



**CAMP MOUNT
LUTHER**

**2025
ANNUAL
REPORT**



SUMMER CAMP

Total participants: 334
 Total on-site campers: 195
 Total off-site campers: 149

Top churches:

Tree of Life, Harrisburg 13
 Christ's, Lewisburg 10
 St. Stephen, Licking Creek 9
 Messiah, New Berlin 8



Camper stats (by conference)

Buffalo Valley	38
Other ELCA:	33
Middle Creek	30
Non-Church	30
Other Denomination	24
Juniata Valley	26
North Branch	9
Tulpehocken	7
West Branch	5

Off-site camp participants

Zion, Turbotville; Trinity Lutheran and Lost Creek Presbyterian, McAlisterville; The Table, First Presbyterian, and Trinity United Church of Christ, Bloomsburg; United In Christ, West Milton; Milton Lutheran; Christ's, Lewisburg; Trinity Episcopal, Williamsport; Zion, Sunbury; and St. Peter, Kreamer



FOUNDATIONS FOR THE FUTURE



In 2023 our board of directors launched a new capital campaign called Foundations for the Future. Our challenge goal is 2 million dollars, with just about 1.3 million in pledges so far. The first phase of the campaign was construction of the Maple Village Bathhouse, which was completed in July 2026. The facility was dedicated as part of the Upper Susquehanna Synod Assembly, which was held in the Evergreen Center in June.

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CURRENT PROGRESS

\$1,366,378

UPDATED 04/01/26

CHALLENGE GOAL!

\$2,000,000
\$1,800,000
\$1,600,000
\$1,400,000
\$1,200,000
\$1,000,000
\$800,000
\$600,000
\$400,000
\$200,000
\$0





2025 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Visitors to camp: 3,001
 Evening at Shade Mountain participants: 49
 Golf Tournament participants: 98
 Spring cleaning volunteers: 32
 Number of volunteers: 72
 Estimated number of volunteer hours: 2,000
 Total number of wedding rentals: 4
 total number of other rentals: 91 (includes Youth Group and CaTALYST)

FUNDRAISING

Raise the Region	\$29,140
Giving Tuesday	\$3,220
Golf Tournament	\$16,868
Evening at Shade Mountain	\$6,037
2025 Income	\$531,286
2025 Expenses	\$603,636

OFF-SEASON UPDATES

- Began CaTALYST, a new faith community designed and led by young adults. CaTALYST won the 2025 Innovative Program Award from Lutheran Outdoor Ministries.
- Worked with the synod to manage their youth ministry program, hosting events and taking a group to Winterfest.
- Made the Camp Mount Luther Prayer Service available on streaming platforms.
- Sponsored Sunbury Broadcasting's Great Egg Hop and Talk to Santa and Union County Night at the Williamsport Crosscutters.

We continued many programs including:

Theologians of the Cross • CML Sunday • Taste of Camp & Fundraising Dinner • Good SOIL blog • Golf Tournament • Alumni Staff Work Weekend and Work Day • Dandelion Run • Advent Holy Hike





PERSONELL

*We are grateful to those who serve providing governance, hospitality,
and quality programming and facilities.*

Board of Directors

President: Rev. Gary Schaeffer; Vice President: Ty Turner; Secretary: Anne Gates; Treasurer: Andy Gates; Upper Susquehanna Synod Bishop's Representative: Sue Ellen Spotts; Board members: Sister Marianne Brock, Erin Hayes, Rev. Katy Moran, Chad Shuck, Rev. Ken Wagner-Pizza

Year-Round Staff

Executive Director: Chad Hershberger; Associate Director: Rev. James Vitale; Program Director: Charlene Rineer; Hospitality Manager: Toni Gessner; Caretaker: Rodney Gessner; Marketing Specialist: Isabel Vitale; Bookkeeper: Linda Aurand; Campaign Coordinator: Rev. Barbara J. Collins

Summer Staff

Village Leaders: Joseph Martin; CarolAnn Miller, Ali Wyland; Cabin Leaders: Emma Deckard, Natalie Harvey, David Lyttle, Burton Peese, Ellis Reed, Alyx Taylor; Kitchen: Michele Roush, Kylee Gessner

Summer Volunteers

Jim Bricker, Larry Herrold, Claire Hershberger, Karla Leiby, Katy Moran, Ellie Schaeffer, Gary Schaeffer, Stina Schaffer, Sue Ellen Spotts, Sharon Truitt, and Don Turner

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