



SEEDS

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

Summer 2025

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Nawakwa Elder Campers Love Camp and Love to Give Back!

Fourteen Elder Campers attended Nawakwa during the week of July 6. First offered in 2003, Elder Camp is a week-long program specially designed for adults 55 and older. Elder Campers love being at Nawakwa! They enjoy Bible study, relaxing on the Zinn-Tozer Lodge porch with good conversation, the sing-along with Tim and Kim Craven playing guitar and bass, their outing to the Thirsty Farmer for dinner and drinks, and so much more. Just like youth campers, they enjoy Christian fellowship, faith formation, spiritual renewal, and exploring God's creation.



"Elder Campers love that being at camp makes them feel young again. They recall why camp was and is impactful in their lives and the lives of the youth campers here with them," said Kelsey Tomlinson, Nawakwa Camp Director.

Elder Camp runs concurrently with youth programs offered that week. Elder Campers especially enjoyed visits from youth campers for Uno games and a s'more-making contest. They joined the youth for meals in the dining hall, evening worship, all-camp activities, and skit night - a favorite for all ages.

Not only did they enjoy watching the cabin group skits, but they also performed one of their own! Their skit involved sharing how many years each had attended camp, totaling an impressive **318 cumulative years of camp attendance** - more than triple Nawakwa's 96-year history!

Another cherished Elder Camp tradition is supporting a special project around camp. Last year's Elder Camp donation funded air conditioning in Zinn-Tozer Lodge and ceiling fans for the Dining Hall porch. This year's donation will support improvements to the 96-year-old camper cabins. Elder Campers give generously because they know how important camp has been in their lives, and they want to ensure that camp continues to thrive for future generations.

Many Elder Campers also give throughout the year in support of the Annual Fund, Camperships, and other LCC appeals. **Please join them by making your Annual Fund gift to LCC today!**

Smart Giving From Your IRA: A Win/Win Gift

Did you know...

If you are 70 1/2 years old or older, you can give up to \$108,000 *directly* from your IRA to the ministry of the Lutheran Camping Corporation without having to pay income taxes on the money?

This gift option is commonly called the IRA charitable rollover, but you may also see it referred to as a *qualified charitable distribution*, or QCD for short. If you are required to take minimum distributions, you can use your gift to satisfy all or part of your RMD.

Why Consider This Gift?

- Your gift will be put to good use today, allowing you to see the difference your donation is making.
- You pay no income taxes on the gift. The transfer generates neither taxable income nor a tax deduction, so you benefit even if you do not itemize your deductions.
- Since the gift doesn't count as income, it can reduce your annual income level. This may help lower your Medicare premiums and decrease the amount of Social Security that is subject to tax.

Please note that the LCC must receive your gift by Dec. 31 for your donation to qualify this year. If you have check-writing features on your IRA, please be aware that your check must clear your account by December 31 to count toward your required minimum distribution for the calendar year.

No matter your age, you can designate the LCC as the beneficiary of all or a percentage of your IRA, and it will pass to us tax-free after your lifetime. It's simple, requiring only that you contact your IRA administrator for a change-of-beneficiary form or download a form from your provider's website.

Finally, it is helpful for you to let us know of your gift intention, because many retirement plan administrators assume no obligation to notify us of your designation. This can result in us receiving an anonymous gift with no one to thank.

Please use the coupon to send for a free brochure, "The Charitable IRA Rollover."

The LCC partners with the ELCA Foundation for planned giving services such as RMDs, bequests, charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts, donor advised funds, and more. Our Gift Planner, Marianne Brock, would love to talk with you about your charitable giving intentions. She can be reached at Marianne.Brock@elca.org



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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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- ☐ Facilities and Property
- ☐ Program equipment and supplies

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Blessings of Your Generosity Make a Difference!

We are truly grateful to all who have renewed their support already in 2025 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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Join Us at an Upcoming Event!

Dinner Church at The Wittel Farm

Aug 3, Sept 7, Oct 5, Nov 2, Dec 7 - Starting at 5pm

Summer Eco-Education Days at The Wittel Farm

August 9 - 10am

Adult Study Retreat at Nawakwa

September 9-11

Party with a Purpose Fundraiser at Kirchenwald

September 27 - 5pm

Capture the Flag Spectacular at Kirchenwald

October 5 - 3pm

Fall Foliage Day at Nawakwa

October 19 - 1pm

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October 26 - 1pm

Lutheran Camping Quilt Auction at Nawakwa

November 2 - 2pm



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