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A newsletter for supporters and benefactors of Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, and The Wittel Farm.

Winter 2023

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GENEROUS SUPPORT KEEPS CAMPS VIBRANT!

After Linda and her husband visited camp last summer, she sent a note along with a donation. It read in part: *"We so enjoyed our visit back to camp. We were glad to see it up and running with many of the cabins, trails, outdoor chapels, and the same exciting spirit I remember from my summers there many years ago. In addition, we loved the many updated features that campers and other users can enjoy. As we walked around, we saw and heard the joyous laughter of campers in the pool – how nice! And how nice to know camp is still a place free of modern technology so the gifts of speech, sharing, and Christian fellowship continues. Please use our gift to help keep camp great."*

In 2022, gifts from individuals, families, and congregations helped keep ministry at Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, and The Wittel Farm exciting, effective, and joyful. Thanks to our many generous donors, summer youth campers, family campers, confirmation campers, and retreat guests experienced faith formation, enjoyed Christian fellowship, explored God's creation, and were encouraged to share Christ's love.

Donor generosity also helped:

- Purchase Bible study and worship curriculum, craft supplies, and sports equipment.
- Hire mature, faithful, and responsible summer camp ministry team members.
- Replace 40+ year old walk-in freezer, refrigerator, and griddle in Nawakwa's kitchen.
- Grow and donate 2,500 lbs. of fresh nutritious vegetables from Nawakwa Growing Project to feed food-insecure families in Adams County, and 15,000 lbs. of vegetables from The Wittel Farm Growing Project to feed food-insecure families in Lancaster County.
- Add a walk-in refrigerator for The Wittel Farm Growing Project.
- Provide \$23,000 in Campership assistance to 65 campers who wouldn't have been able to attend camp due to family financial hardship.
- Improve and care for facilities by replacing a well pump, a water heater, robotic pool cleaner, and furnace, and purchasing a zero turn lawn mower.
- Improve the grounds by planting trees, repairing a ballfield backstop, and adding a fire pit and benches at Nawakwa.



NAWAKWA DEBT DWINDLING

\$27,085 REMAINING AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 2023

In 2008, the Nawakwa ministry site expanded through the purchase of 221 acres of adjacent land. The Board of Directors made the bold decision to pursue this a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to allow for future ministry growth and to provide a secure buffer around the existing site.

A \$1,550,522 loan was secured from the Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA, the land was purchased, and a capital campaign effort was launched to address the debt. Many gifts from generous individuals, congregations, and other sources have been received through the ensuing years, and continue to be received in 2023.

With the debt now down to \$27,085, a mortgage burning celebration is now within reach! A surge in gifts, now in 2023, will enable retirement of the debt. The coupon form in this newsletter may be used to send a special gift to make the mortgage burning possible soon!



Yes! We want to continue our support to the Camping Corporation

Enclosed is a gift of \$_____ for:

- Annual Fund
- Campership Fund
- Seeding the Future

- Send me more information about the Heritage Society
- I would like to learn more about including LCC in my estate plans.
- I have already included the LCC in my estate plans.

Name(s) _____

Address _____ Phone _____

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Send my gift acknowledgement by email

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LCC HERITAGE SOCIETY

LCC Heritage Society is a caring and committed group of people who help assure the financial stability of the LCC for future generations. They do so by including LCC in their thoughtful estate plans. To learn more about the Heritage Society or to inform us that you have already included LCC in your estate plans, please contact Mike Youse at 717-677-8211 or myouse@lutherancamping.org.



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Have you ever considered using life insurance to make a gift to help The Lutheran Camping Corporation (LCC)?

There are multiple benefits to making a gift with life insurance. You will be helping to strengthen and advance our ministry and helping us strengthen the faith of the many children and families we serve. Additionally, you benefit by receiving a charitable income tax deduction for the value of the policy.

There are several options.

If you have a policy that you took out many years ago, but the protection is no longer needed, you can assign the policy ownership to the LCC. At your death, LCC receives the full proceeds of the policy to strengthen and expand our Christ-centered camp and retreat ministry for people of all ages. If you are still paying the policy premiums, you can make a tax-deductible contribution to LCC annually so that we can pay the premium to keep the policy current.

Another option would be to take out a new policy, through your favorite life insurance agent, making LCC the owner of the policy. Then make an annual tax-deductible contribution to LCC so we can pay the premium.

Or you could select a single premium policy, making one tax-deductible gift to LCC for the amount of the premium.

Or you could designate LCC as a partial beneficiary of an existing or new policy on which you continue to pay the premium.

You will be astounded at how large a gift you can make at a relatively small annual cost by using life insurance to make your contribution!

To learn more about making a gift using life insurance, we have an interesting and helpful folder entitled "Gifts of Life Insurance" that we will gladly send you. To request your copy, returning the coupon below or contacting Mike Youse, Executive Director at myouse@lutherancamping.org or 717-677-8211.

CLIP, COMPLETE AND MAIL TO:

Mike Youse, LCC
P.O. Box 459, Arendtsville, PA 17303
Phone: 717-677-8211

Please send me, without cost or obligation, a copy of your folder "Gifts of Life Insurance."

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Your Generous Support Makes a Difference!

We are especially grateful to those individuals who have renewed their support in 2022 at the Mission Leader and Friends of LCC donor levels, and invite you to join them in supporting this very worthwhile ministry...

Look for the full donor list (including congregations) in the Annual Report coming later in the year.

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Lenten Day Apart

March 4 at The Wittel Farm

Summer Camp Kick-off Worship & Picnic

May 21 at Nawakwa

Summer Camp Open House

March 19 at Kirchenwald, Nawakwa &
The Wittel Farm Growing Project

**Check out LutheranCamping.org for
latest updates on events and other news.**

Summer Camp Open House

April 16 at Kirchenwald, Nawakwa &
The Wittel Farm Growing Project

Earth Day Celebration

April 23 - at Kirchenwald

Work Day

April 29 at Nawakwa

May 6 at Kirchenwald



The LCC is a Reconciling In Christ Organization and holds to the belief that God is the maker of all good things. We acknowledge that we, God's people, are made in many different ways, but all are beautifully made and loved by God.



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