



SEEDS

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

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WHAT IMPACT DOES MY GIFT TO LCC MAKE?

Ever wonder if your gifts supporting LCC ministry make a difference? Let me assure you, donor support impacts and advances every aspect of our ministry and helps bring about truly wonderful experiences which transform lives.

It was a Thursday evening in July last summer when I joined a group of middle school campers around a camp fire at their sleep out. They were doing evening devotions and reflecting on their week. One camper exclaimed, "This has been the best day at camp of my entire life and I've lived twelve whole years and been to camp ever since I was a three year old family camp kid". His excitement was echoed by other campers in the group as they told me about exploring the stream as part of their Bible Study. They laughed as they talked about the fun they had playing gaga. They became serious as they debated what a perfectly fire-roasted marshmallow was. Some liked them charred black. Others advocated for golden brown. One camper shared how "worshiping at camp made her feel closer to Jesus." As the fire grew dim,



the counselors led the group in a pop-corn prayer in which anyone so inclined could offer a prayer petition. I was truly impressed by the depth and breadth of the prayers offered; however, the prayer that most captivated me was when a camper asked God to bring as many kids as possible to camp so that they could have a great time like she was having with her new-found friends. She continued, "Please, God, bring us back here next year so that we can learn more about your love."

Donor generosity makes experiences like these possible! So yes, your gifts make an incredible difference!

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CAMPERSHIP GIFTS ENRICH CAMPERS LIVES!

Thanks to those who give to the Campership Fund, 62 children received Campership assistance in 2024. Without this help, they would not have been able to attend camp due to financial hardship. 12-year-old David was one of those kids last summer. At the end of his time at camp he told us that "being at camp was the best part my summer." When asked why, he said, "Friends, fun, silly songs, learning about Jesus, and hot dogs. What's not to like about camp?"



The Campership gifts given by generous donors bring kids like David to camp, where they experience Christ's love.

THE IMPACT OF YOUR GENEROSITY

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As Executive Director of Lutheran Camping Corporation, I'm fortunate to witness Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, and the Wittel Farm in operation. I frequently see our campers and retreat guest enjoying Christian fellowship, exploring God's creation, and being strengthened in their faith. Thanks to generous donors, camp registration fees and retreat rates remain affordable for families, program equipment was purchased, Camperships were provided to children who would not have been able to attend camp without assistance, facilities were improved, and food-insecure families were fed. Thank you to all our donors who helped...

- Hire mature, faithful, caring summer camp ministry team members from here in central PA and from around the world.
- Purchase Bible study curriculum, worship resources, craft supplies, and sports equipment.
- Replace roofs on nearly every building at Kirchenwald, on the pavilion beside Zinn-Tozer at Nawakwa, and the roof over the dining room at the Wittel Farm House.

- Improve the dining experience at Nawakwa with new steam serving tables.
- Make significant plumbing repairs and improvements at the Nawakwa Lower Camp shower house.
- Purchase seeds, plants, and supplies, which helped the Wittel Farm Growing Project grow, harvest, and donate over 15,000 pounds of vegetables to food-insecure families.
- Equip the Wittel Farm Pavilion kitchen.
- Replace heating units at Kirchenwald's Bear's Den and water pumps at Nawakwa's Zinn-Tozer Lodge.
- Air condition the cooking area of Nawakwa's Dining Hall to provide relief from the seemingly ever-warmer summers.
- Replace or repair window and door screens on all Nawakwa Lower Camp cabins, and numerous other repairs and improvements at all ministry sites.

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.
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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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We may think we have little impact on the world today, much less in the future. Yet that concept is one that we at the Lutheran Camping Corporation refuse to accept.

We firmly believe that our ministry contributes toward a brighter future for those we serve.

Perhaps you've wondered what you could do to enrich the future quality of life for your family, and organizations you care about. You've worked hard to ensure security, and you probably want to see the fruits of those efforts last beyond your days. By making a will, you can provide long-term benefits for those you wish to remember and also support organizations like Lutheran Camping Corporation.

With that thought in mind, we are offering a brochure, available to you at no cost, entitled, *"My Legacy – a workbook and plan to protect your family, your assets, and your wishes"*. It is designed to help you plan so that your assets will be distributed according to your wishes. In short, a will allows no other authority, such as state laws, to decide who most deserves to share the property you have worked hard to attain.

A will is one of the best ways to be assured that you will make a difference in the lives of those you love and organizations you care about. That is a satisfying feeling.

For information about legacy giving please return the coupon below or contact Mike Youse, Executive Director at 717-677-8211 or myouse@lutherancamping.org. For your free copy of *"My Legacy,"* simply return the coupon below.

LCC also offers the free and confidential assistance of the ELCA gift planner, Sister Marianne Brock. Marianne is available to help you complete your legacy gift planning.

Guidance from your legal advisor or estate planning professional may also prove helpful.

CLIP, COMPLETE AND MAIL TO:

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Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

We are especially grateful to those individuals who have renewed their support in 2024 at the Mission Leader and Friends of LCC donor levels, and invite you to join them in supporting this very worthwhile ministry...

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Summer Camp Open House

March 16 and April 6
at Kirchenwald & Nawakwa

Lenten Day Apart

March 29 at The Wittel Farm

Earth Day Celebration

April 27 - at Kirchenwald

Work Day

April 26 at Nawakwa - 9am

May 3 at Kirchenwald - 8:30am
(Note the time change!!)

Summer Camp Kick-off Worship & Picnic

May 18 at Nawakwa

Elder Camp

July 6-11 at Nawakwa

July Family Camp

July 13-18 at Nawakwa

Family Camp-K-tion (Family Camp)

August 3-8 at Kirchenwald

August Family Camp

August 3-8 at Nawakwa

Check out 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.



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