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2021 Year in Review

It was another busy year of adaptation and mission at Camp Lutherlyn.

Here are some highlights:

- We hired one student thanks to a Canada Summer Jobs to assist with programming.
- We received \$3,700 from Zion
 Pembroke's Endowment Fund, which
 was directed to the washer/dryer for
 the comfort station. Zion held its
 summer parish picnic at camp.
- Our Annual General Meeting occurred on June 5, 2021. Emily Savage and Dionne Schuler joined our Board.
- Camp continues to pursue accreditation through the Ontario Camps Association.
 A mandated site visit was pushed back due to the pandemic.
- Camp accepted the bell and cross from the former St. James Church in Renfrew. They will be installed in 2022.
- A new five-year lease was completed with Synod. The Hoffman Beach property is included. As part of this, a \$10,000 investment to our capital improvement fund will be set up for required lifecycle items to a maximum of \$50,000. This replaces reliance on Synod's \$15,000 annual operational grants.
- Financially, the Camp has been able to weather the pandemic through generous donations, a temporary CEBA loan, and some grants.
- The new Comfort Station was completed after many years of planning and fundraising.

- Due to the pandemic, Children's overnight Camp was not held. However, online programming was provided as well as two Family Rental weeks.
- Virtual Camp on Facebook Live had 859 views in week 1 and 1073 views in week 2. Sunday campfires had 1606 views.
- Lutherlyn participated in Synod Assembly with a video.
- We undertook our most successful fundraising event ever! The 100 dollars by 100 people in 100 days campaign raised funds to support improvements at Hoffman Beach. The project has also been selected as our next Legacy Project.
- The Fire Pit was completed at Bancroft Cabin thanks to fundraising and improvements were made inside. A fridge was also donated.
- Thank you to Ingrid Trautim for assisting with grounds work.
- A metal roof was installed on Rephael Cabin.
- Some forestry work was completed to ensure safety and clean up of Hoffman Beach continued.
- New directional signage was designed and will be installed in 2022.
- Rental revenue helped sustain the camp totalling \$55,000 in 2022.
- We actively posted on Facebook and Instagram. Information can also be found on our website.
- Thank you to the 22 participants who helped with our fall workday!



In the bleak mid-winter
Frosty wind made moan
Earth stood hard as iron,
Water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
Snow on snow,
In the bleak mid-winter
Long ago.

- Christina Rosetti, 1875

This verse by the English poet, Christina Rosetti, always makes me think of the great outdoors. I imagine right now Camp Lutherlyn is experiencing some frosty winds; ice on the lake and lots of snow! Sometimes these winter days feel long and bleak and the snow and ice unending. But I don't think bleak necessarily has to be a bad thing. Bleak can be a restful, holy pause; a liminal space where we can wait in prayerful anticipation of what God might do next. While we can't always see it, we know that beneath the snow and the icy lake, new life is waiting to spring forth both in nature and in us. In this way, bleak can also be beautiful just like the stillness of a crisp, calm winter's day. Thanks be to God for the blessing of changing seasons; for times of pause and stillness in our lives and for the way God is always acting to bring about new life.

Rev. Christie Morrow-Wolfe Assistant to the Bishop Eastern Synod, ELCIC





THE CROSS IN THE PINES

Blessings and Gratitude

Thank you to our wonderful donors of the 100 people giving \$100 in 100 days challenge.

We met our goal of \$10,000 which will be reinvested in the revitalization of the Hoffman Beach property.

Your generosity has made this our best campaign ever.



- In Memory of Edith Gorr
- In Memory of Dorothy Poirier
- In Memory of Jean Tremblay
- Donna Lorbetskie in memory of Myrtle Verch
- Julie Nelson in honour of Ben Lukenchuk
- Christ Lutheran Church Peterborough Donors #1-6
- St. John's Lutheran Church Augsburg
- Zion Lutheran Church Pembroke Donors #1-13
- Zion Lutheran Church Pembroke Ladies Group

- Happy Campers #1-9
- Katharine Ashford-Smith
- Diane Bestvater
- Marjorie Bowman
- Carol Christensen
- Arlene & Mark Deloughery
- Erica Deloughery
- Heather Duggan
- Pamela Duplessis
- · Richard Faught
- Karen Gauthier
- Annette Gilchrist
- · Kathy Godin
- David Grainger
- Tracy Hampel
- · Leena Jensen
- Nancy Kingsbury
- Mollie Kuchma

- Edie Kuehn
- Saralyn Lichty
- Elaine & David Metzger
- Katharina Moeller
- Linda Reiche
- Tanya Reid
- Jonathan & Karen Risto
- Amy Roesner
- Candace Rose-Smith
- Blaine Sack
- Cheryl Sack & Karen Godin
- Jan Scheidt
- Scott Schellenberger
- Bonnie Schelter-Brown
- Melvyn and Geraldine Schroeder
- Dionne Schuler

- Samantha Scott
- Larry & Gayle Seegmiller
- Aline Sigurdson
- Sig Sigurdson
- Donald Statham
- Julie & Maggie Tremblay
- Rob Tremblay
- Janice Verch
- Jim Slack
- Brian & Margaret Weckwerth
- Chelsea Wegner
- Debbie Wegner
- Bonnie Weppler
- Brent & Diane Wolfgram
- Randy Zimmerling





Visioning for Hoffman Beach

The Board held a visioning meeting on October 30, 2021 to start the process of renewal for Hoffman Beach. It is now included in the new five-year lease with Synod and has been designated as our next Legacy Project. Our very successful 100x100x100 campaign is also helping us to achieve our future vision.



Below you will find a summary of the Board's preliminary work for this important asset. If you are interested in participating in a zoom engagement session to occur in March/April, please let us know at info@lutherlyncamp.ca. A draft plan will be presented at the AGM May/June.

Vision

- Spaces to extend our mission and vision.
- Day use for programs and worship; structures and short-term campsites for family rentals.
- Take full advantage of the site to support the financial sustainability of camp.

Some Preliminary Thoughts

- Clean up the Day Use Area located near the existing covered shelter.
- Provide opportunities for programming, worship space, and natural heritage education.
- Offer water sports (learn to, paddle trips) and swimming.
- Allow for family day rentals and space for day camps.
- Keep existing buildings (shed, covered shelter).
- Raise the donated Evergreen Cottage as a priority to enhance revenue potential.
- Construct washroom/comfort station near parking area at the bottom of the hill.
- Look at a second covered shelter in the group camping area.
- Ensure utilities are working properly, including hydro and wells.
- Clean up and use area where most seasonal sites once were for short-term camping/tenting opportunities.
- Locate a group camping site at the end of the property.
- Investigate a volunteer camper/manager.
- Due to access, only allow tenting, tent-trailers, and smaller trailers with no provision for seasonal trailers.
- Complete this work over a five-year period, starting with the Comfort Station and Clean Up in Year 1.





- Four Seasons Lodge on Saturday March 26th (includes lunch)
- 4. Pass the Course and get your certificate!

Spaces are limited and proof of COVID-19 Vaccinations is required

Program Corner

We are so excited to announce that we will be running the following programs this summer!

Children's Overnight Camp Week 1 • July 10-15

Children's Overnight Camp Week 2 • July 17-22

Children's Overnight Camp Week 3 • July 24-29

Leader in Training Program July 3-29 (no weekends)

> Family Camp 4 Nights • August 1-5

Family Camp Weekend 2 Nights • August 5-7

All programs include swimming, canoeing, games, crafts, campfires, and so much more!

Register early at lutherlyncamp.ca

to reserve your space Email your questions to us at info@lutherlyncamp.ca

WE ARE HIRING FOR **SUMMER 2022:**

- · Waterfront Director
- Lifequards
- Counselors
- Summer Maintenance

Please apply at lutherlyncamp.ca by March 11 2022 and email your questions to us at info@lutherlyncamp.ca