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

Summer 2024

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Thankful For Many Years of Ministry...

What a pleasure it was back in April, when Faye and her husband, John, dropped in unexpectedly at Nawakwa. They were in the area from their home in Michigan for John's 60th college reunion when Faye decided to "try and find the camp of my youth – my love, Nawakwa!" Faye was a camper and counselor at Nawakwa about 68 years ago. She said, "I have often thought of the beautiful spiritual life, as well as so many friends and fun activities I experienced during my teen years (at Nawakwa)! I loved beginning each day quietly sitting by a tree and reading an inspiring message for 15 minutes before breakfast."

As Faye, John, and I walked around camp taking in the various sights, Faye regaled us with stories from her time at Nawakwa.

A few weeks after Faye and John visited Nawakwa, she sent me a note and a donation. She wrote, "What a delightful visit...seeing the inside of the cabins, the mess hall, and Assembly Hall where we put on so many hilarious shows! I'm so thrilled that Nawakwa is still thriving and doing God's work – inspiring deep spiritual growth in youth and families! Please see that my small donation is used to buy something needed at Nawakwa. Please know that your work produces lifelong memories and faith in anyone who is lucky enough to experience the love shown to them at your camps! When an 80 year old still thinks about her camp – that is what you call SUCCESS! Bless you all!"

While Faye's visit was to Nawakwa, I've had many similar encounters at both Kirchenwald and Nawakwa with former campers and summer staff members. Like Faye, they are eager to share their stories and appreciation for the experiences they've had at Nawakwa, Kirchenwald, and Wittel Farm. We are truly blessed to have so many good friends who care about the camps and farm, care about all the good ministry which happens in these special places, and support this very good ministry with their generous donations.

Thank you, Faye, for sharing your story, for your support, and for inspiring others to generously support Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, and The Wittel Farm.



Mike

Mike Youse,
Executive Director

Charitable Gift Annuities – Income for you, tax advantages, ministry support!

As a donor to the Lutheran Camping Corporation, it's a pretty safe assumption that you love camp, and you recognize and appreciate the ministry of Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, and The Wittel Farm.

It's also pretty safe to assume that you want these ministries to continue providing high quality outdoor ministry experiences well into the future.

The many options for planned or legacy gifts allow you to be a significant part of the future of the LCC. A charitable gift annuity (CGA) is a planned gift vehicle that allows you to support our camps while also providing a dependable income for you during your retirement years.

The LCC partners with the ELCA Foundation to assist our donors in creating CGAs. To do this, you make your initial gift through the ELCA Foundation and, in return, the ELCA Foundation agrees to pay you (and someone else, if you choose) a fixed amount each year for the rest of your life. The balance will be given to the Lutheran Camping Corporation at your death, or when you choose to terminate the agreement.

CGAs can offer tax benefits to you, depending on how you fund your gift, making them a great choice for some donors. CGAs funded with cash or appreciated property qualify for a federal income tax deduction if you itemize. Additionally, CGAs funded using appreciated property minimize capital gains taxes.

CGAs can now be funded using IRA assets. Donors 70½ and older can make a one-time election of up to \$53,000 to fund a gift annuity. This type of gift does not qualify for an income tax deduction, but it does escape income tax liability on the transfer, and it counts toward all or part of your required minimum distributions.

CGA rates are set according to your age at the time of the gift and range from 5.2% at age 60, to 6.3% at age 70, to 8.1% at age 80, to 10.1% at age 90 and over. Gift Annuities may be written on one or two lives. (Rates listed are for One-Life Annuities. Two-Life rates are slightly lower because a second life is involved.)

If this all sounds a little too complicated, be assured that help is available. Information on

many types of planned gifts, including a CGA illustrator, can be found on the ELCA Foundation website: Foundation.ELCA.org. Marianne Brock is our ELCA Foundation Gift Planner, and she, too, is prepared to assist you with CGA creation and other types of legacy gift creation. Feel free to contact her at Marianne.Brock@ELCA.org or 717-574-9066 to explore how you can receive income for life and allow the LCC to further our mission.

Also, The Lutheran Camping Corporation has a free and helpful folder entitled "The Charitable Gift Annuity." It will tell you more about the Charitable Gift Annuity and the many benefits it can provide to you. You can receive your free copy of this helpful booklet by writing or sending the coupon below to The Lutheran Camping Corporation, (P.O. Box 459, Arendtsville, PA 17303). Or you can phone Executive Director Michel Youse at (717-677-2811) to request your copy.



TO RECEIVE YOUR FREE COPY OF THE GIFT ANNUITY BOOKLET, CLIP, COMPLETE, AND MAIL TO:

Michael Youse, Executive Director
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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 the LCC in their thoughtful estate plans. To learn more about the LCC Heritage Society or to inform us that you have already included the LCC in your estate plans, please contact Michael Youse at 717-677-8211 or myouse@lutherancamping.org.

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Blessings of Your Generosity Make a Difference!

We are truly grateful to all who have renewed their support already in 2024 at the Mission Leaders or the Friends of LCC donor levels and invite you to join them in supporting this very worthwhile ministry. We are also thankful for all the congregations which gave supported LCC ministry so far this year.

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Dinner Church at The Wittel Farm
Aug 4, Sept 8, Oct 6, Nov 3 - Starting at 5pm

Summer Eco-Education Days at The Wittel Farm
August 10 - 11am

Adult Study Retreat at Nawakwa
October 1-3

Party with a Purpose Fundraiser at Kirchenwald
October 5 - 5pm

Capture the Flag Spectacular at Kirchenwald
October 6 - 3pm

A Night for Nawakwa Fundraiser at Nawakwa
October 19

Fall Foliage Day at Kirchenwald & Nawakwa
October 27 - 1pm

Lutheran Camping Quilt Auction at Nawakwa
November 3 - 2pm



**Check out all event details at
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