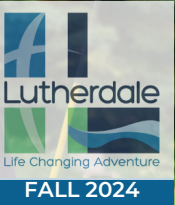




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LIFE CHANGING ADVENTURE FOR ALL

As the summer of 2024 comes to a close, we look back with hearts full of gratitude for the incredible experiences shared at Lutherdale. From the laughter around campfires to the moments of spiritual growth, this summer was one of transformation, connection, and faith. Guided by our theme, Created to Be, campers of all ages embraced the opportunity to explore their relationship with God and each other in a Christ-centered community.

This year, we were blessed with a dynamic team of 22 summer staff members, who traveled from both nearby and far-off places to serve our campers. Staff hailed from Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, California, the United Kingdom, Zambia, Malaysia, Mexico, and Portugal. Their diverse perspectives and deep care helped campers build lasting friendships, grow in confidence, and create lifelong memories. Through their tireless efforts, camp became a true home away from home, filled with love, grace, and faith exploration.

We were thrilled to welcome over 590 campers to our summer programs, both onsite and through VBS at churches. Campers engaged in a Christ-centered community and were welcomed, accepted, and celebrated as they connected with the theme. Our specialty camps included a new camp, Fireflies for 4th and 5th graders, along with returning favorites like Night Owls, Water Week, and Adventure Week. This summer, campers learned through bible studies and worship all about being "Created to Be," inviting campers to dive deeply into the beauty of who they are created to be by God. Together, we explored being created to be brave, being authentic, and as a camp community, learning more about being disciples and what that means for us.

We are excited to continue our partnerships with Camp Oasis and Camp Odayin, and to welcome a new partnership with Camp Hero. Camp Hero serves youth impacted by incarceration, offering them a supportive community, leadership development, and healing through creative arts. These partnerships are a tremendous blessing for Lutherdale, and we are proud to share the joy and community these special programs bring to camp each year.

As we reflect on another incredible summer, we offer our deepest thanks to everyone who contributed to making 2024 a season of growth, joy, and success for Lutherdale.

In 2024, we continued our high school leadership program, LEAP, which gives 10th and 11th-grade campers the opportunity to develop their spiritual gifts and leadership skills. After completing leadership training during High School Week, 13 campers returned to camp in a supporting role, gaining experience that will help them serve both at camp and in their home communities.



Grace Crevier,
Program Director

Lutherdale is a faith community, dedicated to building lives in Christ, through the wonder of God's creation, and the study of God's Word.

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80 Lutherdale

Return to the Log
80 Years of Praying it Forward

Fall Fest

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26th
9:00am - 4:00pm

- 8:30 5K Fun Run
- 9 - 10:30 Pancake Breakfast
- 11 - 2 Food Trucks
- 10:30 - 4 Live Music - Face Painting
- Bounce House - Pumpkin Patch
- Silent Auction & More



Fancy a morning stroll or a speedy sprint? Join in the Harvest Hustle on our natural course around camp! Scan the QR code for more information.

We are looking for volunteers for this event. Interested? Contact info@lutherdale.org, call (262)742-2352, or scan the QR code for our SignUpGenius.



OUR 80th YEAR IN REVIEW

80th Anniversary Celebration for Congregations

To launch our celebration of 80 years in ministry at Lutherdale, we warmly invited everyone from the over 550 congregations within the four ELCA Synods we serve.

We began by gathering in the chapel for a worship service that celebrated the countless blessings experienced in this place. Together, we sang hymns and songs that have been beloved over the past eight decades, and we listened to a message delivered by Bishop Joy Mortensen-Wiebe.

Following the worship, attendees had the opportunity to explore the camp, engaging in various activities and browsing the collection of items celebrating 80 years at the camp store.

Decade memory boards were created by gathering photos from camp, along with additional images contributed by attendees. A scavenger hunt around camp gave everyone the chance to explore camp and learn some history about Lutherdale. Arts and crafts activities included making wooden cookie ornaments representing the Lutherdale Log and designing quilt squares for our 80th Anniversary quilt project. No camp celebration would be complete without s'mores, which could be enjoyed alongside a variety of appetizers and refreshments. Overall, it was a wonderful occasion filled with celebration and a sense of our great community.



All Camp Staff Reunion

In June, more than 20 alumni from Lutherdale staff came together for a weekend filled with excitement! Our attendees included representatives from the 2024 summer staff all the way to the 1980s.

The weekend kicked off with a camp song sing-along, where alumni chose their favorite tunes from their time as staff. This was a wonderful opportunity to reminisce and introduce the 2024 staff to new songs!

Throughout the day, there were ample chances to explore the camp and engage in activities on the lake, such as swimming and boating, as well as tackle the high ropes course featuring the tower and flying squirrel. We also enjoyed an All-Camp game of Staff Fact Hunt, which provided the perfect chance for alumni to connect with the new staff while reliving the fun of the past.

In the evening, everyone gathered together for a worship service honoring the generations, where each cohort contributed to leading different parts of the worship.

To wrap up the weekend, we all came together once more to sing camp songs and indulge in some s'mores.



WHAT'S ON THE CAMP CALENDAR?

OCTOBER

- 9-13 Quilt Retreat
- 14-20 Smokey Mountains Travel Trip
- 18-20 Confirmation Retreat
- 26 Fall Fest
- 29 Travel Ministry Luncheon

NOVEMBER

- 1-3 High School Retreat
- 22-24 Junior High Retreat

DECEMBER

- 6-8 Team USA Retreat
- 14 Christmas Stars Day Trip

JANUARY

- 8-12 Quilt Retreat
- 31-Feb. 2 Young Adult Retreat

FEBRUARY

- 8-9 Elementary Retreat

MARCH

- 2 Annual Meeting
- 7-9 Confirmation Retreat
- 12-16 Quilt Retreat

APRIL

- 30- May 4 Quilt Retreat



LEAVING A LEGACY AT LUTHERDALE

The Heritage Oaks Society recognizes friends who have developed a planned or deferred gift to the Lutherdale Endowment Fund. Through careful gift and estate planning, you can strengthen the ongoing work of Lutherdale, providing resources and support to assure longterm financial stability and the ability to respond to emerging opportunities for generations to come.

Whether in a will, trust, life insurance, or retirement fund, please consider naming Lutherdale as one of your beneficiaries. The following statement can be used to designate your gift:

'I give and bequeath the sum of \$____ (or ____%) (or 'the rest, remainder and residue') of my estate to Lutherdale Bible Camp, Inc., Elkhorn WI to be used for general purposes (or for its endowment fund.)'

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COME TRAVEL WITH US!

A BIG QUILT AUCTION THANK YOU!



TRAVEL MINISTRY LUNCHEON **OCTOBER 29th** 11 AM - 1 PM



Come and learn about the overnight, full day, and destination trips planned for the upcoming year! Participants will have the exclusive opportunity to sign up for trips before registration opens. The luncheon includes a presentation on 2025 trips and a delicious meal prepared by Chef Robin. Please register by October 16th. Cost is \$20.

Register online at lutherdale.org/travel.

CHRISTMAS STARS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2024

8 AM - 6 PM Registration now open!

\$110 PER PERSON

Head to Appleton for this one of a kind Broadway-style holiday-themed extravaganza featuring singers, dancers & actors of all ages. Over one thousand gorgeous costumes, beautiful sets, lighting & staging make Christmas Stars one of the Midwest's premiere holiday attractions. We will have lunch at Good Times restaurant and also make a stop for a Hughes chocolate box on the way.



REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.LUTHERDALE.ORG, IN PERSON AT LUTHERDALE, OR CALL (262) 742-2352 FOR A PAPER REGISTRATION TO BE MAILED OR EMAILED

Have you had a chance to look at our Amazon Wishlist?



It includes all the essentials needed for a fantastic experience! We are seeking donations to support our programs and facilities, ensuring a safe and enjoyable environment for everyone involved. You can discover our Wishlist on our website by navigating to the Donate tab. The URL for the donation page is lutherdale.org/donate. We greatly appreciate any donations from our wishlist. Thank you for supporting the mission of Lutherdale!

38th Annual Lutherdale Fest Quilt Auction

On August 10th, we hosted the 38th Annual Lutherdale Fest Quilt Auction. The day was beautiful, perfect for the live auction of 298 quilts. This year also introduced our first online segment, showcasing an additional 31 quilts and a variety of other items. This enhancement allowed Lutherdale supporters from both near and far to join in and purchase many beautiful quilts, even if they couldn't attend in person the day of the event.



This year's quilt auction raised a total of \$65,185! This fundraiser ensures that the summer camp experience at Lutherdale remains financially accessible for campers of all ages, and its success is largely due to supporters like you! Providing a positive summer camp adventure is truly life-changing and we look forward to continuing this tradition for the next 80 years.

A huge thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers that help make this all possible, from set-up, running the stations, tear-down and more. We would like to express our heartfelt congratulations and gratitude to our remarkable Quilt Committee. Their careful attention to detail, commitment of time throughout the year, and collaborative creativity all contribute to the outstanding quality of the auction each year. This event flourishes due to the support from individuals, congregations, and local organizations.

VIEWER'S CHOICE AWARDS 2024



Large Quilt Category
Coastal Lily by Wendy Lee
\$1,000.00

Small Quilt Category

Happy Scrappy by Pat Dahl
\$225.00



Specialty Category
Music in the Air
by Wendy Lee
\$300.00

Contributions — such as silent auction items, fabric for table sales, or items for the Gift Gallery — along with the beautiful quilts donated by talented individuals and quilting groups, greatly enhance this event's success.



Mark your calendars for next year's event on Saturday, August 9, 2025!

Camp is in search of a minivan or an SUV!

A minivan or SUV would allow us to efficiently transport staff and supplies for various activities and events, such as VBS Day Camps, Camp Sundays and other programs. In addition, having a reliable and spacious vehicle would enable us to better serve our community by ensuring timely arrivals and creating a seamless experience for participants and staff alike. It would allow us to expand our reach, bringing more people together to experience God's love through the enriching programs we offer.



If you or anyone you know is considering parting ways with a used minivan, please reach out to us! You can contact us by phone at (262) 742-2352 or by emailing info@lutherdale.org.

Join us for Confirmation Camp in 2025!

We're excited to invite confirmation students and their church groups to Lutherdale's Confirmation Camp, happening next summer, June 15-20, 2025! This week-long experience is designed for campers to attend with their church groups, accompanied by congregational leaders, creating a powerful and community-filled faith journey.



Lutherdale's Confirmation Camp not only strengthens faith but also reinforces the bond between youth and their church communities. Congregational leaders are encouraged to attend, facilitating even more meaningful discussions and spiritual growth within their groups. Whether your church has attended for years or you're looking to try something new, this experience promises to be a valuable part of your confirmation program.

Throughout the week, youth will participate in interactive faith-building bible studies, exploring topics relating to the summer theme, God's Word Comes Near. These will be complemented by classic camp activities such as high ropes, swimming, and team-building games. A special highlight is a concert featuring a Christian artist and speaker, offering an inspiring evening of music and message for all. It's a perfect blend of spiritual growth and outdoor adventure, providing a unique setting for campers to deepen their faith alongside their peers and leaders.



Registration will open in January for confirmands, and spaces fill quickly! Visit our website or call the office to learn more or to sign up your church group today.

LIFE CHANGING ADVENTURE HAPPENS HERE

At Lutherdale, we believe every camper deserves to feel welcomed, accepted, known, celebrated, and loved. With nearly 80 years of experience in running summer camps, we ensure a safe and nurturing environment by following over 300 standards set by the American Camp Association.

Our program centers around small groups, allowing each camper to build a strong connection with their cabin leader, who invests in their well-being and growth. Campers also have the opportunity to explore new activities, discovering what they love through hands-on experience.

The 2025 Summer Camp schedule will be live shortly at www.lutherdale.org.



AT LUTHERDALE!

LUTHERDALE RETREATS



Youth Retreats in 2024-25 will be focused on exploring foundational spiritual practices, keeping calm in busyness, and nurturing a spirit of thankfulness.

- October 18-20 Confirmation Retreat: **Spiritual Practices**
- November 1-3 High School Retreat: **Finding Calm in the Chaos**
- November 22-24 Junior High Retreat: **Heart of Gratitude**
- February 8-9 Elementary Retreat: **Praises and Prayer**
- March 7-9 Confirmation Retreat: **Spiritual Practices**

Find youth retreat registration instructions, packing list, and other information online under **RESOURCES** at www.lutherdale.org

TEAM USA DEC. RETREAT 6-8

The Team USA retreat is a special retreat designed specifically for adults with neurological and developmental needs. This retreat is all about creating connections, re-connecting with old friends, and embracing the magic of the holiday/winter season. You can register on our website: lutherdale.org/adult-retreats

Join us for a transformative Young Adult Retreat at Lutherdale! It's a weekend of connection, growth, and rest in a peaceful setting, designed to help you recharge and deepen your faith. Whether you're seeking spiritual renewal or simply time to unplug in nature, this retreat is for you.

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT JAN. 31-FEB. 2

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR RETREATS AND REGISTER ONLINE ON OUR WEBSITE WWW.LUTHERDALE.ORG

SUMMER 2024 IN NUMBERS

- 11,325 meals served
- 87 campfires lit
- 22 summer staff
- 611 flying squirrels
- 717 songs sung in worship
- 4 weeks of VBS
- 75 sunsets
- 913 s'mores roasted
- 525 ice cream sandwiches eaten
- 11 polar plunges
- 5 beach parties
- 438 climbs

1 SUMMER OF LIFE CHANGING ADVENTURE