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## Rocket Room Update



This spring, the Rocket Room received some amazing new artwork, a fresh coat of paint, and other

updates. Gloria Adams, a staff member from 1997-2000, donated her time and considerable talent to create a custom-made oil painting for the Rocket Room. Just one look transports viewers to a launch on “rocket hill”!

In July of 2022 Lutherlyn hosted a Rocketry Reunion. During the event, we honored three long time Rocketry Camp volunteers: Dick Freed, Geir Hundal, and George Flanders. As a special thank you to Dick, who “launched” Lutherlyn’s model rocketry

program into what it is today, the rocket room was officially re-named the Dick “Rocket Man” Freed Rocket Room.



Dick Freed, Geir Hundal, & George Flanders holding their Cornerstone Awards '22

## ALL NEW: Lutherlyn Staff Alumni Webpage

We have created a page just for “Staffers” which features access to photos from the reunion in June, information about the next reunion in 2028 (mark your calendar now), and links to other pertinent information. You can share this link with any former staff members to submit their contact information for the invite list for the next All-Staff Reunion!

[www.lutherlyn.com/alumni](http://www.lutherlyn.com/alumni)



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# Staff Alumni Newsletter

2023



## 2023 Summer Staff



Deb and Ryan leading worship.



Stream Critters with Todd, Mir, and Heath.

Greetings from Lutherlyn!

We hope you are having a great summer! In this first edition of Lutherlyn’s Staff Alumni Newsletter, we are excited to recap the recent “All-Staff Reunion” and share a few updates about what’s happening at camp.

This year’s reunion was so much fun! Former ‘staffers’ and their families began to arrive Friday evening, and continued to join us throughout the day Saturday. In total, more than 100 staffers from fourteen states attended, sharing old stories and making new memories.

Things got started with worship in the Amphitheater, and, after a cookout style lunch, everyone spread out over camp to enjoy an afternoon chock-full of camp fun. The Recreation Building was a hive of activity all day, with ‘kids’ of all ages building in the LEGO Room, playing GaGa Ball, climbing the walls in the Bouldering Room, and playing four-square, air-hockey, and carpet ball. The craft cabin also had a steady stream of visitors who made crafts to take home as well as friendship bracelets for Lutherlyn’s

75th Anniversary Time Capsule, which will be opened in 2048.

A large group of 70s staffers hiked to Chapel Rock (pictured below) and other alums and their families enjoyed a shorter hike to the stream for one of everyone’s favorite Environmental Education activities...stream critters! Our current Director of Environmental Education (EE), Todd Garcia-Bish, was joined by Heath Gamache, former EE Assistant Director, and

Mir Youngquist-Thurrow, who created Lutherlyn’s Environmental Education Program in the late 1980s.

After a full day of activities we enjoyed dinner, dessert, and campfire led by staff alumni at Lower Lake. It was a great event, and everyone at camp is eagerly awaiting the next All-Staff Reunion in 2028!

Lutherlyn’s 80th Anniversary All-Staff Reunion is June 10-11, 2028.





# 2023 Reunion Recap

# Staff Alumni Challenge



To view or download photos from the 2023 All-Staff Reunion, visit Lutherlyn's Photo Sharing Site at [www.lutherlyn.smugmug.com](http://www.lutherlyn.smugmug.com). (Password: adventure)

To submit your own photos from the reunion, or your own staff alumni get-togethers throughout the year, please contact Andi at [development@lutherlyn.com](mailto:development@lutherlyn.com).

After brief announcements and a few camp songs led by the 2023 Summer Staff, two members of staff from the 1990s, Becky (Albright) Franklin and Meredith (Treser) Trimble, with some assistance from Meredith's son Ian (S.I.T. '23), excitedly introduced the *Building for the Future* Capital Campaign.

*Building for the Future* will further strengthen Lutherlyn's ability to provide an environment where people of all backgrounds and ages can retreat, relax, and focus on their faith. Several projects have been planed to improve Lutherlyn's facilities and make camp more welcoming and function more effectively. Campaign projects include: renovating Steinger Memorial Amphitheater (set to begin this August), building five new cabins, removal of several unused buildings, and other site and road improvements.

In total the campaign goal is \$2.5 million, of which \$1.5 million has already been pledged! To get Lutherlyn even closer to this goal, Meredith and Becky worked with Lutherlyn's Development Office to present a staff alumni challenge and prize. A challenge goal of \$200,000 has been issued to all former Lutherlyn staff. If this goal is achieved, one of the newly constructed cabins will be dedicated



Alumni Campaign Chairs, Becky Franklin (left) and Meredith Trimble (middle), introducing the campaign projects and goals.

in honor of all past staff. Additionally, and for a bit of friendly-competition, the staff alumni decade group who pledges the most (in dollar amount), and the decade group who has the most pledges (number of participant households), will be awarded a mini-reunion during/after CampBlast '24, complete with a campfire cookout!! (CampBlast is May 11, 2024). All alumni pledges/gifts made between June 10 and December 31, 2023 will be tallied for the Alumni Challenge.

Meredith and Becky recorded a special video message for those of you who were not able to attend. Their video is waiting for you at

[www.lutherlyn.com/challenge](http://www.lutherlyn.com/challenge). Explore the page to learn more about the projects, watch the campaign video, participate in the decade challenge, or just to check out the current challenge stats!

## You're Invited! Staff Alumni Campaign Zoom

August 31, 7:30 pm (Eastern)

Campaign video, details,  
and ask questions.

RSVP at  
[www.lutherlyn.com/alumni](http://www.lutherlyn.com/alumni)  
to receive the Zoom link.

