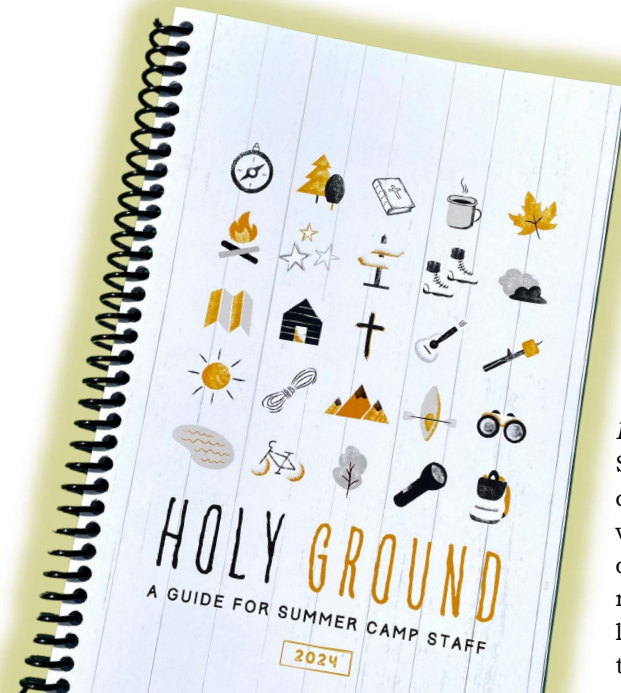


# Thank you, from one staff to another....

In May, Lutherlyn asked for your support on behalf of this summer's staff...and you resoundingly responded! Aimed at warmly welcoming our incoming staff, Lutherlyn hoped to provide each member of summer staff with a copy of *Holy Ground: A Guide for Summer Camp Staff*, as well as providing personal necessities for our five international staff members. The fundraiser's \$1,300 goal was not only met, but exceeded, allowing camp to also offset a portion of the cost of CPR and First Aid Training.

Thank you so much to everyone who made a gift! This summer's edition of *Holy Ground* has already proven to be an informational and uplifting resource and daily devotional. Camp Directors and Staff across the country have contributed to make this guide a personal resource written by camp staff for camp staff, and we continue to receive rave reviews from staff members. This is a tradition we

intend to continue. Prior editions have included contributions from Pastor Ryan Fitch (Lutherlyn's current Associate Director), Deacon Deb Roberts (Lutherlyn's current Executive Director), and Pastor Kelsey Kresse (a former counselor and unit leader).



In addition to providing each of our staff with this great guide, each of our international staff settled into camp comfortably thanks to your kind support. Your kindness provided bedding, an alarm clock, toiletries, and a Walmart gift card for other necessities (and snacks!) to help each of the international staff feel a bit more at home as they settled into camp.

Thank you again for supporting this summer's staff with your gifts, prayers, and encouragement. We love and appreciate your generosity!

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# Staff Alumni Newsletter

2024

## Greetings from Lutherlyn!

It is another great summer at Lutherlyn! The summer staff arrived in early June and, once again, we are blessed with an amazing group of young people who are providing life-changing adventures in faith for the campers.

This summer's staff is a fun mix of returning staff, former campers, and totally new faces! We have several second generation (and a 3rd and 4th generation) staff this summer. We LOVE that so many of our staff alumni encourage their children to continue the tradition of working at Lutherlyn! Lutherlyn is also hosting five international staff members this summer, three from Mexico, one from Jamaica, and one from Germany.

Please pray for Lutherlyn's summer staff as they care for our campers and one another over the coming weeks. You know how challenging and rewarding their experience on staff will be. Also, please continue to lift them up in prayer as the summer concludes and they each depart to let their light shine throughout the world.



## Alumni at Family Camp

By the time this publication reaches your mailbox, it will be Family Camp week. This year Family Camp is absolutely overflowing and boasts a full waitlist, too! Family Camp includes many staff alumni. We have nearly 30 staff alumni from the 1970s, 80s, 90s, 2000s, and the 2010s attending with their families. The final campfire of Family Camp week is planned and led by Family Campers who are former Summer Staff and Summer Staff who are former Family Campers.

## Summer Volunteers

Camp nurses, chaplains, grandparents, kitchen help, maintenance help, and specialty camp leaders are crucial volunteer positions that are needed every summer. Lutherlyn is blessed with many former summer staff who spend a week of their summer volunteering at camp. This summer there are 28 former summer staff serving as volunteers. If you might consider serving as a summer camp volunteer in the future, please e-mail [deb@lutherlyn.com](mailto:deb@lutherlyn.com).

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# Wednesday Night Games

# Fundraising Updates



## Wednesday Night Games

This summer, the Wednesday evening all-camp games/theme is **Take Me Out to the Ball Game!**

It is likely you may remember Lutherlyn's all-camp theme nights. Some favorites from the past include Pirates, Medieval Times, "Bill & Ted", Christmas in the Summer, Wild West, Farm Yard Fun, and International Night.

This summer, dinner is ballpark inspired with corndogs, nachos and cheese, funnel cakes, and popcorn (some healthy stuff is thrown in there too).

After dinner, everyone goes to the lawn next to the lake for communion worship. Wednesday worship also includes our summer offering project.

The games are next. There are 20 stations of games and activities for the campers to choose from. This year we put a "camp spin" on traditional sports: World Cup Soccer, Baseball, Basketball, Lawn Games, Parachute Games, and a "7th Inning Stretch" Dance Party are all options. Camp favorites, like the jump pillow,

kayaking, canoeing, archery, and hay rides are also available for campers to enjoy!

In keeping with the theme, the Unit Leaders arrive dressed as referees, ready to blow their whistles to stop any unsportsmanlike conduct! (LOL Our campers would NEVER!) Campers and staff are invited to wear a shirt of their favorite team.

The final event of the evening is campfire. In addition to many camp favorites, there is also a sing-along of "Take Me Out to the Ball Game", but with some new camp themed verses in the style of Boom-Chicka-Boom (see right).

During the games, campers vote for one *lucky* staff member to be the "Head Coach" of the evening. At campfire, one of the most quintessential championship activities occurs—the Head Coach is drenched by a big cooler full of water!

What were your favorite activities from Wednesday night games?



♪ Pirate Style! ♪

(Repeat after me)

Take me out to the ocean,  
Take me out to the sea,  
Buy me a chest full of  
gold doubloons,  
I don't care if we sail until noon!



## Bill & Joyce Steiner Leadership Endowment

Depending on when you were on staff, you may have worked with a member of the Steiner family. Pastor Bill Steiner served as Lutherlyn's program director from 1970-1980. Pastor Steiner and his wife Joyce wore many hats as they raised their children at Lutherlyn. Their children, Signe, Leah, Mark, and Roger, all worked at camp, too. A generation later, Mark and Roger's children worked on staff as well! Pastor and Mrs. Steiner did not just see the value in working at Lutherlyn for their own children, but sought to make Lutherlyn a place where all young people could grow in faith; honing and developing their skills to become leaders within the church, both locally and in the greater world.

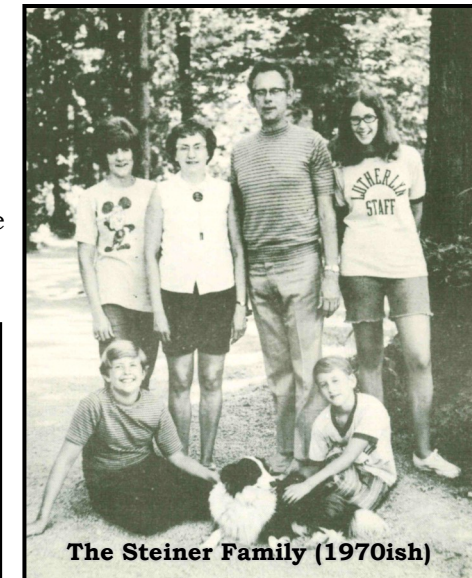
Though Bill and Joyce have both passed away, their legacy of leadership continues to positively impact Lutherlyn today. As a way to honor their legacy, the Steiners' children and grandchildren have established the **Bill & Joyce Steiner Leadership Endowment Fund**. The fund, established in 2020, provides financial resources to Lutherlyn in support of leadership development, diversity, inclusion, and staff recruitment.

As an endowment, donations made to the fund are invested, and then Lutherlyn can utilize the fund's earnings to recruit and develop a diverse group of young people be the best staff possible for our campers, for our church, and for the world!

If you would like to contribute to this incredible resource for camp, you can make a gift at [www.lutherlyn.com/donate](http://www.lutherlyn.com/donate) (or mail a check to camp) and include "Steiner Endowment" in the notes/memo. Each gift will certainly have a lasting impact!



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The Steiner Family (1970ish)



## Campaign Challenge Winners: 1990s Alumni

During the All Staff Reunion in 2023, Becky (Albright) Franklin and Meredith (Treser) Trimble announced a special \$200,000 goal for their Staff Alumni peers. All gifts would benefit Lutherlyn's **Building for the Future** Capital Campaign, and, if the goal was met, one of the new cabins would be dedicated in honor of all past staff. To help encourage participation, a decade vs. decade challenge was issued, with a mini-reunion and campfire cookout on the line for the decade group who had the greatest number of participating donors and the group who pledged the greatest dollar amount.

As usual, when Lutherlyn calls, staff alumni answer! In total, Lutherlyn's Staff Alumni have pledged more than \$300,000! We are incredibly overjoyed at the results! Alumni from EVERY decade participated, but the 1990s staff pulled out all the stops and won both facets of the campaign challenge, contributing both the highest total dollar amount, in addition to having the greatest number of participants.

On May 11th, some of the 90s staff (photo left) gathered together at Lutherlyn for a very fun, albeit rainy, mini-reunion after CampBlast! May 11th was also everyone's opportunity to see the campaign's first completed project: A full renovation of Steinger Memorial Amphitheater! We heard wonderful feedback about how the space looks new and beautiful, but still feels like the space we all know and cherish so deeply.

To date, Lutherlyn has already received more than \$1.85 million in pledges toward the \$2.0 goal. Though the challenge is over, gifts can still be made at [www.lutherlyn.com/donate](http://www.lutherlyn.com/donate).

Thank you to all staff alumni who have made a gift to the **Building for the Future** Campaign.