



May 2020

**Dear Friends of Luther Park in Danbury,**

As you may have anticipated, the Board of Directors and staff have made the difficult and sad decision to not offer the scheduled, on-site summer programming to campers and families in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Our camper and staff safety and care has always been our first priority. Guidelines from the American Camp Association and the CDC include restrictions that would inhibit the camp experience and we feel that it would be best to not gather on-site.

We will be exploring options for our summer retreat ministry with individual families and groups already booked. Our staff will be in touch with congregations regarding contracted day camps and make decisions that are mutually satisfactory.

Our summer staff is hired, able and ready to work on special camp projects as well as engage in faith formation opportunities and leadership development training this summer. They will be preparing "Camp-in-a-Box" to be sent to camper families and possibly hosting a virtual camp experience for campers interested in enjoying a little bit of camp at home this summer.

Parents and grandparents will be invited to consider gifting their deposits/payments to help cover camp costs since we will have a summer without summer camp income. We will look to generous donors in addition to camper families to help get us through this challenging time. All are welcome to share a gift online at [www.lutherparkdanbury.com](http://www.lutherparkdanbury.com), or mail it to the address below.

Registered camp families will also have the option of rolling payments into summer 2021 or requesting a full refund. Please look for an email and survey from Luther Park in the next week that will communicate all these options thoroughly.

We thank you in advance for your patience as we work through this difficult time. We are deeply grieving the loss of what we have known camp to be in years past, but we have faith in God and trust that we will discover new ways to grow together and continue to be the community of Luther Park.

As always, please feel free to reach out to us at Luther Park with any questions, concerns or comments.

Take care, stay safe, and God bless.

Sincerely,

*The Luther Park Board of Directors and Staff*

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