



Lutheran Outdoor Ministries
Indiana-Kentucky Inc.

LOMIK Celebrates **50 Years of Camping!**

The summer of 2018 marked 50 years of camping ministry at our camps and a great time to celebrate God's work in these three very special settings. Much has changed over the years as was evidenced in the many stories and memories shared by different folks at the various celebrations. But the thing that has not changed is the way God continues to use this ministry to grow faith and build relationships that reveal God's divine grace and love. No matter what buildings were used, skits performed, songs sung, crafts made, trails hiked or traditions shared, God was present to those gathered to celebrate.



LOMIK Introduces **Rev. Stephen Flynn-New Executive Director**

I think, feel, believe that God can use, in a special way, the outdoor setting of creation to balance and address many of the challenges we face in our society today. I have witnessed this transforming grace in campers, staff & volunteers and heard the amazing stories of many others. My passion is to be a part of helping congregations in the grace filled proclaiming that they are already doing by growing and nurturing people's connection to God's creation.

God's Spirit connects with different people in different ways. The assumptions we bring to that divine encounter greatly impacts our hardened hearts. For many, there is something very special and freeing in the natural setting. For others it can be challenging and even scary. God can use all of that to break into our lives with messages of love and grace.

In this time of transition into the position of Executive Director I am doing a great deal of intentional listening and thinking and praying about the ways (old and new) that God has and can reach into people's lives in powerful ways through the work of Lutheran Outdoor Ministries.

I have been a pastor for 26 years serving congregations in Plymouth and LaGrange, Indiana and most recently in Frankfort, Ky. I am married to a wonderful person, Jo and together we have two children, Laura (living in Columbus, Ohio) and Aaron (a junior at Morehead State in Kentucky). I can't wait to see what God has in store for LOMIK!



How would you complete this phrase?

Camp is...

At the end of the summer as staff were cleaning up and reflecting on the season I overheard several comments made along lines expressing the same idea that, "Camp is the way the rest of the world should be." That really touched me and got me to thinking...so I asked folks to share what camp is. Here are some of the faith filled responses!



"Camp is forever in my heart."-Carolyn Fiegle



"Camp is a place where you learn how to love."-Joanna Erwin



"Camp is where I learned what it means to be a true follower of Jesus."-Dayle Matheny



"Camp is where I can truly be myself."-Lucas Blackwood

Our Camps Play An Important Role

Raising Up Leaders For The Church

Ministry is about relationships and we have to credit the success of our summer camp ministry at Lutherwald, Lutheran Hills and Lake Luther to our college-aged staff. They come from different places and attend different colleges, but they have these things in common—a love of the Gospel message and a desire to work with kids in the outdoor setting. This high-energy, enthusiastic group is carefully selected and work as a team to give guidance and special attention to the children in their care. We are thankful for their faith, dedication and good work. They make the difference!



PROGRAM	CAMP	DATE	2019 RETREATS & SPECIAL DAYS
TOBOGGAN RETREAT	Lutherwald	Feb 24-25	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 20 April 27 May 11	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.
CAMP OPEN HOUSE	Lutherwald Lake Luther Lutheran Hills	June 8 June 8 June 8	An OPEN HOUSE that introduces youngsters and parents to camp and our summer camp staff. No need to make reservations. Stop in anytime between 1:00-3:00 pm to meet the staff, take a camp tour, and see the cabins kids will be staying in. FREE
SUNDAY BBQ	Lutherwald Lake Luther	July 7 July 21	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. Come out and meet LOMIK's new Executive Director. \$8 adults, \$5 children.
LAKE LUTHER FEST	Lake Luther	July 19-20	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.
LUTHERAN HILLS FRIENDRAISER	Lutheran Hills	TBA	A day-long Saturday celebration of Lutheran Hills. Friends of the camp and former camp staff are invited to an afternoon of activities to celebrate and show their support for the camp. Friday and/or Saturday night accommodations are available by calling the camp at (812) 988-2519.
FALL WORK DAYS	Lake Luther Lutheran Hills Lutherwald	Oct 12 TBA TBA	Fall Saturdays are scheduled at each camp (9:00 am-12 noon) to help the camp get ready for winter. Projects include: splitting firewood, painting, and putting recreation equipment away for the winter. Check our website for additional fall volunteer opportunities.

2019 SUMMER CAMP CALENDAR ... more info at lomik.org

WEEK	LUTHERAN HILLS	LUTHERWALD	LAKE LUTHER
June 9-14	Reading Camp Pilgrim • Super Pilgrim • Pioneer	Confirmation Camp I Pioneer • Trailblazer	Confirmation Camp
June 16-21	Sr. High Servant Trailblazer Confirmation Camp I	Confirmation Camp II	Pilgrim • Super Pilgrim • Day Camp Pioneer • Trailblazer
June 23-28	Pioneer • Trailblazer Confirmation Camp II	CYCS Camp	OPEN
June 30-July 3	Pilgrim • Parent/Grandparent Camp	OPEN	AMH Week
July 7-12	Guitar Camp • Performing Arts Camp Hiking/Caving Adventure	Sr. High Servant Camp Trailblazer • Confirmation III	OPEN
July 14-19	Pilgrim • Supper Pilgrim Pioneer	Pilgrim • Super Pilgrim Pioneer • Day Camp	Reading Camp Sr. High Ped-Pad Trip
July 21-26	Pioneer • Trailblazer Confirmation Camp III	Neighborhood Camp	Pioneer • Baking Camp Trailblazer Servant Camp
July 28-August 2	Pilgrim • Super Pilgrim • Pioneer	Reading Camp Pioneer • Trailblazer	Pilgrim • Super Pilgrim Pioneer





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