

# Construction of Atonement Chapel and Meeting Rooms Nears

Proceeds to the Mission Possible Campaign reached \$2,100,000 as this edition of the LINK newsletter went to press toward the \$2.235 million goal. With fourteen congregations planning campaigns for fall 2017 and winter 2018 the goal should soon be reached.



Atonement Chapel Rendering

The next significant project is to build the Atonement Chapel and Meeting Room which will accommodate 125 guests. Campaign Director, Pastor Jan Setzler, indicated that enough commitments have been received to begin construction, and just \$33,000 is needed to fully fund the facility.



Securing the Future of Luther Springs and Lutherock

Mission Possible has already enabled significant expansion at Luther Springs to enable more campers and guests to share in the Christ-centered camp community. A fifth camper cabin, known as Alberta's Cabin was added, along with a kitchen annex to enable the site to serve more guests. The recent completion of the Pauline Schmettmann Wing has expanded the site capacity to 60 adults in 30 double occupancy guest rooms. The Cinda Morgan Lake Pavilion, a classroom for the Living

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Lab Outdoor School, will soon be completed. Todd Johnson, Campaign Co-Chair, had this to say, “We’ve been amazed at the generous response to Mission Possible. Even the devastation from Hurricane Irma has not slowed the enthusiasm to complete the historic endeavor. Members and congregations from the synod will reap the benefits for generations to come.”



Jan Setzler

Pastor Jan Setzler, Campaign Director, indicated that he will be available to work with any congregation that is in position to conduct a campaign this fall or winter. He will also be available in fall 2018 or winter 2019 if congregations need to pause to address hurricane recovery. He can be reached at [jsetzler@NovusWay.com](mailto:jsetzler@NovusWay.com), 864-942-2974.

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## Come to the Water...at Lutheridge

Sparked by Lutheran Men in Mission, five churches in east Tennessee raised funds to send up to 14 children from greater Knoxville to Lutheridge this past summer - including Cara and Sam.

Cara Workman raved about her experience at Lutheridge; “It was phenomenal! On Sunday we played a game called Get to Know You. That’s how I met my friend Athena. Turned out we were in the same cabin. I’m not as shy as I was when I came. I have so many new friends and my cabin was amazing. On Tuesday we did Morning Watch which is like a devotion to God. After breakfast



Pictured left to right (above) are some of the children who attended camp with assistance from Come to the Water: Sam Anderson, Kelsi Beaty, Cara Workman, Athena Trent, Alyssa Brom, Kris Beaty and Prince Gillenwaters.



we had Bible study...then we went to the pool. It was amazing with a water slide...I am excited to go back next year.” Cara, who was nominated to come to camp by CONNECT Ministries of East Knoxville, went on to say; “Camp changed my mind-set about being with other people and God. I learned to embrace other campers instead of just being on my phone!”

Sam Anderson is 14 and has one older brother. He also came to Lutheridge through “Come to the Water.” He was nominated by Bearden Middle School in

Knoxville. Sam said Lutheridge was the best camp he had ever been to and he enjoyed everything, especially going swimming almost every day and that his counselor Kendall was great, awesome; “I’ll remember the fun times and memories we shared. The counselors really care. I won’t forget the people I met at camp. I’m telling my friends they should come back with me next year.” When asked how camp changed his summer, Sam replied, “It made my summer much better, it made me more relaxed.”



Participants at the Come to the Water event have a good time while raising money for children to attend camp

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#### LUTHERANCH RETREAT CENTER DEDICATION and CELEBRATION

See photos and update on page 2!

#### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

See the Non-Summer program guide on pages 5 and 6 to plan your future attendance!



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Providing places set apart to inspire  
and empower all in Christ's love



# Lutheranch Celebrates Dedication of the McKanna-Sandrock Retreat Center



McKanna-Sandrock Retreat Center

**E**xcited guests gathered in the newly completed McKanna-Sandrock Retreat Center, sipping coffee from cheerful blue mugs bearing the Lutheranch logo on one side and this verse on the other, *"This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it."* Psalm 118:24. Indeed the long-awaited day had finally arrived. Lutheranch Camp and Retreat Center was gearing up for its Service of Dedication on Saturday, August 5, 2017 at 11:00 am.

The day before, volunteers and board members arrived in preparation for the big event. The Board of Trustees conducted its regular meeting, along with the Planning and Review and Finance Committees. On Friday evening, the Board hosted a dinner for 50 volunteers who accomplished many vitally important projects to prepare Lutheranch to serve guests. Projects included building the Group Interaction Course, the entrance sign and archway and the St. Timothy Outdoor Chapel.

On Saturday, nearly 500 friends from eight states came together to celebrate this new chapter of the Lutheranch story. The spectacular McKanna-Sandrock Retreat Center, featuring 31 double-occupancy guest rooms for adults and 10 rooms with bunk beds for youth, is now complete and hosting groups. The center boasts three meeting rooms, three lounges and a great room to serve up to 125 guests for meals and three groups simultaneously.

John Schuerholz (pictured), former Atlanta Braves General Manager and President, who served as honorary chair for two capital campaigns for Lutheranch said it best, *"One week ago I was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame and it was a great honor, but this ranks right up there! When*



John and Karen Schuerholz

*I walked into the McKanna-Sandrock Retreat Center tears came to my eyes and I'm privileged to have played a small part in this endeavor!"*

The Saturday service, led by Bishops H. Julian Gordy and Tim Smith of the Southeastern and North Carolina Synod Synods, opened with a welcome from Larry Moeller, President of the NovusWay Board of Trustees followed by Executive Director Keith Johnson who introduced key people who helped bring the camp and retreat center to fruition. The crowd enjoyed singing from the Trinity Lutheran Church Children's Choir from Lilburn, GA. The service was followed by a BBQ lunch on the grounds, site tours and fellowship.

Saturday evening, over 90 major donors shared in a fantastic dinner and enjoyed a program featuring harpist LeAndre Douds of Douglasville, GA. Sophia Larson from Carrollton, GA, shared about her experience as a camper during the first summer camp week at Lutheranch. Bishop Tim Smith was keynote speaker. The dedication weekend came to a perfect close with a worship service Sunday morning led by Bishop Gordy at the St. Timothy Outdoor Chapel.

The first official retreat in the McKanna-Sandrock Retreat Center was the McKanna and Sandrock family reunion with people from across the country. Seventeen other groups are already scheduled to retreat this fall and winter.

The August 4-6 weekend culminated 10 years of planning and preparation to make expanded ministry at Lutheranch a reality. There is still much to be done as the ministry and service of Lutheranch grow into the future, but the launching weekend could not have been more successful.

President Larry Moeller's words best express the spirit of this important event: *"With a mission of providing places set apart to inspire and empower all in Christ's love, the ministries of NovusWay have hit a grand slam with Lutheranch! The talent and treasure of innumerable volunteers and selfless donors will touch and shape lives for generations. God's love reflected in community and creation is a joy to behold. Thanks be to God."*

**Note:** We hope you have had an opportunity to visit the McKanna-Sandrock Retreat Center at Lutheranch. The St. Timothy Great Room houses the Wall of Honor recognition plaque. The Development Office has worked hard to accurately list each Lutheranch campaign donor of \$15,000 or more. If we missed you, please contact Margo Rabon at [mrabon@NovusWay.com](mailto:mrabon@NovusWay.com) as soon as possible.



## McKanna-Sandrock Retreat Center – Already A Popular Destination!

A growing number of groups have already scheduled a retreat this fall including the following:

- Oct. 20-22 – God's Spa Women's Retreat (open to individuals);
- Nov. 3-5 – Epiphany, Suwanee youth – 20;
- Nov. 7-8 – ELCA Disaster Response – 20;
- Nov. 15-16 – NovusWay staff – 25;
- Nov. 17-19 – St. Marks, Huntsville youth – 35;

Contact Joy at [RetreatRentals@NovusWay.com](mailto:RetreatRentals@NovusWay.com) or call 828-243-8762 to book your retreat at Lutheranch. Receive the special Standing on the Promise (35% discount) if you book in 2017, even if your group doesn't attend until 2018.

## Opportunities to Complete the Dream for Lutheranch

Even with all the success of the capital campaigns for Lutheranch, there are still many needs and opportunities to further strengthen and grow the ministry.

- Remodel the barn apartment to provide additional staff housing - \$10,000
- New work tractor with mower and backhoe - \$35,000;
- Landscaping for McKanna-Sandrock Retreat Center - \$25,000;
- Marketing and program start-up costs - \$100,000
- Guest room (one remaining) - \$30,000; and
- Stairwell - \$15,000

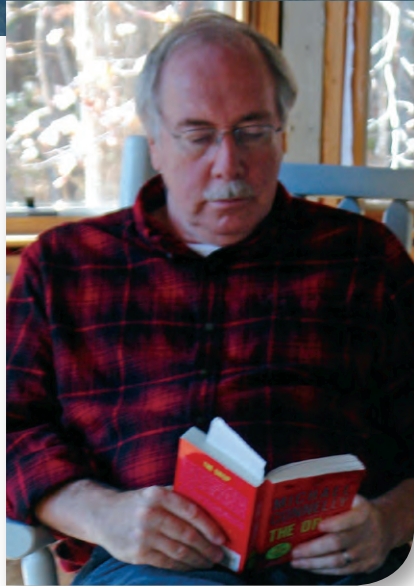


Keith Trout

If you would like more information on how you can help with one of these projects contact Keith Trout, Co-Development Director at 864-313-1453 or [kt trout@NovusWay.com](mailto:kt trout@NovusWay.com).



# REFLECTIONS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Pastor Dale Sillik

*Keith Johnson, long-time Executive Director, is retiring at year-end 2017. His column is being covered by Pastor Dale Sillik, Board of Trustees.*

## Empty Bunks?

**W**hen the NovusWay Board of Trustees met in August we were saddened to learn that we had too many empty beds this summer. We know that

camp changes the lives of the kids who get to go. In fact, research indicates that going to camp ranks second to parents in helping develop the faith of a child of God.

We also know that there are many reasons why families may not be sending their kids to camp. We would like to ask your help in filling those beds next summer.

First, let's find the kids! The kids who need camp are inside and outside our congregations. If your congregation is small and maybe doesn't have an organized youth group, camp is a great way to help those kids grow. Or maybe you don't have any kids at all in your congregation. Well, what about the congregation the next street or town over? Maybe they have kids but not the resources to send them. Could you make the difference in partnering with that congregation? Or how about kids who have no congregation? A lot of families have no congregation, but their kids still can be blessed by a NovusWay camp. Check with school counselors, local Co-Ops, and other folks who know kids in need of God's love in your community. Can you provide scholarships for these kids to have the experience of a life-time? The challenge is not that there are no kids. But the challenge may be looking beyond ourselves to see them and send them.

Next, money. Some families simply see camp as beyond their means. But we can help. Is there a person, group or circle within your congregation who would like to send a kid to camp? How about a fundraiser to send kids to camp? Check out the "Come to the Water" (cover story) event in Knoxville, TN - a fun event that sends kids to camp. Or maybe you have an even better idea! It will be the best investment you will ever make in inspiring a child of God.

Empty bunks? Let's find a way to fill those bunks. Let's change the lives of kids loved by God.

Pastor Dale Sillik  
Member, NovusWay Board

## PSNC Easement at Lutheridge



**T**he NovusWay Board of Trustees recently granted permission to PSNC Energy for a 50 foot easement to run a gas line along the edge of Highway 25 at the entrance field to Lutheridge and along the edge of the property to the top of the hill before exiting the site and crossing Airport Road (see map at right). The easement is needed in order for PSNC to install a 20" natural gas line to the Lake Julian Power Plant in South Asheville. This became necessary when Duke Energy abandoned its plan to run high voltage power lines from South Carolina to the plant. Two years ago, friends of Lutheridge defeated an attempt to run power lines through the property. There is already a 25' easement for an 8" gas line which they will dig up during the installation, which should begin before year end.



The board consulted legal counsel who said that it would be very costly and next to impossible to contest the easement, since Lutheridge previously granted permission for an easement for an 8" line in the 1990's. According to Craig Rieger, VP of Sites and Facilities, the approach was to negotiate to get the best possible terms with the least negative impact on the campus. For example, Rieger explained, *"the easement will mainly follow the existing 25' easement, so the impact to the site will be reduced; they accepted our suggestions for re-routing the line, so it won't impact Whisnant Chapel or the Quiet Way Nature Trail. While the installation will cause quite a mess for a few weeks, most guests won't be aware of the easement after the work is completed."* Rieger went on to say that the funds received from the easement will be used to complete many important projects at Lutheridge.

For additional information or questions, Rieger can be reached at [crieger@NovusWay.com](mailto:crieger@NovusWay.com) or by calling 828-209-6313.

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## Come to the Water...at Lutheridge

*"Come to the Water has been a great way to come together as partnering churches to send kids to camp – kids who otherwise would never have a chance,"* says James McMillion, president of the men's group at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Maryville. *"Importantly, this is an outreach to kids and families not from our churches. It's a way to reach deeper into the community with the help of schools and local organizations who nominate the kids."*

Historically NovusWay camps have only worked with ELCA churches to send youth to camp. While this continues, many initiatives have been launched in recent years to reach out into the community, including "Come to the Water." Christ Lutheran, Charlotte, NC partners with McClintock Middle School and sent 25 campers to Lutheridge and Lutherock in the summer of 2017. First Lutheran in Albermarle, NC partnered with Central Elementary School to send 9 children to Lutheridge. The Zion Eagles program in Hickory is a partnership between Zion Lutheran Church and a local middle school that also does after school programs for boys. They brought 12 to camp this year. Resurrection (Rez) House, an ecumenical ministry to families of migrant workers in Dade City, FL, sent 41 youth to Luther Springs. All of these efforts were funded by scholarship gifts from NovusWay donors and others.

"Come to the Water," is a nationwide network of annual fundraisers to support the Christian camp experience through affiliates of Lutheran Outdoor Ministries. It is the newest community outreach to partner with NovusWay. *Come to the Water* was initiated in 2011 by Lutheran Men in Mission, the national men's organization of the ELCA. Local activities are designed by churches and reflect the shared commitment to build meaningful ministries for believers of all ages throughout the journey of faith...whether at the birth of new life at the font, or when entering new life through the grave. They would be pleased to share their experiences in developing and hosting the local fundraisers to send children like Cara and Sam to camp. For more information and ideas go to [www.lutheranmeninmission.org](http://www.lutheranmeninmission.org).



# Four Generations of Poole/ Milburn Family Serve on Lutheridge and Lutherock Summer Staff



Clare Milburn

When Clare Milburn served as an Outdoor Adventure Program counselor on the 2017 Lutherock summer staff, it marked the fourth generation of her family who served on the summer staff at Lutheridge, and later at Lutherock. Clare’s great grandfathers, the Rev. Donald Poole, Sr. and the Rev. John Koch, Jr. both served as camp leaders at Lutheridge in the mid to late 1950’s.

Clare’s grandparents, the Rev. Donald Poole, Jr. and Brenta Koch Poole, served as Lutheridge summer staff in 1958-59 (Don) and 1959-60



Rev. Donald Poole, Jr.

(Brenta). Don also participated in confirmation camp at Lutheridge from 1981-1988 bringing youth from Gloria Dei, Knoxville. Don and Brenta continue their involvement to this day at NovusWay as Lutheridge staff alumni donors and Thornburg Legacy charter members. Don also volunteers weekly in the NovusWay home office and had this to say about his family’s experience; *“Lutheridge has been an important part of the lives of both my wife Brenta and me since the early 1950s (Brenta was a camper the first year Lutheridge was open). Our children and grandchildren have found Lutheridge and Lutherock to be important for their lives as well. And in my 35 years of active parish ministry, Lutheridge & Lutherock were always there to aid in ministry.”*

Clare’s mother, Diane Poole Milburn, served on both the Lutheridge and Lutherock summer staff in the late 80’s and early 1990’s, so it was natural that Clare, who had been a camper at both Lutheridge and Lutherock, would continue the family tradition of serving on the summer staff. Kara Ridenhour, Lutherock director had this to say about Clare’s service; *“She did a great job and we hope to welcome her back again next summer. She jumped into every adventure with an energy and enthusiasm that was contagious. It was a joy to watch her grow as a counselor and to watch her interact with her campers. She truly lived out being Christ to her girls from supporting them through new adventures to just hanging out and getting to know them and every fun camp moment in between.”*



Brenda Koch Poole and Diane Poole Milburn

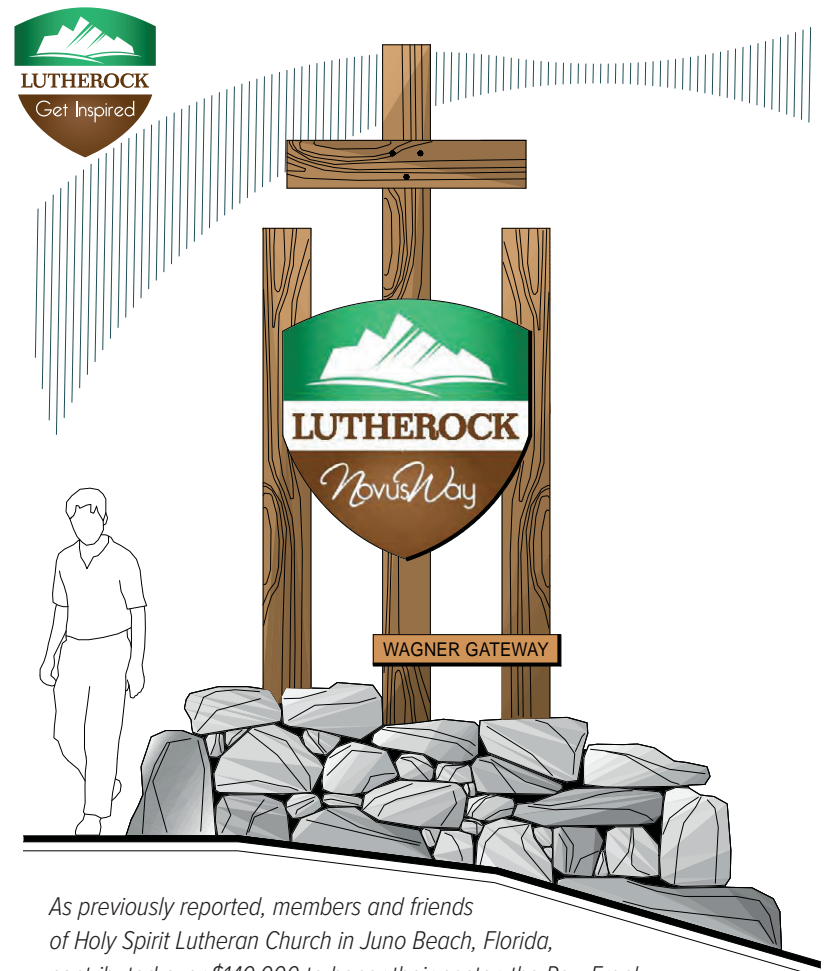
If you would like more information on how you can serve on the summer staff at a NovusWay camp contact Lori Bode at 864-320-7992 or [lbode@NovusWay.com](mailto:lbode@NovusWay.com).



Rev. John Koch, Jr.



Rev. Donald Poole, Sr.



*As previously reported, members and friends of Holy Spirit Lutheran Church in Juno Beach, Florida, contributed over \$140,000 to honor their pastor, the Rev. Frank and Martina Wagner, and to purchase land at the entrance to Camp Lutherock. It was vitally important to purchase this tract of land since it was the sole entrance to the site. Their generosity afforded naming rights and guests who come to Lutherock in the future will pass through the Wagner Gateway.*



*Lutheridge and NovusWay camps have long been known as a vital source of students for ELCA seminaries and particularly for Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, SC. This past May, eight former Lutheridge summer staff members graduated and are pictured above. They are pictured from left to right: Back row – Kyle Bates, Jesse Canniff-Kuhn, Megan Lineberger, Daniel Locke; Front row – Andrea Stover Bates, Aly Mazzie, Adam Carnell, and Sarah Delap Bowers. Sarah graduated with a Master of Arts in Religion and is serving in youth and family ministry. All the rest received a Master of Divinity. Kyle is serving as pastor of Wittenberg Lutheran Church, Granite Quarry, NC; Andrea was called to Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church, Welcome, NC; Jesse was called to Lutheran Church of Our Father, Greensboro, NC; Megan is serving as Associate Pastor at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Charleston, SC. Adam Carnell is Associate Pastor at St. Paul’s in Aiken, SC. Daniel Locke was recently called to St. Mark’s in Jacksonville, FL. Aly Mazzie is awaiting a call.*



# NONSUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

REGISTRATION IS OPEN AT  
WWW.NOVUSWAY.COM OR CALL 828-684-2361



## LUTHERANCH: GOD'S SPA FOR WOMEN

Friday-Sunday, October 20-22, 2017

**\$150**

Soak in the beautiful scenery and solitude of Lutheranch relaxing your mind, body, and spirit by enjoying Bible study and even a massage! Optional activities may include facials, manicures, pedicures, and massages. Stay up to date on information about this program on our website, [www.NovusWay.com](http://www.NovusWay.com).



## LUTHERIDGE: FAITH ALIVE

Four weekends – seven retreats covering each part of the small catechism + Luther/Reformation History. Experiential learning leaves lasting lessons and builds relationships. Creative worship, crafts, songs, games and a campfire create an experience long remembered. Lutheridge staff provide supervision for campers, sharing their faithful witness. Come alone or with a group. Lessons are geared to middle school, but 5th graders and high school youth are welcome. Adults are encouraged, but not required to attend with their youth. Pastors Mary and Tim Canniff-Kuhn provide leadership for all retreats with involvement from other teachers.

**Youth: \$184; Adult: \$97. Receive a \$30 discount by registering at least a month before the retreat.**

REGISTRATION CLOSES at noon on the MONDAY BEFORE each retreat.

**Nov. 3-5, 2017 – New Testament Overview**

**Feb. 2-4, 2018 – Holy Baptism and Holy Communion**

**April 20-22, 2018 – 10 Commandments and Reformation**



## LUTHERIDGE: AWAKENING SOUL

Thursday-Sunday,  
November 9-12, 2017

featuring Diana Butler Bass and John Dominic Crossan with Fran McKendree and the AwakeningSoul Ensemble. Come experience Sanctuary, Sustenance, and Inspiration. Sanctuary~ a sacred space of hospitality where all can find rest, respite and renewal. Sustenance ~ abundant food for our hungry souls; Diana and Dom will offer intellectual and spiritual nourishment, challenging us to live our faith more authentically. Inspiration ~ deep conversation about things that really matter, uplifting music, provocative art, and spirit-filled worship, challenging us to look deeply into our lives, and energizing us as we return to our communities. For more information, go to [awakeningsoulpresents.org](http://awakeningsoulpresents.org).



## LUTHER SPRINGS: CREATE AND CONNECT

Monday-Wednesday, November 13-15, 2017

**ALOA: \$ 99; NonALOA: \$135**

Adults get their own time at camp! Discover resources to discern 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. Stay in comfort in the Kuehner motel style rooms, canoe in Vause Lake, walk the trails and explore how God is calling you to serve Him. Leader: Margo Walbott, ALOA FL Region



## LUTHER SPRINGS: TRAILBLAZERS (grades 1-5)

Friday-Sunday, November 17-19, 2017

**Youth: \$125 ; Adult: \$95  
(call for group rate!)**

Theme: Advent! Kids will enjoy regular camp activities, explore the season of Advent, create Advent projects and even bake cookies! Students will stay in cabins with counselors and can come

on their own or with a church group. Adult leaders are welcome to join us and stay in Kuehner Center motel style rooms. Counselors and event staff will lead camp activities and cabin time.



## LUTHEROCK: YOUTH WORKERS RETREAT

Monday-Wednesday, November 27-29, 2017

**\$50**

Take a time-out and get away for some time of fellowship, rest and continuing education with fellow youth workers. We will explore the importance of Godly Play and how that pertains to working with youth. Learn new games and initiatives to use with your youth group and tools to relate those to faith.



## LUTHEROCK: MOUNTAINTOP FAMILY ADVENT

Friday-Sunday, December 1-3, 2017

**Adult: \$110; Youth: \$60**

Go on an ADVENTure to prepare for Christmas. Disconnect from the hustle of the holidays and discover the joy of time together. Create shared memories around traditions such

as lighting the tree, making Advent wreaths, carol singing, and choosing and cutting your own Christmas Tree at a nearby tree farm! Rate includes lodging for two nights, meals, and programming (Tree is an additional fee). Leaders: Pastor Will Rose and Cindy Morton-Rose



## LUTHER SPRINGS: FAITH JOURNEY CONFIRMATION RETREATS

Fri-Sun, January 12-14, 2018

**Youth: \$164 ; Adult: \$95**

Bring your confirmation class to Luther Springs and let us do the teaching.

Whether you bring youth to an occasional retreat to enhance what they are already learning or if you want to send youth to each of our retreats to cover all of their confirmation learning time, come join us on the journey! Luther Springs' counselors will guide campers through the weekend including worship, Bible Study, campfires, games, canoeing, archery, swimming, hiking and more!



## LUTHEROCK: FUN IN THE SON SKI BEECH RETREATS

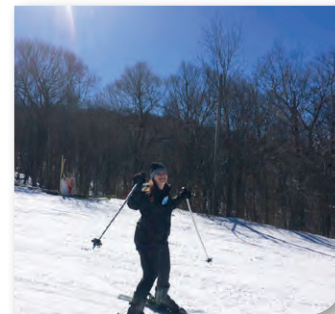
Jan.12-15 (Fri-Mon), Feb. 9-11,

Feb. 23-25 (Fri-Sun)

**2 day: Youth-\$127, Adult-\$92;**

**3 day: Youth-\$152, Adult: \$97**

Let us handle your next youth ski retreat, while you sip hot cocoa by our fire! We will spend some time in Bible study and time at Beech Mountain; we'll have some fun in the Son and in the Sun! Staff will handle reservations and provide evening programming and vespers. If you don't want to ski, there are lots of things to do like sledding, tubing, hiking, and ice skating! We'll create the experience you're looking for. Chaperones must accompany youth and provide transportation.



## LUTHERIDGE: WILD WOMEN WEEKENDS

Feb. 2-4, Feb. 9-11, Mar. 2-4,  
Mar. 9-11, & Mar. 16-18, 2018

**\$220**

Adult women of all ages will gain fresh vision and strength in the beauty of the mountains. Bring a group to deepen fellowship with women you know, or come alone to find kindred spirits among women from across the southeast. We'll Study SUPERWOMEN in the Bible - and explore expectations (others and our own), guilt, and the call/power of God to find/be ourselves. Bible study and creative worship - plus a grown up pajama party - make for a wonderful retreat. Become a Wild Women at Lutheridge!



## LUTHER SPRINGS: FAMILY CAMP

Friday-Sunday, February 2-4, 2018

**Adult: \$105; Youth: \$70**

Life is crazy and your calendar is full! Carve out some time to play and pray together at Luther Springs. Families will enjoy regular camp activities while also exploring fun faith building activities. Kids and adults of all ages are welcome. If they are family to you, they are family to us!



## LUTHERIDGE: HANDBELL WORKSHOPS

Friday-Sunday, Feb. 16-18 &  
Feb. 23-25, 2018

**Onsite: \$255; Commuter: \$210**

Two opportunities for individual ringers or entire choirs to gain skills for their home ministries. Renowned clinicians share skills and inspiration. Choirs will leave with pieces that can be used in their own congregation. See website for a list of music and clinicians.



## LUTHER SPRINGS: EQUIP HIGH SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

Friday-Sunday, February 16-18, 2018

**Youth: \$125 ; Adult: \$95**

Energize! Question! Understand! Intercede! Proclaim! This event is for students who are ready for more than the average youth event. They will explore theological issues, discern their gifts for leadership and be challenged! Adult leaders and/or parent chaperones are welcome to join us and stay in Kuehner Center motel style rooms. Counselors and event staff will lead camp activities and cabin time.





# 2017 – 2018 NON-SUMMER PROGRAMS

TO REGISTER CALL 828-684-2361  
OR WWW.NOVUSWAY.COM



## LUTHER SPRINGS: MASTER'S BUILDERS

Friday-Sunday, February 23-25, 2018

**\$115**

Like working with your hands? Join us while we do big and small projects to improve Luther Springs, enjoy the lake, tell stories around the campfire, enjoy a healthy competition through camp games and sit on the back porch talking about our faith. Leader: Steven Helm



## LUTHEROCK: WOMEN'S WELLNESS WEEKEND

Friday-Sunday, March 2-4, 2018

**\$205**

Come and let us take care of you. We will focus on taking care of ourselves physically, spiritually, and mentally. Enjoy fellowship, Bible study, and wellness opportunities like Yoga, Aroma Touch

Therapy, Hiking, DIY Bath Salts, Essential Oils 101, and time with your sisters in Christ!



## LUTHER SPRINGS: DECATHA-LOCKIN (Middle and High School)

Fri-Sat, 8pm March 2-8am

March 3, 2018

**\$35 (registration discount does not apply)**

Youth, get ready for this all night, insanely fun, fundraiser! Volleyball, basketball, relay races, brain teasers, Biblical challenges and much more! Youth groups, practice your team building skills! Please bring 1-2 chaperones per team. This fundraising event will raise money for camp scholarships. Groups are asked to bring snacks/drinks to share. Pizza provided.



## LUTHER SPRINGS: QUILTING RETREAT

Monday-Friday, March 5-9, 2018

**\$370**

Spend a week with other quilters in a relaxed atmosphere. Teachers will assist with projects, as well as answer questions regarding different techniques. Quilters may work on provided projects for gift ideas & to benefit non-profits, as well as their own projects. There will be a day trip to a local quilt shop and the opportunity to share some of your own creations!



## LUTHER SPRINGS: RESPITE IN THE WILDERNESS

Tuesday-Thursday, April 3-5, 2018

**\$100**

We invite all rostered leaders and church professionals to join us for a retreat of rest and renewal through prayer and study as we close out the busy season of Lent and celebrate the beginning of the season Easter.



## LUTHERIDGE: CREATE IN ME

Thursday-Sunday, April 5-8, 2018

**Onsite: \$308; Commuter: \$210**

Immerse yourself in the world of art and faith: music, paint, movement, fabric, drums, paper, clay, and more! Inspiring Bible study, led by Pastor Kevin Strickland, ELCA Director of Worship, will focus on Jesus' hospitality. Learn from artists excited to share their skills with you. Try something new surrounded by supportive community.



## LUTHER SPRINGS: RIVER RAT RAMBLE (Middle and High School)

Friday-Sunday, April 6-8,

2018

**Youth: \$135 ; Adult: \$95**

Are you a River Rat? Are you ready to spend a full day canoeing down the river with breaks to play and picnic? Join us

for a weekend of canoeing, games, fellowship, and worship at Luther Springs! Students will stay in Morgan Village cabins with Luther Springs counselors and adult leaders will stay in Kuehner Center motel style rooms. Groups may also tent camp (adults and youth together).



## LUTHERANCH: EXPLORING TRANSITIONS - TRUE TO MYSELF

Wednesday-Friday, April 18-20, 2018

"True to Myself" retreat is the first of a four-part retreat program sponsored by Portico Benefit Services. Especially designed for rostered leaders, but anyone in the midst of a life transition will benefit – retirement, new call, divorce, loss of a loved one or emotional distress. Whatever your transition, come away to Lutheranch to listen, discern and connect with God and others in transition.

**Cost Per Person: \$425.00 -private room; \$350.00 – double occupancy. Includes lodging, meals and program.**



## LUTHERIDGE: 50FORWARD BACKPACK TRIP

Thursday-Sunday, April 26-29, 2018

**\$249**

An adventure designed for those 50+. Includes 2 days of hiking on beautiful trails and 2 nights camping – plus 1 overnight at camp. Here's a chance to enjoy nature at its finest with folks your own age. Beginners welcome. Some equipment required. (See 50forwardlife.com for packing list and description of the trail). Finish the expedition with a celebration meal. Plus a toast and a soak in natural hot springs.



## LUTHEROCK: FISHERS OF MEN

Friday-Sunday, April 27-29, 2018

**\$220**

Come to the mountains to enjoy the wonder of fly fishing. This men's retreat offers an opportunity to be in a place where God can teach about our faith through the mountain waters. There is time for learning knots, entomology, and casting practice before heading out together on Saturday. Through devotions and worship, we will prepare for time of reflection and prayer; enhancing the experience beyond just catch and release. A NC fishing license is required and can be purchased at [www.ncwildlife.org](http://www.ncwildlife.org).



## LUTHER SPRINGS: GOD'S SPA FOR WOMEN

Fri-Sun, April 27-29, 2018

**\$180**

Soak in the beautiful scenery and solitude of Luther Springs, relaxing your mind, body, and spirit. Activities may include: faith filled conversation, devotions, music, journaling, guided meditation, relaxing, and spa-type activities such as facials, manicures, pedicures and massages.



## LUTHEROCK: THE ROCK 5K RUN/WALK

Saturday, April 28, 2018

**\$25**

Join us for this fun and challenging 5k course all over Lutherock's mountain. All net proceeds go towards Camp Lutherock's summer camper scholarship fund. Packet pick-up will be on race day only from 7-9am!



## LUTHEROCK: GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS WEEKEND

Fri-Sun, May 4-6, 2018

**FREE**

There is always something to be done at Lutherock. All are welcome: youth groups, mens groups, women's group, congregations, families, individuals! 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](mailto:jridenhour@lutherock.com). Meals provided Saturday breakfast through Sunday Lunch. Housing in Cabins or Founder's Lodge.



## LUTHEROCK: WHITEWATER WEEKENDS

Friday-Sunday, May 11-13 & August

24-26, 2018

**Youth: \$127; Adult: \$92 \*rafting is \$65\***

Come remember your baptism as a youth group in this water-filled weekend! The weekend will include baptism-themed Bible study and games, a full day of whitewater rafting down the Upper Nolichucky River, campfire and more! Lutherock staff will handle white water rafting reservations, meals, Bible study time and all evening programming. Chaperones are responsible for overnight supervision and transportation.







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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 May 1 to September 15, 2017. Please note that the list does not include those who were listed in previous LINK newsletters, nor does it include those who contributed to Standing on the Promise, Complete the Dream or Mission Possible Campaigns.

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# Honor Gifts

The following honor gifts to the annual fund were received between April 1 and September 15, 2017. 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.

## Wedding Of Laura Bedenbaugh and James Vannoy

The Rev. Dr. and Mrs. James S. Aull

## Libby Bedenbaugh

The Rev. and Mrs. Dwight C. Wessinger

## Betty Benardo

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Barron  
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## Adam Carnell-in honor of his ordination

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## Dr. Walter and Mrs. Amy Carpenter

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Ms. Mary Alice Rutherford

## Jane Iverson's Birthday

Mr. Martin and The Rev. Ida Iverson

## The Rev. Beth Kearney

Mr. David C. Clapp

## Wedding of Klaus and Leona Koch

The Rev. and Mrs. Richard Hans

## Linda Lael's Birthday

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The Rev. and Mrs. Gregory B. Williams

## Will Wing

Ms. Jo D. Glymph

# Memorial Gifts

The following memorial gifts to the annual fund were received between April 1 and September 15, 2017. 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.

## Dot Amick

The Rev. Dr. and Mrs. William Johnson Sr.

## Lucille Bartley

All Saints Lutheran Church Huntsville, AL

## Barney and Catherine Chapman

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chapman

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# Needs

## Lutherock

- 12-passenger van/bus
- Work truck with automatic transmission
- Weed eater/trimmer
- New or good used washers, dryers and refrigerators

## Luther Springs

- Minivans for day camp teams
- Pontoon boat and motor
- 9 hp motor for safety boat
- Canoes, sports balls
- Kayaks
- Fuel efficient vehicle for staff travel
- Ryobi 18+ rechargeable drill batteries
- LED Projector

## Lutheranch

- Mini-van
- 4-wheel drive Tractor with front bucket and backhoe
- AED automated external defibrillator

## Lutheridge

- Golf Carts
- Work 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

# Deeds

We honor the following volunteers and donors who shared their time and talents during the period of May through September 2017.

## Lutherock

- A drone was generously donated by Erik Mathre. The Lutherock staff is finding it useful for taking pictures and videos and have already used it to take some quality aerial photos.

## Luther Springs

- Mission Builders have completed construction of the Pauline Schmettmann Wing for 12 additional guest rooms. Dedication of the Wing in September was postponed due to Hurricane Irma. Fortunately, the camp came through the storm without significant damage

## Lutheranch

- Mary Daniel, a charter member of the former St. Timothy Lutheran Church in Forest Park, GA, made 75 quilts for the McKanna Sandrock Retreat Center. She worked on the quilts for several years. Many of the quilts she has made were tied by Mary Ellen Adair.
- Jerry Pantelakis volunteered his time and expertise to make the AV and technical equipment work, a necessity for groups and individuals using the McKanna-Sandrock Retreat Center.



Mike Mynhier and John Didicher

## Lutheridge

- The Lutheridge Lumberjacks from Christ The King Cary NC, led by Chris Hegele, built a new woodshed and split, cut and stacked firewood in July. Thomas Hegele from this group also donated money to fund the new woodshed.
- The men from Antioch Lutheran, Dallas, NC, led by Jim Pasour, funded and installed new fencing at the chapel in August.
- The men from St. Paul Lutheran, Dallas, NC, led by David Beaver, installed new crossties and performed other carpentry work in August. They also provided money to fund their work.
- Volunteers from St. John Lutheran in Salisbury worked to clear a site for what will be the St. John Tent village. They were led by Gary Taylor.

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](mailto:crieger@NovusWay.com).



Mary Daniel and Mary Ellen Adair