



ADVENTURE PROGRAMS

PAST AND PRESENT

Adventure programming and team building exercises have been an integral part of life at summer camps across the nation. For many years, this has added to the allure of going to summer camp; the chance to make new friends, go canoeing, learn about rock climbing, ride a zip line (if you can stomach it!) and hopefully learn something new about yourself on the way.

Lutherlyn has had a low ropes course since 1986 and, thanks to a very generous gift, Lutherlyn was able to construct a brand new high ropes course and zip line during the summer of 2011. Shortly after this construction was finished, Lutherlyn encountered an opportunity to develop and implement a mobile team building and leadership development program through the assistance of a grant from the NWPAsynod of the ELCA. We have

started to take our years of experience building teams out on the road right here in western Pennsylvania, and have been able to use our high ropes course to provide nearly 1,000 people a life changing experience that was previously unavailable to them.

THE FUTURE: NOW WHAT?

All of this new development and the experiences that it has helped us to offer over the past year got us thinking... why don't we take it to the next level? The world is a rapidly changing place. As more and more facets of our lives become simplified by computers and other forms of mechanization, many of us find ourselves indoors far more than we wish. Because Lutherlyn is nestled in the heart of western Pennsylvania, the opportunities for outdoor recreation are plentiful. High quality canoeing, kayaking, rock climbing, hiking, backpacking, and mountain biking destinations are right here at Luther-

lyn, and even more opportunities are just a short drive down the road! Why not share these outdoor recreation opportunities and our knowledge of said activities with our community? With all of this in mind, we introduced the new Lutherlyn Adventures program in the fall of 2012!

A day in the Lutherlyn Adventure Program holds challenges that draw people of all ages closer together, helps individuals stretch their talents and abilities, and teaches skills valuable for a lifetime. People who have participated in Lutherlyn Adventure programs have experienced the opportunity to expand their physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual horizons, met new friends, and discovered (or rediscovered) a passion that will enable them to better enjoy a lifetime of recreation in the great outdoors.

Lutherlyn Adventures programs currently range from half day low

ropes, team building, and climbing workshops all the way up to weekend long retreats and trips. Several of our new programs are even mobile, which means we can now bring the programming to you! While there is a curriculum for Lutherlyn Adventures programs, each experience is customized and tailored to fit the specific needs of every individual and group that chooses to participate. The experiential learning that occurs in this type of programming cannot be emulated in any other setting, and can be of great benefit to people of all ages from all different walks of life. On top of all this new learning, they are also FUN!!

WE WANT YOU!

Lutherlyn Adventure programming is available year round; any time is the perfect time to have that new experience you've been looking for. We look forward to adventuring with you soon!



From the mouths of campers....

I realized that you should treat life like a gift everyday!

I am more secure about who I am.

I strengthened my relationship with God this week!

I appreciate nature more.

When I say "Jesus Loves Me"; I mean it!

Camp and everyone here are AMAZING!

God ALWAYS loves me!

GAGA ROCKS!

I learned to live by faith and not by fear!

Camp showed me that I can be myself!

Lutherlyn is the highlight of my summer.

BEST. WEEK. EVER.

This was my 8th year and everytime I think it can't get any better.... It does!



I learned how to have fun without technology.

Horses are beautiful creatures! Thank you for teaching me how to ride!

This week made me a happier person.

This is my favorite place ever!

The zipline is awesome and amazing and rocks my socks off!

Camp changed my life (in a good way)!





UNDER THE RADAR



2012's "Under the Radar" project was aimed at saving lives. The scope and importance of the project caused us to join in a much larger and closer project within "the radar" than we have done in years past. Lutherlyn joined the ELCA Malaria Campaign to fight against and prevent malaria-related diseases and deaths. Lutherlyn camper raised \$8456.51 for a total of 846 mosquito nets. Great job campers!

Lutherlyn took Day Camp to 11 different congregations around the Northwestern and Southwestern PA synods last summer. 285 campers got to experience Life Changing Adventures in Faith in their own community and got a taste of what Lutherlyn has to offer.



"Just wanted to send a note of appreciation to all of you for another awesome year of Day Camp at St. John's. Amanda, Catherine, Alanna, and Ashley were terrific and talented! Every child enjoyed the program and I hear nothing but great compliments from our families! Keep up the good work!"

SUMMER STAFF SEARCH 2013!

The search is on!! Every summer Lutherlyn hires 60 mature Christian men and women to serve on the summer staff. If you or someone you know is interested in serving God, making a difference in the lives of campers, being part of an intentional Christian community, and having a great time with lots of kids, please check out the "employment" section of Lutherlyn's website—or contact the camp office!

SUMMER CAMP 2013

June 2-14

Staff Training

June 16-22

**1 Confirmation
Life in the Wild!
Salmagundi
Horse Camp
Staff-in-Training
Taste Of Camp**

June 23-28

**2 Confirmation
Classics
Leadership
Horse Camp
Adventurers**

June 30-July 6

**3 Family Camp
Horse Outpost
On-Site Day Camp**

July 7-12

**4 Arts
Classics
Horse Camp
Salmagundi
Confirmation
Young Scientist**

July 14-20

**5 Classics
Classic Sampler
Young Folks
Adventurers
Horse Camp**

July 21-27

**6 Classics
Salmagundi
Venture
AmazinGrace
Horse Camp
Rocketry**

July 28-Aug. 2

**7 Night Owls
Sports Camp
Small Fry Days
Musical Theater
Horse Camp
Jazz**

ADVENTURERS



"Adventurers" was a NEW program for the summer of 2012. It was a great success! 21 campers participated in high ropes course, rock climbing at McConnells Mills State Park, canoeing, biking at Moraine State Park, disc golf, geocaching, survival skills & fire building lessons, "deluxe" campfire cooking, and a rustic sleepout in tents. It was a great combination of "traditional" camp with lots of extra adventures! We are happy to offer Adventurers again in the summer of 2013.

VOLUNTEERS

Every summer Lutherlyn relies on MANY volunteers to help make Summer Camp the best that we can possibly provide. In the summer of 2012 we had 74 volunteers help at camp. We are so thankful for our chaplains, grandparents, nurses, and helpers in the office, stables, grounds crew, and kitchen.

If you would like to learn more about volunteering at Lutherlyn please contact Deb in the camp office.

NURSES NEEDED

Camp Nurses are a VERY important part of a week at camp and we have been very blessed with wonderful camp nurses. We try to have 2 nurses on camp each week so we are in need of more volunteer nurses. If you (or someone you know) are interested in learning more about being a camp nurse, we would be happy to share more information with you.

2012 SUMMER STAFF



Lutherlyn has over 1500 "likes" on Facebook! Check out Lutherlyn on Facebook for the daily "Past Photo of the Day" and the most current happenings at camp!



2012 proved to be a fun and interesting season here at Lutherlyn Stables. Being pregnant, I wasn't able to do as much of the work around the farm; however that gave me more time to talk to the guests that came to see us. Many people said they didn't know anything about Lutherlyn Stables. I met so many new people, and was able to tell them how great Lutherlyn Stables is; and they were able to see it themselves. I hope to see my new friends for many years to come.



We welcomed Sonny, Skipper, and Diesel to our herd this year. Sonny is a 12 year-old palomino quarter horse gelding. He came to us in March, and quickly fit in. Sonny is a love. He is kind and sweet, and takes great care of his rider. He is a great

addition to the herd and we are so thankful to have him. Skipper is being leased to us from the Stovar family. The Stovar's are amazing volunteers, and their daughters are great multi-discipline riders. Skipper is a master trail horse. He loves hitting the trail, and despite being an older gentleman he is always ready to lead the pack. His kind and gentle nature makes him a favorite with the kids. Diesel came at the end of the summer and so far is proving to be a steady horse both in the arena and on the trail. She is a beautiful black bay mare with a big white blaze.

Mountaineer Hunter Jumper Association hosted a hunter pace this spring and we had 60 entries! It was a great ride and it was wonderful to meet so many new friends. We have routed a different and longer route for next year's ride and hope to see you there. It is a great fundraiser for both organizations.



On July 9th Chris and I welcomed our second baby boy to our family. Owen Murphy Babcock was born at 10:58 am. Baby O is such a cutie, and loves being tickled. It is very hard to leave that sweet little face at home. My staff this summer did a

great job holding down the fort while I was very pregnant and at home on maternity leave. Katie McNeal proved to be amazing, once again, and basically took over for me. It was so nice for me to know everything at the barn was flowing behind great leadership.

Our fall mini trial was a great success! The weather was fantastic and many riders told me they enjoyed the cross country course. Both Kristina Wessel and I want to thank you all for supporting a great local event. We have been putting many long hours in trying to make an interesting and inviting cross country course. Many thanks to Carousel Horse Tack of Cabot for providing the first place riders with a brand new saddle pad! We hope you all will continue to support our event.

The following weekend we held our annual Haunted Judged Pleasure Trail Ride. We had more than doubled the amount of riders we had last year. I had a chance to judge the last obstacle so I was able to talk to every



rider and they all said how much fun the ride was. It was a great day and many thanks to Mary Anne Kristophel for organizing the event and also for her amazing creativity.

If you don't own a horse, but would like to get involved, contact the stables! We are always in need of volunteers for each of our events. There are many opportunities for you to help out. If you would like to be added to our volunteer contact list, please e-mail me with your name and contact information. We would love to have you.

Our Annual Benefit Dinner is March 16th. We hope to see you there! I have already begun collecting some great auction and raffle items. It is always a fun event and a great time with fellow horse lovers.

Happy Trails,
Carla Babcock



Contact Carla at Lutherlyn Stables:
stables@lutherlyn.com
724-865-9694

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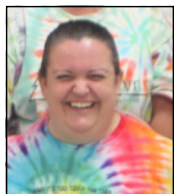
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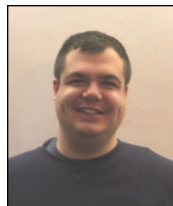
Jim Cunningham, Development Director, retired in January (again). Jim has worn many hats at Lutherlyn over the years: camper, volunteer, master story teller, consultant, trumpet player, pilot, campaign director, fundraiser, development director, and friend. We are so thankful for the time that Jim has dedicated to camp; he has been a key player in making many dreams a reality. Happy Retirement Jim!



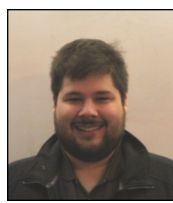
After 4 years of serving as Lutherlyn's Office Manager, Liese Engel left in September to return to Canada. Liese's passion for camp, hard work, and many "above-and-beyond" contributions will be greatly missed (not to mention her tie-dye expertise). Thank you Liese!



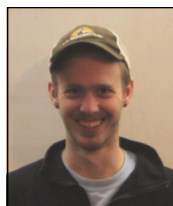
Welcome....



In January, Ryan Ebner returned to Lutherlyn as the Development Director. Ryan was a camper in the 1990's and was on summer staff for eight summers from 2000-2009. He holds a BS in Human Services and a MA in Adult and Community Education. In addition to fundraising, Ryan's duties also include the website, online newsletters, and the Ambassador Program. You can contact him at ryan@lutherlyn.com.



Josh Bow returned to Lutherlyn in September to serve as the new Office Manager/Second Season Registrar. Josh was a camper and started working on summer staff in 2005. Josh did his undergraduate work at Edinboro University and his graduate work at the University of Michigan in the field of Psychology focusing in Behavioral Neuroscience. Josh is the new resident at Terra Dei Homestead. You can contact Josh at email@lutherlyn.com.



Alex Hileman joined the staff in September as the Adventure Programs Coordinator. Alex was a camper, served on summer staff, and spent a summer as an intern at Lutherlyn. Alex is a graduate of Ohio University with a BS in Outdoor Recreation and Education. His role will be to oversee, revitalize, and expand Lutherlyn's Adventure programs. Be sure to visit the Adventure Program options on our website and you can contact Alex at adventure@lutherlyn.com.



Barb Coon started in January as Lutherlyn's housekeeper. Barb is a New York native but has lived in Prospect for the past 20 years. Barb has a great sense of humor and is doing a great job at keeping our buildings nice and clean. Barb also serves as a care taker for a quadriplegic every Sunday and loves to garden, knit, and crochet.

(Gifts made between 1-1-2011 and 12-31-2011)

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David Worthy
 by Don & June Kudas
 Eugene and Betty Worthy

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

The "Second Season"



The 12th annual "Fathers and Sons" retreat was a great success! Many thanks to everyone who attended and everyone who lead activities.



The Winter Retreat is a great opportunity for summer campers to return to camp for a winter dose of Lutherlyn!

The Winter Tea was a wonderful event with beautiful tables. Thank you to everyone who hosted a table!



2012 Cornerstone Award Recipients:
Woodland Quilters and Jim Cunningham
Congratulations!



HELP NEEDED:

Ever wonder who "stuffs" the envelopes that you get in the mail from Lutherlyn? We have a WONDERFUL group of volunteers who come to camp when we are doing large mailings. We are in need of more volunteers who are available on weekdays during the day to help us out. If you are interested in helping please contact the camp office at 724-865-2161. We will contact you when we are doing mailings to see if you are available to help. Many thanks to our "woodland stuffers" for all of your hard work!



You Are Invited:
CampBlast
at

Sunday, May 5th, 2013
11:00am-4:30pm
FREE!!!
Visit www.lutherlyn.com for more details.




Over 1,300 people came to CampBlast in 2012! It was a great day full of excitement and fun! One of the most exciting things was the number of people who were first time guests to Lutherlyn! It was such a HUGE success that we are going to do it again...

Join us for a day of FUN that highlights all that Lutherlyn has to offer. Horseback riding, campfire, crafts, gaga, archery, high ropes course, zipline, bouldering room, hikes, nature activities, canoeing, hay rides, games, sports, archaeology, rockets, disc golf, kayaking, biking, tours, displays and activities that highlight the "second season" (non-summer) things going on at camp, great food, worship, presentations, and MORE! The best part.... EVERYTHING IS FREE & there will be special summer camp discounts for NEW campers & for registered campers who bring friends who are NEW to Lutherlyn! Join us on Sunday, May 5th for a GREAT day at camp!

11:00am – Worship in the Amphitheater
Noon-3:30pm – FREE Lunch
Noon-4:00pm – TONS of ACTIVITIES!!
4:00-4:30pm – Campfire

Please help us spread the word about this great event! YOU are our best way of reaching people who have never been to camp before! If you would like postcards to distribute to friends, please let us know.

2013 Calendar

January

18-20—UFO (Unfinished Objects) Retreat

February

1-3—Winter Retreat (4th-12th grade)
2—Wolves Saturday Safari
9—Ambassador Training
10—Winter Tea

March

8-10—Youth Leadership Development Institute
9—Maple Sugaring Saturday Safari
16—Stables Benefit Dinner
18-24—Mystery Quilting Retreat

April

5-7—YouthFest (Jr. High & Sr. High)
6—Barn Spring Cleaning
13—Mini Horse Camp
20—Adult Break-Out Adventure (Biking)
23,24,30—Equestrian Gym Class
27—Mini Horse Camp
27—Work Day

May

1,7,8,14,15—Equestrian Gym Class
5—CAMP BLAST!!!
11—Adult Break-Out Adventure (High Ropes or Horseback Riding)
24—Golf Outing
28-June 1—AAHS Horse Safety Clinic

June

2-14—Summer Staff Training
8—Mini Horse Camp
9—Trinity Pines Club Banquet
16—SUMMER CAMP BEGINS!

July

1-31—SUMMER CAMP CONTINUES!

August

2—Last day of Summer Camp
17—Tournament Fund Raiser
24—Adult Break-Out Adventure (Canoeing)

September

2-8—Crafty Lady Week-Long Getaway
6-7—Fathers and Sons Retreat
10,11,17,18,24,25—Equestrian Gym Class
14—Adult Break-Out Adventure (Rock Climbing)
22—Judged Pleasure Trail Ride
27-29—Wild Women Weekend

October

21,2—Equestrian Gym Class
5—Work Day
19,20—Woodland Quilters Quilt Show
19—Adult Break-Out Adventure (High Ropes)
27—Family Halloween Fun

November

2—Archaeology Saturday Safari
9—Adult Break-Out Adventure (Hiking)
22-24—Santa's Workshop Retreat

December

6-8—Advent Retreat

Visit www.lutherlyn.com for details and registration information.

Lutherlyn Environmental Education Program

American Chestnuts Return!

Before 1908, nearly one out of every four trees in Appalachian forests was a chestnut tree. However, a fungal blight from Asia arrived around 1900 and wiped out the American chestnut by 1950. Since then, concerned people have been working to help the American Chestnut return to its prominent role in our ecosystems – and Lutherlyn has been a part of that movement.



Two organizations have emerged as leaders in the re-introduction sector. The American Chestnut Foundation (www.acf.org) has bred American Chestnuts with Chinese Chestnuts and then backcrossed them with more American Chestnuts to get a tree that is 99% American Chestnut, but is blight resistant.

The American Chestnut Cooperators' Foundation (www.accf-online.org) took a different strategy. They scoured the Appalachian region for chestnut trees that had survived the blight and were naturally resistant. They bred these trees to obtain chestnuts that are 100% American and blight resistant.

In 2000, Lutherlyn planted chestnut seeds from the American Chestnut Cooperators' Foundation. We planted a second batch in 2001. From those two batches of seeds, we currently have 11 trees. Some of these trees are over 20 feet tall and 4 inches in diameter! However, the most exciting news is that two of these trees are producing seed!

In the future, we hope to be able to harvest the seed (if we can beat the squirrels to them) and plant chestnuts on suitable sites throughout Lutherlyn. We hope that our great, great-grandchildren will once again be able to taste the chestnut meat, use the wood for furniture and construction, and enjoy all of the wildlife that the American chestnut supports. May God continue to bless our efforts!

Outstanding Environmental Educator

The Pennsylvania Association of Environmental Educators (PAEE) is the statewide organization for environmental education professionals. At its annual conference, PAEE recognizes individuals and organizations for the contributions that they have made to the field of environmental education.

This past April, the association honored Lutherlyn's own Todd Garcia-Bish with the Outstanding Environmental Educator Award. This award is given to "an individual who has made a significant teaching contribution to the environmental education field in a formal or non-formal setting, through either curriculum development or teaching."

This means that people across Pennsylvania know what an outstanding educator Todd is. Certainly many people in western PA know; given that Todd and his staff in the Lutherlyn Environmental Education Program (LEEP) serve between 5000 and 6000 students a year from pre-school through college. This multi-faceted program includes environmental science, group building, history, archaeology, sustainability, and outdoor recreation. Birding hikes begin pre-dawn; campfires and night hikes extend the days past dark. Students from western PA get to experience the forest and creation in an entirely new fashion, thanks to Todd and the staff at LEEP.



Todd began his career at Camp Lutherlyn in 1987 as a summer camp counselor. In 1993, he was hired as Director of Applied Environmental Science. In this capacity, he helped develop Lutherlyn's maple sugaring program and Terra Dei Homestead. In 1996, Todd became Director of Environmental Education. He has held that position for 16 years and has taught environmental education for 21 years.

"I have become the educator that I am by learning from my fellow staff members at Lutherlyn," Todd said in regards to the award. He continued "I accept this award for them, too. They are amazing people and each one of them is an outstanding environmental educator."

Lutherlyn joins in recognizing Todd as one of Pennsylvania's outstanding environmental educators.

WISH LISTS

Maintenance/Housekeeping

- backhoe attachment for Bobcat (\$9000)
- small pick-up truck
- Dump Truck (1 ton or larger)
- 2 electric golf carts (\$3000 each)
- Reliable mini van or SUV (for program use)
- ATV/4 Wheeler (for trail maintenance)
- Craftsman hand tools & socket wrenches
- replace welcome mats at cabins (30 X \$15)
- rakes & shovels

Office

- pens & pencils
- Post-It notes
- copy paper
- cardstock
- paperclips
- rubber bands
- scotch tape
- masking tape
- glue sticks
- scissors
- thumb tacks
- permanent markers
- new 3-ring binders

Crafts

- tacky glue
- scissors (adult & kids)
- pony beads
- seed beads
- tempera paint
- embroidery floss
- new markers
- new colored pencils
- paint brushes
- yarn
- construction paper
- colored tissue paper
- glue
- baby food jars

Stables

- Sub compact tractor with front loader
- Artificial Flowers & Bushes
- Iron Jump Cups
- New Helmets
- Pony Reins
- Fly Spray & Fly masks
- Probios Powder
- Small Pony Western Girth
- Boots
- Joint Supplements
- Multivitamin Supplements
- Cat Food
- Cat Flea & Tick Treatments

Facilities

- new dish towels
- new bath towels
- new wash cloths
- new twin sheets and pillow cases
- new queen sheets and pillow cases
- new pillows
- new sleeping bags
- pumps of hand soap & hand sanitizer
- Bibles (for campers who don't have one)
- jar candles
- plastic coat hangers
- new flat screen televisions (32" or larger)
- extension cords and power strips
- dry erase markers and erasers
- new DVD players
- new easels and paper pads

Environmental Education

- Rain coats for kids
- Winter coats for kids
- Winter gloves and hats for kids and adults
- 8 ounce "Cool-whip" containers

Volunteers & Skilled Labor

We often have projects that could use volunteers with specific skills (painting, electrical work, carpentry, construction). If you have a trade or specific skill that you are willing to share with Lutherlyn, please let us know. Our schedule can be flexible to accommodate your availability.

We also have projects that do not require much skill but need people willing to dedicate their time. Individuals and groups are always helpful in completing these tasks.



Refrigerator Pickles

- Clean and sterilize quart canning jars (the number of jars is based on how many cucumbers you have)
- Thoroughly wash cucumbers. Slice into chips.
- Fill jars with cucumber chips and 1-2 sprigs of dill
- Add:
 - 2 Tbsp pickling salt
 - 1 Tbsp sugar
 - 2 Garlic cloves – peeled & smashed
 - ½ cup white vinegar to each quart jar
- Fill jar with cold water.
- Seal jar and shake.
- Place in refrigerator for 2 days.
- Shake occasionally. Enjoy.

This recipe is also good when canning pickles. Combine the pickling salt, sugar, vinegar and water (about 1 -1 ½ cups per quart). Bring to a boil. Pour over cucumber chips, garlic and dill. Seal and process 20 minutes.

Enjoy!

Chef Jenn

Director's Notebook

Lutherlyn is a remarkable place. It has a wide variety of eco-systems, lots of recreational opportunities, 660 acres of forest hills, valleys, and creeks, a couple of lakes, miles of trails for hiking, mountain biking, and horseback riding. It has special places – Chapel Hill, Chapel Rock, Steininger Amphitheater, Lakeside Chapel – that are “must visits” when people return to camp to share it with friends and family or when they need quiet solitude and the healing that good memories hold. And, of course, there is that sense of the presence of God, that so many people experience as a feeling of peace and homecoming, that greets them somewhere along the entrance drive.

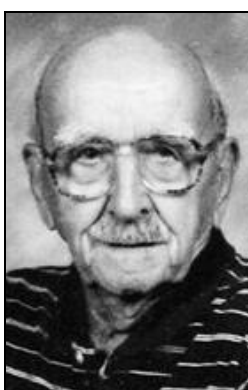
While God ultimately gets the credit for all this, there are a lot of people who have been and who are now a part of a great “Lutherlyn Family” that has shaped this place and its ministry over the past 64 years.

I am thinking about this now, because over the past year, a number of people who were very active among us have died and the rest of us have been left to consider their various legacies.



“Pastor Pat” Maier died last November. An early Lutherlyn memory was hiking with his father, (also Rev. Patrick Maier), over the land that was to become Lutherlyn. In his youth he served on the summer staff. Later he served on the board of directors. Still later he served as Development Director. That was the formal side. Informally, he loved Lutherlyn and saw to it that people from his congregations used it. For years he brought his confirmation classes to WACO camp. He was involved in creating and leading the “Gathering of Men” and “Journey of the Heart” retreats. He partnered in developing and teaching “our own” confirmation camp. He was a horseman, a hunter, a golfer, and a story teller extraordinaire. Pat always had a story...and then another one. He was loved by everyone, especially kids.

Ed Miller died in February. “Mr. Miller” served at Lutherlyn as Business Manager 1959-1967, Director 1967-1984, and Development Director 1984-1989 for a total of 30 years. For decades, Ed was an icon of Lutherlyn, managing the financial and programmatic operations and creating a myriad of camp memories for thousands of campers along the way. He loved Lutherlyn and his work here, it was clearly a calling and not a job. He was an avid fisherman and often fished at Upper Lake. To help make sure the fishing there remained good, he was occasionally known to restock it with fish he caught in nearby Lake Arthur. Ed had a great memory for people and seemed to remember everybody who visited camp and could usually recount some sort of adventure or story involving them that ended up with a good laugh.



Oscar Puffinburger, who spent whole summers of his retirement years working on grounds crew, died in March at 103 years old. What a saint he was. He was a friend to everyone – from 2 to 102 and everybody who knew him loved him. And he was tough...once, I took him to the emergency room after he had dislocated his shoulder...as a young man in his late 70's. It was reduced without anything for pain and Oscar didn't make a peep. I remember gathering our staff together on Chapel Hill along with campers who were there doing their Bible study and Oscar spreading the ashes of his wife, Edith (who was a summer cook at camp and made the best corn bread on earth), among the memorial columns. Oscar drove for Meals On Wheels “taking food to the old people” until he was 95.

Pastor Ron Harbaugh died in August, sadly, just barely after he had retired. He was one of the original Horsebackers, a group that supported the horseback program into being and he was instrumental in building the tack room addition to the barn. Ron was an electrician in a previous life and he did a lot of electrical work at camp including wiring a good many of the log and a-frame cabins. He golfed in our annual golf outing. He hunted at Lutherlyn. He was a God's Camp confirmation camp pastor and a board member. He served on the Property committee for years. He was passionate about camp and about keeping it in good shape for future generations. Something else he was as passionate about were the big chicken roasts at St. John's where he served. He did, on occasion, miss a board meeting to keep the all night vigil that led to that delectable feast.



It was just this fall (October 17th) that Gramma Betty Christy died. Grampa Tom, who survives her, still holds that she was the “better half” of the “Tom and Betty” team which defined and set the standard for camp grandparenting at Lutherlyn. Her “gramma sense” is legendary in somehow placing her in the right place at the right time with the right words for the homesick one, the not-quite-getting-the-hang-of-camp one, or the stressed counselor who needed breathing space. She passed out scores of hugs, tucked the little ones in at night, read countless bedtime stories, offered placebo M&Ms to those who just needed a little TLC, and comforted the sick ones – especially when her daughter, Nurse Natalie, was our volunteer nurse.

... that takes me back to Natalie who died last year. She was a gem who offered excellent care and wisdom to hundreds of campers and also shared her love of Lutherlyn with other nurses and invited them to volunteer and join the Lutherlyn Family.

And that brings to mind the larger group of nurses who recently gathered at camp in September to meet each other (since they serve different weeks) and to review “how we do it” and consider ways of improving their care.

This, then, expands into the wide range of people who volunteer their time and talents at camp in so many ways: laughing and eating donuts while preparing the many mass mailings that go out each year, rolling up their sleeves and pitching in to help clean and fix during the spring and fall workdays, bringing horse-drawn wagons and blacksmithing demonstrations, developing and leading special programs like Musical Theater Camp, Arts Camp, Sports Camp, Rocketry, Jazz Camp and AmazinGrace, getting out the sewing machines and making quilts for the auction, the dining hall and the new worship and music center... and creating the fall quilt show, spending a summer week working in the kitchen or office or on the grounds crew...and the beat goes on... as it has for years...generations of people making Lutherlyn...well...Lutherlyn. Doing ministry that this world so desperately needs.

So I am back to this moment and celebrate that, this year, Ryan Ebner, Alex Hileman, and Josh Bow joined our year around staff. All former campers and all former summer staff. All people I have watched grow up. Ryan is our Development Director following in the footsteps of Ed Miller, Pat Maier and others. Alex is our year-around Adventure Guy in a new position centered around the new high ropes course that other “lovers of Lutherlyn” built. Josh is our Office Manager-Second Season Registrar-Development Assistant replacing Liese Engel who returned Canada this autumn after four years in that position.

The Lutherlyn Family, like other families, moves through the years grieving the loss of those who have helped to shape it and then passed into memory leaving their fingerprints on all of us...even as it celebrates the young who bring new life in their time.

Many summer staffers were there at Gramma Betty's funeral to sing camp songs. We laughed. We cried. We remembered. We gave thanks. We commended her into our God's care. That's what families do.

There are lots and lots of people in the Lutherlyn Family, four generations of us putting our footprints on this land and our hand prints on the ministry God gives us. Together, by God's grace, we make Lutherlyn great. Campers, staffers, parents, volunteers, donors...everyone, a member by adoption. We belong to one another in Christ. Anyone can be a part of it. The fact that you are reading this newsletter means that you are part of it, too. Maybe today is your day to take a step into a larger role and help fill the shoes of those who have gone before.

Your Partner In Ministry,

Pastor Randy Gullickson



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