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Some of you may know that Scott and I not only met at summer camp, but we also directed one of our local Lutheran Bible camps in our pastoral ministry. That is so say, we are big fans of our



LUTHERAN RETREATS,
CAMPS & CONFERENCES
El Camino Pines
Luther Glen Farm



camps! And that's really because we believe in their mission and the magic that they offer young and old alike.

Lutheran Retreats Camps & Conferences (LRCC)

“provides sanctuaries in time and space where Christ can be encountered, faith renewed and the joy of community discovered.”

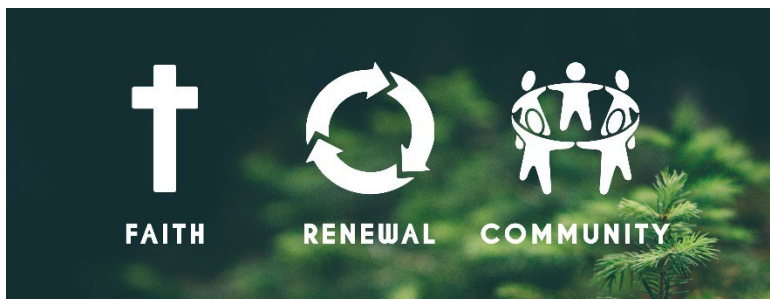
As directors, we loved the opportunity to provide mountain-top experiences for adults and children alike and then send them home to live out their faith in the ordinariness of life down the mountain. And what a joy to know that these folks were impacted in tangible and intangible ways by the community they shared as they immersed themselves in that time, that space.

Would that we all would have more opportunities like that?

+How might we encounter Christ differently?

+How might our faith be renewed?

+How might God's joy be complete?



Sanctuary

*Lord prepare me
To be a sanctuary
Pure and holy
Tried and true
With thanksgiving
I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You*



The Co-op is at it again!



A dedicated, faithful and fun group of women have been dreaming for months (literally months!) about a shared women's retreat at Luther Glen Retreat Center. The content of the retreat is still taking shape, but we're excited to announce that registration is open on Sunday, May 4th. Registrations will be received on a first-come, first-served basis and will require a \$100 non-refundable deposit to secure your spot. Total cost to attend (includes 4 meals and a 2-night stay at the Retreat Center) is \$250. Space is limited as the Retreat Center can accommodate less than 40 attendees. We encourage all to consider attending and to register early to ensure your spot!

**There will be time for God's creation,
time for crafts,
time for worship,
time for community building,
time for rest,
and time for *faith, renewal, and community.***

We are looking forward to this dedicated time away together!



**Women's
Retreat
Luther Glen
Retreat
Center**

<https://lrcchome.com/host-your-own-retreat> **October 17-19, 2025**



Preschool News

In April we began registration for our upcoming summer and fall sessions from our waiting list, we celebrated Pastor Nikki's birthday at Chapel ,celebrated Week Of the Young Child, had Spring Break, celebrated Easter and ended the month with teacher appreciation week.

For Week of the Young Child, we had fun activities each day to celebrate children and all the wonders they bring to us. We kicked off the week with a special Preschool Sunday. Preschool staff attended and Music Makers sang at Church. Classrooms were open for touring after the service. We also had a station to make a wish for a child on a star. For Preschool Sunday as well as throughout the week, the conference room had displays of children's artwork representing the various artists they have learned about each month this school year. We also had documentation boards showing how children learn through play displayed in the courtyard. Our theme for the week was "Out of this World". Activities included a star hunt in sand box, gravity goop, galaxy drink, Alka seltzer rockets, foil moons, CD planets, gravity walk, and stomp rockets. Friday, we had a space pajama day and watched the movie Wall-E. Children brought boxes decorated as space ships to sit in while we watched the movie. Then families joined us for a picnic lunch on the playground. This is always a busy and very fun week of celebrating! We are especially grateful for the planning done by Ms. Theriault, the extra work the teachers do for this week with art displays and documentation boards, as well as the parent's support through donations and volunteering.

We had Spring Break the week of April 14-18. When we returned, we celebrated Easter with egg hunts on the playground. Then the week of April 28th we had teacher appreciation week. The week was themed "You're Berry Special" with Berry themed ways to show appreciation each day.

On May 9th we will celebrate the blessing of mothers with Moms and Muffins in the courtyard at drop off time. May 16th the staff will have a staff development day.

Blessings for a beautiful month!
Lisa Clinton

Congregation Meeting

Sunday, May 18, 2025

**Immediately following
worship in the Social Hall**

Come for:

- *Our financial report; year to date**
- *Further discussion of combining the PRE Fund into the general Fund**
- *Reports from committees about their plans for the rest of 2025**

Stewardship Focus for May 2025



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We pray for:

Members at Home or in Care Centers:

Laurie Ennen, Sheryl Hunter, Ione Marchael, Gale Mussleman, Sydney Nichols, Bary & Janice Schlieder, and Frances Willms.

Those struggling with illness or other concerns:

Don Darnauer, Paige, Judy Haenn, Daniel Howard, Shannon Howard, Beverly Koenen, Bill Ruth, Parker Treat, Kristine Trost, Gary & Linda Zimmerman.

***Family & Friends:** Irene Audett, Noah, Lois Brown, Elsie, Leah Bootman, Denise Davis, Jimmy Duciome, Jasenko Dzinovic, Clark Enebo, Tamra Fitzgerald, Brechin Flournoy, Allan Gatzke, Cindy Gray, Kylie & Crystal Huber, Bryan Koenen, Aaron, Kim & Sienna Koepke, Barb Korsmo, Katrina Lahr, Carolyn Laitsch, Luke McCann, Linda and Steven, Alexis and Colin, Kristina & Scott Randolph, Sharry Reed, Heather Robinson, Chris Sanderson, David Sarvela, Marlene Shafer, Laura Straus, Vicki Thompson, Jessica and Larisa West.

We pray for the ongoing work of:

- + Linda Gawthorne among the Kogi people of Colombia
- + First responders who provide safety, security, and care
- + Those serving in our nation's Military, especially Samuel Brown, Ryan Dorris, Morgan Llewellyn, Austin Marsh, Johnny Luna, Jim Reeder, Austin Rowell, Jalan Sanchez, Steven, Brina and Michael Navarro.

We remember: Our unhoused neighbors, who find themselves without shelter and a place to call home. We pray for their safety, health, and wellness. We commit to treating them with compassion and working to combat systemic issues that leave our neighbors in need.



May 7 Kristina and Rob Randig
May 21 Renu and Marvin Moon



5/2 Rob McGee
5/8 Katelyn Ramos
5/11 Ron Nelson
5/18 Rich Oelschlaeger
5/23 Elisabeth Jenkins
5/31 Scott Moon

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Mission Statement

Living by Christ's example,
 we welcome, serve, and love
 all through God's grace.

Vision Statement

Embracing the truth that God's love
 and grace is for all, Christ
 Lutheran Church is a vibrant
 and active community spreading
 the good news through acceptance,
 action, and benevolence.

Our Position

Christ is ALIVE!

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