Institute, an international center for research, interfaith relationship, and reconciliation. We were surrounded by scholars who welcomed us into their conversations about faith and life. The institute is home to not only advanced academic programs, offering master’s and doctoral degrees, but also is a strong force in the greater community. Community development is at the heart of what they do; offering programming for women across the city that allows them to engage in life changing education, health programs and interfaith relationships.

Each day began and ended with worship led by each member of the group and accompanied by members of the GLOCAL musician team. Scripture was shared in many languages; music transcended language and cultural barriers; and sacred time was shared between the members of the group. Led and joined by members of the ELCA global mission staff, each morning and afternoon included sessions on relationships, cultural diversity, leadership, and accompaniment. Each afternoon was filled with action planning workshops where we explored tools for asset mapping and creating plans to further explore gender justice in our own context.

Above all, relationships were held as central to the week’s experience. Gathered around tables, sharing meals and conversation allowed for us to bridge the distance between culture and language. The world seems a lot smaller when friendships are shared across the ocean. Our global companion, the Lutheran Church in Liberia, had three women represented at the event, and I look forward to meeting them again as we continue to journey together as church. I am so grateful to Bishop Collins and the entire synod for allowing me to participate in this event. Thank you for your continued support of our global partnerships and of gender justice in the synod. Please contact me for more pictures and stories, or the opportunity to share more with your congregation.
Campus Ministry Appeal Underway in Synod

As part of this year’s synod budget, Synod Council is initiating an appeal for Campus Ministries that the synod supports. To balance the budget and not make cuts to these ministries, council decided to ask individuals and congregations to support the work of campus ministries through this appeal. The goal is $6,000.

The synod allocation funding helps to support the faith formation of young adults, provide opportunities for leadership development, and to form connections to the larger church. The Upper Susquehanna Synod works with the following campus ministries:

- Protestant Campus Ministry at Bloomsburg University (Rev. Jill Young, Protestant Campus Minister)
- Campus Ministry at Lock Haven University (Rev. Elizabeth Taylor, Campus Pastor)
- Campus Ministry at Mansfield University (Mara Wilcox, Campus Minister)
- United Campus Ministry at Pennsylvania College of Technology (Tammey Aichner, Campus Minister)
- Lutheran Campus Ministry at Penn State (Deacon Alicia Anderson, Campus Minister)
- Susquehanna University (Rev. Scott Kershner, University Chaplain)

The campus ministers are willing to go and visit constituencies to share their stories. This could include Sunday Schools, congregations for Temple Talks, pastor conference meetings, and even local ministerium meetings.

To contribute to this appeal, please send donations to the synod office. If the goal is exceeded, the additional funds will go to the various campus ministries.

Up and Down the Valleys

The Rev. Dr. Gil Waldkoenig, Professor at the United Lutheran Seminary, and has been invited to be the seminary representative to LAMPa. This invitation requests that Rev. Waldkoenig be rostered with a PA synod, therefore synod council approved the request to be transferred back to the roster of our synod. Synod Council also appointed Rev. Craig Miller to a three-year term on the Board of Trustees for the United Lutheran Seminary.

Messiah, South Williamsport (Pastor Joshua Reinsburrow), has started a contemporary worship service the first Saturday of each month. It’s called “Renew” and begins at 4:00 p.m. The new service eventually will include a praise band.

About 35 youth and leaders attended this year’s GROW in the Snow synod youth retreat at Mount Lutheran. They learned more about the Ten Commandments through study, worship, fellowship, and fun.

Bishop Collins poses with confirmation students from the Middle Creek Conference.
Upper Susquehanna Synod Events

Conference Assembly Schedule
All voting members to Synod Assembly are expected to attend their conference assembly.
- Buffalo Valley: Sunday, April 7, 2:00 PM, Zion, Turbotville
- Juniata Valley: Sunday, March 31, 6:00 PM, Trinity, McAlisterville
- Middle Creek: Sunday, March 31, 5:00 PM, Salem, Selinsgrove
- North Branch: Sunday, March 31, 2:00 PM, Pine Street, Danville
- Tulpehocken: Sunday, April 7, 1:00 PM, Grace, Shamokin
- West Branch: Sunday, March 31, 3:00 PM, Messiah, South Williamsport

Youth Director Sought
St. Luke, Williamsport, is looking for a Youth Director for approximately 12 hours a week. The Youth Director is responsible for nurturing youth and their families to enact the mission of St. Luke to be "the hands and feet of Christ." This person will work with youth in 7-12 grade (junior and senior high school) and will foster a faithful, safe and supportive environment while executing monthly gatherings, service opportunities, and mission trips that are in keeping with the church's mission. For a more detailed job description and/or application please contact Sarah Young, office manager, at info@stlukeluth.comcastbiz.net or 570-323-7309. St. Luke Lutheran/Williamsport is located at 1400 Market St. Williamsport, PA 17701.

Handbells Wanted
Sharon, Selinsgrove is looking for a set of used handbells. If you have any, contact Judd Williams, choir director at 570-847-2021.

Attention Married Couples
Time is running out to sign up for your spring Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend! Don't delay--remember that because Marriage Encounter is celebrating 50 years of Worldwide Marriage Encounter, they are offering 50 percent off on all registration fees for 2019! Learn how to create more joy and intimacy in your marriage by attending a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend! The 2019 Northeast US spring Weekends are: April 5-7, 2019 at the lovely Country Inn & Suites just off of Hwy 99 in State College and April 26-28, 2019 at the newly-remodeled Heritage Hotel Lancaster in Lancaster, PA. We are also taking reservations for our fall weekends: October 11-13, 2019 at the Hyatt Place Pittsburgh/Cranberry in Cranberry Township, PA, and November 1-3, 2019 at Hampton Inn Berkshires in Lenox, MA. Please go to the website: www.GodLovesMarriage.org, click on "view all weekends" and select the weekend of your choice to see the very reasonable, group-rate cost for that Weekend. Two nights lodging, five meals for each of you, and all supplies are included, and financial assistance is available for those in need. Simply fill out the form, and complete your registration with a credit card, or you may choose the option to mail a check. For questions, or if you would like a brochure mailed to you, please contact Northeast US Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at fjschamber@comcast.net or 724-325-3166. Act TODAY while there are still openings!

March 15, 2019: Day of Remembrance Essay Deadline
The Upper Susquehanna Synod Council supports the work of Days of Remembrance, a member of the Association of Holocaust Organizations. Synod Council encourages congregations to publicize the organization’s essay contest, which has a deadline of March 15, 2019. Go to www.daysofremembrance.org/essay-contest for more information. Awards will be announced in early May. There are financial prizes.
March 18, 2019: Meeting on Disaster Response Work Trip
The Susquehanna Interfaith Network for Disaster Response is facilitating a work trip to North Carolina on May 19-25, 2019. A planning meeting for anyone interested in attending will take place March 18, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Milton. Click here for a flyer/more information: https://www.uss-elca.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Poster.pdf. For more information contact Doug Orbaker (dougorbaker@yahoo.com).

March 21, 2018: LARC Lunch
Lutheran Anglican and Roman Catholic representatives will hold the next LARC Lunch on Thursday, March 21, at that Harrisburg Diocesan Center (4800 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg, PA). RSVP by noon on Friday, March 15, to FrJLease@HBGDIOCESE.ORG.

April 4, 2019: GROW Writers’ Retreat
Anyone wishing to come and write devotions for Camp Mount Luther’s First Light Digital Devotions is welcome to join other writers on April 4, 2019. The retreat will be from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Evergreen Center. It will be a day of writing and sharing resources for devotional writing. Please RSVP to the camp office at cml@campmountluther.org or 570-922-1587.

April 5-7, 2019: New Beginnings #2
“New Beginnings” is a unique ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Central PA that shares the love of Christ with the middle school-aged (grades 6-8) youth of today. Because of the synod and camp’s partnership with the diocese, Lutheran youth are welcome and encouraged to attend. Throughout the retreat weekend, the high school youth will minister to the middle school youth. “New Beginnings” speaks, listens, and challenges middle school youth to be positive about themselves, their friends, families and their communities, in a critical time in their lives. This ministry reminds them that we are all children of God, we are special, we are loved, and there is nothing that we cannot overcome with Christ. The “New Beginnings” check-in begins at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, April 5th and continues through a special Eucharist at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday the 7th. (The entire weekend concludes around 12 noon). The event is held at Camp Mount Luther. Activities include a series of songs, skits, movie clips, and small group discussions. Topics such as God’s love, prayer, self, friends, parents, siblings, and school is explored with talks introduced by the high school youth and adult members of the team. Cost is $100.00 per participant! That includes housing in cabins with other youth, all meals, a t-shirt and an entire weekend of activities! To register, visit https://tinyurl.com/y78dlyx9. Registration deadline is March 29, 2019. After your registration has been sent in and accepted, you will receive a few additional forms to fill out along with a packing list for the weekend. Please feel free to email or call Mary Ellen Kilp or Theda Tallman at cpayouthcom@gmail.com or 717-475-2785 with questions. Here is a flyer for the event: https://www.uss-elca.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/New-Beginnings-1-Flyer-002.docx

April 7, 2019: College Workshop
Four out of five parents send their children to college without knowing how to pay for it. Do you know there are ways to potentially save on your out of pocket costs? If you are the parent of an 8th through 11th grade student, join Thrivent Representative Melissa Apanel on Sunday April 7th at 5:00 p.m. for a free presentation, “College Planning Strategies” presented by college planning expert and Thrivent representative Chris Grant. You’ll learn why:
- applying to more than one college can improve admissions and financial aid chances
- a college with high sticker price can turn out to be less costly out of pocket than a competitive public college
- similarly situated families can have widely different FAFSA results that can affect their student’s financial aid.

You’ll also learn how to access free college planning tools, resources, and information to make your family’s college planning efforts as effective as possible. Taking on $30,000 in student loan debt (the average debt per borrower at graduation), can’t be the best strategy to starting life after college. Learn
how having a solid plan for admissions, focusing on academics, and understanding the financial process could provide a much better option. Please RSVP to melissa.apanel@thrivent.com or call 570-884-4060 by April 3rd. This event is open to all – please feel free to share with others that may have interest in attending. It will be held at the office of Melissa Apanel, Thrivent Financial, 434 Market St (Iron Front), Lewisburg, PA 17837. Students are encouraged to attend with their parents. No products will be sold at this event.

April 15, 2019: CML Early Registration Deadline
Register for summer camp at Mount Luther by midnight on April 15, 2019 to get a discount on your summer camp registration! Or, if you bring a friend to camp who's never been there, you and the friend (or sibling or church buddy) can both get $30 off your registration! Or, first time campers who attend the Spring Open House on April 28 can get the same discount on their summer registration! Only one discount per camper.

Program information: https://www.campmountluther.org/programs/summer-camp/
Register online at https://registration.campmountluther.org/

April 16, 2019: Chrism Mass
The annual Chrism Mass with Renewal of Ministry Vows will take place on the Tuesday of Holy Week, April 16, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. at Camp Mount Luther. Pastors of the Juniata Valley Conference will take leadership of the worship service. Pastors, Deacons, and Authorized Lay Worship Leaders are especially invited to renew vows and recommit to worship leadership. The service will include the blessing of oil, which is used for anointing. All are welcome to attend this service. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to the synod office by April 8.

April 23-24, 2019: Princeton Forum on Youth Ministry

April 28, 2019: Camp Mount Luther Spring Open House
Have you ever wanted to see Mount Luther’s site and facilities? Do you miss camp and want to visit in the springtime? Are you interested in coming to camp this summer but want to get more information and see the place first? Well, this is your chance. The Camp Mount Luther Spring Open House will be held on Sunday, April 28, 2019, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. You can ask questions, tour camp, and see what it's like to be a camper! First time campers who are not yet registered for the summer and who attend the event can get a discount on their summer registration! To download a flyer for the event, click here: https://www.campmountluther.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/2019-Spring-Open-House-Flyer.pdf

April 30- May 2, 2019: Generosity Transformed
At the Generosity transformed! your mission * your ministry * your money Conference, April 30 – May 2, 2019 in Indianapolis, church and organizational leaders will learn how to energize and revitalize their strategies for faithful generosity by connecting their missions, ministries, and resources. More than a typical workshop-based conference, participants will engage deeply in peer discussion groups and subject-based roundtables to develop practical implementation plans and leave ready and able to help their churches and organizations thrive through transformative practices of faithful generosity. The ELCA is offering a limited number of registration scholarships. Contact Keith Mundy (keith.mundy@elca.org) for
information on scholarships and the conference. For more information, visit https://stewardshipresources.org/generosity-transformed-2019/

May 8-10, 2019: Bishop’s Retreat
The annual bishop’s retreat will be held on May 8-10 at Camp Hebron, Halifax, on the topic of forgiveness. Rostered leaders are asked to mark their calendars and plan to attend the retreat. Registration information will be available soon. NOTE: A boundaries training will be held the day before at Camp Hebron for those who need that coursework. If spouses are interested in attending, please let Bishop Collins know.

May 13, 2019: Bishop’s Open Golf Classic
The annual Bishop Open's Golf Classic is set for May 13, 2019, beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the Susquehanna Valley Country Club in Shamokin Dam. The tournament benefits Camp Mount Luther and the camp’s annual fund. A flyer/bulletin insert containing information and registration form is available here: https://www.campmountluther.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/2019-Golf-Tournament-Flyer.pdf. The camp’s golf tournament committee is currently looking for hole sponsors, door prize sponsors, silent auction items, and golfers. If you can help, please contact the camp office at 570-922-1587 or cml@campmountluther.org. Congregations are also encouraged to become hole sponsors. Get involved and help our synod’s outdoor ministry!

May 18, 2019: CML Spring Work Day
Practice stewardship through service at camp at our work day on Saturday, May 18, 2019, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We need your help getting the camp grounds and facilities ready for summer. There will be plenty to do and everyone in the family can help! Please bring supplies to do cleaning, mulching, raking, and light construction projects such as step ladders, buckets, rakes, etc. A light lunch will be served. RSVP by May 10 if staying for lunch to cml@campmountluther.org or 570-922-1587.


May 19-20, 2019: Lutheran Days in the Capital
On May 19 and 20, join people of faith from around Pennsylvania for inspiration, education and participation — in worship, service, learning and advocacy. We will focus on setting bigger, more welcoming, tables in our lives, our congregations, our communities and our Commonwealth. Come for our traditional Lutheran Day in the Capitol or come early and enjoy a day of service, learning and witness with our neighbors of different traditions. Bring a friend — or a team! Learn more and register here: https://www.lutheranadvocacypa.org/event/lutheran-advocacy-days-in-the-capital/

Kathryn Lohre, Assistant to the Presiding Bishop of the ELCA and Executive for Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Relations & Theological Discernment will keynote Lutheran Day. Lohre will offer a vision of what it could mean to live into the proposed Declaration of Inter-Religious Commitment, to be considered at the 2019 Churchwide Assembly. She will also lead a conversational workshop around the wisdom and work that went into the proposed policy statement. More information here: https://www.lutheranadvocacypa.org/kathryne-lohre-to-keynote-lutheran-day-2019/

June 14-15, 2019: Synod Assembly
Now is the time to register for this year’s Synod Assembly. The registration mailing has been sent from the synod office. The 2019 Upper Susquehanna Synod Assembly will take place on the campus of Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania, on June 14-15, 2019. Register before April 15 for a $10 discount on registration! Special attention needs to be made to the meal registrations. Meal tickets will not be available after the late registration date of May 20 or at the door on the days of the assembly. All reports will again be available online. More detailed information will be provided as it becomes available and will be posted at http://uss-elca.org/assembly. All rostered leaders and voting
members from every congregation are expected to attend. Clergy need to write an excuse to the bishop if you cannot attend. This year’s theme will be “On the Way Together: United, Supporting, Serving.” Our ELCA Churchwide Representative will be Rev. Ruben Duran, who serves as the Director for Congregational Vitality.

July 13-20, 2019: Theological Education with Youth
This program, sponsored by United Lutheran Seminary, is open to youth in grades 9-12 (completed as of June 2019). The program will focus on how Lutherans read the Bible and engage in response and dialog about our beliefs and how these beliefs meet the needs of our world. Leadership components will build on how to approach advocacy and practice through the Lutheran lens. Registration and more detailed information will be available soon.

July 14-20, 2019: Theological Education with Adults
This program, sponsored by United Lutheran Seminary, is open to all people interested in the topic matter. Registrations are available for one day, part of the week, or the whole week. The theme for 2019 will center around Biblical Hermeneutics (interpretation of the Bible and texts) using historical and cultural knowledge, reading through the Lutheran lens. Registration and more detailed information will be available soon.
Reach 25

As part of a new initiative of the camp board, we have launched a new program called “Reach 25.” Over the years, we have seen that the hard part of recruiting campers is just to get them to camp. Once they come, most are sold on the experience and want to come back! In an effort to help encourage new campers, we are looking for 25 individuals to give $500 each to pay for a new camper to come this summer. Or, a group of people or a congregation could sponsor one child. Then, we can offer 25 new campers the opportunity to come to camp for FREE thanks to those generous enough to give to this program. Already, we have raised $2,500 toward our $12,500 goal for this year. If you are interested in contributing to Reach 25, please contact the camp office!

New Amphitheatre Benches

The picture above is a sample prototype for new benches at the amphitheatre. They will be free-standing and have backs, unlike the current benches. We are seeking people to sponsor a bench for $75. We will be making the benches during our Spring Work Day. If you’d like to sponsor a bench, contact us! You could even do a Thrivent Action Team to support this project!

Youth Explore Commandments

This year’s Upper Susquehanna Synod Youth Retreat, GROW in the Snow, was held on February 8-9, 2019, at camp. About 35 youth and their adult leaders attended, exploring the theme “The Apps on God’s Tablets.” The theme looked at the Ten Commandments. Those in attendance participated in opening ice breakers and planned Friday evening’s worship service. On Saturday, three rotating stations were done. Those included Bible study, an interactive activity, and a craft. Following lunch, the campers had the opportunity to play some indoor games, based on the YouTube characters Dude Perfect. Worship, planned and led by Upper Susquehanna Synod Bishop Barbara J. Collins, concluded the event, and helped campers remember all that they learned during the weekend.

New Board Leadership

The camp board this Fall elected leadership for the coming year at their quarterly board meeting. Elected to his first one-year term as president was Rev. William Henderson of Selinsgrove. Elected to her first term as vice president was Nancy Wood of Williamsport. Rev. Andrew Weaver of Sunbury was elected secretary of the board while David Herbert of Shamokin Dam was re-elected as treasurer. Christopher Sands of Bloomsburg finished a record-setting ten years as president of the board. He also served as treasurer and vice president prior to his election as president. He will now become the chair of the camp’s task force to look at strategic directions for the future.
Summer Staff Needed at Camp

Are you ready for the best summer of your life? Mount Luther is looking for qualified individuals to fill counselor positions this summer, particularly male counselors. Candidates must possess a commitment to Christ, a passion for the outdoors, and strong leadership and teamwork skills. Working at Mount Luther offers invaluable skill-building, leadership development, training, and enrichment opportunities that can’t be found anywhere else. Counselors serve as the heart of the camp staff, tasked with making the camp run smoothly in its daily mission; provide for the care of the basic needs of campers either in camp or on a trip camp; exemplify a positive Christian witness. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact chad@campmountluther.org. An application packet is available on the right-hand side of the summer camp page on our website.

2019 Campersons

The following persons are registered to be a camperson for this year and qualify these congregations for a special incentive of Camel Bucks for their campers to use in the camp store:

- Christ's United, Millmont- Barry Spangler
- Christ's, Lewisburg- Thomas Stahlnecker
- Grace, Berwick- Michelle Creasy
- Grace, Sunbury- Vickie Brown
- Messiah, Mifflintown- Kate Swailes
- Messiah, New Berlin- Frances Blatchley
- Messiah, South Williamsport- Virginia Amme
- Redeemer, Williamsport- Sherry Ault
- Salem, Selinsgrove- Eileen Stauffer
- Sharon, Selinsgrove- Carol Hanson
- St. John, Belleville- Michele Harshbarger
- St. John, Bloomsburg- Merrill Smith
- St. John, Leck Kill- Jodi Ellis
- St. John, Lewistown- Susan Phillips
- St. John, Montgomery- Nancy Gruver
- St. John, Northumberland- Karla Leiby
- St. John, Potts Grove- Mark Zimmerman
- St. John, Watstown- Tina Cotner
- St. Luke, Bloomsburg (ELCA Remnant)- Erin Hayes
- St. Luke, Williamsport- Dwight Rhodes
- St. Luke, Williamsport- Sandy Strother
- St. Peter, Kreamer- Vickie Brown
- St. Michael, Cogan Station- Heather & Deidre LeBlanc
- St. Stephen’s, Licking Creek- Chris Mathiason
- Stone Valley Parish- Sidney Phillips
- Trinity, McAlisterville- Katherine Kratzer
- Zion, Sunbury- David Reier

Register Now for Summer!

We are gearing up for our summer camping season for 2019. Registration is now open for all programs until they are filled. Campers who register before April 15th will receive a discount on their camp fee. The brochure for Summer 2019, detailing new and returning programs has been mailed to last year’s campers and to congregations.

This year’s summer camp season will begin on June 16 and run until August 6. There are programs for all ages from preschool to senior high, and for adults and families. Camp Mount Luther is a special place where kids and families come together to grow with God and serve with smiles! Camp provides a safe place for people of all ages to relax and unwind in nature, discover God’s love, sing around the campfire, learn more about themselves, and make new friends while at the same time being renewed in mind and spirit.

For 56 years, Mount Luther has been where campers of all ages can connect with God and one another. We spend time gathering and reflecting on God’s Word through readings, songs, games, and demonstrations. This Year’s Theme is “Transformed Community: God’s Agent of C.H.A.N.G.E.” Our theme conjures up images of a mighty band of superheroes with secret missions. When we take on the mission of being God’s agent of change in the world, we must be ready to be transformed—individually and together. Daily themes will look at what transforms community: generosity, compassion, inclusion, justice, and forgiveness.

If you are a returning camper, consider bringing a friend who has never been to camp. If you’ve never been to camp, especially if you are a first-time camper who is apprehensive, please come to our Spring Open House. It will be held on Sunday, April 28, 2019, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Learn more about our summer program and tour the camp that day. First time campers who attend can get a coupon for a discount on their summer registration!
Mount Luther takes seriously our mission from God of sharing Christ and planting seeds! We work hard to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, in the beauty of creation, and serve the people of Central Pennsylvania. That is done mostly through worship, study, recreation, and Christian fellowship in a place set apart by God. 2018 was our 56th year of ministry and another strong one!

Around 600 participants took part in programs during the eight-week session. Before campers arrived, the staff participated in two weeks of intense training. Upper Susquehanna Synod Bishop Barbara J. Collins installed staff during the Synod Assembly held in mid-June at Susquehanna University. The staff planned and led opening worship at the assembly.

This summer, 278 campers enjoyed on-site programs including adventure, mini, day, extreme, and family camps. Campers got to do crafts, go swimming, play games, camp out, hike, and sing during their time at Mount Luther. This year’s theme at Mount Luther was “Awesome God, Awesome Love.” Campers looked at five Bible stories to see the awesome love that our Awesome God gives each of us and has given to Biblical characters from the Old and New Testaments. Through their method of studying the Bible, called “GROW Time,” staff helped campers Gather and Reflect On the Word throughout their day, culminating in an evening worship service. A new feature this year included Faith 5, a way to look at how God is at work during your everyday activities. It also included prayer and a blessing at the end.

Some highlights from this summer included: “Crazy Day Camp,” where campers dressed in different themed outfits each day; Nature Detectives, LOGIC, and SURE, where campers learned more about their natural environment; “X-Teen,” for senior high-aged campers; “Night Owls” when kids stayed up later each night to do nighttime activities; a week celebrating holidays, including Christmas; and Tour de Crème, a bike trip where campers went to a local ice cream establishment. The camp also did several joint camps with their counterparts at Krislund Presbyterian Camp and Wesley Forest Methodist Camp, including Rock, Raft, and Roll doing rock climbing, rafting, and biking; and CLAWS camp, featuring Crafts, Legos, and Wild Sports. A Family Camp was also held for participants of all ages. The adult Bible studies were led by Rev. Kristina Schaeffer and Deacon Gary Schaeffer of Selinsgrove.

New programs this year included Tracks, where campers chose from four activity areas to focus their attention during the week. Susquehanna Canoe, a new trip camp, allowed middle school-aged campers the opportunity to paddle for a day. The trip location changed to Walker Lake due to extreme heat that week.

As always, there were several Day Camps at local churches, led by Mount Luther staff. This year, 320 campers were able to experience camp through these off-site opportunities. Off-site day camps were held at Centre Lutheran, Mifflintown; Trinity and Pine Street Lutheran, Danville; Grace Lutheran, Shamokin; St. Peter Lutheran, Kreamer; Emmanuel Lutheran, Middleburg; St. John’s Lutheran, Bloomsburg; Zion Lutheran, Turbotville; Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Fairport, NY; Trinity Lutheran, Lost Creek Presbyterian, Pine Grove United Methodist and McAllisterville United Methodist, McAllisterville; and Zion Lutheran, Sunbury. Staff also provided games at the Vacation Bible School for Messiah Lutheran Church, South Williamsport.
List of Other 2018 Accomplishments and Activities

- Held our first ever "Summer Brochure Release Party" with about 100 people in attendance.
- Became recognized as a Reconciling in Christ organization after the board approved a new welcoming statement.
- Installed a custom-made gate at the entrance to camp, with elements of the camp logo incorporated into it.
- Created “Camel Crews,” short-term task forces to do specific tasks. Marketing and on-site work projects were done this year.
- Camp summer staff planned and lead opening worship at the Upper Susquehanna Synod Assembly.
- Held the second Circle of Faith Giving Club dinner and presented the Cloud of Witness Award to Upper Susquehanna Synod Bishop Barbara J. Collins.
- Kicked off a special appeal to help pay off debt from sewer improvements made the year before.
- Summer campers collected 132 health kits to donate to Lutheran World Relief.
- Continued First Light digital daily devotions.
- Had several Thrivent Action Teams do work for camp during the year.
- Sponsored Camperson Meeting, Turkey Benefit Dinner, Spring Open House, Spring Work Day, the Bishop's Open Golf Tournament, Women’s Retreat, and Breakfast with Santa (with Buffalo Valley Lutheran Village).
- Hosted the synod youth retreat, “GROW in the Snow,” around the theme of prayer.
- Celebrated the fifteenth synod-wide Mount Luther Sunday on Transfiguration Sunday.
- Participated in the fifth Raise the Region, an effort to raise awareness and giving of non-profits in the Central Susquehanna Valley. Donations totaled $17,225.
- Hosted the State Envirothon for the second time.
- Held the annual Dandelion Trail Run, a 5- and 10-kilometer run, held in memory of Rev. Glenn Heasley.
- An Evening at Shade Mountain Winery was held for the seventh year as a fundraiser, this year featuring the musician Jason Yoder.
- Hosted a Whoopie Pie stand at the Selinsgrove Market Street Festival.
- Executive Director Chad Hershberger was among nearly 120 Lutheran camp professionals and board members to attend the Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Conference in New Braunfels, TX. This year’s theme was “Good Works in Grace Spurred in Love.”
- Sent Christmas and birthday cards to each summer camper.

Camper Statistics

A list of where our 291 summer campers came from in 2017.

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Top churches sending campers:

- Trinity, McAlisterville- 23
- Messiah, South Williamsport- 17
- St. Luke, Bloomsburg- 13
- Messiah, Mifflintown- 12
- Zion, Turbotville- 12

Use of Camp Mount Luther

We had about 4,130 people use camp during our retreat season in 2018, including:

Adams Family; Americorps; Asian American Christian Fellowship; Augustaville Wesleyan Church; Barben Family; Camp Kesem; Connolly Family; Dorman Family; ELCA Foundation; Episcopal Diocese of Central PA; Erdley Family; Gessner Family; Hartman Family; Jen Grove; Jenkins Family; Katrina and Solomon Yoder Wedding; Mid-Penn Trailblazers; Midd-West School District; Mifflinburg Elementary Wrestling; Mifflinburg Wrestling Club; Miller Family; Milton YMCA; Oberholtzer Family; PA Envirothon; Revival Tabernacle; Riggs Family; Setebaid Services Inc; Shikellamy School District; St. Matthew Lutheran Church; Shamokin Dam; Susquehanna University Phi Mu Delta; Trinity Lutheran Church, Mount Joy; Underhill Family; Upper Susquehanna Synod Council; Varner Family; Watters Family; WELCA-USS; Wild and Free Group; and Young Family.
We are grateful to those who serve year-round and during our summer camp program, providing governance, hospitality, and quality programming and facilities.

**Board of Directors**
- **President:** Rev. Bill Henderson, Selinsgrove (Term ends 2020, Buffalo Valley)
- **Vice President:** Ms. Nancy Wood, Williamsport (Term ends 2020, West Branch)
- **Secretary:** Rev. Andrew Weaver, Sunbury (Term ends 2021, Tulpehocken)
- **Treasurer:** Mr. David Herbert, Shamokin Dam (Term ends 2019, Tulpehocken)
- Rev. Andrew Fitch, Gettysburg (Term ends 2020, Buffalo Valley)
- Mr. Terry Gardner, Muncy (Synod Council Representative)
- Mr. Sam Leister, Mifflintown (Term ends 2019, Juniata Valley)
- Mr. Chris Sands, Bloomsburg (Bishop’s Representative)
- Ms. Eileen Stauffer, Selinsgrove (Term ends 2020, Middle Creek)
- Mrs. Truly Zimmerman, Selinsgrove (Term ends 2021, Buffalo Valley)
- ONE VACANT SEAT

**Year Round Staff**
- **Executive Director:** Chad Hershberger, Mifflinburg
- **Office Manager:** Linda Aurand, Mazeppa
- **Site Manager:** Tom Watters, Mifflinburg
- **Hospitality Manager:** Toni Gessner, Mifflinburg
- **Kitchen Staff:** Eric Gessner, Mifflinburg; Kyle Gessner, Mifflinburg; Ryan Gessner, Mifflinburg; Amanda Yoder, Mifflinburg; and Levi Yoder, Mifflinburg

**Summer Ministry Team 2018**
- **Assistant Director:** Charlene Rineer, Lewisburg
- **Chaplains to the Staff:** Andrew Fitch, Gettysburg; Sarah Hershberger, Mifflinburg
- **Director of TLC:** Tara Barnard, Millerstown
- **Director of Fun:** Lindsey Hartman, Turbotville
- **Co-Craft Directors:** Tori Callahan, Bloomsburg; Anne Harshbarger, Belleville
- **Program Assistants:** Noah Roux, Turbotville; Zack Zimmerman, Yeagertown
- **Counselors:** Marie Barnard, Millerstown; Allison Beaver, McAlisterville; Kailey Betz, Turbotville; Trevor Dinsmore, Ridgway; Gordie Emick, Cresco; Vlad Hoeger, Danville; Maddie Hunt, Mickelton, NJ; Carlie Lepley, Troxelville; Joey Martin, Milton; CarolAnn Miller, Mifflinburg; and Sarah Schaech, Pennsdale

**Summer Volunteers**
- **Chaplains:** Rev. Elisabeth Aurand, Williamsport; Rev. Lisa Barnes, Selinsgrove; Rev. Thomas Glaseo, Milton; Rev. Christine Kirchner, Bloomsburg; Rev. Amanda and John Knouse, Front Royal, VA; Rev. Justin Lingenfelter, West Milton; Rev. MarthaSue Moll, Elysburg; Rev. Erwin Roux, Turbotville; Rev. Stina Schaeffer, Selinsgrove; Deacon Gary Schaeffer, Selinsgrove; Rev. Andrew Weaver, Sunbury; and Rev. John Yost, Mifflinburg.

**Health Officers:** Amy Gearhart, Selinsgrove; Shirley Heasley, Mifflinburg; Carol Hanson, Selinsgrove; Sharon Truitt, McAlisterville; and Kay Wetzel, Middleburg.
Welcome to Mount Luther’s Annual Giving Report. This report will give you an update on some of the fundraising activities of the camp in the past year, as well as list the donors of record for 2018. We are grateful for your support so we can do ministry in this place! Giving that grows out of our relationship to God is part of living as faithful servants and stewards. Evidence that the camp is part of people’s stewardship is here in this report. Please take time to read these pages and find out more about the development activities of the camp. We thank you for your continued support, through financial giving and your prayers.

Ways You Can Help Mount Luther

March is Raise the Region

Camp Mount Luther is participating in “Raise the Region” on March 13-14, 2019. The event, coordinated by The First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania, helps the community support local nonprofit organizations’ fundraising efforts. FCFP, in partnership with Blaise Alexander Family Dealerships, will be launching the 30-hour fundraising event on March 13 and 14, 2019, starting at 6:00 p.m. on March 13 and ending at 11:59 p.m. on March 14. Blaise Alexander Family Dealerships has donated money that will be used to stretch a portion of donations made to pre-registered nonprofits. Additional monetary prizes and incentives will be awarded throughout the entire event. This program is designed to help organizations, like Camp Mount Luther, kick off 2019 fundraising campaigns and increase donor bases. Proceeds from this event will go to camp’s Annual Fund, unless a donor gets in touch with the camp office to designate it for another camp cause. How it works:

- On March 13 and 14, donors will visit wwwraisetheregionorg from a computer, smart phone, iPad, etc. to learn more about the nonprofits participating and how their work is impacting our community.
- You can then make an online donation to support one or more of those nonprofit organizations on the Raise the Region website. Running totals will be shown throughout the day at the Raise the Region website.
- At the end of the donation period, a pro-rated match per gift will be determined and the Community Foundation will send checks to all participating nonprofits with the amount raised, the pro-rated match, and any EXTRA money from prizes awarded throughout the day. Camp Mount Luther has participated in Raise the Region for six years and has garnered about $82,000 in donations during this event. The camp hopes you will help us to have another successful year!

Thrivent Choice is a charitable grant program that gives eligible Thrivent members the power to recommend Thrivent Financial distribute some of its charitable funds each year to Camp Mount Luther or other enrolled non-profit charities. Last year, Camp Mount Luther received $9,275 in Choice Dollars. If you are an eligible member, please consider us when directing Choice Dollars. To learn more about Thrivent Choice, visit wwwthriventcomthriventchoice.

Through Thrivent Action Teams, Thrivent members can apply with Thrivent Financial to lead a volunteer team in a one-time fundraiser, service activity, or educational event. Once your project is approved, you’ll receive a Thrivent Action Kit, including a promotional banner, invitations, thank you cards, T-shirts, and a $250 Community Impact Card that you can use as seed money to purchase project supplies and create promotional materials. To learn more go to wwwthriventcomactionteam. We had several Action Teams help camp and have compiled a list of more action teams. Contact chadcampmoultholutherorg for ideas.

The Camp Mount Luther Endowment Fund was established with hopes that it would grow enough to have a significant annual distribution that would benefit camp programs and facilities. The camp’s Development Team oversees the distribution of funds and regularly reviews its progress. At the end of 2018, the fund totaled $112,584. To donate to the endowment fund, send a check to the camp marked “Endowment.”

Web search and shopping are another way you can help camp. Camp Mount Luther is part of Goodsearchcom, where your internet searches can earn us a penny per search. We are also part of Goodshopcom, which gives donations to organizations, including Mount Luther, when you shop online via GoodShop. And, Mount Luther is part of Amazon Smile! Visit wwwsmileamazoncom, designate us as your charity and a portion of your purchase will come to camp!
Join the Circle of Faith Club
Support the Outdoor Ministry of Camp Mount Luther

It takes people, prayers, and gifts to make our year-round ministry thrive. The staff and the Board of Directors of Camp Mount Luther are pleased to extend to you this invitation to become a member of the Circle of Faith Giving Club. As you accept this invitation you will become part of this special group of leaders who care about the spiritual growth and development of people, particularly children and youth. You'll also show your appreciation for the ministry that Mount Luther offers.

The Circle of Faith Giving Club helps assure this vital and effective resource continues and expands to meet the growing needs of the people who use our facility.

It is an informal association of people who provide leadership through their financial support. Circle of Faith Giving Club gifts, as part of the Annual Fund, are used to help provide annual operating funds, to provide capital equipment and repairs, to launch new programs and to cover miscellaneous expenses.

Membership in the Circle of Faith Giving Club begins with an annual gift of $100. There are also other membership levels of $250, $500, $1,000 and $5,000 for those wishing and able to do even more to assist us.

You may honor a friend or loved one with an honorary membership in the Circle of Faith Giving Club. Memorial Memberships are available. Members of the club are listed in the Circle of Faith Giving Club honor roll, and are invited to participate in a special dinner. Above all you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you are helping support an important organization.

Please make check payable to Camp Mount Luther, 355 Mt. Luther Lane, Mifflinburg, PA 17844. For further information or to arrange for a credit card payment, please call (570) 922-1587. All gifts are deductible for tax purposes to the full extent provided by law.

Consider a Planned Gift to Mount Luther!

Planned Giving and the services of the Central PA Gift Planner are available through a partnership of the ELCA Foundation and Camp Mount Luther. Our ELCA Gift Planner can help you arrange planned gifts and estate gifts.

What is the ELCA Foundation? The ELCA Foundation is a financial ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America which offers investment opportunities to both congregations and planned giving services to individuals. Among the planned giving services are the ability to donate stock, create a Donor Advised Fund or Charitable Trust or Charitable Gift Annuity, and estate planning.

What is a Gift Planner? A Gift Planner helps congregations manage, establish and grow their Endowments; assists a follower of Christ plan the wise distribution of their wealth through current, special and legacy gifts; manages Major Gifts for ELCA ministries including congregations; and guiding capital campaigns. The gift planner services are free of charge, because of the partnership with local ministry partners, including synods. Working with a Gift Planner ensures that one has had the opportunity to consider the entirety of their spiritual journey and passions in their gift plan. If you’d like to talk to an ELCA gift planner, contact Chad Hershberger in the camp office.

A Special Partnership! The services of the Foundation and Gift Planner for Central Pennsylvania are free of charge to congregations and givers through a special partnership between the ELCA Foundation and local synods, agencies and institutions. Those Central PA ministries include: Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministry, Allegheny Synod, Camp Mt. Luther, Diakon, Lower Susquehanna Synod, Lutheran Camping Corporation, Lutheran Campus Ministry-Penn State, United Lutheran Seminary, Luthercare, Sequanota Camp and Conference Center, SpiriTrust Lutheran, and the Upper Susquehanna Synod.
Donor Honor Roll

Listed on the following pages are those individuals, churches, and organizations that donated to Camp Mount Luther at the various giving levels during calendar year 2018. Gifts include those made to the Annual Fund, Designated Gifts, Youse Campership Fund, Doyle Campership Fund, Synod Congregation Mission Support, Endowment Fund, Sewer Upgrades, Wish List items, and Adopt-A-Building donations. Gift totals below also include donations during last year’s Raise the Region. We appreciate all that you do and have done for our ministry. We carefully record all donations and information. However, if for some reason we have inadvertently omitted your name or gift from any of these lists, please contact the camp office and we will make the correction. Unless otherwise noted, churches listed are Lutheran congregations.

CIRCLE OF FAITH GIVING CLUB

Camper’s Club
Gifts totaling between $100-$249

Jody Abernethy
Cheryl and Alex Anderson
Jeffrey & Marguerite Anderson
Nancy Ard
Lynn Ashew
Rev. Elisabeth Aurand
MeeCee Baker
Mindelle Bartholomew
Mark Bergren
Peter and Ruth Bergstresser
Big Boys NAPA
James and Carol Black
David Bomboy
Botschaft Church, Mt. Pi Mills
Revs. Erin Bovendam and Chris Mathiason
Esther Breton
Terry and Linda Brown
Anthony and Susan Buda
Mark and Louise Burkhardt
Dolores Calhoun
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Jeffrey Goup
James/Jeannette Cunningham
Robert and Janis Daro
Carl and Marge Demas
James and Randi Doebler
Gary Dolan
Ruth Doran
Carol and Anthony Dudick
Doug Durand
Daniel and Julie Eriksson
Melissa Eshleman
Evangelical Community Hospital
Evangelical, Redsville
Rev. Richard Fangmann
Denise and John Fike
Neil and Patricia Fisher
Rev. Andrew & Kerry Fitch
Ryan and Amber Fitch
Diane Force
Jim and Joan Fullkroad
Rev. Tom Glaseo
Grace Lutheran, Jersey Shore
Robert and Deonne Gronlund
Fred and Jeanette Gross
Bradley Hall
Richard and Rose Handy
Michael/Michele Harshbarger
Dave and Lisa Hartman
Jim and Lynn Haunstein
Andrew and Vicki Haussmann
Rev. Chad Hearnk
Barry & Michelle Heim
Kyle Herb
Herring, Roll, and Solomon
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James Knepp
Chris Kratzter
Krauthem Auto Sales
Brenda Krouse
John Lazur
LeBlanc Family
Ann Leighow
Lowell Leitzel
Little Valley Presbyterian
Christopher Main
Martson Law Offices
Rev. Daniel & Veronica May
Med-Tech, Inc.
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Matthew and Vicki Miller
Peggy Mixter
John and Brenda Monica
Cheryl Newburg and Brad Nason
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Sara Host
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Sharon Lutheran, Selinsgrove
Deane and Jeanne Shively
Tightman and Sally Shrawder
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Richard and Jennifer Smith
Judy Snook
George and Rose Snyder
William and Patricia Snyder
St. John’s Lutheran, Leck Kill
St. Paul Lutheran, Allenville
St. Paul’s Lutheran, Shamokin
Sunbury Motors
The Partner Agency
Andrew & Carrie Thierwechter
Nathan Tillson
Trinity, Northumberland
Christopher and Kris Triolo
Twin River Management
Darlene Rowe/Robert Varney
Rev. Carla Volland
Karen and Elise Wang
Robert and Trudy Watts

Wendy Wehr
Johnathan & Sandra Westover
Gregg Wetzel
Rick and Judy White
Troy Whitenhull
Kristin and Steven Woelk
Philip and Teresa Wood
Wolfe Brothers
Women of the ELCA – St. Mark’s Lutheran, Williamsport
Keith and Nancy Wood
Wood Family
WQSU Radio
Christina and Jackie Wright
Fred and Annie Yoder
Zartman Construction, Inc.
Cami Zimmerman

Janice Austin
June Barnard
Christ United, Catawissa
Andrew Daro
Harry and Beverly Deitz
Rick and Lori Dyer
Richard and Nancy Erdley
John Fisher
Steven and Kathryn Fisher
Scott and Amy Frost
Terry and Ann Gardner
Grace Lutheran, Berwick
Katie Haunstein and Ben Masters
Hidlay, Washingtonville
Paul and Carol Kampa
Richard and Elaine Kuhn
Lamar Advertising
Roy and Sue Leister
Kenneth and Betty Longfield
Charles & Hallie Luppert
Donald and Stacie Main
Timothy and Ellen McWilliams
Mead Johnson Nutrition
Rev. Carl and Nancy Miller
Rev. Martha Sue Moll
Todd Moser
Reederer, Williamsport
Jerry and Cindy Reed
Seth and Heather Reitz
Steven Riggs
Charlene Rineer
Rev. Erwin and Beth Roux
Salem Lutheran, Selinsgrove
Schaeffer Family
Michael and Florence Schrey
Service Electric Cablevision
Shade Mountain Winery
Sholley Agency
Rev. Gordon and Merrill Smith
St. John’s, Mifflinville
St. John’s, Northumberland
St. Luke’s, Williamsport
St. Mark, Williamsport

St. Matthew, Bloomsburg
St. Paul (Leinigers) Lutheran
St. Paul’s (Erdley’s) Lutheran
Joel Stahl
Tom & Rebecca Stalnacke
Samuel and Eileen Stauffer
Sally Stroot
T-Ross Brothers Construction
James Michael & Teresa Jill Wagner
Daniel and Sharon Wilson
Robert & Rebecca Zimmerman
Zion Lutheran, Renovo

Directors’ Club
Gifts totaling between $500–$999

AgChoice Farm Credit
Linda Aurand
Rev. Frederick & Janice Bigelow
Ron and Frances Blatchley
Rev. James Park and June Bricker
Michael Brockman
Christ, Montgomery Endowment
Richard and Emily DeWald
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Shirley Heasley
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Craig and Lorraine Lawler
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Middlewarp Foundation
Mifflinburg Bank and Trust
Nancy Morgan & Rev. Craig Miller
Rev. Ronald & Eileen Montgomery
Patricia Morone
Rev. Wayne Muthler
Network for Good
Pine Street Lutheran, Danville
Purdy Insurance Agency
Kirk Ritter
Chris and Megan Sands
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St. John, Montgomery
St. John Lutheran, Richfield
St. John’s Lutheran, Belleville
St. John’s, Watsontown
St. John’s, Barnabas Brothers
St. Paul’s Lutheran, Nook
St. Peter’s Lutheran, Kreamer
Harold Stuck
Susquehanna University
President’s Club
Gifts totaling between $1,000 - $4,999

James G Apple
Gary and Barbara Baylor
Beaver Lutheran, Beavertown
Centre Lutheran, Millftont
Christ’s United, Millmont
John and Rev. Barbara Collins
Emmanuel, Thompsontown
First Lutheran, Millinburg
Follmer Lutheran, Milton
Grace Lutheran, Shamokin
Harvey & Marian Haupt
Charitable Trust
David and Brenda Herbert
Rev. Charles & Paula Hershberger
Kreamer Feed, Inc.
Sam and Linda Leister
Margaret A. Thompson Fund
Mazeppa Union, Lewistown
Messiah, South Williamsport
Betty Jane Mincemoyer
Joe and Leanna Muscato
Jim & Liz Polanze
Port Royal Lutheran Church
St. John, Bloomsburg
St. John’s, Lewistown
St. John’s, Pottsgrove
St. Matthew, Williamsport
St. Stephen’s, Millinburg
Trinity, McAlisterville
United Lutheran, Sunbury
Joan Voorhees
Ann Zimmerman
Zion Lutheran, Sunbury
Zion Lutheran, Turbotville

Bishop’s Club
Gifts totaling over $5,000

Anonymous
Christ’s Lutheran, Lewisburg
Andy and Ruth Gates
Ray, Erin, Benjamin Hayes
Chad, Sarah, Claire Hershberger
Rev. Donald & Carol Main
Selinsgrove Area Community Foundation (Robinson Donor Advised Fund)
Upper Susquehanna Synod
Todd and Deb Wise

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Gifts Under $100

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Jay and Janice Auker
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Ealyen Benfer
Rev. Cheryl Berner

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Paul and Nancy Kaufmann
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Gayle Peters-Coates
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Amy Reumann
John and Martha, Becca Roth
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Trudy Schell
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Kathryn Scholl
Vanessa Sherman
Donald and Betty Smith
Michael and Christina Snyder
Robert and Violet Soper
Dennis and Mary Jo Spangler
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Michael Steimling
Rev. Karl-John & Beth Ann
Stone
Rick Stringfellow
Grace Stropp
Ronald and Bonnie Swinehart
Dora Vantine
Emily VanScy
George and Kay Vaner
Carol Waltz
Thomas and Karen Watters
Rev. Andy & Meghan Weaver
Linda Weaver
Michael and Lynnette Weisner
Sadie and Taylor Wentzel
Guy and Debbie Wines
Kathy Wither
Daniel and Linda Wolfe
Gary Wolfe
Alise Yeakel
Blacia Zechman/Jason Yoder
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Mark and Truly Zimmerman

2018 Golf Tournament
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Altona Curve
Backyard Broadcasting
Best Authentics
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Harrisburg Senators
Mount Nittany Winery
Penn State University
Philadelphia Phillies
Pittsburgh Steelers
Pepsi-Cola
Rev. A. Donald and Carol Main
Rev. Wayne Muthler
Shade Mountain Winery
Susquehanna Valley Chorale
Tulpehocken Spring Water

Thrift Choice
Those who designated Choice dollars to CML

Susan Athey
Paul & Kathryn Aungst
Dorothy Beaver
Elaine Benner
James and Carol Black
Susan Brandau
James Park and June Bricker
Gale Buck
Deborah Chubb
Michael Dock
Ronald Ferry
Linda Fisher
David Gunther
Darwin Guier
Melissa Hagenbuch
Andrew Haussmann
Ray Hayes
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Timothy Hettinger
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Detlef Huckfeldt
Nancy Joraskie
Paul and Carol Kampa
Paul Kaufman
Marie Klinger
Susan Kucharik
Denise Levin
David Longacre
Betty Longfield
Lindsey Marolf
Timothy McWilliams
Theodore and Shirley Menges
Matthew and Vicki Miller

In honor of:
Rev. James P. Bricker’s 50th Anniversary of Ordination
Little Valley Presbyterian
Rev. Ken and Betty Longfield
Robert & Betty Lou Naylor
Trinity Lutheran, McAlisterville
Camps in need
Sadie and Taylor Wentzel
Melissa Jane Eshelman
Jere and Marilyn Eshelman
Ruth & Andy Gates
Alice Yeakel
Anne Hershberger
Michael & Michele Hershberger
St. John’s Lutheran, Belleville
Our grandchildren: Luke, Eli, and Hannah Herbert;
Benjamin, Noah, and Julia Hayes
David and Brenda Herbert
Chad Hershberger’s Birthday
Facebook Donations
Andy and Ruth Gates
Kathy Wither
Rev. Charles Hershberger’s Retirement
Jay and Janice Auker
Janice Austin
Bonnie Clark
Port Royal Lutheran Church
St. Paul’s Lutheran, Nook
Pastor Gregory Kramer
Nancy Ard
Rev. Don & Carol Main 50th
Wedding Anniversary
Bob and Rebecca Zimmerman
CarolAnn Miller
Nancy Morgan and Craig Miller
Betty Jane Mincemoyer
Dennis and Mary Jo Spangler
Special Appeal Update

A year ago, Camp Mount Luther began a Special Gifts appeal to raise the $100,000 to repay an outstanding loan for repairs to our sewage system. During Fall 2016, the liner of camp’s sewage system was severely damaged by a bear. In addition, some modifications needed to be made to meet state testing requirements.

In total, approximately $100,000 was spent to:

- Replace the aeration system
- Repair the liner
- Install a new decanter
- Install a new blower
- Haul out the waste before repairs could be made
- Hire an engineering firm

As of the end of January, nearly $58,000 has been raised toward that $100,000 goal. Once the loan is re-paid, Camp Mount Luther will once again be debt-free. Please consider a gift to this appeal. For more information, contact chad@campmountluther.org.

Mark Your Calendars!

Work Day
Practice stewardship through service at camp at our work day on Saturday, May 18, 2019, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We need your help getting the camp grounds and facilities ready for summer. There will be plenty to do and everyone in the family can help! Please bring supplies to do cleaning, mulching, raking, and light construction projects such as step ladders, buckets, rakes, etc. A light lunch will be served. RSVP by May 10 if staying for lunch to cml@campmountluther.org or 570-922-1587.

Bishop’s Open Golf Tournament
The rain-or-shine event on May 13 at the Susquehanna Valley Country Club features a four-person scramble with three flights, a free putting contest, mulligans, and forward tees; and a silent auction. Registration starts at 11 with lunch following and a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Snacks and prizes after golfing. We are looking for sponsors and golfers for this event. For more information visit our website or call the camp office.
Running church camp is expensive and we are always right on the edge of balancing income and expenses. Too often we are scratching to bring income up to expenses. One way that we can do that is by folks giving us stuff that we will not need to buy. Here’s a list of the stuff that we could use now. If you have any questions, just contact Chad at chad@campmountluther.org. And if you have something you want to give away and it isn’t on the list, contact us, too. Maybe you might know someone (a contractor?) who might have some of this stuff? Or, maybe you don’t have any of these items but feel generous and want to buy them for camp. Let us know!

- New propane stove for Pine Lodge
- Stain for the Evergreen Center exterior
- Porch boards for Maple cabins
- Fascia for Pine cabins and pavilion
- Paint for Pine cabins
- Soffit for back side of A-center
- Concrete for sidewalks around the A-center
- Playground balls and Volleyballs
- Lego bricks
- White and color copy paper
- Brooms and dustpans
- White flip charts
- Aim n Flames

**For summer crafts:**
- Paper plates
- Plastic craft lace (for making the gimp key chains)
- Popsicle sticks
- Play dough
- Fuse beads
- Markers (they run out quickly), but no crayons needed!
- String for beads (preferably thin elastic to easily string beads onto)
- Egg cartons (as paint trays and crafts)
- Small plastic containers (only a few more needed - like yogurt cups to hold paint/water)
- Colored pony beads (not super small beads, difficult to fit on string and for little hands)
- Acrylic paint
- Clear/Scotch tape
- Duct tape
- Scissors (for small hands)

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**2018 Camp Mount Luther Budget Summary**
(Note: the following are unaudited amounts for the year ending December 31, 2018)

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