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From The Point

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A Newsletter for Campers and Friends of Luther Park

Spring/Summer 2012

It's Summer Camp sign-up time

Experience Spiritlife! Ephesians 4:4-6

By Sharon F. Miller
Writer/Editor

Adventure aplenty is waiting for you this summer at Luther Park, and now is the time to sign up to become part of it! You can come individually or bring a friend to enjoy all the fun: singing, games, evenings around the campfire, water activities, and more!

This summer's theme, *Spiritlife!*, is based on Ephesians 4:4-6. *There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God of all, who is above all, through all and in all.*

We invite you to join us this summer as we learn how the Holy Spirit sends us into the world—called and gifted—to love and forgive others and share in the unity we have with all people in Jesus Christ. We hope you'll join us for this new adventure.

Your camping fee will include your week at camp along

with the usual meals, lodging and program materials.

Here's a brief description of some of the camp programs available:

Day Camp

Bible Camp comes to you. Luther Park brings fresh ideas and trained staff to your congregation. Churches must call camp to reserve dates.

Cabin Camp— Partial Week or Week-long Camp.

Adventure that provides fun and growth in Christian faith for all grades.

Treehouse Village

Rustic hands-on God and nature-based week-long camp.

Double Week Camp

Available for grades 7-12.

Canoe Trips

Experience the beauty of the Namekagon and St. Croix rivers. Great for novices and experienced alike.

Leadership Training (LT) Learn leadership skills through hands-on training in the camp setting. (Cont. on P. 2)

Campers and staff had fun dressing up for a special occasion.



Luther Park named for major gifts

Mount Calvary pledges \$200,000 to Luther Park through "Mission Ready" Capital Campaign

By Sharon F. Miller
Writer/Editor

Mission Ready is the theme of Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Excelsior's Capital Campaign. In addition to refreshing their facility to the tune of \$1 million dollars or more, in several areas where needed, the congregation also intends to raise another \$500,000 to "Boldly grow our benevolence to support our historic mission partners."

Luther Park became one of those 'historic mission partners' back in 1958 as one of 14 charter member congregations that agreed on the importance of outdoor ministry and eventually made Luther Park Bible Camp a reality.

Mount Calvary members now agree that as original founders, it's time to take the camp and its setting into the future by contributing to the building of a Retreat Center. "People need a place to get away" explained one member. As their campaign infor-

mation notes, their goal is to: "Provide a leadership level gift, as a 1958 charter church, to help Luther Park Bible Camp build an Adult and Family Retreat Center.

"Other 'historic mission partners' to benefit from the Mission Ready Campaign include: Renovating and expanding the

medical clinic founded in 1995 in Desma, Nigeria, strengthening their partnership with the Jimeta congregation; and providing \$100,000 to fight hunger here and around the world through Kids Against Hunger, ICA and ELCA World Hunger."

The Mount Calvary campaign is basically about Mission. One-third of the funds raised will go to outreach in the community and around the world.

Congratulations and blessings to the Mount Calvary congregation for undertaking this incredible Mission Ready project!

We are deeply grateful to be included in Mount Calvary's (Cont. on P. 2)

Norma Peterson, Mount Calvary, donates \$50,000 to help build Retreat Center and for current ministry at Luther Park

It took only one three-hour visit for Norma Peterson to know that Luther Park was just the kind of place she was looking to put some of her funds after her husband Cy passed away two years ago, and the subsequent selling of their home.

After remembering her family, her church, Mount Calvary Lutheran in Excelsior; and the church where she grew up,



Norma Peterson with Luther Park Executive Director Joel Legred.

Easter Lutheran Church in Parker's Prairie, Minn., Norma generously contributed \$50,000 to Luther Park. Twenty-five thousand is designated as a naming gift for a room in the new Retreat Center, and \$25,000 is for current ministries at the camp. Norma has also thoughtfully included Luther Park in her estate plans. Both Norma and Cy have been long time active members of Mount Calvary.

Norma explained that due to extensive, serious cancer surgery when she was young, she was (Cont. on P. 2)

SPECIAL ANNUAL REPORT INSERT

See pages 3-6

COMING JULY 14 SUMMER OPEN HOUSE

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 9-11 a.m.** Arrive at your leisure to enjoy coffee/cold drinks and sweet rolls.
- 11 a.m.** Outdoor worship on The Point
- 12:15 p.m.** Outstanding Christian Service Award, Volunteer & other Recognitions, New board member welcome
- 12:30 p.m.** Special Buffet Lunch at the Lodge.
- 2 p.m.** Old-fashioned Ice-cream social, pontoon boat rides, camp tours, waterfront open with lifeguard, & more.
- 3 p.m.** LP Board Meeting
- 4 p.m.** Farewells

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY

You'll be glad you came when you see Luther Park's great picnic buffet lunch. You'll also enjoy an inspiring outdoor worship service, the ice-cream social, presentation of the 2012 Outstanding Christian Service Awards to Norma Peterson, Mount Calvary in Excelsior, and Burt & Sharon Miller, Richfield Lutheran.

Other recognitions for special donations and the people who gave them include the new convection oven, (Cont. on P. 7)

Summer Camp (Cont. from P. 1)

Leadership Mentoring (LM)
Take the next step in leadership development.

Teens in Mission (TIM) Team
Youth-group leadership training to take home to support the mission of your church. [Group registration only.](#)

Great Lakes Mission Trip
Camp-based mission service experience in the Twin Ports of Duluth-Superior and Burnett County, Wis. [Group registration only.](#)

Leadership Camp
A great way to develop leadership skills for Jr. and Sr. High age youth. [Group Registration only.](#)

For a more detailed description of these camping opportunities, please visit our web-site at www.lutherpark.com.

To reserve a place at camp, you can either register online at www.lutherpark.com, complete the registration and health form on the back page of this newsletter, or use the brochure available at your church.

But register soon! Some weeks and

programs are filling up. Return the form right away with your \$200 deposit—or the entire fee if you prefer. Final payment is due two weeks before you arrive at camp.

At Luther Park you’ll find friendly staff, great food, music, fellowship, quiet moments in the outdoor chapel, the beautiful northwoods, stars for gazing, and much more—all waiting for you.

Detailed information about dates available and fees is shown on the back page of this newsletter as well as in the summer brochure and on our Web site: www.lutherpark.com.

“Whether you have been to Luther Park previously, or have never visited, you are encouraged to join us this summer, along with staff from all over the world,” said Executive Director Joel Legred. “We’ll discover what Spiritlife! means in our lives.”

If you have any questions, please call camp at 715.656.7244, e-mail: camp@lutherpark.com, or check the Luther Park Web site: www.lutherpark.com. 




DO YOU HAVE A CAR YOU CAN DONATE?

All of Luther Park’s cars are given by generous donors and are essential to the ministry. During the summer, all vehicles are in use for day camps, canoe trips, and other transportation needs.

Donating a vehicle is pretty easy to do and gives the person who donates it significant tax savings.

If you are interested in learning more about how to donate your car or van, please contact Joel Legred at 612.987.6628, or email: jlegred@lutherpark.com.

Camp named for major gifts (Cont. from P. 1)

Mission Ready plans,” said Executive Director Joel Legred. “This is certain to be the shot-in-the-arm that Luther Park needs to get the long-awaited Retreat Center started.” 

Luther Park ECHOES From the Point

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Pictures, information and opinions are welcomed and encouraged. Call or send to: Luther Park 30376 Lakes Dr., Danbury, WI 84830, Danbury, 612.987.6628.

YEAR-ROUND STAFF MEMBERS


Summer Prog. Dir./Retreat Host	Dan Bennett	Kitchen Assistant	Arlene Miller
Kitchen	Rhonda Demars	Executive Director	Joel Legred
Maintenance	Steve Fisher	Office/Registrar	Anna Treague
Summer Program Director	Kara Hartman		

Norma Peterson donation (Cont. from P.1)

never able to have children. She was deeply impressed with Luther Park during her visit and thought, “What a wonderful place this is for children. I thought, if I donate funds here it will help kids go to camp and it can also help improve the facilities.”

Although she never had children of her own, Norma has had plenty of experience with them since she taught school for 40 years in St. Louis Park, Minn. and was a confirmation mentor for many years at Mount Calvary.

Norma will be recognized at the July 14 Open House at Luther Park as one of the 2012 Outstanding Christian Service Award recipients.

Come join us at the Open House and meet her. She’s full of stories and anecdotes, truly a delightful person. 

BIKEATHONS: One done, one to go!

What is the Bike-a-Thon?

To help raise funds for the camp, bicyclists seek donations, then ride from the Twin Cities to Luther Park to hand deliver the proceeds.

Why are these dedicated bicyclists willing to ride 120+ miles?

The inspirational faith journey that a church camp experience provides gives new direction in a young person’s life! Luther Park needs continue to grow, and with your support the life changing outdoor ministry can continue.

Two Scheduled Ride Dates;

Bike-a-Thon I – June 9-10
Bike-a-Thon II – July 13-14



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LUTHER PARK BIKE-A-THON

How Can I Help?

- **Think About Riding**
You will need a good, recently tuned, bicycle with no known mechanical problems and the ability to ride approximately 75 miles the first day, plus 45 miles the second day. Plus, meet some new friends!
- **Consider Financial Support**
Support the bicyclists by giving a donation to be delivered by pedal power to Luther Park. Your donation is also tax deductible.

Like more information?

Contact Joel Legred, Tel: 612-987-6628 or Email: jlegred@lutherpark.com

Supplement funds provided by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

☐ I/We support the mission of the bicyclists on their quest to deliver, via pedal power, camp funds raised for Luther Park.

I would like to participate on the following exciting ride!

☐ Bike-a-Thon I – June 9-10
☐ Bike-a-Thon II – July 13-14

Please make checks payable to:
Luther Park Bike-a-Thon

If you prefer, send donations directly to:
Luther Park Bike-a-Thon
30376 Lakes Drive, Danbury, WI 54830

Name

Address

City State Zipcode

Phone Number

Email

AMOUNT

Thank you for your donation and prayers.



WELCOME 2012 SUMMER STAFF

They come from near and far, and we know this staff will bless Luther Park and all of its campers in many ways. Welcome to each and every one as they become part of Luther Park’s outdoor ministry this summer!


- Daniel Bennett, Spooner, Wis.**
Jaimie Bennett, Maple Grove, Minn.
Rachael Benson, Maple Grove, Minn.
Lukasz Dominiak, Warsaw, Poland
Emmanuel Emmas, Opsterland, Netherlands
Matt Erdahl, Chaska, Minn.
Kaitlyn Ferguson, Minneapolis, Minn.
Kate Gantz, Eagan, Minn.
Emily Gerst, Minneapolis, Minn.
Jessica Goodsell, Mounds View, Minn.
Kara Hartman, St. Paul, Minn.
Tera Jo Hill, Oak Grove, Minn.
Travis Houle, Richfield, Minn.
Olivia Isaacson, Maple Grove, Minn.
Carl Kent, Anoka, Minn.
Nils Koetter, Luedinghausen, Germany
Miranda Kunz, Mounds View, Minn.
Joseph Larrivy, Duluth, Minn.
Justin Longhurst, Laurel, MD
Emily Olson, St. Anthony, Minn.
Kenzie Parry, Skokie, Illinois
Olga Pazura, Kramatorsk, Ukraine
Scott Shearer, Redlands, Calif.
Adam Witte, Hermantown, Minn. 

BIKEATHON I was successfully completed on June 10. Many thanks to all the participants and sponsors. To date, nearly \$16,000 has been raised. with funds still coming in. Participants are pictured on Pages 4 & 5. Watch for more information on Bike-a-thons in future articles.

Luther Park Annual Report Highlights for 2011

A Message
From the
Executive
Director

Joel Legred



2011 Annual Report to Member Churches

Every day after school, the son of a well-known rabbi would head into the woods behind their house for half an hour or so.

“My son,” the rabbi said, “I notice that you leave our home to spend time in the woods. “What is it you are doing out there?”

“Oh, Papa,” the son replied. “There is no need to worry. I go into the woods to pray. It is in the woods that I can talk to God.”

“Oh,” the rabbi said, clearly relieved. “But, as the son of a rabbi, you should know that God is the same everywhere.”

“Yes, Papa, I know that God is the same everywhere, but, I am not.”

- Your camp provided Sabbath space for people of all ages.
- Your camp engaged youth before and after confirmation. College-age youth ignited young faith.
- Your camp was a feeder for congregational leadership and the next generation growing in faith. Bible camp remains the common denominator among pastors, active church members, and parents who bring their children to Sunday school.

2011 Highlights

We were joined by wonderful campers and led by a very talented group of college-age staff members, including four international staff. Dan Bennett, 2011 summer staffer, has become our year-round retreat host! He and Kara Hartman, 2010 summer staffer, will serve as our 2012 summer program directors.

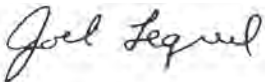
Our board members and corporate congregations were active as volunteers and fundraisers. Our 2011 fundraisers (Bike-a-thons, Quilt Auction, Ole & Lena dinner, & Glad Tidings dinner) brought in over \$51,000. Thrivent Choice Dollars brought in \$10,000. Congregations provided over \$34,000 (individual church support ranged from \$100-\$10,000).

We are so grateful for prayers and generous donors. Individuals gave over \$90,000. One generous donor provided a year-end gift of \$50,000 designating \$25,000 for the annual fund and \$25,000 for the new Retreat Center. One of our congregations has committed \$200,000 of its spring campaign for our new Retreat Center.

Thanks to volunteers, Birch cabin was renovated, buildings were painted, The Point has power, and the Canteen is winterized. Volunteers also helped us clean up after a summer storm and keep generators going for five days.

Thanks be to God!


In Christ’s Service,



Joel Legred, Executive Director

A Message
From the
President

David P. Shirley



About the Board of Directors and Executive Committee

The 2011, the board of directors and Executive Committee consisted of: David P. Shirley (President), Janet Nelson (Vice President), Deana Miller (Secretary) and Randy Johnson (Treasurer). We met quarterly throughout the year and provided the policy/administrative management of the Luther Park Corporation.

Throughout 2011, the Executive Committee convened jointly with the Finance Committee prior to the quarterly board meetings to review Luther Park’s financial condition, along with establishing agendas for the quarterly board of director’s meetings. In its role as a Personnel Committee, the Executive Committee also monitored staffing levels and changes.

We have been excited for the progress toward renovations of existing camp facilities and deeply appreciate the resources and “sweat equity” put forth in cabin renovations and other projects. We hope the positive results of the initial two cabin renovations will generate additional commitments to update the remaining six cabins in the next 12-24 months, along with other projects.

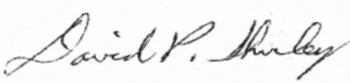
Gifts from individuals in 2011 were encouraging, and despite the last few years of cutting expenses to better keep spending in line with income, we are fielding increasing praise from those using Luther Park for summer camp, retreats and special events. The board has been managing the finances of the prior sale of land to keep the Fit for the Next 50 renovations going with matching funds.

Luther Park received another exciting development in our somewhat prolonged quest to realize a Family Retreat Center with a generous financial commitment (\$200,000) by Mount Calvary in Excelsior as part of a capital campaign fund. Although I will not realize the construction of a retreat facility during my expiring term as a Luther Park board member and current President, it is still my endless passion that we will achieve this goal in the next couple of years.

As retiring President of Luther Park, please share in my thanks and great appreciation for the dedicated board members, staff and countless volunteers that keep this tremendous Christian ministry moving forward.

There is no amount of praise that could mirror the amazing dedication of these servants of the Lord.

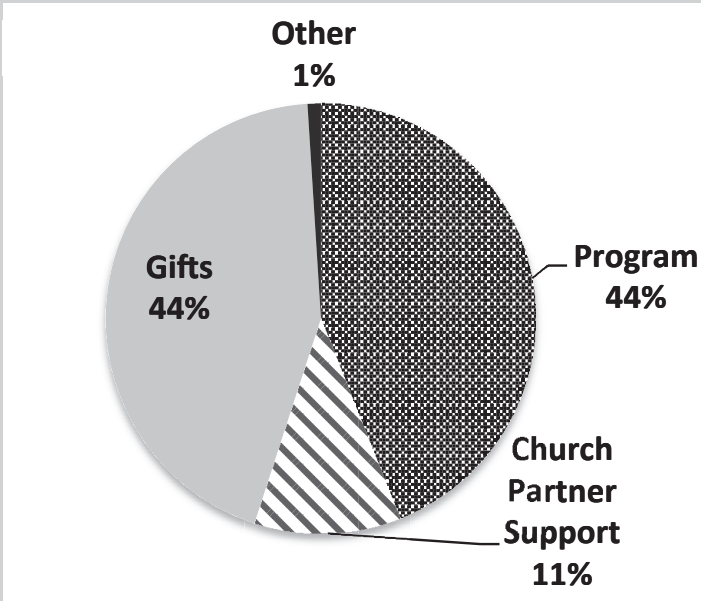
Respectfully submitted,



David P. Shirley
President, Luther Park, Inc.

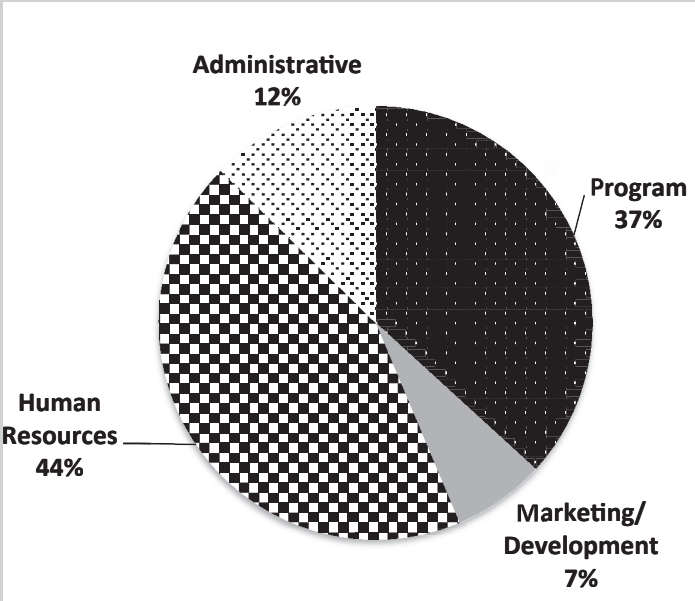
2011 Luther Park Income and Expenses

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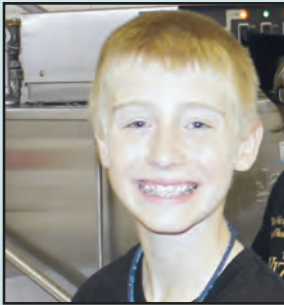


Source	Percentage
Gifts	44%
Program	44%
Church Partner Support	11%
Other	1%

Where \$ Goes:



Category	Percentage
Program	37%
Human Resources	44%
Administrative	12%
Marketing/Development	7%



Thrivent Financial for Lutherans gifts are shown on P. 6.

Church Partner Support

These gifts are provided each year by member congregations as an expression of their ministry partnership with Luther Park.

Bethany/36th Ave. Minneapolis, Minn. \$800

Calvary Minneapolis, Minn. \$1,000

Christ Memorial Plymouth, Minn. \$129.76



Diamond Lake Minneapolis, Minn. \$6,000

Elim Robbinsdale, Minn. \$1,500

Family of Christ \$920

First Lutheran Hinckley, Minn. \$500

Gustavus Adolphus Minneapolis, Minn. \$969.58

Hope (Brule) \$200

House of Prayer Richfield, Minn.



\$1,500

Lakeside Webster, Wis. \$600

Lord of Life Maple Grove, Minn. \$10,000

Lutheran Church of the Reformation St. Louis Park, Minn. \$400

Messiah Minneapolis, Minn. \$200

Mount Calvary Excelsior, Minn. \$2,000

Nativity St. Anthony, Minn. \$3,500

Peace \$250

Richfield Lutheran Minneapolis, Minn. \$300

St. Barnabas Plymouth, Minn. \$1,500

St. James Crystal, Minn. \$1,000

St. John's

Other Congregational Giving

In addition to Church Partner Support, Luther Park receives other generous gifts from churches/ church-affiliated groups.

Bethany/36th Ave. Minneapolis, Minn. \$500/Foundation/Oven \$100/WELCA/Scholarships Calvary Minneapolis, Minn. \$245

Elim Robbinsdale, Minn. \$1,500/Cabin Renovation \$500/Bikeathon

Family of Christ Lakeville, Minn. \$140

House of Prayer Richfield, Minn. \$350/Youth

Lakeside Danbury, Wis. \$1,000/Treasure & Trash

Mount Calvary Excelsior, Minn. \$2,500/Foundation

\$830.42/Sunday School \$4,527/Cabin Renovaton

Nativity St. Anthony, Minn. \$800/Bikeathon \$50

Yellow Lake Danbury, Wis. \$200/WELCA/Oven

Zion Hinckley, Minn. \$500

THE LUTHER PARK SMILE

It's Priceless...

but your gifts make it happen!



June Bikeathon sets record for largest single event fundraiser ever for Luther Park

Pictured below are most of the participants in Bikeathon I. To date they have raised about \$16,000, including an \$800 Thrivent match from NW Henn. Chapter.

The bikers represented five corporate Luther Park member churches who traveled 120 miles over two days, raising scholarship funds to help send youth to camp. All of this was accomplished in high heat and humidity, along with very high spirits! (Cont. on P. 6)



PRESENTING THE 2012 LUTHER PARK SUMMER STAFF MEMBERS

Summer Staff 2012 gathered recently for the staff photo at Luther Park. All of them have not yet arrived at camp. However, their names and the places they hail from shown on P. 2. (Not in the order pictured). As we near press time some staff members are still arriving.



Luther Park

A Place for All Ages...

A Place for All Seasons

Mission Statement

Luther Park is a cooperative ministry of ELCA congregations serving people 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 to God.



2011 Memorial/Honorary Gifts
Received from January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011
(To receive a memorial/honorary gift packet for future use, please call camp at 715.656.7244.)

In Honor of...
Phyllis & Pastor Lynn Seep's Birthdays
Terry & Nancy Couillard
Herman & Delores Asproth
Rev. Clint Erickson's 50th Ordination Anniv.

Given by...
Phyllis May Carlson
Toots Anderson, Don Parsisson & Diane Chambers
Michael & Cyndy Hurley
Pastor Douglas & Dawn Olson

In Memory of...
John Anderson
Lucille Austad
Doris Bachman
Richard Bendickson
Lester Bier
Diane Block
Phyllis Carlson

Given by...
Debra Anderson
Evelyn Ramin
Joel & Brenda Legred
Ray & Jan Bier
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Pastor Roger & Carolyn Pittman, Arduus Tamlyn
Alan & Cindy Olson, David & Janet Johnson, David & Leslie Gilyard, Donald & Donna Robinson, Emeline Almquist, Irvn & Carol Nelson, Joel & Pastor Brenda Legred, Kris Simon, Lynn Seep, Marion Erickson, Mary Miller, Robert & Elsi-Marion Olson, Wendell & Lucille Olson
Pastor Douglas & Dawn Olson
Arther Caple
Ray & Jan Bier
Pastor Douglas & Dawn Olson
Jim & Jan Froberg
Joel & Pastor Brenda Legred
Pastor Roger & Carolyn Pittman
Marion J. Johnson
Hildegarde Palo
Howard & Kristin Skulstad

Virgil Carlson
Berthina Egeberg
Wilber Fink, Jr.
Dr. J. B. Friberg
John R. Hanson
Cora Hedtke
Bev Hitchcock
Edward C. Johnson
Pastor Rudy Palo
Nelda Remus & Ruth Drinkerd
Steve Schmidt
Lynn Skow
Arleen Wallace
Ernest Wojahn

Arduus Tamlyn
Gerald & Sandra Doran
Evelyn Ramimm
Darlene Lang, Dave Holton, Dennis & Judith Bornes, Frank & MaryAnne Sattervall, G. Lois S. Rinquist, Joel & Pastor Brenda Legred, Roger Wold, Arthur Caple

Pictured in Luther Park's Woodland Paradise are (l to r) summer staff members Kaitlyn Ferguson, chaplain, Dan Bennett, summer program director and retreat host, and summer program director Kara Hartman.

Uffda Royalty Court Crowned at 16th Annual Ole & Lena Event



Pictured above with their prizes are Uffda Queen and King, Karen and Eddy Christensson (left), Ole (Burt) and Lena (Sharon) Miller (center), and Princess Mary Martin and Prince Phil Settergren. Not shown are Court Jesters Marylou Maertens and Severt Legred, who have held those honors for the past two years.

Gifts in 2011 from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans total \$20,766!

Gifts from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans in 2011 totaled \$20,766 through corporate and chapter fraternal programs as well as the new Thrivent Choice program (see article below). Many thanks to Thrivent!

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans provides financial expertise, personal customer service and a broad range of financial products and services. It is a faith-based membership organization dedicated to helping members live better lives and give back to their communities.

The \$20,766 Luther Park received includes the following contributions:

Multiplier Program



\$1,395—
Current & former employees who enable the Employee Match: Art Peterson, Laura Gallati, and Cindy Hurley (in honor of parents Herman & Delores Asproth).
Thrivent Community-Crossroads
\$2,500 for Quilt Auction
Thrivent Choice Dollars
\$11,171—Eligible Thrivent members direct charitable dollars to camps and other non-profits enrolled in the program.
Central Mpls. Thrivent Chapter
\$1,200—Match for the Ole & Lena

Dinner Show/Silent Auction
Northwest Hennepin Chapter
\$1,600—Match for June Bikeathon
Northwest Mpls. Chapter
\$1,000—Match for July Bikeathon.
Southwest Hennepin Cty. Chapter
\$800—Match for Ole & Lena Dinner Show/Silent Auction
West Hennepin Cty. Chapter
\$1,100—Match for Quilt Auction.
“We greatly appreciate the great support Thrivent Financial gives Luther Park year after year,” said Executive Director Joel Legred. “Their generous gifts make it possible for the camp to serve so many adults, youth and children each year.”



Thrivent Choice: A great way to support Luther Park

If you do business with Thrivent, you may be eligible for this program which lets members direct the company’s charitable dollars to camps and other non-profits enrolled in the program. Contributions directed to Luther Park since this new charitable grant program and benefit of membership called Thrivent Choice began in November 2010 and by May 20012 added up to \$18,916!

In 2011, 54 people directed 171 gifts during the year, for a total of \$11,171. Total Thrivent Choice Dollars received from January to May, 2012 is \$5,404.

Many thanks for all Thrivent Financial for Lutheran members who have designated some or all of your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Luther Park Camping & Retreat Center. If you are interested in directing your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Luther Park, please visit: Thrivent.com/thriventchoice, or call 1.800.847.4836 and say, “Thrivent Choice.”

Thank you for supporting Luther Park in this way. If you’d like additional information, please contact Executive Director Joel Legred at 612.987.6628 or e-mail Jlegred@lutherpark.com.

YOUR LEGACY TODAY

for leaving a lasting legacy at Luther Park

Would you like to leave a legacy for future generations that reflects your faith and values?

The Luther Park Legacy Society has been created to help friends of Luther Park leave a legacy.

A Legacy gift to Luther Park will be a seed planted in good soil because it will help people of all ages deepen their faith in Jesus.

You can provide a Legacy gift through a life insurance policy, a will bequest, a charitable annuity, donor-advised fund, charitable trust, and a number of other ways. If you have already completed your will, a codicil can be added at a nominal charge.

For more information, please contact Executive Director Joel Legred, at 612.987.6628 or email: Jlegred@lutherpark.com.

Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain.”
— Mark 4:8

Annual Meeting Report

The Luther Park Corporation held its 2011 Annual Meeting Sunday, March 17, 2012, at Northeast Community Lutheran Church.

Board President David Shirley called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Pastor Craig Pedersen noted he was privileged to have everyone at NE Community. He gave a brief history of the formation of the church followed by the opening prayer.

Secretary Deana Miller presented the minutes of the 2010 annual meeting. They were approved as presented. Executive Director Joel Legred welcomed and thanked everyone for attending and presented a Luther Park video from Summer 2011.

FINANCIAL REPORT/PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET

The 2011 financial report was reviewed by Joel Legred in he absence of Treasurer Randy Johnson. Some items were highlighted. Joel suggested people call him if they have questions about the Independent Accountants Compilation Report or the Statements of Financial Position. He reviewed the 2010-2011 actuals, noted 2011 was a “decent year financially,” and that a \$25,000 gift at the end of 2011 really helped. After review of the actuals, he explained they show \$12,403 income over expenses.

After review, the 2011 year-end financial statement, the 2012 budget of \$333,700 income and \$315,155 expenses with \$18,545 overage for the mortgage was approved.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Vice-President Janet Nelson presented the Slate of Candidates, which included; **Darrell Hyde**, House of Prayer; **Jennifer Parker**, Gustavus Adolphus; and **Lori Wright**, Mount Calvary,Excelsior, as new candidates.

CANDIDATES FOR ANOTHER TWO-YEAR TERM

Art Caple, Bethany on 36th Av (Mpls.); **Chuck Hughes**, Richfield Lutheran; and **Janet Nelson**, Elim.

CURRENTLY IN SECOND YEAR OF TWO-YEAR TERM

Gerald Gallati, Nativity; **Randy Johnson**, House of Prayer; **Susan Mattson**, NE Community Lutheran; and **Kris Pearson**, Diamond Lake.

NEWLY ELECTED TO A ONE-YEAR TERM

Deana Miller, Zion

The Slate of Candidates was approved. Delegates recognized the dedicated service of retiring board members Sarah Abelsen and David Shirley.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

Legred gave highlights from his written report, pointing out the series of charts/bar graphs and that the number of retreats is up, but the income is down due to shorter retreats, some doing their own meals, as well as transition of staff. Just two full-time staff are now employed (Joel Legred and Retreat Host Dan Bennett) There are several great part-time staff members as well.

MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Shirley referred to the Master Plan, emphasizing that “We do need the Retreat Center. With the Bethel gift, and now Mount Calvary’s Capital Campaign, and a couple of other churches promising gifts, this should happen in the near future. It will be good for Luther Park to move forward to complete the proposed Retreat Center.”

NEW BUSINESS

In addition to the \$25,000 year-end gift and the future \$200,000 Mount Calvary Capital Campaign gift, Luther Park is also slated to receive a new pontoon boat and waterfront upgrades as well as new windows for some of the cabins. You’ll be hearing more about all of these.

CLOSING

Thanks were extended to NE Community Lutheran for hosting, and to all who attended. The Mission Statement was read, followed by a motion for adjournment.

Bikeathon I sets record

(Cont. from Pages 4-5)

On arrival at camp, the group was enthusiastically greeted by cheering staff and served a well-earned lunch.

Shown on the photo on Pages 4-5 are participants (from left): **Jim Lester**, Mt. Calvary; **Donny Bergquist**, Family of Christ; **Chris Anderson**, Mt. Calvary. **Matt Settergren**, Messiah; **Stacie Torigian**, Messiah; **Matt Xiong**, Messiah; **David Shirley**, Messiah; **Rod Nerdahl**, Messiah, **Michelle Russell**, Messiah, **Tom Gustafson**, Messiah; **Linda Sandell**, NE Community; **Pat Shirley**, Messiah; **Jim Norman**, Messiah; **Peggy Nerdahl**, Messiah; and **Steve Neumann**, Messiah.

Riding only Saturday, (and thus not pictured), were **Dan Nelson** and **Scott Wright**, both from House of Prayer.

2011 CAMPER NUMBERS

We praise God that Luther Park’s ministry has had the opportunity to serve many.

Summer Campers	977
Retreaters	1175
2011 Total	2152

Board Officers Elected at May Board Meeting

President Janet Nelson
Vice Pres. TBA
Secretary Deana Miller
Treasurer Randy Johnson

Thanks to Outgoing Board Members

David Shirley,
Messiah
Sarah Abelsen,
Mount Calvary

for their dedicated service!

Uffda Royalty Court Crowned at 16th Annual Ole and Lena event

Yah sure! You betcha! A bunch of Oles & Lenas yust whooped it up again at the 16th Annual Ole & Lena event at Richfield Lutheran Church, with the primary purpose of raising funds for camperships to Luther Park. Campers and other youth were there to help prepare, serve and clean up.

Fun and frivolity reigned for all throughout the evening. Singing, dancing, yokes, laughter and eating were all on the menu.

And—don'tcha know—they crowned the 2012 Uffda Royalty Court. **Pictured above with their prizes (from left) are Uffda Queen and King, Karen and Eddy Christensson.** Eddy is from Sweden and sounds just like a true Swede. Karen, who is Danish, explained that her outfit belonged to Eddy's



mother. An additional photo is shown on P. 5.

Nearly \$8,000 was raised including supplemental funds of \$1,000 from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, via the Central Minneapolis Chapter.

At the end of the evening, Ole & Lena (aka as Burt and Sharon Miller) surprised everyone by announcing their retirement after 16 years of heading-up this popular event of great music, merriment and fun, while raising over

\$110,000 to send kids to Luther Park Camp.

Many thanks to Thrivent, to Richfield Lutheran for hosting this event since it began, and to all of you who support Luther Park through this unique FUNdraiser. Tack sa mycket!



St. Barnabas, Plymouth, hosts Point & Cross Banquet of Blessings



Shown at the Point & Cross dinner are Scott and Cara Wright, House of Prayer.

Point & Cross Club members gathered for the annual Banquet of Blessings at St. Barnabas Lutheran Church in Plymouth to enjoy dinner and hear the special ways their donations make a very real difference in the life of campers.

Following a welcome by Pastor Wayne Peterson, and a great meal, guests enjoyed a video presentation, “Your Grace is Enough,” produced by Kara Hartman, summer program director. Chaplain Kaitlyn Ferguson also gave an spoke.

Other highlights of the evening were the sharing of club member’s stories of their experiences with Luther Park, and special music led by Retreat Host Dan Bennett.

The Point & Cross Club recognizes donors who share \$100 or more each year for Luther Park’s Annual Fund. In appreciation for their contributions to the ministry of Luther Park, this special evening is planned for Point & Cross members,

For more information about the club, contact Joel Legred at 612.987.6628 or e-mail jlegred@lutherpark.com.



Quilt Auction at Mount Calvary Sept. 29

Quilters from throughout Luther Park member congregations are stitching together pieces of the 22nd Annual Quilt Auction to be held at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Excelsior on Saturday Sept. 29. Lunch and viewing begin at noon.; bidding at 1 p.m. If you quilt, knit or crochet, please consider making an item for the auction. Or just come and enjoy the day. Quilts, afghans and crafts at the event come in a variety of colors, sizes, patterns and prices. Dozens of Quilt Auction attendees have discovered this is a great place to find that special gift for a loved one or yourself. If you are interested in helping plan and run this event, please contact Joel Legred at 612.987.6628.



LUTHER PARK WISH LIST

Listed below are some of the camp's current needs. Perhaps you don't have any of them on hand, but would like to give a special gift or a gift in honor or memory of someone.

To contribute toward any of these items, just make a check out to Luther Park, note your wishes and mail to: Luther Park, 30376 Lakes Drive, Danbury WI 54830-9508

URGENT NEEDS
Reliable Passenger (car or van)
Floor fans for cabins

SPECIAL NEEDS
Maintenance:
Riding lawn mower
Four-wheeler
Rubber floor mats
Kitchen:
Serving bowls (large)
Program:
Construction paper, Tempera paint, Crayola markers
Kayak
Seed beads & pony beads
White boards & markers
Office:
Copy Paper (white and colored)
Cork board

THANKS FOR GIFTS IN KIND

Funds for Convection Oven
Funds for Flag pole & planter surround
Pontoon boat lift
Funds for pontoon boat and dock
Piano for Log House/funds to transport
Three pictures & frames
Windows for cabins
Items for silent auctions
Five laying chickens
Small pickup truck
Fishing equipment
10 gallons of paint & primer for cabins
1997 Isuzu Hombre pickup truck

COMING EVENTS



JUNE 29-JULY 1 Family Camp or **JULY 1-6**

JULY 13-14 Bikeathon II

JULY 14 Open House, Volunteer Recog.

JULY 20-22 Grandparent/Grandchild Camp

SEPT. 29 22nd Annual Quilt Auction, Mount Calvary, Excelsior, Minn.

NOV. 8-11 Scrapbook & Stamping Retreat

NOV. 30 Glad Tidings Advent Dinner

All events take place at Luther Park unless otherwise noted.

OPEN HOUSE (Cont. from P. 1)

given by the three children of Ruth and Paul Bennett and their families in memory of their parents, along with several others who also contributed. A new pontoon boat and water-front upgrades were donated by Rachel Schneider in memory of her husband, John, who loved boating with his two sons, John and Jake; and a flagpole, flag and surrounding floral planter to be installed near the Lodge, given in memory of Dorothy Fisher Carlson (mother of Sharon Miller) by friends, family and members of Richfield Lutheran Church.

Dedicated staff and volunteers, the backbone of Luther Park, make these donations possible and keep this wonderful Christian outdoor ministry moving forward.

FUN FOR ALL AGES!

Come join us July 14 at Open House 2012 and experience a touch of the wonder of a summer day at Bible Camp. Check out the buildings and grounds. Visit with summer staff members/mentors. Cruise the waters of sparkling Lake 26 on the camp pontoon boat, swim, canoe, hike, try out a peddle boat. Or just relax in the shade and delight in the quiet beauty the surrounds you at camp.

OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS

Overnight accommodations may be available in the cabins or campground. Please call ahead, since space is available on a first-come basis. If you are interested in making a full weekend of the event, contact Dan Bennett, retreat host at 715.656.7244 or e-mail: programdirector@lutherpark.com for rates and reservations.

YOUR PARTICIPATION IS A BLESSING!



LUTHER PARK FAMILY CAMP

SPIRITLIFE...ALL IN THE FAMILY-JUNE 29-JULY 3 and/or JULY 1-6

Join us for a fun, faith-filled time where you can enjoy being with your family in the beautiful north woods of Wisconsin. We will explore and experience special activities to help you grow and enjoy family life in the Spirit! Also experience things at camp that you may not get to do at home: hiking, swimming, boating, ropes course, arts and crafts, and games. Accommodations available include: Log House, Cabins, Tree Houses, Tent and RV camping. For more information contact Dan Bennett at 751.565.7244, email: retreats@lutherpark.com, or check out our Website at www.lutherpark.com.

LUTHER PARK GRANDPARENT/GRANDCHILD CAMP — JULY 20-22

This is a wonderful opportunity to spend time with your grandchildren while you pass on your heritage of faith and experience! Enjoy Bible lessons, nature, crafts, games, fishing, swimming, campfires and more. There are activities for all ages of kids as well as intergenerational opportunities. Accommodations available include: Log House, Cabins, Tree Houses, Tent and RV camping. For information contact Dan Bennett at 715.656.7244; email: retreats@lutherpark.com, or check out our Website: www.lutherpark.com.



Summer Camp Information

TO REGISTER:

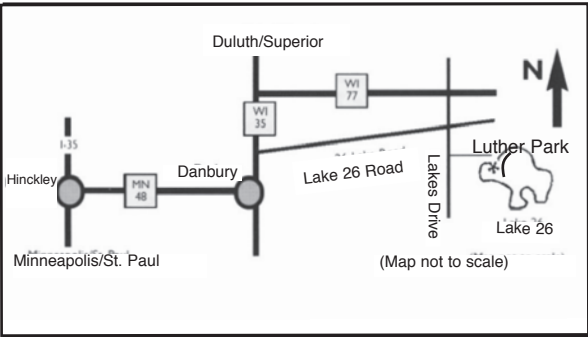
- ✓ **Register Early! Some weeks and programs fill quickly.**
 - ✓ **Select a program based on the grade your camper will complete in June 2012**
 - ✓ **Completely fill out the *Registration and Health History Form* for each camper.** Luther Park requests that the health form shown on this page be filled out each year. Parent or guardian and camper signatures must be on the form. The state of Wisconsin requires a physical exam be completed less than 36 months prior to arrival at camp. However, proof of a physical exam is required only if the camper is under the care of a physician for a medical concern, and it must then be signed by the examining physician and received at camp two weeks prior to the camper's arrival.
 - ✓ **Send the *Registration and Health History Form* with a \$200 deposit to Luther Park.** The deposit is not refundable and non-transferable after May 1.
 - ✓ **Final payment is due at the camp office two weeks prior to arrival at camp.**
 - ✓ **Upon receipt of registration materials,** confirmation, directions to camp, and notice of balance due along with other important information will be e-mailed to you, unless you direct otherwise.
 - ✓ **Registration is on a first-come basis.**
- Mail to:** Registrar, Luther Park Camp, 30376 Lakes Drive, Danbury, WI 54830-9508
Phone: 715/656-7244 **Fax:** 715/656-3013 **Email:** camp@lutherpark.com
Web site: www.lutherpark.com
- You can also register online at www.lutherpark.com**

Luther Park Bible Camp Code of Conduct

1. Respect other people and their property. Respect is the most important tradition we have at Luther Park. We expect that you respect yourself, others and their property, Luther Park staff, nature and God. A part of respect is treating others as you would want to be treated. The following will not be allowed: racist comments, teasing, fighting, threats, swearing, and any other behavior that is demeaning to another person. We want a positive week for all who attend camp.
2. Safety is our number one concern at all times. Obeying all waterfront rules when: swimming, boating, canoeing and fishing allows everyone to have fun in the sun. Waterfront activities are available only when waterfront staff is on duty.
3. Campers must be accompanied by a Luther Park staff person whenever outside of camp property.
4. We are pleased to offer an alcohol-free, smoke-free and substance abuse-free environment. Exceptions must be approved by the director.
5. Luther Park is a weapon-free environment. Campers may not bring any kind of weapon or explosive device, including firecrackers to camp. Use of any object as a weapon to hurt a person, animal or property will not be tolerated.
6. Luther Park reserves the right to store campers' personal items that may be inappropriate to their stay. Items will be returned for the trip home upon permission of the parent(s).
7. For your protection, all medications (including non-prescription pain relievers) must be turned in to the camp health supervisor. If you are injured or do not feel well, report at once to your counselor or health supervisor. This is important for your safety and for the good of all campers.
8. Every camper is expected to follow the entire camp schedule unless excused by the program director.
9. To assure the safety of each camper and to provide the best week possible, campers are expected to follow all Luther Park rules that are presented to them while at camp.

How to get to Luther Park

From Twin Cities:
Take I-35 to Hinckley, Minn. Go E. from Hinckley on Hwy. 48 (about 30 mi.) to Danbury, Wis. Then N. on Wis. Hwy. 35 for 2 mi., and E. on Hwy. 77 for about 5 mi. (Watch for white arrow sign on right side of road.) Turn right on Lakes Drive, go about 2 mi. to stop sign. Go straight ahead at stop sign & up driveway to



Lodge — a large brown building on the left side.
From Duluth: Go to Superior, Wis. Take Wis. Hwy. 35 S, then E. on Wis. Hwy. 77 (about 5 mi. — watch for white arrow sign on left-hand side of road). Turn S. on Lakes Dr. Go about 2 mi. to stop sign & continue to driveway to Lodge. **WELCOME!**

2012 SUMMER SCHEDULE

Date	Cabins	Tree Houses	Canoe Trips	Sr. High Leadership
June 17-22				Gr. 10-12 Lead. Mentoring**
June 24-27 (Cabins only)	Gr. 1-4 3 nights/4 days			
June 24-29 Family Camp June 29-July 1 or July 1-6	Gr. 3-6 Families	Gr. 7-9 Families	Gr. 7-9 Canoe **	Gr. 9-12 Lead. Training
July 1-3 or July 5-6	Gr. 1-4 (1 or 2 night sleepover)			
July 8-13	Gr. 7-9	Gr. 3-6		
JULY 14 — SUMMER OPEN HOUSE — EVERYONE WELCOME!				
July 8-20	Gr. 7-12	(Double Week)		
July 15-20	Gr. 7-12	Gr. 3-6		
July 20-22	Grandparent/Grandchild Weekend Camp	(See Web site for more information)		
July 22-27	Gr. 3-6	Gr. 7-9		Gr. 9-12 Leadership Training
July 29-Aug. 1	Gr. 1-4 (3 nights/4 days)			
July 29-Aug. 3	Gr. 3-6	Gr. 7-12		
August 5-9	Leadership Camp (Group Registration)			



Special Programs not listed above
Teens in Mission: (TIM) Team-Youth Group. Group registration required.
Great Lakes Mission Trip:
Each week (June, July & August). Group registration required.

NOTE
* Prereq.: Attend Leadership Training or TIM Team Training.
** Weeks where individual youth may sign up. Group registration for Canoe Trips may be booked anytime.
Please contact us for group registration.

FEE SCHEDULE

REGISTER FOR A 2ND WEEK (EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE) FOR HALF PRICE!	
	Member/Non-member*
One Night Sleepover	\$125-145
Two Night Sleepover	\$225-245
Partial Week (3-Night Camp)	\$295/315
One Full Week	\$430/450
Double Week	\$700/760
Sr. Hi. Leadership	\$445/465
— Includes 1 free week —	
Leadership Training, Leadership Mentoring, TIM [Teens in Mission]	
Great Lakes Mission Trip	\$450
Campground	\$18 per site/per night: \$20 with elec.
All Fees Cover: meals, lodging and program materials (except Campground). Fees do NOT include transportation. Round-trip transportation: \$80; one-way transportation: \$60. Not refundable. Pick ups at: House of Prayer (Richfield) and Elim (Robbinsdale). Transportation available only for weeks of July 8-13, July 15-20, and July 29-August 3. NOTE: Camper fees shown are subsidized by gift allocations. Actual cost per camper, per week is \$600. Check with your church about camp scholarships.	
*Non-member churches are those that are not members of the Luther Park Corporation	

2012 Luther Park Registration and Health Form

COMPLETED FORM MUST BE SIGNED BY PARENT/GUARDIAN AND CAMPER (Please Print)
A \$200 DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED FOR REGISTRATION

Name _____ Grade Completed _____ Age _____ Sex _____ Birth Date _____
Camp Date: _____ Cabin Mate: _____
Camper E-mail Address _____

Registering for: ☐ Cabin ☐ Tree House ☐ Canoe ☐ Double Week
☐ Leadership Training ☐ Leadership Mentoring ☐ TIM Team ☐ Grandparent/Grandchild Weekend ☐ Great Lakes Mission Trip

Congregation _____ City _____ Amount paid by church \$ _____

Transportation: (✓check one) I will: ☐ provide my own transportation
☐ need transportation to and/or from camp.
Transportation to camp available only for weeks of: July 10-15, July 17-22, July 31-August 5.
(\$80 round trip/\$60 one way) Check(✓) one if you are riding the bus ☐ round trip ☐ one-way
If one-way, note which way _____

☐ Elim Lutheran/Robbinsdale ☐ House of Prayer/Richfield

Method of Payment:
☐ Check/Money Order (Payable to Luther Park)
☐ Discover ☐ Master Card ☐ Visa ☐ AMEX Amount \$ _____
Acc't. # _____ CSC: 3 digit# on credit card _____
Expir. Date _____ Signature _____

Custodial Parent(s) Guardian(s) _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone(s) _____ E-mail _____

Second Parent(s)/Guardian(s) _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone(s) _____ E-mail _____

Emergency Contact _____ **Emergency Phone** _____
Parent's Signature _____ **Date** _____

INSURANCE INFORMATION

(Please fill out completely & send copies of both sides of camper's insurance cards)

Camper Name _____
Policy Holder _____ Birth Date of Policy Holder _____
Employer _____
Insurance Co. _____ Insur. Co. Address _____
Insur. Co. Phone _____ Group No. _____ Policy/ID No. _____
Family Doctor/Phone _____

Immunization Dates: _____ DPT Shots _____ Polio Immunization _____
_____ Tetanus Booster _____ MMR _____ Tuberculin _____
Conditions: Asthma _____ Epilepsy _____ Diabetes _____ Heart Trouble _____ Other _____
Allergies: Insect Stings _____ Poison Ivy _____ Hay Fever _____ Penicillin _____
Other Drugs _____ Other _____

Medications: _____ This person takes NO medications on a routine basis.
_____ This person takes medication as follows:

(Luther Park administers medications only according to prescription label.)

Special Needs Campers: (Dietary, health restrictions, mobility limitations, diabetes, seizures, etc. Please list: _____

My child has permission to engage in all camp activities, except as noted by myself and the examining physician. In the event I cannot be reached in an emergency, I give permission to the physician selected by the camp director to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for, to order injection, anesthesia or surgery for my child as named below. I voluntarily waive any claim against the sponsoring institution, local churches and camp personnel for any mishap or lost articles, or any and all causes which may arise in connection with activities of the above organization. I understand that unless I provide separate written notice, photos taken of my child at camp may be used for camp-approved publications such as the Luther Park *Echoes*. **My child and I have read the Luther Park Code of Conduct and agree to follow it. Inability to follow the Code of Conduct gives Luther Park the right to send the camper home without refund at the expense of the camper's parent/guardian.**

Signed _____ / _____
Camper Parent

Date _____