Growing Together: Summer 2021

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.
-Psalm 100:5

This summer, we will learn the stories of our scriptural ancestors like Abraham, Sarah, Joseph, and David. They all faced a unique set of challenges and with God’s help, they were able to learn and grow in powerful ways. Because of our own experiences this past year, we can relate to their journey of trusting God’s promises during very difficult times. Growing Together is something that God helps us to do, through the Holy Spirit, from the time these stories were written, to the present day.

As we welcome campers and guests back to Camp Lutherwood to play in the sun, explore nature, and reconnect with one another, we will honor and remember these spiritual ancestors by telling their stories which have been passed on from generation to generation. Their experiences will help us learn how we can grow together as God’s beloved people.

As we look forward to regathering at camp, we invite all who cross the bridge to imagine the many ways we can grow together this summer.

Vision & Call Interns

We are grateful for the service of Charlie Williams and Allie Knoczyński as Vision and Call Interns. They completed their internship at Camp Lutherwood on March 1, 2021. We continue to partner with the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust to provide internship opportunities to young adults each year. Applications are now being accepted for the 2021-2022 internship program. Charlie (pictured below) reflected on her time at camp: “As I reflect on my experience as a Vision and Call Intern, I have come to understand myself in a deeper way and see a clearer picture for my future. Moving into graduate school in the fall, I will carry with me the hospitality and affirming relationships that Lutherwood upholds.”

The Governor’s office has approved overnight youth camps for summer 2021. Camp Lutherwood Oregon follows all COVID-19 guidelines as determined by the Oregon Health Authority. We look forward to welcoming campers and families back to camp this summer! A modified summer program is being planned and registration is now open for all programs.

Visit: https://www.lutherwoodoregon.org/camp/

If you feel called to explore your vocation, consider Camp Lutherwood Oregon as a place to feel encouraged to grow.
Bridge to the Future Campaign

Begun in 2018, the “Bridge to the Future” campaign has become even more meaningful as Camp Lutherwood emerged from a major fire, followed closely by a pandemic. Across the bridge, work toward capital construction made significant strides in 2020. A new dining hall stands in the back field, stocked with tables, chairs, a commercial kitchen, and fully equipped coffee bar. The pandemic slowed the work, but without any guests at camp due to COVID-19, organizers were able to accommodate the delay.

Designs have been finalized for the next construction project: a new set of restroom facilities for the Upper Cabins. The permitting process with Lane County has begun, and leaders are prepared to break ground soon. But the heart of the “Bridge to the Future” campaign is the retreat center and lodge replacement. Offering a large group meeting space, individual lodgings, a commercial kitchen and homey setting, this central building promises to empower people to discover caring and affirming relationships with God, others, self and the natural world.

Outdoor School

Did you know that there are eight unique ecosystems at Camp Lutherwood? This unique feature makes camp a sought after destination for Outdoor School programs. Staff from the Coyote Outdoor School program began to explore camp’s diverse site and prepare for the 2021 spring Outdoor School season in early March. Their staff held trainings in March and will continue into April at camp. We have contracted with Whole Earth Nature School in Eugene this year for Outdoor School programs. Their Coyote Outdoor School program provides experiences to Eugene-area school districts.

Due to COVID-19 Outdoor School will be a combination of day camps and distance learning using videos created at camp. We are working closely with Whole Earth Nature School on policies and procedures related to COVID-19 and are making the necessary modifications to the camp’s site and facilities in order to safely host the students, teachers and staff.