



LUTHERAN HILLS - LUTHERWALD - LAKE LUTHER LUTHERAN OUTDOOR MINISTRIES INDIANA-KENTUCKY

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New Era Begins at Lutheran Hills **Lutheran Hills Update**

If you haven't visited Lutheran Hills lately, you might not recognize the place. New construction, new personnel and new ideas have made the camp a very busy place lately. Check out some of the latest happenings...

- A major focus of the LOMIK Board of Directors for the past five years has been upgrading the Lutheran Hills camp property. In all, over \$650,000 in renovations have taken place since 2012, including upgrades to infrastructure, hiking trail improvements, summer camp building renovations and the creation of the new Bear Creek Village retreat campus.
- Kathy Roberts came onboard as the new Lutheran Hills site manager in September 2016. A long-time Lutheran Hills camper and summer staff person, Kathy is a 2015 graduate of Cedarville University and has just completed a year of mission service in South Korea. She will provide hospitality to retreat groups and direct the summer camp program. She can be contacted by email at kathy@lomik.org or by phone at (812) 988-2519.
- Aaron Deckard, son of former Lutheran Hills site manager Dave Deckard, arranged for the purchase of a Polaris Ranger that will aid in camp maintenance and trail work.
- Fundraising for the 3rd Bear Creek Village facility will get underway in 2017. LOMIK hopes to raise enough to not only complete the final piece of the new retreat campus, but also to provide a new roof for Shedron Lodge and an exterior make-over (roof and siding) of the Lutheran Hills manager residence at the front of the camp. It is anticipated that much of the construction work will be done by ELCA Mission Builders in 2019.



Kempski Retreat Center at Lutherwald is 30 years old **KRC Gets Complete Exterior Make-Over**

The Kempski Retreat Center (KRC), the 30 year-old retreat and conference center building at Lutherwald, has received an exterior remodel this past fall. The make-over includes a new roof and all new energy-efficient windows and exterior doors.

The \$76,000 renovation project was made possible by a grant from The Dekko Foundation. In addition, some interior renovations will take place this winter that will include new blinds, furnishings and appliances.

The work has been happening this fall during the midweek time, as the KRC is rented out most every weekend of the year to church groups, families and organizations. The work is expected to be completed just before Thanksgiving.



Our College-Aged Summer Camp Staff Responded To This Question...
What Do You Value Most About Camp?



At camp I help kids know of **JESUS' LOVE**

I had several campers last summer who had never heard of Jesus and his love. I shared that Jesus will always love them even if it feels like no one else does. I like to say that my campers came with a frown but left with a smile because they knew the love that Jesus has for them is a sure thing.

Amy

TRUTH STORY
Lutherwald



At camp I get to experience caring **COMMUNITY**

Camp has the power to lift you up from all the things that bring you down. You get to be close to nature, close to God, be with fellow believers and make life-long friends. We live the way God intended us to live in caring community. There is nothing like it!

Dan

TRUTH STORY
Lutheran Hills & Lake Luther



At camp I get to be a part of **SOMETHING SPECIAL**

Being able to see children at camp play, interact, get away from their stresses and struggles, and watch them just be kids is awesome! Being yourself, having fun and letting go is important. Camp is a place kids get to do that.

Elizabeth

TRUTH STORY
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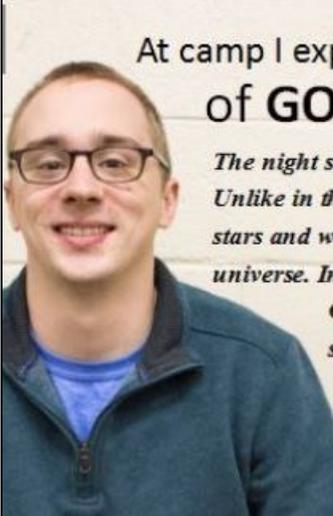


At camp I see kids experience the power of **LOVE**

As a summer camper I saw the love of Christ shining through the lives of the camp staff. I could tell they loved their campers, the Lord, and each other. Now, as a staff member myself, I share the love I received with the children in my care.

Alyssa

TRUTH STORY
Lake Luther



At camp I experience the magnitude of **GOD'S CREATION**

The night sky is unbelievable at camp. Unlike in the city, you can look up at the stars and witness the immensity of the universe. In the same way you can sense God's boundless love for our seemingly insignificant planet.

Karl

TRUTH STORY
Lutherwald



At camp I help kids know they are **VALUED**

Last summer, one of my girls from a foster home came to camp feeling that no one loved or wanted her. By the end of the week she came to know and feel the love of God and invited Christ into her life.

Sarah

TRUTH STORY
Lake Luther

PROGRAM	CAMP	DATE	2017 RETREATS & SPECIAL DAYS
TOBOGGAN RETREAT	Lutherwald	Feb 25-26	A Saturday mid-afternoon through Sunday morning retreat for middle school and high school youth groups and their adult sponsors with tobogganing at nearby Pokagon State Park, hosted by members of our summer camp staff. \$35.
SPRING WORK DAYS	Lutherwald Lake Luther Lutheran Hills	April 22 May 6 May 13	A spring Saturday work day to get the camp ready for a busy summer season. Projects include: cleaning, painting, light carpentry, splitting firewood—something for everyone of all ages. We begin at 9:00 am and finish with lunch at 1:00 pm.
CHILDREN'S DAY	Lutherwald Lake Luther Lutheran Hills	June 10 June 10 June 10	An OPEN HOUSE for the entire family that introduces youngsters and parents to camp by giving them a half-day (10:00 am – 2:00 pm.) camp experience that includes lunch. Kids are divided into age groups and get their own camp counselor for the day! FREE
"RUN FOR THE HILLS" 5K RACE, FUN WALK & BEAR CHASE	Lutheran Hills	June 25	A fundraiser for Lutheran Hills on Sunday morning at 9:00 am just prior to the BBQ. Categories: 5K competitive race, 5K fun run, 5K fun walk, Kids "Bear Chase." The event takes place on the Lutheran Hills trail system. Overnight housing is offered.
FAMILY DAY & OVERNIGHT	Lutherwald	July 15	Beginning at 11 am on Saturday, a full day of family activities led by our summer camp staff—canoe trip, swimming, games, hiking, arts & crafts, evening campfire program. Includes lunch and dinner. Overnight accommodations are available for those wanting to stay over and attend the next day BBQ. \$20 adults / \$10 kids
SUNDAY BBQ	Lutheran Hills Lutherwald Lake Luther	June 25 July 16 July 23	The annual summer Sunday morning gathering begins with worship at 10:30 am followed by the BBQ meal served 11:30 am—1:00 pm. \$8 adults, \$5 children.
LAKE LUTHER FEST	Lake Luther	July 21-23	A Friday evening to Sunday morning weekend program for families, middle school and high school youth groups and their adult leaders. Groups and families "camp out" for the weekend at Lake Luther's comfortable campground area, have full use of the camp and attend stage performances all weekend at NO COST. Meals \$5.
FALL RIVER RUN	Lake Luther	Sept 24 Oct 1	We offer 2 leisurely Sunday afternoon canoe trips for couples, families or youth groups on the Pigeon River on a peak color fall weekend. It's a 2 hour trip of easy paddling. \$20.

2017 SUMMER CAMP CALENDAR ... more info at lomik.org

WEEK	LUTHERAN HILLS	LUTHERWALD	LAKE LUTHER
June 11-16	Reading Camp Pilgrim • Super Pilgrim • Pioneer	Confirmation Camp I Pioneer • Trailblazer	Confirmation Camp
June 18-23	Pioneer • Trailblazer	Confirmation Camp II	Pilgrim • Pioneer Guitar Camp • Trailblazer
June 25-30	Sr. High Servant Camp Confirmation Camp • Trailblazer	CYCS Camp	Super Pilgrim • Pioneer Day Camp
July 5-8	Pilgrim • Grandparent Camp	Pilgrim • Grandparent Camp	AMH Week
July 9-14	Guitar Camp • Performing Arts Camp Hiking/Caving Adventure	Sr. High Servant Camp Trailblazer • Confirmation III	OPEN
July 16-21	Pioneer • Trailblazer (Stayover Option)	Pilgrim • Super Pilgrim Pioneer • Day Camp	Reading Camp Sr. High Ped-Pad Trip
July 23-28	Pioneer • Trailblazer	Neighborhood Camp	Pioneer • Trailblazer Trailblazer Servant Camp Baking Camp
July 30-August 4	Pilgrim • Super Pilgrim • Pioneer	Reading Camp Pioneer • Trailblazer	Pilgrim • Super Pilgrim Pioneer



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