

2019 Annual Report

LUTHER PARK, INC.

(On Lake 26)

www.lutherparkdanbury.com

**61 Years
of Christian Outdoor Ministry
1958 – 2019**



ANNUAL MEETING

Oct. 29, 2020

6:30 p.m. via Zoom

MISSION STATEMENT

Luther Park is a cooperative ministry of ELCA congregations serving persons of all ages through a variety of programs in an outdoor setting. Our mission is to provide an environment in which the Christian faith may be strengthened and people may grow in their personal relationship with God.

Year Round Staff Members

Joanne Anderson

Marcia Brace

Pete Brace

Joel Legred

Leah McDougall

Food Service/Housekeeping

Office (Volunteer)

Maintenance

Executive Director

Associate Director

Ownership and Management

Luther Park Inc. is an Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3) Minnesota non-profit corporation whose corporate members are congregations of the [Evangelical Lutheran Church in America](#) (ELCA) in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Member congregations send delegates to the annual meeting of the corporation at which time the volunteer board of directors is elected from the constituent congregations. Board members are elected for a two-year term and can serve three full terms on the board. The board hires an executive director to serve as the chief staff officer.

Board of Directors

President	Scott Housman	Mount Calvary, Excelsior
Vice President	Candace Cobb	Diamond Lake, Mpls.
Secretary	David Shirley	Messiah, Mpls.
Treasurer	Eric Boyd	St. Barnabas, Plymouth
	Jim Warren	Nativity Lutheran, St. Anthony
	Tom Nelson	Elim, Robbinsdale
	Suzie Bergquist	Family of Christ, Lakeville
	Anna Treague	Lakeside, Webb Lake, WI
	Deana Miller	Zion, Mpls.

Member Congregations of the Luther Park Association

Church

Atonement
Calvary Lutheran
Christ Memorial Lutheran Church
Cross of Glory
Diamond Lake
Elim
Family of Christ
First Evangelical
Grace Lutheran Church
Gustavus Adolphus
Hope Lutheran Church
House of Prayer
Lake of the Isles
Lakeside Community
Lord of Life
Messiah
Mount Calvary
Mt. Olivet
Nativity
Our Saviour's
Peace
Redeemer
Richfield
River of Life
St. Barnabas
St. James
St. Johns
St. Timothy's Lutheran
Salem
Salem
Shepherd of the Hills
Spirit of Christ Lutheran
Zion Evangelical
Zion

Location

New Brighton, Minn.
Minneapolis, Minn.
Plymouth, Minn.
Brooklyn Center, Minn.
Minneapolis, Minn.
Robbinsdale, Minn.
Lakeville, Minn.
Hinckley, Minn.
Minneapolis, Minn.
Minneapolis, Minn.
Brule, Wisc.
Richfield, Minn.
Minneapolis, Minn.
Wester, Wisc.
Maple Grove, Minn.
Minneapolis, Minn.
Excelsior, Minn.
Plymouth, Minn.
St. Anthony, Minn.
Minneapolis, Minn.
Plymouth, Minn.
Minneapolis, Minn.
Minneapolis, Minn.
Minneapolis, Minn.
Plymouth, Minn.
Crystal, Minn.
Mound, Minn.
Columbia Heights, Minn.
Minneapolis, Minn.
Hermantown, Minn.
Edina, Minn.
St. Louis Park, Minn.
Minneapolis, Minn.
Hinckley, Minn.

2019 Annual Meeting of Luther Park Inc.

Oct. 29, 2020 at 6:30 via Zoom

AGENDA

Welcome	Scott Housman, President
Opening Prayer/Comments	Joel Legred, Executive Director
Minutes Annual Meeting March 10, 2019	David Shirley, Secretary
Video Presentation	Leah McDougall, Associate Director
2019 Finances & 2020 Budget	Eric Boyd, Treasurer
Slate of Board Members	Scott Housman, President
Reports and Graphs	Luther Park Staff
Master Plan Progress	Scott Housman, President
Old Business	
New Business	
Adjournment	

Luther Park 2018 Annual Meeting

St. Barnabas Lutheran Church, Plymouth, MN
March 10th, 2019

Present: David Shirley, Scott Housman, Terry Couillard, Jim Pemberton, Candace Cobb, Lisa Turnquist, Pastor Wayne Peterson. Staff: Executive Director Joel Legred, Director, Leah McDougal

Absent: Nancy Johnson, Suzie Bergquist, Vicki Elliot, Deana Miller

President David Shirley called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. David asked us to review the Agenda. Jim motioned to approve the Agenda, Lisa 2nd, Motion carried.

Lisa Turnquist presented opening prayers. She mentioned her daughter had stayed at LPC and had a blast! We all read the Mission Statement.

David asked for motion to approve the minutes from the 2017 Annual Meeting Terry Motioned, Jim 2nd, motion carried.

Director Leah McDougal presented a video for marketing she had prepared. Wow! Very descriptive of typical summer camp at LPC. Love, laughter and Christs word. Website explanation is www.lutherparkdanbury.com.

2018 Financials were explained by Joel as Randy Johnson was stuck in the snow. Joel explained 2017 vs 2018 and that were down in income due to some contributions which had not been posted as of end of the year 2018. Financials in full are posted on the website for all to discern. Terry motioned to approve the financial report, Jim 2nd, motion carried.

2019 budget was explained by Joel. We also discussed renting the 12 campsites yearly as opposed to weekly. This way we have additional income coming in each year steadily. Everyone agreed that was a good idea. Candace motioned to approve the 2019 budget, Terry 2nd motion carried.

Election of new board member Jim Warren from Nativity. Candace Cobb and Deana Miller were elected for another 2 year term as well. We could have 14 board members according to by laws. With the addition we now have 10. Scott motioned to close the slate to approve candidates, Vice President Candace thanked President David Shirley for his supreme leadership and volunteering. He said he'll still be around. All in favor unanimously, motion carried.

Staff Reports

Leah McDougal says she has ½ the staff hired and 2 more interviews soon. Needed is one male counselor and 3 females. We currently have 8 staff returning, which is a good number. Leah will create a Facebook post so that we all can share the canoe trip and the camping registration on Facebook. Leah also explained proper use of photos on the website related to kids and their privacy. New summer schedule calendar presented also.

Old Business

New business

Ole and Lena dinner to be changed to Spaghetti Dinner to meet the times. Packets of 10 tickets were made available to Board so as to sell them or buy them and give away. Benefit concert still in progress via Lisa Turnquist for any questions.

Terry motioned to adjourn, Scott 2nd motion carried

Anderson·Hager·Moe

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Offices in Hayward, Rice Lake, and Spooner
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In Memoriam
Michael J. Hager
1950-2017

Larry R. Peterson, CPA
Karen J. Slaminski, CPA
Mark N. Beckman, CPA

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To the Board of Directors of
Luther Park, Inc.
Danbury, Wisconsin

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial statements of Luther Park, Inc. (a non-profit organization), which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have performed a compilation engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. We did not audit or review the financial statements nor were we required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on these financial statements.

Supplementary Information

The supplementary information contained in Supplemental Schedules 1 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management. The supplementary information was subject to our compilation engagement. We have not audited or reviewed the supplementary information and do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any assurance on such information.

Anderson, Hager & Moe SC

March 30, 2020

LUTHER PARK, INC.
DANBURY, WISCONSIN

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2019 AND 2018

	2019	2018
ASSETS:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 9,255	\$ 6,141
Inventory	15,146	11,352
Marketable securities	175	152
Prepaid expense	12,779	13,367
Loan Costs, net	874	-
Cash surrender value life ins, net of policy loan	8,572	6,714
Property, equipment and improvements, net	1,652,356	1,608,943
Total assets	\$ 1,699,157	\$ 1,646,669
LIABILITIES:		
Accounts payable	\$ 4,512	\$ 9,525
Credit card payable	605	6,015
Payroll liabilities payable	441	421
Unearned deposits	7,593	8,760
Sales tax payable	178	104
Accrued real estate taxes	6,118	6,313
Accrued paid leave time	13,908	14,039
Accrued interest	569	102
Notes payable	214,202	106,271
Total liabilities	\$ 248,126	\$ 151,550
NET ASSETS:		
Without donor restrictions		
Designated by the board for cabin renovations	\$ 15,840	\$ 15,840
Undesignated	1,429,902	1,478,324
With donor restrictions	5,289	955
Total net assets	\$ 1,451,031	\$ 1,495,119
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 1,699,157	\$ 1,646,669

See accompanying notes and independent accountant's compilation report.

Luther Park, Inc.
2018-2019 Compiled Actual
2020 Proposed Budget and COVID Budget

		2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2020 Budget	COVID Budget
INCOME					
Annual Fund					
	Allocations, current year	21,562	26,630	27,700	27,700
	Events	8,440	10,084	12,000	0
	Gifts from individuals	93,688	131,076	131,000	131,000
	Gifts from organizations	33,611	11,623	16,000	16,000
	Memorial & Estate gifts	311,938	42,421	40,650	60,000
	PPP				38,200
	Total annual fund	469,239	221,834	227,350	272,900
Program Revenue					
	Campground fees	2,385	2,892	4,000	4,500
	Canteen income	6,119	5,705	6,000	2,000
	Day camp	17,416	14,274	14,000	3,600
	Retreats	46,901	55,789	70,000	20,000
	Summer camping	75,444	57,195	65,000	14,000
	Total program revenue	148,265	135,855	159,000	44,100
	TOTAL INCOME	617,521	357,689	386,350	317,000
EXPENSES					
	Camp programs	34,058	33,992	34,700	14,000
	Human resources	220,691	223,591	215,700	184,400
	Camp operations	56,816	48,987	47,200	40,400
	Administrative Expenses	52,360	50,100	52,100	39,400
	Marketing/Development	21,540	14,464	18,100	15,100
	TOTAL EXPENSES	383,448	371,134	367,800	293,300
	INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES	234,073	-13,445	18,550**	23,700**
**Income needed for payments on Mortgage					

**Luther Park Board of Directors(Elected at April board meeting)
Year Term Expires**

2022

Eric Boyd - 2020
(St. Barnabas, Plymouth)**

David Shirley - 2020
(Messiah, Mpls.)**

Tom Nelson - 2020
(Elim, Robbinsdale)**

Suzie Bergquist - 2016
(Family of Christ, Lakeville)**

Scott Housman - 2018
(Mount Calvary, Excelsior)**

Anna Treague - 2020
(Lakeside, Webb Lake, WI)**

2021

**Jim Warren - 2019
(Nativity, St. Anthony Village)**

**Candace Cobb - 2015
(Diamond Lake, Mpls.)**

**Deana Miller - 2017
(Zion Evangelical, Mpls.)**

****Denotes are being elected this year. Remaining names are in second year of their term.**

Year following name indicates year elected.

Special thanks to the members going off this year:

**Lisa Turnquist, St. Barnabas; Nancy Johnson, Gustavus Adolphus; Randy Johnson, HOP
Terry Couillard, Elim and Jim Pemberton, Richfield
(Terry and Jim have completed the maximum of 6 years)**



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

Come and enjoy our new Retreat Center!

It's our hope that people of every age would know and love God and know they belong and are loved by God. Thank you congregations, friends, campers and retreaters for being a part of camp life. Your presence here has forever changed this place. We are grateful for your contributions whether you are on the board, in the kitchen, in the cabins, on the lake, or in your homes. Thank you for gracing this place with your prayers, gifts, and love.

Joel Legred, Luther Park Executive Director

Listen to what others have to say....

“They gave me a family away from family that I will cherish forever...I had life-giving conversations with fifth graders I hadn't ever imagined having with kids.”

James Powell, Summer Camp Counselor

“I am a 15-year-old boy and I struggle with ADHD.” Navareis says camp is where he is happy and comfortable. This summer he will be a Leader in Training (LT). “I can't wait to be a leader at Luther Park!”

Navareis, Four-year Summer Camper

“In my outreach to congregations, I'm reconnecting with my home congregation in new ways. Nativity helped to prepare me by giving me tools for church leadership. Now it's my privilege to give back by serving people of Nativity in a new capacity.”

Leah McDougall, Luther Park Program Director

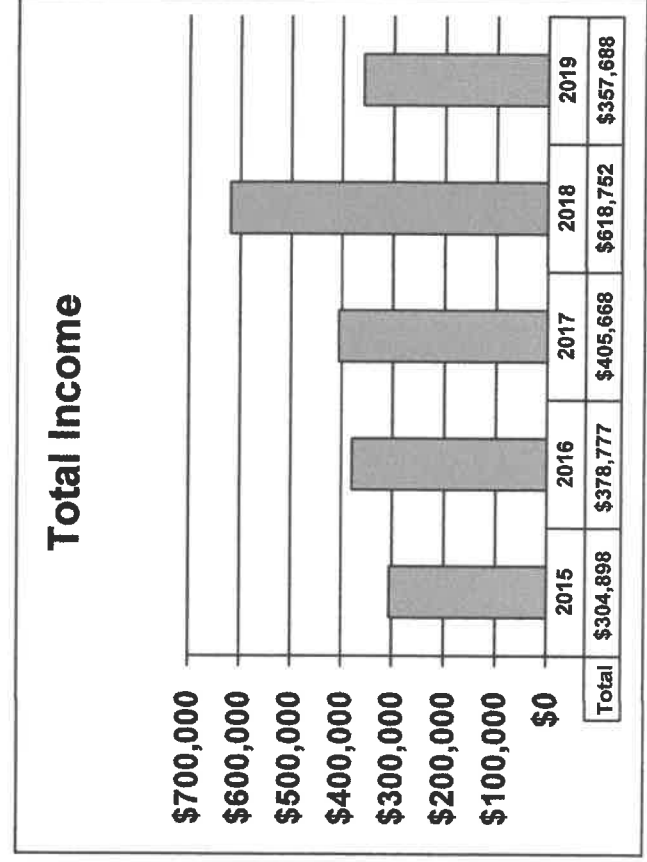
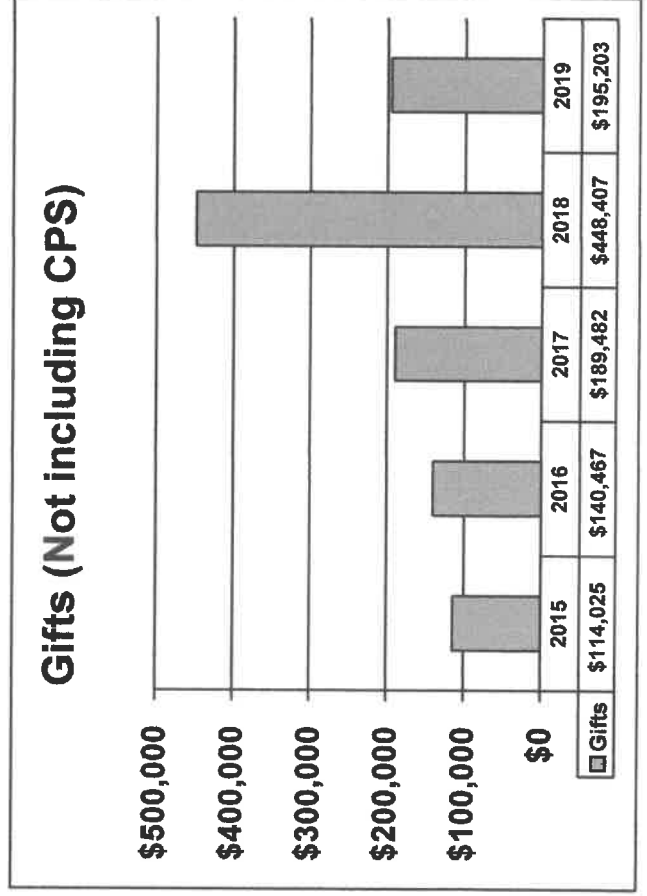
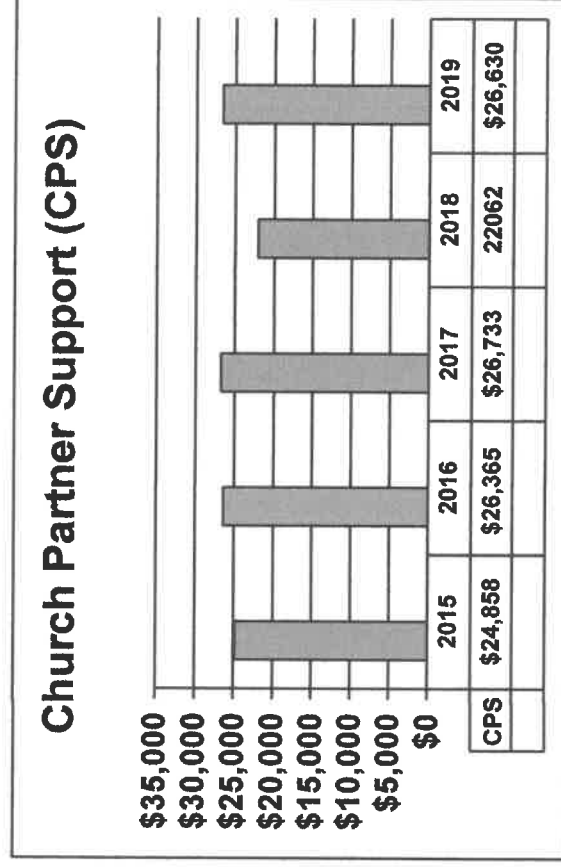
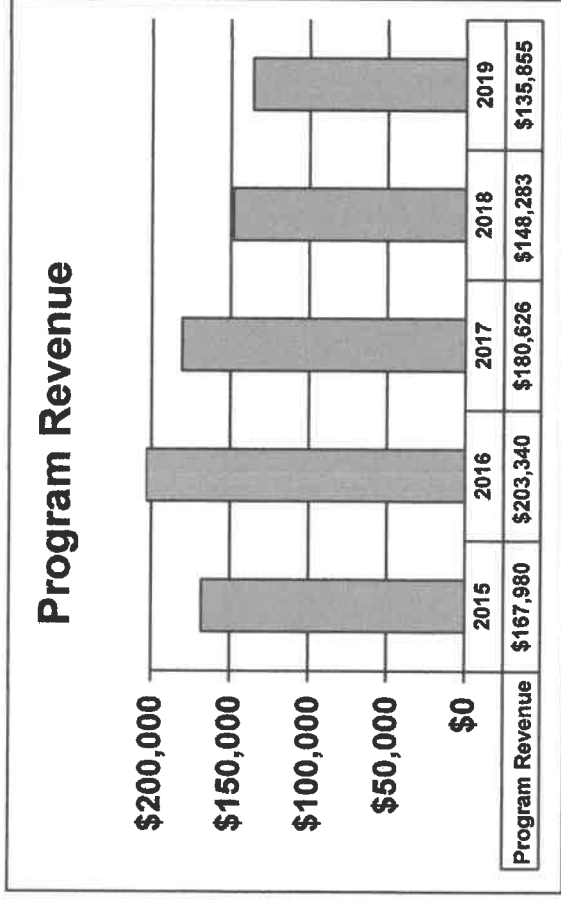
“Life can be overwhelming and it's difficult to slow down, relax, and enjoy nature, God and each other. Luther Park provides an excellent venue for retreats. Faith grew along with relationships.”

Pastor Marcia Rosa, Elim Lutheran Church

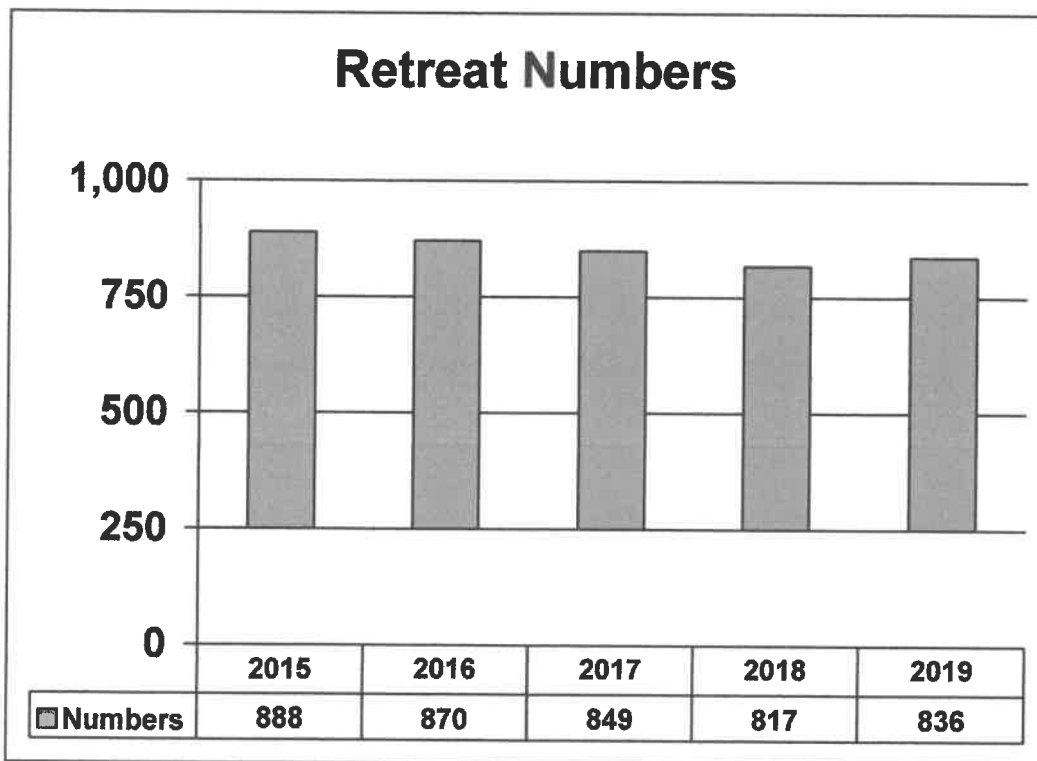
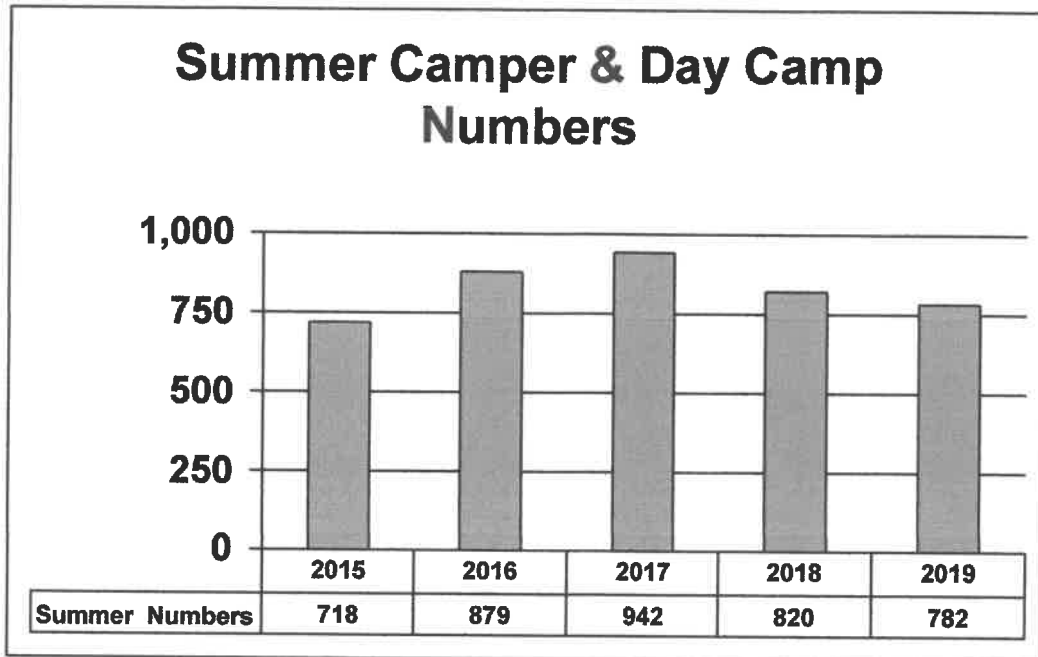
“Volunteers provide hundreds of hours and effort behind the scenes. Through volunteers, cabins are cleaned, firewood logs are split, docks are pulled in and out, and roofs have been re-shingled. In the Bethel Retreat Center, volunteers helped with tiling, flooring, rocking the fireplace, finishing trim and so much more. Thank you!”

Scott Housman, Luther Park Board President

5-Year Income Trends



5-Year Camper & Retreater Trends



Membership in the Luther Park Bible Camp Corporation

Luther Park Bible Camp and Retreat Center has nourished people since 1959. Our mission is to provide an environment in which the Christian faith may be strengthened and people may grow in their personal relationship with God. People who have come to Luther Park have returned home with more love in their hearts, fond memories, and a better understanding of the gospel. On behalf of the board of directors, we celebrate having your congregation as a member of the Luther Park Corporation.

What benefits do you receive as a member of the Luther Park Corporation?

- **Camping Programs**
Luther Park is an outreach of your church's ministry. You are ensured a continuum of excellent outdoor ministry programming for your youth, adults, and families. Luther Park will assist you in the promotion of summer camp through Temple Talks, Sunday school presentations and Adult forums.
- **Retreat Facilities**
Luther Park becomes an extension of your own church buildings, providing a safe, familiar and spiritual place to get away. We will provide assistance in all areas of planning and implementing retreat ministry for all ages.
- **Lower Fees**
Congregation members pay lower camping and retreat fees than non-members (\$20/camper for week-long summer camp and \$5/retreater for a weekend retreat year-round).
- **Current Information**
Luther Park will keep you informed about outdoor ministry events and opportunities through the Echoes Newsletter (mailed three times/year), brochures, news releases, flyers, posters, web site (www.Lutherpark.com), visits from Luther Park staff, and more.
- **Leadership Development**
Congregations with close ties to a Bible camp find their own clergy and lay leadership are developed and strengthened by the opportunities for renewal and learning provided by Luther Park's ministry. Camp also provides leadership development of youth through the Leadership Training program for Senior High youth, and for college age young adults who work on the summer staff.
- **Decision-Making**
Member congregations can take part in the decision-making and shaping of Luther Park and its programs, property and facilities by voting at meetings and serving on camp boards and committees.

What is expected of your congregation?

- We request that you provide financial support to Luther Park that is determined annually by your church. Our current churches give from \$100/year up to \$9,000/year. We ask that you give prayerful consideration to the amount you choose to provide in support of your camping ministry.
- Promote Luther Park's camping and retreating experiences within your congregation.

If you have questions or comments, or would like to set up a Luther Park Sunday at your church, please feel free to contact Joel Legred, Executive Director of Luther Park, at 612-987-6628, or Jlegred@lutherpark.com. Thanks and God bless you in your ministry.



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