

# Camping! UPDATE

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

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***"I grew up at the seminary, my father was a clergyman, but it wasn't until I got to Nawakwa that I made public my intention to become a pastor."***

Rev. Dr. Fred Wentz, Retired Pastor,  
Professor, Historian



***"I know that our members who attend camp will pray better, sing better, smile more often, and be in worship more regularly."***

The Rev. Richard B. Geib, Former Nawakwa  
Camper and Staff, Pastor of Tree of Life  
Lutheran, Harrisburg



***"If I hadn't gone to Nawakwa, I'd just be in the pew on Sunday."***

Dilys Scheuttler, Nawakwa Graduate, 1950  
(Giwinki Class), Retired teacher, Life-long Learner  
at LTSG, active member of First Lutheran, Carlisle



***"Camp helped me understand God, teamwork, faith, physical fitness, love, and acceptance of others. Camp is a place where, as the Bible says, everything works for good."***

Grant Celley, Nawakwa Camper

# Imagine...

*God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.  
Genesis 1:31*

Through the efforts of the Imagine... campaign, the Lutheran Camping Corporation raised \$939,828. This allows us to meet our monthly payments of the mortgage on the 220 acres, contiguous to Nawakwa's original footprint. The land purchase had an immediate impact on Nawakwa's program.

- Over 1700 summer campers had opportunity to play in and learn about God's gift of creation.
- Summer staff established several wilderness campsites for sleepouts.
- Campers created two small picnic areas for campers and retreat guests to visit.
- Staff and campers trimmed and cut a system of trails through forest and field, allowing campers to explore our new terrain.
- 25 acres of degraded orchard has been reclaimed, transforming it into wildlife habitat and an outdoor classroom for stewardship and ecology.
- Over 100 volunteers planted nearly 900 trees and shrubs along the property line and road frontage to create an attractive natural screen.
- We installed a high ropes course and zipline for campers, retreat guests and others, honoring The Rev. Robert H. Fischer and providing brand new program opportunities.



*"Nawakwa has been transformed into a camp with room to roam, space to expand ministry, and space to accommodate new facilities to support the expanded ministry."*

Michael Youse  
Executive Director, LCC

# Thank You...to the individuals and congregations who gave to Imagine...

You have provided the Lutheran Camping Corporation with resources to expand ministry opportunities at Nawakwa. These gifts will continue to impact the campers and retreat guests at Nawakwa for years to come. In turn, as campers return to their homes and congregations, the impact of Nawakwa's ministry will strengthen their congregations and the church.

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## Yesterday...

In the late 1920s, The Rev. Dr. M. Hadwin Fischer envisioned a Lutheran Church ready to meet the needs of a changing world. His plan for enriching such a church included an intensive leadership training school that would take place in an outdoor setting. Fischer enlisted the help of pastors, seminary professors and lay leaders to staff this school, and it was soon wildly successful, drawing participants and observers from all over Pennsylvania and beyond. The site of the Leadership Training Camp became Nawakwa.



## Today...

82 years later, The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central PA, Nawakwa, Kirchenwald, and The Wittel Farm, continue to carry Dr. Fischer's vision. Methods have changed to be sure, but the goal of strengthening the church remains at the center of all we do. Each program and activity is an extension of the ministries of the congregations we serve. Whether it be sharing a meal, scaling a tower, or reading scripture, we are about preparing campers to return to their homes and congregations more ready to serve as disciples.



## Tomorrow...

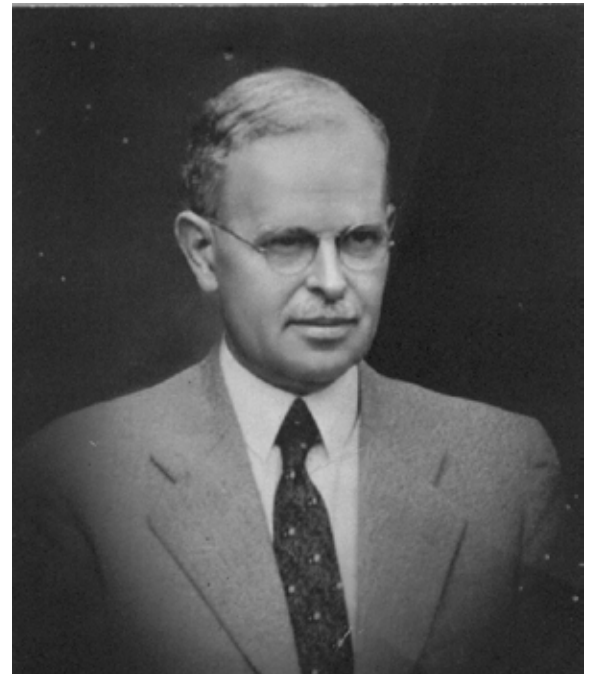
In 2012, the Lutheran Camping Corporation will embark on a new capital campaign, Seeding the Future, aimed at strengthening and expanding the ministries of all our sites. We anticipate the involvement of the individuals and congregations of the Lower Susquehanna Synod as we seek to meet the challenges of today and years to come.



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*"The march of progress calls for the blazing of new trails, the development of new fields, and a ministry to those hearty souls whose eager vision has led them to anticipate the problems of a new era."*

The Rev. Dr. M. Hadwin Fischer, 1875-1938