

Camping! UPDATE

News about the Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania
Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, and The Wittel Farm

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IMAGINE... the possibilities!

In 1928, Camp Nawakwa founder, the Rev. Dr. M. Hadwin Fischer, stood with a group of influential church leaders in a remote area of Adams County and shared his dream. He pointed from one place to another saying, "Can't you just see a big row of camper cabins here on the left and a large assembly hall with classrooms here in the center? I'm sure you can visualize a row of faculty cabins here to the right, and a large mess hall down there, and a pool over yonder." Dr. Fischer also had visions of the impact this new ministry would have on the many campers who would attend Nawakwa over the years. He imagined campers growing in faith and maturing into future church leaders. He imagined campers inspired to go forth into the world proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Shortly after Dr. Fisher shared his vision, the land those leaders stood upon was purchased and Camp Nawakwa became reality.

Fast forward to 2008! The Lutheran Camping Corporation is delighted to announce the recent purchase of 220 acres of land adjacent to Nawakwa! Therefore it is again time to imagine. IMAGINE campers hiking about on the enlarged camp site, exploring the diversity of God's creation. IMAGINE new camp sites of various types serving diverse populations and interests. IMAGINE the new programs and possibilities that will grow here. IMAGINE new or improved retreat facilities with amenities to serve adult groups in comfort. IMAGINE the lives that will be changed and the faith that will be nurtured by the ministry that will grow in this place. IMAGINE ...the possibilities!

IMAGINE a successful capital campaign that not only pays for the purchase of the land but also generates the seed money to begin making additional ministry dreams become reality. Along with the purchase of the land, the Board of Directors of the LCC is also announcing the launching of a capital campaign entitled IMAGINE ... with a Celebration goal of \$2.5 million, that includes \$1.6 million to pay for the land purchase and \$900,000 to begin the development of new retreat facilities that will offer accommodations that are more comfortable than presently available.

The IMAGINE ... Campaign was approved by the Lower Susquehanna Synod Council in 2007. It seeks three-year commitments from the LCC's constituency, including camper and staff alumni and other individuals especially committed to outdoor ministry, the Congregations of the Lower Susquehanna Synod and their individual members. A campaign steering committee, co-chaired by Pastor Clifton Eshbach and

Pastor Conrad B. Youse, is attending to the details of the campaign. Active campaign solicitation to individuals began last fall and the IMAGINE... Campaign has already received \$120,000 in contributions and \$93,000 in pledges.

The Campaign steering committee will be sending letters to all of the congregations this spring, seeking permission to make a presentation to each congregation's leadership about the campaign. Campaign brochures, other print materials, and a campaign video will be available for each congregation in their efforts to support this enhancement of their wider ministry.

Remember, there is no time like the present to start thinking about what you can do to help make this campaign successful. Every contribution given helps move the LCC closer to achieving some thrilling ministry dreams. Please keep the camping ministry and this venture in your prayers, and keep alert for more information about this campaign. You will find more information at www.lutherancamping.org.



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Camp Nawakwa is now three times its former size. Mike Youse, Executive Director of the Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania and Donald Taylor, representing the Taylor family, sellers of the new property.



The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania (LCC) officers finalize land purchase. Holly Freas-Webster, Secretary of the LCC Board of Directors Mike Youse, Executive Director of the LCC David Tshudy, President of the LCC Board of Directors Lawrence "Chip" Abrams, Attorney representing the LCC



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| Jan. 30 | Day of Prayer with the Bishop at The Wittel Farm | May 18 | Summer Camp Kick-Off at Nawakwa |
| Feb. 3 | Chicken & Waffles at Nawakwa | July 14 | Golf Tournament at Range End Golf Course |
| Feb. 9 | Lenten Day Apart at The Wittel Farm | Sept. 10 | FourFold Retreat at Nawakwa |
| Feb. 10 | Winter Fun Day at Kirchenwald | Oct. 7-9 | Adult Study Retreat at Nawakwa |
| Mar. 3-5 | Adult Bible Study Retreat at Nawakwa | Oct. 12 | Fall Foliage Days at Kirchenwald & Nawakwa |
| Apr. 11-13 | Women's Quilting Retreat at Kirchenwald | Oct. 17-19 | Extreme Women, Extreme Faith at Kirchenwald |
| Apr. 19 | Workday at Kirchenwald & The Wittel Farm | Nov. 2 | Quilt Auction at Advent Lutheran, York |
| Apr. 26 | Workday at Nawakwa | Nov. 7-9 | Women's Craft Retreat at Nawakwa |
| May 17 | Garden & Tea Party at The Wittel Farm | Dec. 6 | Advent Day Apart at The Wittel Farm |

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