



# SEEDS

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

Winter 2024

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## 2023: A YEAR OF JOYFUL MINISTRY ACHIEVEMENTS!

The generous support from those who made gifts to Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, and the Wittel Farm has greatly contributed to making 2023 a wonderful year of ministry. Our campers and retreat guests enjoyed Christian fellowship, explored God's creation, and found strength in their faith. Thanks to the kindness of our donors, registration and retreat fees have remained affordable for families. Additionally, we were able to purchase program equipment, provide Camperships to children who otherwise wouldn't have been able to attend, improve our facilities, and feed food-insecure families. Thank you for your generosity! Your contributions have truly made a difference. Donor generosity helped...

- Purchase new bunk beds and mattresses for all cabins in Nawakwa's lower camp.
- Remodel and expand the bathroom facilities at Kirchenwald's athletic field.
- Construct a meeting pavilion at the Wittel Farm.
- Harvest and donate 2,000 lbs. of fresh vegetables from Nawakwa's Garden Project to support food-insecure families in Adams County, and 27,000 lbs. of vegetables from the Wittel Farm Growing Project to aid those in need in Lancaster County.



- Purchase a fleet of 15 mountain bikes, along with helmets and other necessary equipment, to enrich Kirchenwald's mountain bike program.
- Purchase Bible study and worship curriculum, craft supplies, and sports equipment.
- Hire mature, faithful, and caring members for the summer camp ministry team.
- Ensure our facilities are well-maintained and attractive.
- Achieve the full retirement of the 25-year mortgage of \$1,588,000 incurred for the expansion of Nawakwa's ministry site in just 16 years!

Yes, That's correct. The Seeding the Future Campaign has become a successful part of our history. The retirement of the mortgage, which was used to expand Nawakwa with over 200 acres of adjacent woodland and meadow, was joyfully celebrated during Nawakwa's 2023 Fall Foliage Day. This momentous occasion was officiated by Pr. Steve Herr, a member of the LCC Board of Directors, and was attended by numerous donors, camper families, STF campaign leaders, and other supporters. It was truly a remarkable accomplishment worth celebrating!

# DONORS MAKE A DIFFERENCE THROUGH CAMPSHIP DONATIONS!

Thanks to those who give to the Campership Fund, 43 children received Campership assistance in 2023. Without this help, they would not have been able to attend camp due to financial hardship. Kristen, a 9-year-old camper, is just one of those kids. After Kristen's week at camp her mother told us, "Kristen

had a great time at camp. She hasn't stopped talking about her new friends, and the great time she had playing games and making crafts. She has us singing grace before meals and silly songs after." The Campership gifts given by generous donors make experiences like Kristen's possible.



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

Enclosed is a gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for:

- Annual Fund  
 Campership Fund

- 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) \_\_\_\_\_

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Please make checks payable to: **Lutheran Camping Corporation**, or give online with a credit card at [LutheranCamping.org/giving](http://LutheranCamping.org/giving)

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 PO Box 459, Arendtsville, PA 17303 2024WinterSeeds

# 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](mailto:myouse@lutherancamping.org).



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## CRUTS AND CRATS, TELL ME ABOUT THAT

OK, I'll be glad to. CRUTs and CRATs are agreements that can help you make a gift to help The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central PA and, at the same time, provide you with an income for life.

CRUT is short for Charitable Remainder Unitrust and CRAT stands for Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust.

These are wonderful tools for donating appreciated securities or property to LCC while benefiting from a life income and saving on taxes. By law, the rate of return on a Unitrust or Annuity Trust must be a minimum of 5% but can be higher, 6%, 7%, 8% or even more. The tax benefits include a sizeable charitable contribution deduction plus complete freedom from capital gains tax. As the securities or property are removed from your estate, there is also freedom from estate or inheritance taxes.

Here's an example. Susan, 75, wants to make a considerable gift to LCC but would also like more income in the future. She creates a charitable remainder unitrust with annual lifetime payments equal to 5% of the fair market value of the asset as revalued annually. After the term of the trust ends, which could be upon her passing or up to 20 years, the remainder of the trust will support the Lutheran Camping Corporation.

To help you learn more about CRTs, we have a free pamphlet which describes the many advantages of Charitable Remainder Trusts. To received your copy, phone (717-677-8211), email ([myouse@lutherancamping.org](mailto:myouse@lutherancamping.org)), or return the coupon below to Michael Youse at Lutheran Camp Corp., P.O. Box 459, Arendtsville, PA 17303. There is no cost or obligation.

### CLIP, COMPLETE AND MAIL TO:

Mike Youse, LCC  
 P.O. Box 459, Arendtsville, PA 17303  
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Please send me, without cost or obligation, a copy of your helpful pamphlet on Charitable Remainder Trusts.

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# Your Generous Support Makes a Difference!

We are especially grateful to those individuals who have renewed their support in 2023 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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## Summer Camp Open House

March 17 at Kirchenwald & Nawakwa

## Summer Camp Open House

April 14 at Kirchenwald & Nawakwa

## Earth Day Celebration

April 21 - at Kirchenwald

## Work Day

April 27 at Nawakwa

May 4 at Kirchenwald

## Summer Camp Kick-off Worship & Picnic

May 19 at Kirchenwald

## Elder Camp

July 7-12 at Nawakwa

## Family Camp I

July 14-19 at Nawakwa

## Family Camp-K-tion (Family Camp)

August 4-9 at Kirchenwald

## Family Camp II

August 4-9 at Nawakwa

**Check out [LutheranCamping.org](http://LutheranCamping.org) for latest updates on events and other news.**



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.



**The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania**

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