

LUTHERAN HILLS - LUTHERWALD - LAKE LUTHER

LUTHERAN OUTDOOR MINISTRIES INDIANA-KENTUCKY INC.

FALL / WINTER 2013-2014

Serving Full-Time Since 2006

Bernards Retire As Lutherwald Managers

For the past 7 years, Don & Sue Bernard have provided hospitality to thousands of Lutherwald retreat visitors and summer campers. Together they have been instrumental in turning Lutherwald into a nationally-recognized 'showcase camp' and special destination for visitors. LOMIK Director, Mark Radloff, tells this story...

"It was a hot day in August 2002 and camp was over for the summer. I stopped by Lake Luther to check in with Dick Hagen, our camp manager. He was eating lunch with his wife Doris and some guy I had never seen before. Dick introduced me that day to Don Bernard, a recently retired Ft Wayne school teacher and member of St Matthew Lutheran Church, who had come up to help with some projects. 'Don showed up a few weeks back to volunteer his time. He's been a great help around here,' I remember Dick telling me.

Summer turned to fall and Don continued to faithfully show up at camp weekly to help not only Dick at Lake Luther, but also Larry Hamrick, our manager at Lutherwald.

Dick called me one day in December and said, 'Mark, is there money in next year's budget to hire Don part-time? We need a guy like him more than one day a week to help catch up on all the work that needs to be done around here and over at Lutherwald.' I thought about it for about two seconds and agreed that bringing Don onboard was something we could and should do.

Little did we know at the time that Dick would suffer a fatal heart attack that next month, just days before Don officially began working for LOMIK. Everyone in our camp family deeply felt the loss of our friend and co-worker. But Don picked up where Dick left off, working on repairs and improvements at the camps.

In spring 2006, we said goodbye to Larry & Margie Hamrick as they accepted positions with the Lutheran camps in their home state of South Carolina. We offered Don the full-time position at Lutherwald. 'Let me check with Sue and see if we can do this together,' Don said. So that's the story of how Don & Sue began working as a team as Lutherwald camp managers."

Here's the good news...The Bernards will continue to be involved. Don will work part-time as LOMIK Maintenance Manager, responsible for maintenance oversight at all 3 of our camps—and Sue will help out as the need arises with special events.



Bob Bosserman, President of the LOMIK Board of Directors, addresses the "Bernard Appreciation Dinner" held at Glendarin Golf Club in Angola on August 23.

Members of the Lutherwald summer camp staff pose with Don & Sue at the 2013 Lutherwald Hog Roast.

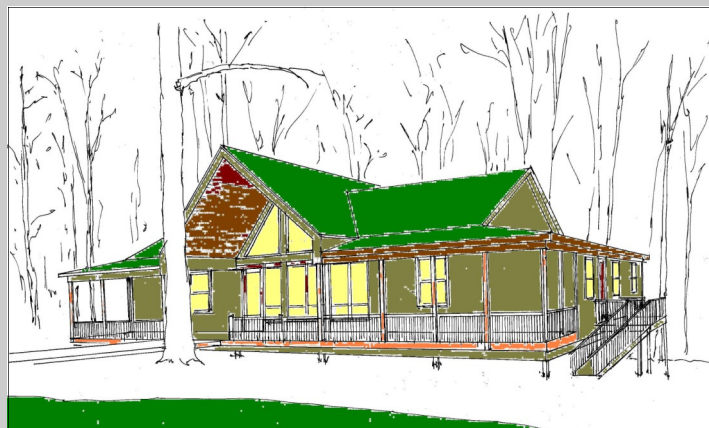


New Construction in 2014 Lutheran Hills Update

Planning is in the early stages, but the LOMIK Board of Directors are moving forward with plans to give Lutheran Hills a new look in 2014.

This winter and spring will see the demolition of GINKO/GUEST HOUSE, replacing it with a new facility (similar to the Jerusalem house built at Lutherwald in 2012) that will be ready for the summer.

Also in the works for 2014 are plans to begin the first phase of renovating SHEDRON LODGE (left), giving it an outside facelift and reconfiguring/updating the interior—where it will accommodate up to 24 overnight guests.





Helping Build Up Our Camp Ministry

LOMIK Named Endowments

LOMIK "Named Endowments" are gifts of \$10,000 or more, invested and managed by Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Indiana-Kentucky, to provide annual income for camp ministry. Contact LOMIK at (260) 667-7750 on how to establish a "Named Endowment" to honor a pastor, friend or family member. LOMIK currently has 6 accounts with a value of \$75,500 in protected principal:



• Rev. Fred Hanes SCHOLARSHIP Endowment

Purpose: To provide an annual gift for summer camp scholarships.

Established: 2007 by Hanes family and friends.

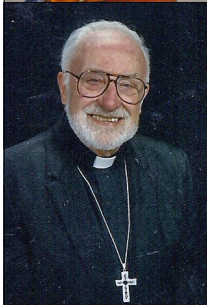
History: Rev Fred Hanes was President of the United Lutheran Church when Lutherwald was established in 1949. Pastor Hanes, instrumental in arranging the purchase of the Lutherwald camp property, was honored through the naming of Hanes Lodge, Lutherwald's main camp facility, in 1955.

• Rev. Rodney Willeke SCHOLARSHIP Endowment

Purpose: To provide an annual gift for summer camp scholarships.

Established: 2009 by St Mark's Lutheran Church/Ft Wayne and Risen Savior Lutheran Church/Ft Wayne.

History: Pastor Rod & Martie Willeke have been long-time supporters of Lake Luther and former campground members. The endowment was established on the occasion of Pastor Willeke's 50th ordination anniversary by St Mark's and Risen Savior congregations.



• KEMPSKI RETREAT CENTER Endowment

Purpose: To assist with the costs of maintenance and upkeep of the Kempski Retreat Center at Lutherwald.

Established: 2010 by Bishop Ralph & Mary Kempski.

History: The Kempski Retreat Center was named in 1986 to honor Rev Ralph Kempski, Bishop of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod from 1979-1998. The retreat center was built as a result of the Greater Lutheran Outdoor Witness (GLOW) campaign, a synod-wide outdoor ministry fundraising effort in the mid-1980s.

• Bishop James R. Stuck SCHOLARSHIP Endowment

Purpose: To provide an annual gift for summer camp scholarships.

Established: 2010 by the Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Indiana-Kentucky Board of Directors.

History: Bishop James R. Stuck served the Indiana-Kentucky Synod ELCA from 1998-2010, a time of unprecedented growth for our camps. Bishop Stuck has been a life-long avid supporter of Lutheran Hills, Lake Luther and Lutherwald. On the occasion of Bishop Stuck's retirement, the LOMIK Board of Directors announced the establishment of this fund in his honor at the 2010 Indiana-Kentucky Synod Assembly.



• Dr. George & Tiffiny Mansfield READING CAMP Endowment

Purpose: To provide an annual gift to help cover costs associated with Reading Camp camper scholarships and program needs.

Established: 2011 by Dr George & Tiffini Mansfield

History: Dr Mansfield, alarmed in learning that some states base their future prison population estimates on the literacy failure rate of current elementary school children, was motivated to establish this fund when he learned LOMIK was addressing this issue through its Reading Camp program. Although Dr & Mrs Mansfield, members of St Paul's/Seymour, have been blessed with children of their own who do not struggle with reading, they feel passionately that children be provided opportunity to achieve their potential.



• Pastor Tom Herbon SCHOLARSHIP Endowment

Purpose: To provide an annual gift for summer camp scholarships.

Established: 2011 by wife Carole and sons John & David.

History: Pastor Herbon served three congregations in Indiana—Calvary/Angola, St John/Ft Wayne, Trinity/Goshen. All three congregations were instrumental in the founding of Lake Luther. Rev Herbon served on the Indiana-Kentucky Synod Outdoor Ministries Committee, was involved in fundraising efforts at Lake Luther, and two of his sons served on summer camp staff.

Our Camps Play An Important Role

Raising Up Leaders For The Church



If ministry is about relationships, 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 dedicated, 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 dedication and good work. They make the difference.

PROGRAM	CAMP	DATES	2014 RETREATS & SPECIAL DAYS For full details.... www.lomik.org
NEW YEARS LOCK-IN	Lutherwald	Dec 31-Jan 1	An awesome 22-hour event for youth grades 5-8—and “no worries” for parents—as this event is staffed by members of our summer camp staff. Bring in the New Year with food, fun and your camp friends! \$45.
TOBOGGAN RETREAT	Lake Luther	Feb 22-23	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. \$25.
KICKOFF BREAKFAST	Lake Luther/ Lutherwald Lutheran Hills	April 12 April 26	LOMIK kicks off 2014 with a spring breakfast event at 9:00 am. It's our annual “stakeholders meeting” hosted by the LOMIK Board of Directors. So come and join congregational leaders, pastors, parents—everyone who has an interest in our camps! FREE
JOIN HANDS DAY	Lake Luther Lutherwald Lutheran Hills	May 3 May 3 May 10	A Saturday work day for all ages (9:00 am-2:00 pm). Projects to get the camp ready for summer include cleaning, painting, light carpentry, camp store setup and yard work. The day is sponsored by Thrivent Financial. Lunch is provided at 1:00 pm. FREE
CHILDREN'S DAY	Lutherwald Lake Luther Lutheran Hills	June 14 June 14 June 14	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
FAMILY DAY	Lutheran Hills Lutherwald	June 21 June 12	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 22 July 13 July 20	The annual summer 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 25-27	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 28 Oct 12	We offer 2 leisurely Sunday afternoon canoe/kayak 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.
TRAILBLAZER WEEKEND	Lake Luther Lutheran Hills	Oct 17-19 Nov 7-9	A programmed event (Friday evening through Sunday morning) for middle school youth groups (grades 6-7-8) and their adult leaders led by our summer camp staff. \$70.
TECUMSEH TRAIL DAY HIKE	Lutheran Hills	Oct 25	Arrive Friday night or Saturday morning for a 9-mile day hike one of Indiana’s premier hiking trails that runs along the Lutheran Hills property line. We begin with breakfast at 8:00 am. Lunch is provided. \$20.
PRE-HOLIDAY COOKIE BAKE	Lutherwald	Nov 1	Come and get all of your holiday cookies baked and enjoy the fellowship of other bakers. Come ready to help in the kitchen and leave with several batches of fresh baked homemade cookies and ready-to-freeze cookie dough. \$30.

Lake Luther Reunion

July 25-27, 2014

If you were ever a staff member, board member, pastor, youth camper, family camper, or simply a lover of Lake Luther, please join us!

For more info: Friend Lake Luther Reunion on Facebook or email us at lakelutherreunion@gmail.com

Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.
— Matthew 4:19





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