

# 2020—A Year in Review



## Summer program

This summer was unique. Luther Park was not able to host traditional summer campers because of COVID-19. While we were deeply disappointed, we also looked for opportunities like leadership training for our already-hired college-age summer staff. This group of talented young people grew as leaders, mentored campers, hosted families, and completed site improvement projects. They were grateful to live in a safe and loving community despite what was going on in the world. They engaged in tough life questions, explored their faith, and grew as leaders.

## New This Summer: Camp in a Box!

Our summer staff designed Camp in a Box including virtual experiences on weekly themes, crafts, Bible studies, spiritual practices, family activities PLUS bonus camp crafts. Each week Luther Park staff posted videos and worship services, and also hosted engaging zoom games and activities.

## Camp Getaway for Families

Camp Getaway for Families was a huge success! Families enjoyed a 3-day, 2-night, 6-meal camp experience in the beauty of God's great creation. Families were able to spend relaxing, fun time with each other (and other families) while safe and physically-distanced. All of their meals were prepared and served to them. Each family had their own private and safe place to rest and sleep.

## Camp Improvements

Here's what volunteers and summer staff accomplished!

- Lodge basement renovation for larger indoor recreation, worship and gathering space;
- Low ropes course improvements, Med Shed wall installation, pole barn reorganization;
- Dead tree removal, firewood prep, waterfront and cabin opening and winterizing;
- Final touches on the new Family and Adult Retreat Center;
- Planting of wild flowers behind the retreat center;
- Kitchen and office space refreshments.

Watch for Log House upgrades enabling families and small groups to enjoy camp in an authentic Log Home with 6 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, full kitchen and fireplace area.

## Thank You for Financial Support

Gifts to Luther Park help campers, families, and individual retreaters grow closer to God and know they are a beloved child of God. Congregations provided additional support above and beyond their intended support. Individuals provided estate gifts and greatly-needed cash, stock, and family foundation support through PayPal, Venmo, through the mail, over the phone, and through their work places. Thrivent members gifted their Thrivent Choice dollars and also received Thrivent Action grants. Congregations and individuals held "Virtual" Bikeathons and also provided gifts-in-kind from our Amazon wish list: <http://www.lutherpark.com/wish-list.html>.

## Let us know how we can serve you!

Check out our website at [www.lutherparkdanbury.com](http://www.lutherparkdanbury.com). We are always so grateful for your prayers, gifts, time, and visits!