



LuWiSoMo News

Fall 2022



A Summer Of Blessings

LuWiSoMo Summer 2022, under our theme “**By Faith**”, overflowed with blessings of ministry and God’s impact on lives, as we welcomed everyone back and returned to our full array of summer camps!

We were excited to see lots of returning and many new youth campers, from PreK through High School. Lutheran Band Camp was back with all the young musicians and wonderful music they make for the Lord.

Our Joyful Hearts ministry, for those with developmental challenges, welcomed back campers of all ages. We had our first ever Fall Joyful Hearts Camp in October, and Winter Joyful Hearts happens again in January.

We were blessed with an incredible summer ministry team of staff, counselors, CITs, campground hosts and volunteers – most of whom plan to return next summer!

The campground was busy serving families, church groups, and many new friends.

LuWiSoMo Family Day was filled with fun and blessings. We renewed relationships, welcomed new friends, and enjoyed time together, including the annual Chicken Dinner, bingo, family games and activities, return of the family fun walk/run, and worship giving thanks to God and celebrating 60 years of His ministry at LuWiSoMo!

2023 Summer Camp

Register Now & Save

Registration for Summer Camp 2023 is open. See all the camps and details on the website. Register now for first choice of dates and **Save \$50!** Don’t hesitate to contact us if your situation needs some financial support.

Give Camp For Christmas

Attention parents, grandparents, uncles & aunts, contact us to put money on account for all or a portion of summer camp tuition as a gift for the special camper(s) in your life! Camp dates can be worked out after the gift is given.

High School Students - Serve As CITs

Counselors In Training (CITs) are high school students who spend two or more weeks volunteering at summer camp, serving alongside summer camp counselors and staff. Experience the joys and hard work of camp ministry, while developing your leadership skills and growing in your faith. If this sounds like an opportunity for you, or for someone you know, see our website for details or contact us.

Attention Nurses / Nursing Students

Each week of summer camp we need a volunteer nurse or nursing student to serve as our Health Supervisor. Your meals and housing are provided. Enjoy time at camp and sharing your gifts! If you or someone you know may be interested in being a blessing in this way, contact us to learn more. Thank you!

Your Help Needed

As we emerge from COVID, we thank you again for your abundant gifts that have supported the ministry through this time. Thank you to all of you who stood in the gap with your gifts. Know that they made the difference!

Your continued prayers, participation, advocacy, and financial support are still needed as we work to return to full “new normal” ministry operations and tackle many camp improvements needed for the next 60+ years of God’s ministry at LuWiSoMo! Thank you in advance for your gifts. Here are some ways to help right now:

Triple Challenge 2022

Make a “Triple Challenge” gift. Thanks to two anonymous donors, your gift **now through January 15th is Tripled!** Details on the website.

Amazon Shoppers

If you shop Amazon, sign in via **smile.amazon.com** and under “Your Account” choose option to make LuWiSoMo your charitable organization. There is no cost / ordering difference except signing in using **smile.amazon.com** instead of **amazon.com**, but when you do and select LuWiSoMo, we receive funds from Amazon. Thanks to all who’re doing this – it really adds up!

Thrivent Choice

Reminder to Thrivent members, you can designate your Thrivent Choice dollars to LuWiSoMo. Thanks to all who’ve been doing this! Your dollars add up and make a big impact for God’s ministry at LuWiSoMo!

Your Gifts At Work



With all the changes over the last decade, many of the needed property and facility upgrades and projects were not able to be addressed. However, that has changed, and your gifts are driving that progress. We still have a way to go, but as your gifts are received, we're putting them right to work, checking off projects on the list!

Here are some highlights of what was completed this year and what's in the works. See last Fall's newsletter, on the website, for projects completed in 2021.

Know that while some of these needed investments are costly, we're pacing them as gifts are received to ensure we maintain financial health and proper reserves.

Youth & Family Cabins / Shower House

The exterior of all 8 cabins and the shower house were professionally cleaned, completely resealed, and stained. With the new roofs, porches, and doors completed over the last two years, and new windows, ventilation system, and septic system for the shower house completed this year, these buildings are just about like new again and ready for their next 20 years of ministry! New LED lights, interior improvements for the shower house, designated parking, signage, and some landscaping are on the upcoming list of projects.

Retreat Center

The Meeting Room renovation is almost complete, with the new windows, ceiling, LED lighting, and LVP flooring done. Window sun blinds and flexible furnishings are up next to complete the transformation to a beautiful multi-use space for events, gatherings, and guest relaxation.

Work has begun to convert the lower level into a large comfortable guest game/activity space with a patio area just outside. New exterior entry doors for the room wing are in process. Future plans for the room wing include bathroom and guest kitchen renovations, new windows, entry canopy, and exterior siding.

Campground

We made great progress on renovating the older "Pine Shower House" this year, completing the new windows and sealed doors, new ventilation system, and cleaning, resealing, and staining the exterior. Next up – interior renovations and LED lighting. A "master plan", including site upgrades, group site areas, picnic shelters, and other improvements for the campground, is in the works.

Other

Also in the works is a full master "campus" development plan to guide development in conjunction with ministry plans, including interconnecting walking trails throughout the property, new relocated lighted main camp sign and campus signage, new relocated maintenance facility, activity center/gym, family-style housing and more.

LuWiSoMo Retreats

Winter and Spring are great times for Retreats (youth or adult group getaways and faith building, confirmation, outdoor education, leadership, men or women's groups, families, etc.). And it's not too soon to book for Summer and next Fall. Enjoy the blessings of time together in God's beautiful creation of LuWiSoMo! We have lodging, great food, beautiful facilities and can help you lead or plan activities. Contact us for details or to arrange a tour. Let LuWiSoMo be a blessing to your group!

Church & School Visits

Would your congregation like someone from LuWiSoMo to visit and share about LuWiSoMo on a Sunday morning as part of your worship and education time? Would a visit to your school help students get excited about attending Summer Camp? We'd love to come and share! Contact us to start a conversation on how we can best serve you.

Project Picnic Tables

Our wood picnic tables have reached the end of their life and desperately need replacing. We're moving to heavy duty aluminum tables that are more weather resistant and require less maintenance. Please consider helping with this big project as an individual, family, small group, or congregation. See full details on the website.



Questions / Stay Connected

Have a question or thought to share - we're always glad to hear from you! Feel free to contact us via the website "Contact" page or give us a call.

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