

Rev. Rick Malivuk Named VP of Program



Rev. Rick Malivuk

The Rev. Richard Malivuk, Lutz, Florida began serving as Vice President of Program for NovusWay Ministries on October 1, 2016, according to Keith Johnson, Executive Director. The Vice President of Program position is part of a staff re-organization plan that came about when Susan Troutman concluded her service as Chief Operating Officer in June. Troutman was responsible for program, finance and support services.



Susan Troutman

Johnson indicated that Becky Maxwell, a longtime assistant to Troutman, became Vice President of Finance and Support Services on June 17. Malivuk will serve as Vice President of Program on a part-time, interim basis in order to provide time for future planning. Johnson went on to say, *"We certainly miss Susan Troutman, who provided exemplary service for 14 years, but we are fortunate to have someone of the caliber of Rick Malivuk to step in. He recently spent three days with program and executive staff and there was strong affirmation of his ability to continue the tradition of providing quality Christ-centered programs and supporting program staff."*

Malivuk retired in December 2015 as pastor of All Saints Lutheran Church, Lutz, where he served since developing the congregation in 1983. He brings a solid history with Lutheran Outdoor Ministries to the position, having been part of a campfirmation cluster at Lutheridge and he brought youth to Lutherock including two of his own sons. All Saints church has also hosted a Luther Springs day camp for many years.

After graduating from the University of Miami, Malivuk served in the U.S. Army Artillery during the Vietnam War in 1969-1970. While working in business in Miami he discerned a call to

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ordained ministry and received his M. Div. from LTSS in 1981. When asked about assuming the Vice President of Program position, Malivuk had this to say *"I am both flattered and excited for the invitation to become Vice President of Program at NovusWay Ministries. Since I've already had a chance to meet so many of the NovusWay team, I also look forward to a wonderful partnership in the proclamation of God's good news through outdoor ministry."*

Malivuk has a longtime interest in providing support to law enforcement, having served as a volunteer chaplain to the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office and as a volunteer chaplain to Tampa Fire Rescue since 2012. He has been certified in Critical Incident Stress Management for 17 years and has developed a series of retreats to support first responders in partnership with the Franciscan Center in Tampa called "Operation Restore."

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YOUR CONNECTION TO WHAT'S HAPPENING AT



We Came to Know...

Summer Family Camp at Lutheridge

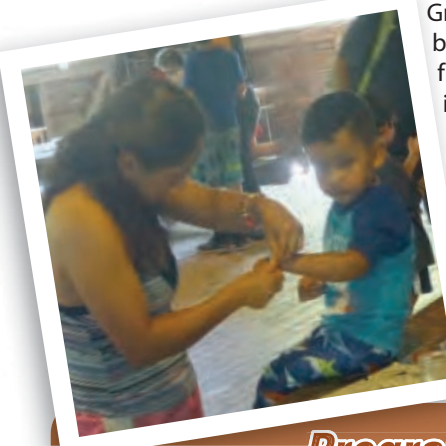
When asked about her experience at Family Camp in summer 2016, Berta, of Amazing Grace Lutheran Church, Lawrenceville, Georgia, responded, "We came to know." Amazing Grace Church has a sizable Latino population, and many of them had never been to Lutheridge or a place like it. Berta, Anna, Sergio, their families, and their fellow members came to Lutheridge *"to know..."* to know the Christian community they had heard about... to know the new experiences they had dreamed about... to hear and know the thoughts and feelings of other young parents just like themselves... to know just how big their children's smiles could be, after a day full of laughter and love. They came to grow in faith and to know Jesus at Family Camp.

Berta came to Lutheridge as a chaperone last summer, and as soon as she returned home, she knew she wanted to come back in summer 2016 with her family. More importantly, she brought seven other families from Amazing Grace Church with her. The entire group made it a priority, all year long, to come to Lutheridge, holding garage sales and other fundraisers to help fund their trip. Sergio was one of the men who attended Lutheridge for the first time this summer. When asked to comment on his experience, Sergio said, *"We feel important. We feel important to the staff and important in this Christian community. Although I have not been here very long, I'm so happy to get to know everyone. It lets me know we're not alone."*

Lutheridge provided a rare opportunity for the children of Amazing

Grace, who would not have been able to come without financial assistance. Camp is a healthy environment where doubts and fears can be shared and are met with love and acceptance by the counselors and camp community. Berta said, *"Lutheridge unlocks the minds of children so that they can see something different here, and it opens their eyes to the larger world and new experiences."* Berta, Sergio, and Anna brought their children here *"to know."*

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Programs To Inspire and Empower

For more information - See pages 5 & 6 inside for a listing of programs offered from November 2016 - October 2017. Register online at www.novusway.com.

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First Ever Lutheranch Gala

106 friends of Lutheranch packed the Georgian Club in Atlanta on Saturday, August 20, for the first ever "Happy Trails Gala" that netted over \$35,000 to help launch the ministry of Lutheranch. Guests came from as far away as Birmingham, Nashville, and Newberry, South Carolina.

Pastor John Weber, Peachtree City, served as emcee for the Gala with assistance from Bishop H. Julian Gordy, who also spoke of the significant role that Lutheranch will play in the life of the Southeastern Synod. John shared testimonials from three confirmands on how God had impacted their faith while at camp. Kara Beck, former counselor, also testified to the power of the Holy Spirit at work in the lives of campers.

John Schuerholz (right), Vice Chair of the Atlanta Braves and honorary chair of Standing on the Promise Campaign, was present to thank participants for their support to the campaign. Schuerholz previously served as General Manager and later as President of the Atlanta Braves. He and his wife Karen pledged their continuing commitment to Lutheranch and were among the generous donors at the Gala. A silent auction raised \$6,000. Gala attendees also gifted \$8,250 to install a ropes course, \$2,000 for portable generators needed to build the ropes course and entrance sign, and will serve as emergency power backup in the future. Additional funds were given for canoes, kayaks and paddleboards that campers and guests will enjoy on Lake Stender in summer 2017.

Keith Johnson, NovusWay Executive Director, had this to say about the Gala, *"There are many great memories from the evening... a 'live' John Schuerholz bobblehead, well intended jokes from Pastor John Weber, inspiring words from Bishop Gordy and Kara Beck, a great meal, but most of all, it was inspiring to come together with supporters that have given so generously of their time and resources to bring Lutheranch to this point. More than one person told me they sensed electricity in the air (the Holy Spirit), and I am convinced the Gala will give us the momentum to 'Complete the Dream' for Lutheranch."*

We're very thankful to the planning committee that did a great job in planning and managing all the details for the "Happy Trails Gala": Elaine Schwartz, chair; Keith Trout, development director; and Holly Anderson, Debbie Lundell, Mary Peterson, Amy Carpenter, Rose Denzin, and Arolue Floemmen-Prater, who procured many of the silent auction items. Also, thanks to Charles Bridgers and Joe Lundell for their time and talents photographing the event, as well as Thrivent Financial for opening the doors of the beautiful Georgian Club!

The committee is pleased to announce that the 2017 Happy Trails Gala will be held on August 19, so please mark your calendars!



John Schuerholz



Lutheranch Construction Update

Construction has begun on the long awaited McKanna-Sandrock Retreat Center at Lutheranch, according to Craig Rieger, VP of Sites and Facilities. He indicated the cement floor has been poured and framing the walls began as this edition of the LINK newsletter went to press. Rieger indicated that the center should be completed by summer 2017 as two weeks of summer camp are planned for June 2017.



Keith Trout

Development Director at ktrout@NovusWay.com, 864-313-1453.

Rieger also emphasized that \$435,000 is still needed to fully fund the retreat center. If you would like to help "Complete the Dream" for Lutheranch contact Keith Trout,

If you would like to volunteer at Lutheranch, a special work day will be held on Saturday, November 19. Contact Ed Buehler, edbuehler@earthlink.net or **770-366-2329** if you plan to attend. A harvest meal will be provided in the evening and overnight accommodations can be arranged.



Lutherock Celebrates 60 Years of Ministry

On August 19, 2016 Pastor Frank Wagner completed his 856 mile bike ride from Juno Beach, Florida to Lutherock in time to share in the 60th anniversary celebration for Lutherock. The ride was to raise money for the "Zip the Rock" Campaign and to observe Frank's 60th birthday, so he set the goal of raising \$60,000 to put toward adding a zip line at the saddle at Lutherock. You can find more information on ZiptheRock.com or make a gift by going to <https://www.generosity.com/faith-religion-fundraising/zip-the-rock>.



Pastor Frank Wagner

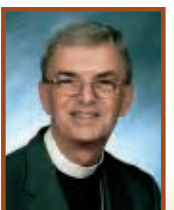


The 60th anniversary weekend was attended by former and current staff, campers, guests and supporters. All weekend stories of Lutherock's past would be heard around the table and around campfires. As part of a worship service on Saturday, participants were asked what Lutherock meant to them. Answers included a safe haven, a place of rest and renewal, a hidden jewel of the beauty of God's creation, home, community and holy ground. It was clear to see that Lutherock continues to hold a special place in the hearts and faith development of thousands.

all goes as planned, work will begin in January 2017. Utilizing Mission Builders is possible because of Gary Klein, general contractor from Orlando, who will serve as the contractor of record. Gary is a former member of the NovusWay Board of Trustees.

At Lutherock the entrance land is being purchased with campaign proceeds. Three founding congregations of Lutherock in North Carolina have accepted the challenge to purchase an additional 19 acres known as the "knob above the saddle." Already \$83,000 has been committed toward the \$150,000 goal.

If you or your congregation would like to help with Mission Possible, contact Setzler at jsetzler@NovusWay.com, 864-942-2974.



**The Rev.
John (Jan) Setzler**



Mission Possible Nears \$2 Million in Commitments

As this edition of the LINK newsletter was going to press, commitments to Mission Possible had reached \$1.7 million according to the Rev. Jan Setzler, Campaign Director: *"I feel sure commitments will reach \$2 million by year end as major gifts are being conducted in the central east coast and in greater Tampa this fall. Many congregational campaigns are scheduled this fall, headlined by Faith, Sarasota and Hope, The Villages."*

Campaign proceeds have already enabled construction of a fifth camper cabin in the Morgan Village along with an addition to the kitchen at Luther Springs. The next project is the Pauline Schmettmann Wing that features an additional twelve double-occupancy guest rooms. The hope is to use Mission Builders, who are volunteers from across the country, to assist. They would live in their RV's at Luther Springs. If



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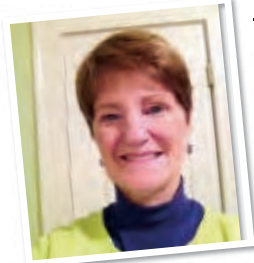
We Can't Do It Without Them!

NovusWay Ministries is deeply indebted to the efforts of countless volunteers, who work tirelessly on behalf of Lutheridge, Lutherock, Luther Springs, and Lutheranch. They share their time and talents and

help the ministry continue to grow and thrive. Not only does their great service save the ministry tens of thousands of dollars, but the love and care they bring has a lasting impact on the lives of thousands of guests and campers each year.

This past summer, Lutheridge was greatly blessed by three volunteers in particular who have spent the entire summer volunteering their time, talents, and love at Lutheridge.

Linda Lael returned for her fourth summer of managing health forms for over 4,000 campers and guests who attended summer camp. Lael first came to Lutheridge as a camper in 1956 and then returned to serve on the summer staff in 1967. She was invited to help with the Heritage Campaign for Lutheridge in 2010 which prompted her to get reinvolved in service to Lutheridge.



Linda Lael

Anne Smevog Langley also returned for her fourth summer as "camp grandma" and kitchen and office assistant. Langley first came to Lutheridge as a summer staff member in 1971. She returned to attend "senior week" with her mother and her husband, Dr. Charles Langley, who served as the physician in the 1990's. Her daughter Catherine has also served as a camp counselor. As camp grandma, Anne reassures parents who need comfort when their children are away from home at camp.

Cliff Ilderton has been coming to Lutheridge for over 25 years as camper, counselor, year-round staff member, and Food Service Manager.

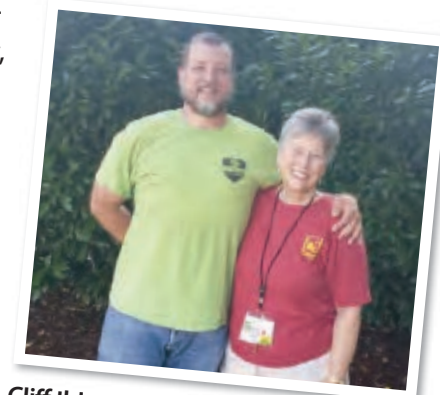
Cliff met his wife, the Rev. Sara Ilderton, at Lutheridge.

This is his sixth summer of volunteering to manage the dining hall, where he coordinates serving meals to guests, with special attention to helping the kitchen staff meet the special dietary needs of guests.

The threesome gathered to reflect on what motivated them to such selfless service. Lael reflected, *"When I came to Lutheridge for the first staff alumni campaign meeting, I realized what I had known subconsciously all along – Lutheridge had always had a special place in my heart. I wanted to put whatever talents I have to use in some way."* Ilderton reinforced her thoughts when he said, *"I can't imagine what it would be like to not spend the summer at Lutheridge. My life was impacted so much as a camper and staff member, and I'm privileged to share this special place with my kids."* Langley added, *"When I come to Lutheridge, I feel that I am my best, that I am living a healthy lifestyle. I am outside, I work hard and am physically active in a spiritual community, and I am contributing to a place and ministry that I believe in."*

Lutheridge and NovusWay are truly blessed by the great service of Linda, Cliff, and Anne. They serve with distinction and are a real credit to the ministry. It is an honor to serve with them! All NovusWay sites can use volunteers as every gift and ability can be used from site and grounds, to construction, to the office. Not only do we appreciate them, but we cannot do it without them! If you would like to share your time and talents, contact Margo Rabon at mrabon@NovusWay.com, 828-209-6327.

Keith Johnson



Cliff Ilderton & Anne Smevog Langley

"Let's Do the Dock!"

Restoring the Lake Stender Dock at Lutheranch



In the fall of 2015, William Patrick, a Life Scout in Troop 504, Lilburn, GA, started looking for an Eagle Project, one of the requirements needed to earn the highest rank in scouting. William had been a Lutheridge summer camper since he was 3 months old and 2016



William Patrick (at right) with fellow Boy Scout, Rafael Soriano

was his 18th summer! He had also been to Lutherock and Lutheranch so it was natural to look for a NovusWay camp project. As a child, when William heard about the tornado that demolished the playground at Lutheridge, he sent his allowance that week to help. As a youth, he continued to live out his faith through stewardship by making a pledge to both the

Foundations for Faith The Challenge

and the Standing on the Promise Campaigns for Lutheranch.

The Patrick family drove to Lutheranch and were told of several possible projects, one of which was to restore the dock on Lake Stender. The dock was in very poor condition. The need for a safe and usable dock was crucial. After hiking around the property and discussion on the way home, he said, **"Let's do the dock!"**

William applied for and was approved for a Thrivent Action Team Project. He used the \$250 seed money for postage and supplies for fundraising, safety goggles for the Scout volunteers and to provide food and drinks for work days. William raised \$4,731 from family and friends. He explained what happened next; *"Over the course of 4 days we worked on renewing the dock. On the first day we took the planks off of the dock and stacked them up. On the other three days we placed, cut, and secured the boards required to cover the dock and we were able to upgrade to use new composite wood."*

Thanks to help from 13 Scouts from Troop 504, based at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lilburn, GA and 12 Adults, including the "go to crew" from Grace Lutheran in Carrollton, and Williams grandfather, Jim Patrick, over 500 hours were spent working on the dock. William is especially grateful for the leadership and support given by Ed Buehler (Lutheranch project contact), Shane Dathe (master carpenter and site host at Lutheranch) and Craig Rieger (VP for Sites and Facilities).

The renewed dock is on beautiful Lake Stender down the hill from the new McKanna-Sandrock Retreat Center that is currently under construction. It is also just around the bend from the beautiful St. Timothy Outdoor Chapel that was dedicated this past spring. William is glad the project is complete and looks forward to finishing his journey to earn his Eagle rank later this year. He is also another great example of the thousands who are helping to complete the dream for Lutheranch. If you would like to help with a special project contact Ed Buehler, volunteer coordinator at edbuehler@earthlink.net. Volunteers are now needed to install the low ropes/community dynamics course.



William (center) in front of the completed dock with (l to rt.) Jim Dathe, Bob Adams, William, Max Beaver and Shane Dathe.

Climbing Walls, Moving Mountains



Wild Women Weekends at Lutheridge have a remarkable tradition of touching and changing the lives of thousands of women. But who would have imagined an 80-year old woman climbing to the top of a 25 foot climbing wall in the Faith Center? Ann Dasher, who has been attending Wild Women Weekends for years, has this to say, *"Wild Women is a fantastic intergenerational experience. Families come and grow closer to Jesus and to one another. It is a great opportunity to be together, and the laughter is so loud, that you have to shout!"* Wild Women Weekends are a 20 year tradition shared by women from all over the southeast: friends, sisters, mother, daughters, aunts, grandmothers, and everything in between! Women from all walks of life come together at Lutheridge to be spiritually renewed through time in precious Christian community. Each year, they study a woman of faith, centering on a specific theme. Wild Women in 2016 studied Rahab and Making Decisions. Much like the challenge of climbing a 25 foot wall, decisions can be obstacles to overcome, but with encouragement from friends and a lot of faith in Jesus, they can be conquered! That's exactly how Ann Dasher and other Wild Women got to the top of the wall; all of their friends were at the bottom providing the much-needed "You can do it's"! The exhilarating breath of fresh air that comes along with the relief



Ann Dasher



of making a tough decision is a feeling not lost on Wild Women, and they seek to share it with all who join them! You are invited to join women young and old at Lutheridge as they break down barrier after barrier, year after year. Space remains for winter 2017 weekends. Go to

www.NovusWay.com or contact the registrar at registration@NovusWay.com or (828) 209-6329!



START POLISHING YOUR GOLF SKILLS NOW AND BE PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LUTHERANCH GOLF CLASSIC AT COUNTRY CLUB OF GWINETT, GEORGIA, SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2017!

Plan to join us as we partake in fellowship and fun all while raising money toward the fantastic cause of Lutheranch! Be sure to Like the "Lutheranch Golf Classic" Facebook page to keep up to date on all the details!

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We Came to Know...

When asked how Family Camp was different in the summer of 2016, Pastor Lauren Carlson, Family Camp Leader, had this to say, *"What a beautiful new experience in our Christmas Week Family Camp this summer! We all worked together and did not allow language to be a barrier, as we all speak the language of faith and family. These beautiful new friends from Lawrenceville brought so much authenticity and willingness to try something so new -- it was inspiring for me. One new friend and I left with the promise that we would each work on our Spanish/English skills for next summer so we can walk together even more closely."*

It is easy to feel isolated in the world today, to feel categorized, fearful, and ostracized. To find a place amidst Christian community where you are loved and valued is a necessity, and Lutheridge is privileged to provide this kind of place. All are welcome at Lutheridge. If your family is interested in joining the Amazing Grace community for Family Camp or any of our family programs next year at Lutheridge or other NovusWay sites, please contact the NovusWay registration office at registration@NovusWay.com or (828) 209-6329. We want all people to come to know Jesus at camp.



"Miss Sarah"

This touching, anonymous letter was sent in with a donation to Mission Possible for Luther Springs in honor of Sarah Anderson, Luther Springs Site Director:

It has been my pleasure to have spent three weekends at Luther Springs. I love how tucked away it is in one of the most rural and beautiful areas of our state. It's a lovely setting to enjoy God's creation, His peace, and rest for body and spirit. The two God Spa's for Women I've attended were very creative and meaningful. And, I've enjoyed all who I have met there.

On all of my visits I've been impressed with the friendliness and welcoming of the staff, especially "Miss Sarah". Nothing beats Miss Sarah and her devotion to Luther Springs. It's her particular ministry, I believe. She is so filled with the Spirit of God! To hear her pray is like listening in to a real conversation between a much loved child and the Lord Jesus. It's just the most natural "chat". It's always so full of joy and gratefulness.

And of course, Miss Sarah's biscuits-n-gravy are the best! The first time I ever had them in the eight years I've lived in the south was at Luther Springs. I just love everything she prepares with her kitchen staff!

Also, Miss Sarah says the angels live in the trees at Luther Springs. If she says so, it's true! She should know! If you listen carefully, you can hear them whispering in the pines, especially in the still of the night.

Blessings to you all!



Sarah Anderson

Sarah is one of dozens of NovusWay staff who serve selflessly and tirelessly so that the mission and vision of NovusWay are lived out for 20,000 campers and guests each year.

NON-SUMMER PROGRAMS NOVEMBER 2015-APRIL 2016



AwakeningSoul Presents Tending the Fire with Brian McLaren and Becca Stevens and Fran McKendree and the AwakeningSoul Ensemble



Nov 10-13, 2016

We get inspired - then what? How do we commit to the hard work required to bring the spark of our idea to fruition? How do we sustain it for the long term? For more info and to register, visit www.awakeningsoulpresents.org.



Trailblazers (grades 1-5)

Nov. 11-13, 2016 (Fri-Sun)

Theme: Prayer! Students will enjoy canoeing, archery, swimming, and more and stay in cabins with counselors.

Youth: Before 10/13/16 (\$99), After: \$115

Adult: Before 10/13/2016 (\$85), After: \$99

Church groups registering 5 or more, contact registration for discount!



Faith Alive! Old Testament

Nov 4-6, 2016 (Fri-Sun)

For Middle School and High School ~ Campers will be placed in cabins with those closest to their own age. OT stories come ALIVE!

Before 10/30/16: \$146, After 10/31/16: \$177

Registration will close at noon on Monday, 11/7/16.



Create and Connect

Nov. 14-16, 2016 (Mon-Wed)

Discover tools and resources to identify your God-given gifts to find meaning, passion and purpose for this stage in your life while enjoying the beauty and peace of Luther Springs.

Leader: Margo Walcott,

ALOA Members: \$131 Non-ALOA Members: \$142

Groups of 5 or more take a \$10/person discount!



NovusWay Ministries' Faith Alive! at Agape Kure Beach Ministries: Ten Commandments

Nov 18-20, 2016 (Fri-Sun)

Faith Alive at Camp Agapé is designed for youth grades 6-8. Adult Leaders are welcome but not required to attend. Learn the gift of God's law!

Youth Participants: \$142.00 per person

Adult Participants: \$71.00 for up to 2 Adults.

(Additional Adults will be charged regular retreat center prices)

Bring a Group of 7 or more Youth and get 1 free adult registration.



Paper Quilling for Christmas at Lutheranch

November 28-30, 2016 (Mon-Wed)

Paper Quilling for Christmas and other occasions is a workshop designed to teach beginners the art of quilling.

Devotions will be based on the Advent themes of peace, joy, hope, and love. Class size limited to 14.

Instructor: Debbie Lundell

\$144



Mountaintop Family Advent

Dec. 2-4, 2016 (Fri-Sun)

Go on an ADVENTure to Lutherock to prepare for Christmas. Light the Christmas tree, make Advent wreaths, sing carols, and even choose and cut your own Christmas Tree at a nearby tree farm! (Christmas Tree is an additional fee).

Program Leaders: Pastor Will Rose and Cindy Morton-Rose

Family of 4: \$367.00 Each additional adult: \$100.00

Each additional child: \$55.00 Single adult: \$125.00

Single Child: \$70.00 (Children 3 and under are free!)



Faith Journey Confirmation Retreats

Jan. 13-15, 2017 (Fri-Sun)

Experience confirmation in a different light - bring your confirmation class to Luther Springs for the weekend and let us do the teaching, worship, Bible study, campfires, games, canoeing, archery, swimming, hiking, and more!

Theme: New Testament

Youth: Before 12/15/16: \$146, After 12/15/16: \$162 per youth

Adult: Before 12/15/16: \$95, After 12/15/16: \$110 per adult



Fun in the Sun Ski Beech Retreats

Jan. 27-29 (Fri-Sun), Feb. 10-12 (Fri-Sun), Feb. 17-20 (Fri-Mon)

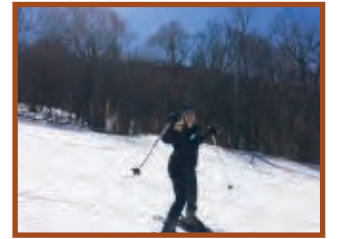
Spend time in Bible study and fellowship and time at nearby Beech Mountain ski resort; so, we'll have some fun in the Sun and in the Sun (or at least the snow!). Chaperones must accompany youth and provide transportation for the weekend.

January 27-29: \$125.00/youth and \$90.00/adult

February 10-12: \$125.00/youth and \$90.00/adult

February 17-20: \$145.00/youth and \$90.00/adult

Ski cost not included



Decathlon Lock-In

Feb. 3-4, 2017 8pm-8am (Fri-Sat)

Middle and high schoolers, we changed our Volleyball Marathon fundraiser to an all night Decathlon! Volleyball will still be in the line-up, but so will other sports, brain teasers, and Biblical challenges. Please bring 1-2 chaperones per team. Groups are asked to bring snacks/drinks to share. Breakfast provided.

Before 1/5/2017: \$30, After: \$45



Faith Alive! Holy Baptism and Holy Communion

February 3-5, 2017 (Fri-Sun)

For Middle School and High School ~ Campers will be placed in cabins with those closest to their own age. Experience God's grace!

Before 1/25/17: \$162 After 1/25/17: \$192

Registration will close at noon on Monday, 1/30/17.



Wild Women Weekends

Feb. 3-5, Feb. 10-12, Mar. 17-19, Mar. 24-26, 2017 (All Fri-Sun)

Adult women of all ages will gain fresh vision and strength in the beauty of the Blue Ridge Mountains. We'll celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation-Wild Style! Katie Luther and other reforming women will inspire and empower us to continue the reformation today! Become a Wild Woman at Lutheridge! Leader: Pastor Mary Canniff-Kuhn, Program Director & Storyteller

\$215

Handbell Workshops

Feb. 17-19 & Feb. 24-26, 2017 (Fri-Sun)

Two opportunities for individual ringers or entire choirs to gain skills for their home ministries. See website for more details and list of music.

Clinicians:

Feb 17-19: Advanced: Jason Krug Intermediate:

Sandra Eithun

Feb 24-26: Advanced: Kevin McChesney Intermediate: Sondra Tucker

Kohnjoy Inn or Single in Thornburg: \$289

Thornburg Double or Cottages: \$249

Commuter: \$199



EQUIP HS Leadership

Feb. 17-19, 2017 (Fri-Sun)

Energize! Question! Understand! Intercede! Proclaim! This event is for high schoolers who are ready to explore theological issues, discern gifts for leadership, and be challenged! Adult leaders/parents are welcome to join us!

Youth: Before: 1/26/2017 (\$110), if not: \$125

Chaperone: After: 1/26/2017 (\$80), if not: \$100



Master's Builders

Feb. 24-26, 2017 (Fri-Sun)

Interested in doing projects to improve Luther Springs while enjoying the lake, telling stories around the campfire, exploring the great outdoors, enjoying crazy camp games, or sitting on the back porch discussing your faith? Join us and other men of faith at Luther Springs!

Leader: Pastor Peter Morey

Kuehner Center: Before 1/19/17: \$110, After 1/19/17: \$130

Morgan Village: Before 1/19/17: \$90, After 1/19/17: \$100

RV/Tent: Before 1/19/17: \$60, After 1/19/17: \$70



Learn Pysanky: The Ukranian Art of Egg Decorating

March 3-5, 2017 (Fri-Sun)

Discover the art of Pysanky--intricately decorated Ukranian Easter Eggs. Registration Deadline is February 1, so that supplies can be ordered. **\$144**



Quilting Retreat

Mar 6-10, 2017 (Mon-Fri)

Come spend time with other quilters in the relaxed atmosphere of Luther Springs for fellowship,

worship, projects for gift ideas and to benefit a nonprofit group. There will be a day trip to a local quilt shop and the opportunity to share your own creations!

Kuehner Center: Before 1/30/17: \$365, After 1/30/17: \$385

Morgan Village: Before 1/30/17: \$299, After 1/30/17: \$320

RV/Tent Village: Before 1/30/17: \$240, After 1/30/17: \$250



Grands Weekend

Mar. 10-12, 2017 (Fri-Sun)

Join us for a GRAND WEEKEND for spiritual growth and fun. Children may stay with their grandparent(s) or in Morgan Village Cabins with a Luther

Springs counselor.

Leaders: Rev. Dick Hafer, Margo Walbolt, Steve Helm and Luther Springs staff.

Kuehner Center Youth: Before 2/9/17: \$70, After 2/9/17: \$80

Kuehner Center Adult: Before 2/9/17: \$90, After 2/9/17: \$115

RV/Tent Village Youth: Before 2/9/17: \$35, After 2/9/17: \$40

RV/Tent Village Adult: Before 2/9/17: \$60, After 2/9/17: \$65

The fourth child you bring is free!



River Rat Ramble

Mar. 31-April 2, 2017 (Fri-Sun)

Join us for a weekend of canoeing, games, fellowship, and worship at

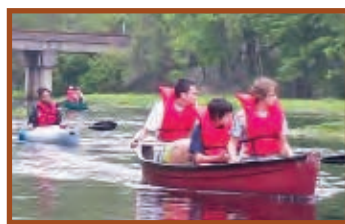
Luther Springs! For both Middle and High School youth!

Youth (tent): Before 3/2/17: \$80, After \$95

Youth (cabin): Before 3/2/17: \$105, After \$125

Chaperone (tent): Before 3/2/17: \$55, After: \$80

Chaperone (Kuehner): Before 3/2/17: \$80, After: \$105



Fishers of Men

April 7-9, 2017 (Fri- Sun)

This men's retreat at Lutherock offers an opportunity to be where God can teach us about our faith through the mountain waters. A North Carolina fishing license is required and can be purchased online at www.ncwildlife.org.

org.

Before 3/18/2017: \$220, After: \$240



Respite in the Wilderness

April 18-20, 2017 (Tues-Thurs)

We invite rostered leaders and church professionals to join us for a retreat of rest and renewal through prayer and study as we close out the season

of Lent and celebrate the season Easter.

Kuehner Center: Before 3/16/17: \$100, After 3/16/17: \$120

Morgan Village: Before 3/16/17: \$85, After 3/16/17: \$100

RV/Tent Village: Before 3/16/17: \$55, After 3/16/17: \$65



Create in Me

April 20-23, 2017 (Thurs- Sun)

Immerse yourself in the world of art and faith: music, fabric, paint, clay, and more! Try something new and let God create in you!

Before 4/1/17 \$295.00, After 4/1/17 \$315.00

\$199.00 commuter rate (includes all meals)

STUDENTS may attend at commuter rate (lodging where available)



Women's Wellness Weekend

April 21-23, 2017 (Fri-Sun)

We will focus on ways to take care of ourselves physically, spiritually, and

mentally. The weekend will be filled with fellowship, Bible study, Aroma Touch Therapy, on-site adventure opportunities, DIY Bath Salts, and time with your sisters in Christ! **\$205**



God's Spa for Women

April 21-23, 2017, (Fri-Sun)

Soak in the beautiful scenery and solitude of Luther Springs, relaxing your mind, body, and spirit. Activities may include: inspirational conversations, devotions, music, journaling, guided meditation, rocking on the back porch, as well as facials, hand/foot scrubs and massages.

Theme: Treasured!

Kuehner Center: Before 3/16/17: \$155, After 3/16/17: \$178

Morgan Village: Before 3/16/17: \$131, After 3/16/17: \$152



Scrap Camp

April 27-30, 2017 (Thurs- Mon)

Got pictures? Need time, space? We've got it! Scrapbooking is center stage with fun, fellowship, devotions, and Sunday worship sprinkled in.

Full On-Site: \$205.00 per person

Commuter: \$155.00 per person

P2P Digital Scrapbooking Workshops: additional \$70.00

Arrive on Thursday (April 26) for an extra day of scrapbooking: \$65.00



Herb Workshop for Women

April 28-30, 2017 (Fri-Sun)

Come and learn about herbs and medicinal herb making with master gardner Carolyn Cline-Griffiths. The weekend will include Bible study and reflection, storytelling, and the opportunity to have a reflexology session while enjoying the peace and beauty of Lutheranch's Holy Trinity House. **\$144**



Faith Alive! 10 Commandments and Reformation

April 28-30, 2017 (Fri-Sun)

For Middle School and High School ~ Campers will be placed in cabins with those closest to their own age. Discover the gift of God's laws.

Before 4/13/16: \$162, After 4/13/16: \$192

Registration will close at noon on Monday, 4/19/17.



3rd Annual The Rock 5K Trail Run

9:30am April 29, 2017 (Sat)

All net proceeds go towards Camp Lutherock's summer camper scholarship fund. Packet pick-up will be on race day only from 7:00 am-9:00am!

Before 4/1/2017: \$25, After: \$30

Register online at Lutherock.com



God's Work Our Hands Work Weekend at Lutherock

May 5-7, 2017 (Sat) and Sept. 8-10, 2017

Projects could include trail maintenance, splitting firewood, leaf blowing, power washing, putting up and taking down platform tents, and more!

Contact Jacob Ridenhour with questions: jridenhour@lutherock.com.



Whitewater Weekend

May 12-14, 2017 (Fri-Sun)

The weekend includes baptism-themed Bible study and games, a day of whitewater rafting down the Upper Nolichucky River, campfire, and more.

Chaperones are responsible for overnight supervision and transportation.

\$125/youth \$90/adult *Whitewater Rafting cost (\$60) not included*



"Gourd"-geous Women's Weekend

August 25-27, 2017 (Fri-Sun)

This is a perfect opportunity for women of all ages to come and be filled with fellowship, laughter, and peace at the beautiful Lutheranch. Learn about gourd art with Susan Sparrow, gourd artist and spiritual director, as you make a blessing bowl and/or angel. Worship led by Pastor Michelle Kuhlman.



God's Spa for Women

October 20-22, 2017 (Fri-Sun)

Soak in the beautiful scenery and solitude of Lutheranch relaxing your mind, body, and spirit! Stay up to date with this program on our website

www.NovusWay.com!



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Builders/Friends contribute \$500 or more annually. **Master Builders** give \$1000 - \$2499, **Cornerstones** contribute \$2500 - \$4999, **NovusWay Champions** provide support of \$5000 - \$9999, and **Keystones** make annual gifts of \$10000 - \$24999. **Foundation Builder/Founders Circle** donors contribute \$25000 or more annually. The following donors have attained their gift levels from January 1 to September 15, 2016. Please note that the list does not include those who were listed in previous LINK newsletters, nor does it include those who contributed to Heritage, Standing on the Promise, Complete the Dream or Mission Possible Campaigns.

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The following honor gifts to the annual fund were received between April 1 and September 15 2016. The lists are constructed in alphabetical order by the last name of the person honored. Honor gifts to campaigns will be listed in special publications at the conclusion of each campaign.

Terry Agner

Mr. and Mrs. David Bourne,
Margaret & Anna Rose

JT and Adeline Bugay

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Adeline Bugay's birth

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Rev. Eric Friedrich's 20th Anniversary of his Ordination

Dr. and Mrs. R. Boyd Hendrix

Robert Gehring

Estate of Mrs. Doris C. Gehring

Trey Harrison and Marissa Tweed's wedding

Anonymous

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert M. Harrison



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Charlotte Hickam

South Carolina Synod ELCA Women

Pastor Dave Hunter

The Rev. and Mrs. Lance Henderson

Keith Johnson

Ms. Linda E. Lael

Mr. and Mrs. Al King

Mr. Brian T. and the Rev. Angela Powell

Linda Lael's birthday

Mrs. Frances R. Daily

The Rev. Brent Nichols

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NovusWay Staff Family

David and Susan Troutman

Bryan Senn and Susanne Rhodes' marriage

David and Susan Troutman

The Rev. C. Peter Setzer's anniversary of ministry

Mr. and Mrs. Michael K. McMahan

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The Rev. Greg Williams' 30th Anniversary of his Ordination

Grace Lutheran Church,
Hendersonville, NC

The Rev. Jim Young

Grace Lutheran Men, Tallahassee, FL

Volunteers are always needed! For more information on opportunities see page 2 (Reflections of the Executive Director) and page 3 for information on the November 19 Lutheranch work day. The following in-kind donations are also needed:

Luther Springs

- Pontoon boat
- Canoes, sports balls
- Fuel efficient vehicle for staff travel
- Ryobi 18+ rechargeable drill batteries
- LED Projector

Lutheranch

- LED Projector
- Bed sheets for single beds
- AED automated external defibrillator

Lutheridge

- Maintenance truck with automatic transmission
- 4-wheel drive Tractor with front bucket and backhoe
- Minivans in good working condition with low miles (for day camp travel teams)
- 4-door sedan vehicle (for staff travel)
- Dehumidifiers
- New or good used washers, dryers and refrigerators

Lutherock

- 12-passenger van/bus
- Maintenance truck with automatic transmission
- Weed eater/trimmer
- Washer & dryer

NEEDS



MEMORIAL GIFTS

The following memorial gifts to the annual fund were received between April 1 and September 15, 2016. The lists are constructed in alphabetical order by the last name of the person memorialized. Memorial gifts to campaigns will be listed in special publications at the conclusion of each campaign.

Jim Chandler

All Saints Lutheran
Church, Huntsville, AL

Rev. and Mrs. E. K. Counts

Ms. E. Ruth Counts

Karen Ebener Hayes

The Rev. and

Mrs. William C. Ebener

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Mrs. Patricia Goltart

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Jane P. Mitcham

William R. and Imogene E. Myers

Estate of Mrs. Imogene E. Myers

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Ms. Christy R. Agner

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The Rev. Ronald G. Smith,

sons and grandchildren

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Westbrook

Ms. Beth Wright

The Rev. Gary Weant

The Rev. and Mrs.

Palmer D. Clemmer

Michael Wright

All Saints Lutheran
Church, Huntsville, AL

We honor the following volunteers and donors who shared their time and talents during the period of May through September 2016.

Luther Springs

- Women of Hope and Hope Lutheran members from the Villages presented a six-passenger golf cart to Sarah Anderson at Luther Springs.
- Members from All Saints Lutheran Church, Lutz, FL worked to create a prayer labyrinth, funded through a Thrivent Action Grant.
- Ladies of the fall God's Spa weekend collected an offering of \$2,000 for the scholarship fund to send the children and youth of Resurrection House (a migrant farm worker ministry) to camp next summer.

**Lutheranch**

- Boy Scout Troop 504, Lilburn, GA (led by William Patrick) completed a new dock at Stender Lake. See story and photos on page 3.

Lutheridge

- A "Smart Board" was received from Bud Moseley. This can be used for programs and retreat groups.
- St. Paul's Lutheran Church members from Dallas, NC spent several days in August doing demolition at Pioneer B cabins and rebuilding a railroad tie wall. Their leader is David Beaver. The Antioch Men from Antioch Lutheran in Dallas, NC, led by Jim Pasour, continued the demolition process at Pioneer B cabins.

**Lutherock**

- A special thank you to The Crossing Confirmation Cluster for donating a new basketball goal this summer.
- Thank you to all who helped with and participated in the 60th Anniversary Celebration and Zip the Rock campaign. See article and photos on page 2.
- Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, Juno

Beach, FL donated dehumidifiers.

- An AED (automated external defibrillator) was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hunt.

Thank you to all! If you or your group is interested in helping with camp projects, please contact Craig Rieger at 828-209-6313 or crieger@NovusWay.com.

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