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On Saturday, November 16th, the Lutherlyn Family celebrated the life of Randy Gullickson with Randy's family and friends at First English Lutheran Church in Butler and then at the Lutherlyn Dining Hall. It was a time of sadness and mourning but also a beautiful celebration of Randy's life. Randy worked with his pastor to write his funeral and it was as "Randy" as it gets! The readings, message, and songs spoke so beautifully of a life lived to the fullest in service to God and others. Randy's footprints and fingerprints are all over Lutherlyn, and we are forever grateful for his visionary leadership and creativity.

Obituary for Rev. Randal K. Gullickson June 9, 1951 - November 10, 2019

The Reverend Randal K. Gullickson died at home on Sunday, November 10, 2019, surrounded by his family and friends and embraced in their love. In the weeks before falling ill, Randy was traveling in Switzerland and France, riding trains through the Alps, visiting the Matterhorn, and living his maxim, *exprime diem*, squeezing every day to the very last drop.

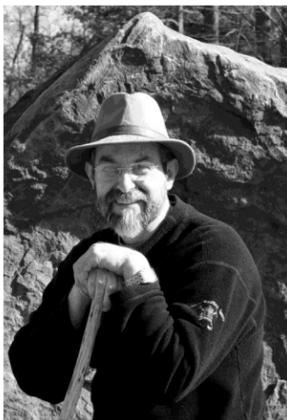
Randy is survived by his beloved wife of 45 years, Tracy Baker Gullickson; his son, Jason (Jessica) Gullickson, and grandson, Malcolm, of Baden, PA; his daughter, Anna (Rob Morris) Gullickson of Butler, PA; and his brother, Jeff (Mary) Gullickson of Hubertus, WI. He was preceded in death by his parents, Russell and Arlene Gullickson, and the infant brother he never met, David.

He earned his bachelor's degree from Carthage College in Kenosha, WI, and his Master of Divinity from Luther-Northwestern Seminary in St. Paul, MN. After completing seminary, he served as Assistant Minister at Grace Lutheran Church in Kenosha, WI, and then as Executive Director of Luther Park Bible Camp in Danbury, WI. In 1985, Randy moved his family to Pennsylvania, where he fulfilled the role of Executive Director at Camp Lutherlyn in Prospect, PA, for 31 years until his retirement in 2016.

Over the years he served on many National Lutheran Outdoor Ministries committees, as president of the Association of Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Professionals, and on the Board of Directors of Lutheran Outdoor Ministries.

Randy had a deep and abiding love for God's creation, and he spent much of his time adventuring in the great outdoors. He made it his life's purpose to teach and challenge others to show God's love by making life-giving choices and living with open hands in God's grace. During his years at Lutherlyn, he changed the lives of thousands of campers and staff by listening, inspiring, and loving, with a passion for making the Gospel come alive.

He was known for his abilities to engineer, invent, build, and fix almost anything. He was an inspirational thinker who was called to create things that awaken spirit. He loved camping, canoeing, travel, music, wood and leatherworking, telling stories, writing poetry, crafting pottery, philosophizing, mastering just about any skill that caught his interest, and making jokes. Especially bad puns. His wit and sense of humor were gifts he freely gave to everyone he met, right up to the end. Randy taught us how to live, even as he showed us how to die – building bridges and tearing down walls – making connections with, affirming, and giving life to everyone he could reach.



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To our wonderful Lutherlyn family,

Thank you so much for the prayers, condolences, and love shared with us in the wake of Randy's passing. We are also very appreciative of the lovely post funeral luncheon hosted by Lutherlyn staff and volunteers.

Thank you all for the many gifts given in his memory. You are truly amazing and we are so blessed to call you friends!

~The Family of Randy Gullickson

Summer Camp

LIFE-CHANGING ADVENTURES IN FAITH!

SEMINARY STUDENTS ON SUMMER STAFF

Lutherlyn was blessed with three seminary students on summer staff in 2019. It was a joy to have Ryan Fitch, Kelsey Kresse, and Roger Randolph with us for the summer!

Roger is from the Southwestern PA Synod and is currently in his first year at United Lutheran Seminary in Philadelphia. He is preparing to be a military chaplain. Kelsey is from the Northwestern PA Synod and was a Lutherlyn camper and former summer staffer. Kelsey is a student at Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and is currently serving as an intern with a congregation in Texas. Ryan was on summer staff at Camp Mount Luther for several years before joining us at Lutherlyn. Ryan is a student at United Lutheran Seminary in Gettysburg and is currently serving as an intern at Lutherlyn and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Chicora.

These seminary students led our Wednesday evening all-camp worship throughout the summer and we made a point of letting our campers know that they are all studying to be Lutheran pastors.

SUMMER STAFF SEARCH

If you or someone you know is interested in serving God, making a difference in the lives of campers, being part of a Christian community, and having a great time with lots of kids, please check out lutherlyn.com/summeremployment or contact the camp office!



UNDER THE RADAR

We are thrilled to announce that Lutherlyn's summer campers met our goal of providing 26 bunk beds, complete with the bed frame, mattress, and bedding, for the Kenduiwo Orphanage in Kenya.

Sue Kantz, from "In the Light Ministry" (and former Lutherlyn summer staffer), was able to go to the Kenduiwo Orphanage while the bunk beds were being installed. Here is Sue's message to Lutherlyn:

I am writing to update you on my trip to Kenya and the delivery of the bunk beds to Kenduiwo Orphanage. We were able to have 26 bunk beds made in Nairobi and shipped to Bomet along with 60 new mattresses with blankets, bed covers, sheets and pillows. All transported in two buses and they arrived three days before I did. I have never seen the children so happy. I visited for three days and they told me how great it was to sleep "one and one" (meaning one bed to one child); they told me how warm they were at night and how grateful they are for the support that Lutherlyn has given them. They were so moved when I told them that much of the money donated was from other children whose hearts were moved by God to help them. No words can truly describe what a blessing this has been so I will let the picture tell the rest of the story.

I will also add that God's blessings were far reaching in this project. I can't list them all but an example is that the original order of sheets and pillow cases was not correct. So when we realized the issue we asked a local vendor in the slums of Kenghemi to make the pillows. This business order not only saved her business from closing, it also allowed the owner to pay her rent and feed her children; at the time she did not think it was possible.

Thank you to the many Lutherlyn campers, staff, parents and family campers who have contributed to this great blessing.

Love and blessings,
In The Light Ministry

SPREAD THE WORD!

Please invite friends, neighbors, grandchildren, kids from your congregation, and friends of your children to register for summer camp! A personal invitation from someone who knows and loves camp is the most effective way to get new campers to Lutherlyn!



SUMMER BIBLE STUDY THEME

Our Summer Bible Study and worship theme for 2019 was "Transformed Community". The theme verse was Romans 12:2 — "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect."

We spent the week learning about the ways that the love and grace of God can transform community through inclusion, justice, compassion, forgiveness, and generosity. Our Sunday evening worship focused on understanding the verse from Romans (with the help of a real-life Siri). Wednesday all-camp worship was about community. Campers were challenged to consider all of the communities that they are a part of and what it is that they can do to share the love and grace of God in those communities. Friday closing worship was about taking everything that we learned during the week and using it to let the light of Christ shine in the world (because after all, none of us actually glows in the dark so "let your light shine" must mean that we must do something to shine that light).

Our theme for the summer of 2020 is "Living in God's Time" and the theme verse is Ecclesiastes 3:1— "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven."



\$100 off for FIRST-TIME campers!

This coupon code entitles FIRST-TIME Lutherlyn campers to \$100 off of the registration fee for Summer 2020. This applies to Lutherlyn's residential week-long programs. Half week programs (Young Folks & Sampler) get \$50 off for FIRST-TIME campers.

Does not apply to Family Camp, Confirmation Camp, Day Camps, or Small Fry Days. Must be a FIRST-TIME summer camper. No additional discounts may be combined with this offer. Enter coupon code: NLTR20.

Register at WWW.LUTHERLYN.COM/SUMMER.
Registration opens February 1

Equestrian Center & Adventure

LUTHERLYN EQUESTRIAN CENTER

This year our program continued to grow, and we reached more than 70 students with Equestrian Services! With growth comes change; many of our favorites are starting to age, and the time has come to start adding new lesson horses into the program. We have been blessed this year with three new horses that now call Lutherlyn home.

Silver Britches was donated to our program in early January. He is probably the cutest horse I have ever met. Silver is a 19-year-old Quarter Horse cross. He has spent the majority of his life as a child's show horse. He began his second career as a lesson horse about three years ago and has taught many young riders how to walk, trot, canter and jump. He is easy going and very trustworthy. He loves being outside in the pasture with his buddies.

In early spring we took a horse named Freeport in for trial. Freeport (known around the barn as Romeo) was a retired show hunter. He competed in three foot hunters and was even on TV! Romeo is such a Romeo. He is sweet and everyone who works with him just adores his loving personality. He soon became a barn favorite. Romeo is an 11-year-old Thoroughbred cross. He is a great all-around horse and loves to work with the more advanced students.

Our most recent addition is Artifact Hunter, fondly known as Reggie. Reggie is a 13-year-old Registered Appaloosa gelding. Reggie has been trained in western pleasure, hunt seat pleasure, and showmanship. He makes a great addition because he adds some diversity to the herd. Showmanship is a great skill for students to learn, and many of our horses are not as well trained in that as Reggie is. He makes a great mount for the students who participate in our 4-H program.

This year we had the opportunity to start a youth outreach program in the town of Butler. Youth who participate in the Justice Works program began coming out to the barn. They are seeking volunteer opportunities to help build their resumes, and some of the participants have even started riding lessons. We have enjoyed seeing the emotional growth these teens have made and the connection they have developed with the horses. This is a great program that we hope to continue in the coming years.

And as winter approaches we are looking forward to the snow! The horses love the snow, and it is better for their hooves than the mud. So let it snow baby!

Carla Babcock
Equestrian Center Director

WISH LIST

(see the full list at www.lutherlyn.com under the "support" menu)

Site and Facility:

Golf Cart for Nurses (prefer electric)
6-foot white plastic tables – Lifetime brand (16)
50-foot outdoor extension cords (10)
Multi-plug power strips (10)
Flatware (knives, forks, spoons)
New or gently used vacuum cleaners
Reliable mini vans or SUVs with current inspection
Reliable 4 wheel drive pick-up truck with inspection
Truckloads of 2A limestone (for roads and paths)
Gift Cards for Home Depot, Lowes, and Walmart
New work gloves (all sizes)
New or like-new washers and dryers
Painter's Tape (blue) – 1- and 2- in. wide
Tarps (all sizes, no holes)

Office:

Forever stamps
Pens & pencils
Dry erase markers and erasers
Copy paper
White cardstock
Paperclips
Masking tape
Scissors
Permanent markers
New easels and paper pads

Summer Program:

Pony and Seed beads
Embroidery floss/Friendship bracelet string
New washable markers
New colored pencils
Paint brushes
Construction paper
Colored tissue paper
Glue sticks
New fishing rods – kid friendly (10)
New unscented jar candles

Equestrian Center:

Shop Vac (around 15 gallons)
Electric Air Compressor
Rubber mats for stalls
Water proof sheets (68", 70", 78")
Water proof blankets (68", 70", 78")
Fly spray & fly masks
18" Jumping saddle
MSM joint supplement
Horse multivitamin supplements
Cat food
Cat flea & tick treatment

Environmental Education:

Kid- and adult-sized rain coats
NEW 8x10 tarps, and larger
Kid- and adult-sized winter gloves
Vis-à-vis wet erase markers

Special Events that Benefit Camperships:

Handmade bed-size quilts for Quilt Auctions and Sales
Gift Baskets (contact the office for more specifics)
Monetary Sponsorships

Volunteers:

Skilled volunteers to hang drywall
Skilled volunteers for demolition of old cabins
Someone with video/editing skills to make promo video(s)
Help to maintain flower beds and Amphitheater
Assistants for therapeutic riding lessons
Help clearing hiking and riding trails
Event volunteers
General maintenance help
General cleaning help
General office help
Nurses to help for a week in the summer or on Sundays in the summer during check-in



LUTHERLYN ADVENTURE PROGRAM

First and foremost, I want to thank all of the donors, participants, volunteers, and campers that took advantage of outdoor recreation and adventure programming at Lutherlyn in 2019. We had another wonderful year and look forward to providing more adventures that allow us to welcome all visitors for opportunities to challenge themselves and to grow.

Our summer Adventurers program was well attended and included many repeat campers. This past summer we offered "Level 2 Adventurers" for three weeks and we piloted a new on-site program called "Junior Adventurers". "Level 1 Adventurers" ran for three weeks of the summer and continues to be a great outlet for campers to learn new skills and engage in new experiences. I am happy to say that all of these programs went exceptionally well and will be offered again in 2020.

Our yearly programming was extended to many different groups. Throughout the course of the school year we hosted numerous team building field trips that helped students focus on the importance of cooperation, effective communication, trust, and respect. We also created opportunities for many other organized groups to challenge themselves on our High Ropes course. The diversity of groups that find their way to Lutherlyn is always one of the most exciting parts of the adventure program.

As we move forward into 2020 we will continue to make Lutherlyn's adventure program a place where all of our participants are able to step out of their comfort zones, challenge themselves in a safe and accepting environment, and leave with new confidence in themselves and others. As always if anyone has any interest in volunteering to help work on an adventure specific project, please don't hesitate to contact me at adventure@lutherlyn.com.

Timothy Bock
Adventure Program Director



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Paul & Patricia Lebanik
Alan & Roseann Lee
Sarah Lee-Faulkner
David Lendt
John & Deanna Leuenberger
Frank & Phyllis Lewis
Amanda Lindgren
Roy Lloyd
Jake & Emily Lobins
John Logan
Michael & Lauren Lyons
Clarence Madison
L. Lea Marshall
Valerie & John McConnell
Virginia McMullan
Timothy McNeal
Dorothy McWilliams
George & Rose Mellors
Kevin & Mira Merritt
Charles Merroth
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Jeremy Meyer
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Monteverde's Inc
Charles & Denise Morrison
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 Ethan Ritenour
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 Rock Ann Haven
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 Ken Saunders
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 George Schein
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 Charles & Martha Schmitzer
 Nancy Schreiber
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 Douglas & Grace Seitam
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 Donald & Sonja Shoup
 Norann & James Shuey
 Kari & Dan Smail
 Jean Soergel
 Donna Spinetti
 Marie & Donald Spohn
 St. John's Lutheran Church, New Castle
 St. John's Lutheran Church,
 Connoquenessing
 St. Matthews Evangelical Lutheran Church,
 Pittsburgh
 St. Paul's Highfield Lutheran Church,
 Vandergrift
 Virginia & Dennis Stacy
 Michelle Steiner
 Carolyn L. Street
 Bill Sweeney
 Thomas Chiropractic Center, LLC.
 Thompson Miller Funeral Home, Inc.
 Seth & Lydia Tost
 Traf-Sys
 Charles Treser
 Jon & Barbara Trettel
 Ryan & Meredith Trimble
 Trinity Lutheran Church, Pittsburgh
 Jamie Ulrich
 Wallace Utley
 WELCA/ Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
 WELCA/Mary Circle
 WELCA/New Hope Lutheran Church
 Marsha & Jim Williams
 Reynolds & Joyce Wingard
 Brenden Woodside
 Robert & Nancy Wright
 Donald & Frances Wyman
 Althea Yenchak
 Rob Young
 James & Mary Kay Young
 Randy & Miriam Youngquist-Thurrow
 Amanda Zelnis
 Joyce Zelnis
 Shirley & Warren Zundel

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Anonymous (4)
 Christine M Adams
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 Martha Bachman
 Kristopher L Barnes
 Richard Bolstad
 Jeffrey Bost
 Evelyn Booth
 Joshua Bow
 Andrew Brown
 Edward Brut
 Martha Burkett
 Kathryn E Buzard
 Ronald D Cairns
 Susan Carey
 Roger Carlson
 Diane Carson
 Karin Cheslar
 Caron Chonoska
 Joann Chonoska
 John Coulter
 Paul Curran
 Julie David
 Richard R Davis
 Mary B Davison
 Richard E DeRing
 Richard H Drevess
 Robert Eicher
 Carol Ellis
 Curtis Eshelman
 Denise Flaherty
 Charles J Fleischer
 Andre Francois
 John Frantz
 Betty Gabriel
 Mareah Garver
 Nora Gelnett
 Ronald E Goehring
 Samuel Goncz

Karen Grosclaude
 William Hansmann
 Patricia Hauser
 Robert J Hedegore
 Andrew Held
 John A Helinski Jr
 Samuel Hess
 Jill Hixon
 Jack Hohbach
 Gail Holm
 Jacquelyn Holmberg
 Laura Horstman
 Charen Housley
 Jacqueline Jacobs
 John Jeffries
 Colleen Johnson
 Melissa Johnston
 Dr. Philip Joyce
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 Linda Kelley
 Lewis Klingensmith
 Pastor Darla Kratzer
 Rev James K Laber
 Anna-Marie Labowski
 Brian Lauffer
 Gary & Priscilla Lester
 Bruce Light
 Dorothy Lindner
 Russell & Shelby Livingston
 Janet C Lyons
 Carly Maceil
 Dean Matanin
 Beth McAfoose
 Stan & Pat McCollough
 Howard McIlvried III
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 Linda Meyerdierks
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 Carol Newell
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 Barbara & Ronald Palmer
 James Pepka
 Gregory Rankin
 Nancy Reed
 Vivien Reel
 Robert & Sharon Roemer
 James Schnebel
 Rosemarie Schuller
 Terry Schulz
 Judith Seanor
 Justin Seanor
 Dale Sechrist
 Gerald & Patricia Shanor
 John W Schlotter
 Anthony Simonetti
 Gretchen A Smith
 Ronald & Mary Spoonhoward
 Stephen Thelin
 Jason & Tanya Tost
 Seth A Tost
 Janet VanDyke
 Carmen Vergari
 Maria Von Mickwitz
 Jeffrey Ward
 Martha Ward
 Ruby Wiles
 James & Marsha Williams
 Reynolds Wingerd
 Darlene Wyland
 Catherine Yeager
 Robin Yothers
 Allen Zabkar

Honorarium Gifts from 11/01/2018 – 10/31/2019

Douglas Bauer
 by Karen & Dave Bauer
Robert & Melanie Best Wilson Family
 by Curtis & Sally Frank
Pastor Kirk Bish
 by Soergel Orchards
Lucie Brocious
 by William & Terrye Bullers
Dr. Mark Carlsson
 by Rev. Andrew Carlsson
Sue Carothers
 by Kathy & Dale Ebner
My step-dad, Adam Cinna
 by Ryder Peet
James, Ro & Matt Clarke
 by Curtis & Sally Frank
Cullen & Brennan Cleary
 by Michelle Cleary
Eric, Owen, & JoJo Davis
 by Don & Pat Melpolder
Edmund T Dlutowski
 by Edmund Dlutowski
Dr. Charles & Janice Durmis and sons
 by Mary Durmis
Nolan Durst
 by Leslye & Timothy Durst
Levi Andrew Ebner
 by Joan Ferraro
Erica, Benjamin, & Elizabeth Flanders
 by George & Barbara Flanders
Pastor Bob Free
 by Peter Nordby & Lisa Hildenbrand
Todd Garcia-Bish
 by Violet & Andrea Dunmyre
Sarah & Joshua Gold
 by Glen & Donna Gold
Sara Goncz
 by Rev. Susan Irons
Meredith Harber
 by George Dempsie

by Sandra Harber
Scott Hunter Best Family
 by Curtis & Sally Frank
John Jeffries
 by Barbara Novak
 by Sue Carothers
Bishop Ralph Jones
 by Punxsutawney Area Lutheran Parish
L. Clair & Carroll Klingensmith
 by L. Clair & Carroll Klingensmith
Pastor J Kenneth Laber
 by St. Peters Lutheran Church, North East, PA
Allen Langley
 by Heather & Chris Lucy
John & Betty Sue Lehw
 by John & Betty Sue Lehw
June Charlotte Lobins
 by James & Rebecca Slade
Kathy & Doc McKissick
 by Heidi Morris & John Schlotter
Katie McNeal for leading worship with us
 by Trinity Lutheran Church, Wexford
Chris Morris
 by Heidi Morris & John Schlotter
Bob & Linda Morris
 by Heidi Morris & John Schlotter
Macy & Riley Parise
 by Kristin Parise
Andrew & Adam Pfister
 by Tim & Lisa Pfister
Ethan Ritenour
 by John & Louise Campbell
Deb Roberts
 by Ted & Theresa Schroeder
Eli & Grace Roberts
 by Dick & Betty Roberts
Holly Schubert
 by SWPA WELCA
Lydia & Ezekiel Steiner
 by Jonathan Steiner
Carl & Judi Stoops
 by Laurel Rae
Maddie & Ian Trimble
 by Jan & Walt Treser
Paul Veltkamp
 by Heidi Morris
Marian Walters
 by Cindy Karr
LuAnn Wheeler
 by Matt & Jennie Wheeler
Renetta & Dave Winkler
 by Heidi Morris & John Schlotter
Our 40th Wedding Anniversary
 by Jim and Dottie Zaffuto
The marriage of Abigail & Colin Blackburn
 by Tammy Scanga
Pastor Ryan Kobert's Installation
 by St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Sewickley
2019 Summer Staff
 by Julie Kingery
Trinity's Sunday School Teachers
 by Trinity Lutheran Church, Ellwood City
Trinity Lutheran, Butler
 by Deborah Roginski
Summer Camp Staff
 by Kristen & Michael Dougherty
Lori & Trisha
 by Fred & Ann Wineman
The glory of God
 by Emmanuel Heilman Lutheran Church
Our 62nd Anniversary
 by Carroll & Clair Klingensmith
Family Campers
 by John & Jacque Holmberg

Memoriam Gifts from 11/01/2018 – 10/31/2019

Vern Adams
 by The Lasser Family
Joyce Admomaitis
 by Shirl Brut
Matthew Quay Ammon
 by Joyce & Gary Kottner
 by Kathy & Paul Gaberson
William and Cora Baer
 by Judi Seanor
Anna Bainbridge
 by Scott Peters
Jean & Elmer Bentz
 by Mark & Kathy Armstrong
 by Kathy Armstrong
Homer & Dorothy Bollen
 by Joyce & Gary Kottner
My parents, Harry & Katherine Booth
 by Evelyn Booth
Dick Cheers
 by Ann Rodgers
A. Dale & Jane B. Clarke
 by Curtis & Sally Frank
Barbara Lynn Claypoole
 by Robert Claypoole
Penny Davis
 by Cheryl Becker-George
 by Justine Brown
 by Susan Catanzarito
 by Barbara Hoffer
 by Kathy Rogerson
 by Marilyn Rogerson
 by Nancy Slezak
 by Helen Voegler
 by Jocelyn Sinopoli
 by Pat Bernoit
 by Shirl Brut
Carol Ann Decker
 by Rev. Sigmund Decker
William N. DiBenedetto Jr
 by Natalie DiBenedetto
Mary & Ed Eller
 by Lynn Schrimper
Stephanie Steininger Eslinger
 by Merab Drennen

Pastor Charles E Fair
 by C. Louise Fair
Rev. Paul E. Fauth
 by Deborah Sitter
Alice Filges
 by DeWayne Filges
Wilma Follmer
 by Carl Follmer
Carol Folwell
 by Kathleen Schubert
Rev. Dr. James N. & Edith W. Frank
 by Curtis & Sally Frank
John, Sally, & Pat Freed
 by Jack & Judy Freed
Suzan Rote Gergerich
 by Deborah Ross
Edwina Gesler
 by Rev. Dr. Al Gesler Jr
Ethel Mae Graff
 by Trinity Lutheran Church, Ellwood City
Dora Graff
 by Trinity Lutheran Church, Ellwood City
Frank Graham
 by John & Betty Sue Lehw
Daniel Headrick
 by Nancy Headrick
Scott Henjum
 by Nancy & John Jeffries
Sue Hindman
 by John & Betty Sue Lehw
Ruth Hanger Horchak
 by Marlin & Naomi Morris
Kelly Christen Jones
 by Gene & Karen Jones
Jean Joyce
 by Dr. Philip Joyce
Arthur & Martha Klein
 by William & Karen Newson
Jeffrey Leslie
 by John & Sheryl Borden
Martha Luppold
 by Roger Luppold
Daniel C. Maguire, Jr.
 by Heidi Morris & John Schlotter
 by Carol Geyer
Elma Maier
 by Cheryl Scheck
 by Ted & Janet Kaltwasser
 by St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Corry, PA
 by Susan Farrell
 by Bill & Elaine Fugate
 by Irene Knight
 by Harold & Doris Laderer
 by Signe Mitchell
 by Marcia Ligas
 by Tom & Sandy Rossman
 by William & Linda Zundel
 by John & Betty Sue Lehw
 by Janet Huggins
 by Heidi Morris & John Schlotter
Evon Marrett
 by Donald & Barbara Baker
Kenneth & Mary May
 by Donald May
Mary May
 by Donald May
David Michael
 by Fred & Marilyn Michael
Grandpap George Miller
 by Janet Miller
Ernest Montgomery
 by Howard & Mary Martin
Wil Morrow
 by Daniel & Susan Morrow
Arthur R. Patterson
 by Roy Lloyd
Helen Piacenza
 by Helena & Clyde Baker
Rev. Gordon Ray
 by John & Anne Harmon
Elaine Roehling
 by Ed Roehling
Thomas W Rowe, Jr
 by Mollie Ann & Larry Hibbs
Rev. Earl Runge
 by Keith Runge
Bill Schrimper
 by Lynn Schrimper
 by Bill Schrimper Scholarship Fund
Rev. Sam Shaulis
 by Allison Sternat
 by John & Betty Sue Lehw
 by The Shaulis Family
Rev. & Mrs. Samuel Shaulis
 by John & Betty Sue Lehw
Rev. Samuel & Janet Shaulis
 by John & Betty Sue Lehw
Our Son, Richard Slomer
 by John & Dottie Slomer
Carl Smail
 by Marilyn Smail
John K. Smith
 by Adam & Natalie Dzuricky
Deb Steiner
 by Doris Herceg
Joyce Steiner
 by Jonathan Steiner
 by Daniel Richards
 by Christine Edenfield
 by Linda & Kevin Mathias
 by Judith McCulloh
 by James Fruehstorfer
 by Judith Espey
 by Kirby Brugh
 by Luann & Vincent Surace
 by LaVerne Mochnick
 by Peter & Marian Sue Kovalchik
 by Faith & James Crooks
 by Pamela & Wayne Barton
 by Michael & Tina O'Block
 by Sandra Miller
 by Marlene & Sam Barkerfelt

by Janet Burton
 by Greg & Lori Calhoun
 by Duane & Barbara DiPietro
 by Marshall & Dolores Guyon
 by Jean Heasley
 by Barb & Joe Myers
 by Karen Steeley
 by Mike & Susan Manovich
 by William Logan
 by Rebecca Rodock
 by Brush Creek Lutheran Church
 by Eileen M Larouere
 by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Strait
 by Mr. & Mrs. Tedd Webb Jr
 by Mr. & Mrs. Homer Lyons
 by R. Beryl Richardson
 by Marilyn J. Tallant
 by Mr. & Mrs. John W. Graft
 by Margaret Brown
 by Mr. & Mrs. Keith Milton
 by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hopkinson
 by Her Children
 by Harold & Melissa Suain
 by James & Carol Bramlett
 by Dom & Ginny Ceresa
 by Sharon & David Hartis
 by Robert & Barbara Sisko
 by Bubba Hileman
 by Petroski
Pastor & Mrs. William Steiner
 by Signe Erne
Lois Steiner, our Aunt and Godmother
 by Joel & Debi Alexis
Rev. Dr. Russell F Steinger
 by Merab Drennen
Ruth Steinger
 by Merab Drennen
Dorothy & Robert Sternat
 by Allison Sternat
Rev. & Mrs. Robert Sternat
 by John & Betty Sue Lehw
Judith Stoops
 by Laurel Rae
My Mother, Karen M Tjader, with love
 by William & Youxu Cai Tjader
Anna Trettel
 by Traf-Sys
 by Mary Anne & William Harmon
 by Dorothy Dillemoth
 by Jon & Barbara Trettel
 by Cynthia & Joseph Burns
 by Thomas & Mary Ellen Hummell
 by Rev. Dr. Roger & Catherine Fischer
Tom & Augusta Vezzetti
 by Del & Alicia Brockett
Helen J Walters
 by Lucille Allen
Betty Jane Worthy
 by Nancy Quinn
 by Sandra & William Seaton
 by The Carretta Family
 by Kristine & James Wieter
 by Darlene Leshnock
 by Don & June Kudas
 by Ronald & June Bacco
Dorothy Worthy
 by Margaret Brown
The Worthy Family
 by Don & June Kudas
Brian Yezek
 by Donald & Barbara Baker
Olga Zinn
 by The Lasser Family
Our Parents
 by Elaine & Peter Egan
Loved Ones
 by Kimberly & Andrew Moore

Our sincerest apologies if we omitted your name. Please notify Lutherlyn of any omissions or errors.

Lutherlyn promises to never turn a child away from summer camp for financial reasons.

Lutherlyn can keep this promise thanks to the many individuals, families, congregations, foundations, and businesses who support camp with prayers, participation, volunteering, and financial gifts.

In addition to providing vitally important camperships, this support also plays a part in providing safe, engaging activities and spaces our campers and guests enjoy throughout the year.

Thank you to each and every donor and volunteer for being part of the community that makes Lutherlyn possible!

**Save the Date:
 The 2020 Trinity Pines
 Club Banquet is on
 June 7, 2020.**

(Anyone who participated in giving \$200 or more in 2019 will be invited to attend the Trinity Pines Club Banquet.)

Retreats & Events

FATHERS & SONS RETREAT

Lutherlyn's Fathers & Sons Retreat is for fathers and sons of all ages; for fathers who "borrow" sons and for sons who "borrow" fathers. Every man and boy is welcome to this retreat which provides group and personal activities to help build on relationships and make memories.

Our traditional Fathers and Sons favorites (Worship, Gaga Challenge, Junkyard Wars, and Blessing Service) now have a winter twist – sledding, tree tapping, ice fishing, and a Tailgate Party with Superbowl 43 (2009)! It will be a weekend of fun, faith, and relationship building.

Join us on February 14-16 for a great weekend! Register at ww.lutherlyn.com.



JUMP INTO FUN CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Thanks to generous donations (including a few gifts made from "allowance money"), Lutherlyn is going to install a Jump Pillow and two shuffleboard courts! If the weather cooperates, these fun new additions will be in place for our 2020 summer camp season!

We are still fund raising to replace the basketball court and the outdoor gaga pit. We would also like to add a picnic shelter near the jump pillow and replace all of the picnic tables around camp. Donations are being accepted for "Jump Into Fun" so we can make these necessary improvements to the sports fields.

STAFFING CHANGES

GOODBYE RANGER CHRIS

We are sad to say goodbye to Chris Piatt. Chris has served as the "Camp Ranger" for several years; working in food service, maintenance, environmental education, and wherever needed. Chris has been a blessing to Lutherlyn, the full-time staff, the summer staff, and (most importantly) our campers and guests. Thank you Chris!

WELCOME BILL

We are happy to welcome Bill Sweeney to the full-time Lutherlyn staff. Bill will be serving as our Program Assistant ("Ranger"). Bill was a Lutherlyn camper for many years and has served on the summer staff for the past five summers. Welcome back Bill!

WELCOME MARCI

Marci joined the Lutherlyn staff in April as the Housekeeper. Marci does a great job at cleaning and serves with a joyful attitude. Welcome to Lutherlyn Marci!



LUTHERLYN MODEL ROCKETRY 50TH ANNIVERSARY

2020 is the 50th summer of model rocketry at Lutherlyn! Please join us for a reunion and celebration! All are welcome.

Saturday, July 25th, 2020 – 3:00-8:00pm

Rustic Retreat Campground at Lutherlyn (also known as "Rocket Hill")

FREE (engines, shirts, and patches will be available for purchase)

Lutherlyn will provide hot dogs/buns, s'mores, and water.

Bring your own rockets, blanket, chair, canopy, picnic.

Tentative Schedule:

- 3:00 – Welcome
- 3:15 – General launch starts; sign up for competition launches
- 4:45 – Group Photo
- 5:00 – Tour of main camp, hot dog cookout, continue launching
- 6:00 – Competition Launch (spot landing)
General launch when competition is over
- 7:30 – Rocketry Campfire

*Anyone under age 18 must have an adult present. No alcohol and no pets.
Tent Camping is available on Saturday evening at Rustic.*

PLEASE SHARE WITH PAST ROCKETRY CAMPERS AND STAFF.

R.S.V.P. required by July 10th

www.lutherlyn.com/rocketryreunion or 724-865-2161



2020 Calendar

January

14-19—Quilting/Crafting Retreat
24-26—Winter Retreat (4-12 grade)

February

1—Saturday Safari—Winter Trees
14-16—Fathers & Sons Retreat

March

7—Saturday Safari—Maple Sugaring
17-22—Quilting/Crafting Retreat

April

24-26—YouthFest (Jr. High & Sr. High)
25—Work Day

May

9—Fun Run
9—CAMP BLAST!!!
31—Summer Staff Training Begins

June

1-12—Summer Staff Training
7—Trinity Pines Club Banquet
14—SUMMER CAMP BEGINS!

July

1-31—SUMMER CAMP CONTINUES!
25—50 Year Rocketry Celebration & Launch
31—Last Day of Summer Camp

August

21-23—Grown-Up Camp

September

9-13—Quilting/Crafting Retreat
12—Saturday Safari—Amphibian Hunt

October

25—Family Halloween Fun Day

November

7—Saturday Safari—Survival Skills
17-22—Quilting/Crafting Retreat

December

4-6—Advent Retreat
5—The Plunge
5—Advent Dinner & Worship (for all)

Visit www.lutherlyn.com/2020 for complete schedules, details, and registration information.

Want to bring your own group to camp?

Lutherlyn hosts retreat groups of all types throughout the year (with the exception of during summer camp). Please give us a call to talk about all of the ways that you and your group can use camp's facilities.



Lutherlyn Environmental Education



NEW EQUIPMENT CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF MAPLE SUGARING

For the last 25 years, Lutherlyn’s environmental education staff has spent February and March teaching about maple sugaring. It has been a wonderful way to teach people about trees, history, and the effects of pollution.

Over the past 25 years, more than 10,000 people have learned how to identify trees in the winter. They have also been able to tap trees and collect maple sap on their way to the Sugar Shack. Once inside the Sugar Shack, they have learned about the simple and elegant process of evaporating watery sap into golden brown syrup.

Unfortunately, our 40 year-old evaporator pans started to develop leaks. Thankfully, a generous donation has enabled us to order new syrup pans for the 2020 season, as well as make other improvements to the Sugar Shack. Thanks to these wonderful donors, we will be making maple syrup well into the future.



DIGGING FOR ANSWERS



We were wrapping things up, sifting through the last bucket full of soil. Most of the other 27 Saturday Safari attendees had finished screening their soil and had packed up their buckets and trowels. We had spent all morning digging at the archaeology site, learning about the early pioneer history of western Pennsylvania.

Zachary (10) and I were pulling rusty nails and bits of porcelain out of the screen when Bethany (7) picked something out of the screen asking, “What’s this?” It was coin- a half-penny, actually- and it was Canadian. Further investigation turned up a date: 1842.

Although the purpose of our archaeology site is to learn more about the past, we often end up with more questions than answers. Now we were wondering, “Why

would the Heckert family (living here from the 1830s to the 1870s) have a Canadian coin?” We happened to share that question with the archaeologist who helped us set up the site 20 years ago, Ed Dlutowski. Ed theorized that the Heckerts may have been a stop on the Underground Railroad!

We knew from other research that the Heckerts were Lutheran (they helped found Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Prospect), but we did not know if they were abolitionists. We turned to our friend (and former Lutherlyn counselor), Dr. Gil Waldkoenig, at United Lutheran Seminary. Gil informed us that “when [Pr. William] Passavant led the founding of the Pittsburgh Synod in 1845, he put an anti-slavery position in its constitution. It was one of only three synods to officially oppose slavery.” Passavant grew up in the same congregation, St. Paul’s Lutheran in Zelienople, where Michael and Juliana Heckert were married in 1834.

We may never know for sure if the Heckerts were part of the Underground Railroad, but finding this artifact has opened our eyes to a time in history and our Lutheran heritage that we know little about. This year we celebrate 20 years of Lutherlyn’s archaeology program. During that time we have asked countless questions. Unearthing this intriguing artifact is a good reminder that real knowledge is gained in looking for answers, not always in finding them.

Todd Garcia-Bish
Director of Environmental Education



AMERICAN CHESTNUTS AT LUTHERLYN

2019 marks the 20th year of American chestnut trees growing at Lutherlyn.

In the fall of 1999, Lutherlyn became a part of the effort to restore the American chestnut tree. Almost all American chestnut trees died during the chestnut blight of the 20th century. But some individual trees survived, and a handful of organizations have been trying to propagate offspring from those trees that will also be resistant to the blight.

The American Chestnut Cooperators Foundation is one of these organizations, which breeds 100% American chestnut trees from survivor trees, and relies on co-operating landowners to plant and grow the next generations. A grove of these trees were planted at Terra Dei homestead in 1999. From those trees and others added in 2001, today there are 10 surviving American chestnut trees at Terra Dei. The largest of these trees, growing just below Chapel Hill, is over 30 feet tall and measures about 30 inches around. Five of them produce an abundance of nuts every year.



Several of these trees have gnarly cankers from the chestnut blight. The goal is not to prevent the trees from getting the blight (that is inescapable), but to have trees that are capable of resisting the blight when they do get it. So far, only one tree (which was smaller and under the shade of other trees) has died from the blight cankers. Time will tell if the others have enough resistance to continue to survive the blight. So far, signs look good and we hope they do!

In 2015 we started planting nuts from this generation of trees on another part of the Lutherlyn property, the former Hilliard farm -- off Dick Road and just a short distance uphill from Chapel Rock. There are currently nine healthy seedling trees surviving there, with five more nuts planted in 2019. In this 20th year of growing American chestnuts at Lutherlyn, 19 trees survive with more nuts being produced and planted every year. Helping bring back these majestic trees is one of the ways we care for God’s creation.



LUTHERLYN AS FIELD STATION

For over 40 years, schools have used Lutherlyn as a place to teach environmental concepts. For 30 years, that has mostly been through the Lutherlyn Environmental Education Program, which currently serves over 6,000 students annually. However, some schools prefer to use Lutherlyn’s site for totally school directed instruction. These schools use Lutherlyn as an outdoor learning environment for student exploration. Students still receive instruction from their classroom teachers but in the immersive environment of camp. When one school comes to Lutherlyn in October, students spend large amounts of time collecting data on stream flow, the lotic environment, and macroinvertebrates. They also create natural artwork in the style of Andy Goldsworthy and delve into geology and soil science. If you know of a school that would like to use Lutherlyn’s amazing site for learning experiences, please contact LEEP at leep@lutherlyn.com or 724-865-9079



News and Notes

The Director's Notebook.....

It has been a great year and I am so thankful for the Lutherlyn Family (YOU) that continues to make Lutherlyn a God-given place to be accepted, challenged, and sent out into the world to make a difference. I have several BIG things that I am excited to share with you.

Our biggest news is that, as of November 6th, Lutherlyn is officially DEBT FREE! Over the past three years many generous donors have contributed to the "Preserving the Future" campaign. Over \$40,000 annually is now part of Lutherlyn's operating budget, instead of making loan and interest payments. For 2020, much of the money that was making loan payments will be used for some much needed repairs around camp. Cabin Scots Pine is getting a foundation put under it and will be renovated. The Craft Cabin will get a new roof and some repairs to the side walls. Terra Dei Homestead will get a garage for the mower and gardening tools. Our list of projects is long but we will keep working hard to care for Lutherlyn's property and facilities.

Thanks to the "Jump into Fun" campaign, we are working on some FUN new additions and renovations for our campers to enjoy. Over the next two years we will replace the old volleyball, tennis, and basketball courts in the main field with a jump pillow, picnic shelter, new basketball court, and shuffleboard. We will also replace the original Gaga Ball court and get new picnic tables.

The Lutherlyn Board of Directors just completed a strategic plan. The plan can be found on the website. This strategic plan will guide our decisions and planning over the next three to five years. The strategic plan addresses the needs of the physical property as well as program and staffing needs and is rooted in Lutherlyn's core purpose and mission.

Throughout the strategic planning process, it became clear that we have some major projects that need to be done for us to best serve our campers.



We are in the planning process for a capital campaign that we hope will start in January of 2021. Some of the projects that may be included in the campaign include replacing the Shaulis Village cabins (the only remaining cinder block cabins), making significant repairs to the Amphitheater, renovation the old "upper shower house" into a meeting space, constructing a 10-20 stall bathroom building, and repairs/renovations/improvements to the current buildings. I will have much more information about this over the next year!

The last thing that I want to share is just how thankful I am, personally and professionally, for the life of Randy Gullickson. Randy was a mentor and a great friend to me. As a camper, the Bible Studies and worships that Randy wrote challenged me to think about my faith outside of Sunday morning worship and consider my calling as a child of God to love and care for my neighbor (as well as teaching me a much broader definition of "neighbor"). When I joined the summer staff, Randy taught me about God, faith, leadership, my own gifts, problem solving, teamwork, being life-giving, living with open hands, discernment, and SO MUCH MORE. As I started to feel a sense of calling to outdoor ministry, Randy went out of his way to recognize my gifts, teach me about this profession, and encourage me in my faith and personal development. We worked together for 23 years (over half of my life) and I am grateful for the time that we spent together and the impact that he had on my life and the lives of so many others. Randy didn't just do this for me; he did it for thousands of campers and staff over his 30+ years at Lutherlyn. I am honored to carry on many of the traditions and standards that Randy set for ministry at Lutherlyn and forever thankful for his leadership and friendship.

I am also thankful for you — the Lutherlyn Family. What an incredible blessing it is to serve you as Lutherlyn's director. Thank you for your continued involvement and support in this ministry and community that we all share. I hope to see you at camp sometime soon!

Debi

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

As stewards of God's creation we realize that we are commanded to care for and sustain the earth. We also realize that at times we fail to understand our impact upon the created world around us. For this reason Lutherlyn places a high priority on the careful management and restoration of the land with which we have been blessed. Education of campers and staff is seen as an important part of sharing God's vision for the world.

REACH

REACH is a referral program for potential summer campers that need more than just financial assistance. A REACH Campership covers 100% of the summer camp fee, a camp store account, and any items that are needed for a week of camp that the camper does not have (sleeping bag, swim suit, etc.). The goal of REACH is to eliminate obstacles that would prevent a camper from having a life-changing adventure in faith at Lutherlyn. Lutherlyn was the recipient of an Ethel Verney Mission Endowment Grant from the SWPA Synod in 2019 to cover 10 REACH campers. Our goal over the next five years is to grow the REACH program to at least 100 campers each summer. WE NEED YOUR HELP! Do you know a potential camper that would benefit from the REACH initiative? Please contact the camp office so we can help make a week at summer camp a reality for that potential camper. Do you have connections with a business/individual/foundation that may be willing to sponsor a camper (or more) through the REACH initiative? Please make that introduction for us so we have the funds for more REACH campers. Are you interested in sponsoring a REACH camper? A REACH sponsorship is \$800/camper and you can designate a financial gift as a REACH sponsorship. We continue to honor our promise that no child is turned away from life-changing adventures in faith at Lutherlyn because of finances!



As of 11/06/19:

LUTHERLYN IS DEBT FREE!

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the "Preserving the Future" campaign!

CAMPBLAST!

Saturday, May 9th, 2020, 11am-4:30pm

Join us for a day of FUN that highlights all that Lutherlyn has to offer. Horseback riding, campfire, crafts, gaga ball, archery, zipline, bouldering room, hikes, nature activities, canoeing, hay rides, games, sports, archaeology, kayaking, biking, tours, great food, and MORE! The best part....

EVERYTHING IS FREE! SPREAD THE WORD!

Visit www.lutherlyn.com/campblast for more details.

Lutherlyn sends out a monthly e-newsletter through Constant Contact. If you would like to receive a monthly update from camp, please visit www.lutherlyn.com/newsletter and sign up!



Lutherlyn has over 4,500 "likes" on Facebook! Check out Lutherlyn on Facebook for "What is it Wednesday," "Throwback Thursday," news, photos from events, and the most current events and updates at camp!

