



# Luther Park 2016 Annual Report

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**Kids can sign up for summer camp on-line now!**

**God is doing a new thing at Luther Park! It reminds me of the Isaiah passage where God says: “See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?” (Isaiah 43:19).**

### ***New Bethel Family and Adult Retreat Center progress***

- Ground breaking was celebrated at the Open House in July, the area is cleared and prepped, with the construction to happen in 2017!

### ***New renovations***

- Volunteers built Luther Park a new outdoor chapel with a gorgeous view of the lake!
- We are close to a new steel roof on the lodge, with \$20,000 of \$30,000 raised.
- We blacktopped the road to the cabins for easier access and to prevent erosion.
- All the cabin exteriors now have a fresh coat of paint.
- One of our congregations planted perennials and annuals to beautify the camp.
- A new Gaga Pit was gifted which campers and retreaters love!

### ***New congregations***

- We are excited to have welcomed new congregations for summer and retreat ministry. One church reserved and filled an entire week from their church! Please invite people to consider Luther Park as “their camp”!

### ***New staff***

- We welcomed Craig Larson as our Site Director and Leah McDougall as our Program Director this past year. We are very excited about their new ideas and energy.
- Luther Park enjoyed a tremendous Summer Camp season, with a fantastic group of college age staff! We experienced a significant increase in the number of summer campers, as well as year-round retreaters.
- We are looking for new staff members for the summer. Please let us know if you are aware of an 18-22 year old who has gifts for working with kids.

### ***New creation***

- God continues to create new things each time there is a new sunrise, a new breeze, new trees, baby loons, a new night sky. God is at work in this place through board members, volunteers, and donors who have invested in Luther Park and the people who serve and visit here. We are so grateful for all who make sure this ministry thrives!

In Christ's service,

Joel D. Legred  
Executive Director