



Luther Park 2017 Annual Report

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“Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith” (Hebrews 12).

Retreat Center Progress

We are excited to report that the construction of our Bethel Family and Adult Retreat Center is well underway! Thanks to our corporate congregations and many friends, the total raised in gifts and pledges is over \$700,000. That helps us get part of the way there but not all the way to the finish line. The camp still needs \$250,000 to complete the project. One church pledged to help with \$100,000 (part of the \$700,000) hoping to inspire congregations and individuals to help us finish the project. Can you or your church help us cross the finish line?

Thank You Volunteers

Our maintenance and construction volunteers spend long hours repairing whatever needs fixing. Because of them, the lodge has a new steel roof, our new outdoor chapel now has power, and the tops of benches have been replaced. New picnic tables grace the deck and outdoor space. Volunteers regularly clear brush and chop wood. Another volunteer is the friendly voice you hear on the phone and in the office. Year-round volunteers take care of maintenance and the grounds. One couple gifts their time designing the summer brochure and meeting international summer staffers at the airport.

Thank You Donors

Churches, church foundations, individuals, and other organizations have provided generously for both our annual fund and capital projects. A couple donated a \$150,000 life insurance policy with a \$50,000 cash value for the retreat center. A special thanks to those who bicycled from Minneapolis to Luther Park raising over \$20,000 for camper scholarships! Because of donor gifts, we made some major improvements to our kitchen. A generous company donated 100 squares of architectural shingles, enough for three cabins, treehouses, and the Welcome Center! Another generous donor paid to have the shingles delivered to the camp!

Thank You Staff

Our staff members continually work to make sure campers and retreat guests are valued and welcomed. In addition to leading worship, Bible studies, and campfires, they are developing programs, getting spaces ready, and planning delicious meals. Summer staff shape and change the lives of hundreds of campers and day campers each summer. We are looking for summer staff members, 18-22 year olds, who have gifts for working with children and youth. Let us know if you know someone! They can apply on-line at <http://www.lutherpark.com/summer-staff-application.html>.

God's blessings to you,

Joel Legred
Executive Director