

Camp Lu Lay Lea

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

2023 Operations Summary

We are truly thankful for 75 years of Camp Lu Lay Lea. An anniversary celebration was held on Saturday June 17, 2023, and 91 people attended. Events included a Chapel service with Pastor Dave Reed and Pastor Daniel Wojtowicz, tours, lunch, games, swimming, dinner, a review of Camp history by former Camp Director Mark Hoerauf and a campfire.

The theme for the summer was "Oh give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples". Camp staff built on this theme during Sunday Chapel services as well as daily Chapel services. Camp was in session for five weeks with 344 campers and 49 staff.

An Outdoor Education session was held in September for students from Saginaw Bethlehem, Saginaw Holy Cross, and Immanuel Frankenlust Schools. Sixty-nine students participated with 12 chaperones, five teachers, and nine Camp staff. The program included outdoor science education classes, daily chapel, group games, boating, swimming, tie dye, devotions, and campfire.

The Rev. Daniel Wojtowicz served as our Pastoral Advisor. He assisted with Staff Week Chapel Service, the 75th Summer Chapel Service, coaching the staff and providing assistance with Lutheran doctrine.

Significant attention was given to Camp safety and security. A safety assessment was conducted by Lion Safety Consulting with board members and staff in June 2023. Recommendations and considerations were provided for Camp improvements. Later in the Summer, David Martin, a State camp licensing consultant, completed an inspection. He identified two opportunities for improvement which have both been implemented. Ministry Safe provides camp specific sexual abuse training for employees and volunteers. Twenty-five staff and board members completed this training. The Camp was given an AED by a supporting family.

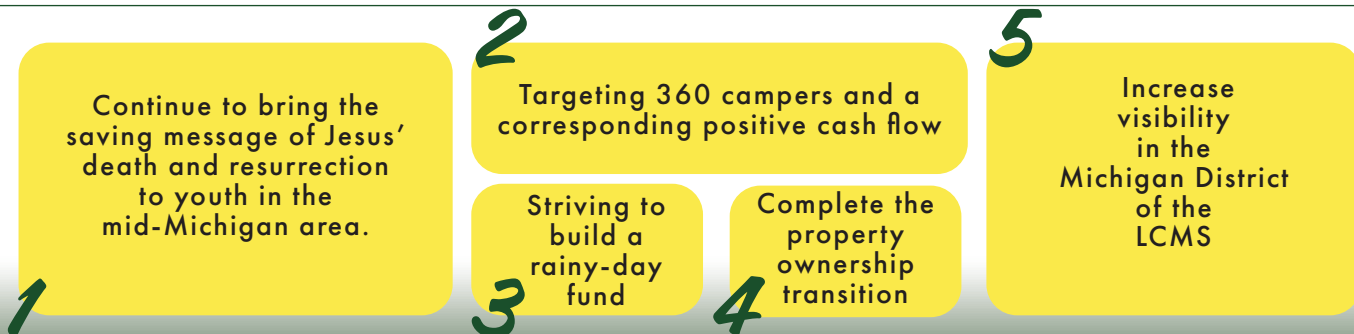
Physical Properties

In addition to the considerable routine maintenance needed to operate the camp, significant improvements were made to the property during the year.

- The lakeshore on the west side of the Camp was cleaned up
- A metal roof was installed on Jericho cabin
- Recreation Hall shower was completed and the drywall repaired
- The exterior of two cabins was painted
- Improved outdoor lighting
- Removed tree stumps
- Transplanted seven trees

A big thanks to the vounteers who made this all happen at a minimal cost to the camp.

Forecast for 2024



Mission

Operate and maintain a Christian youth camp, espousing Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS) beliefs, for youth, especially LCMS youth, in the Saginaw Valley and Southeast Michigan regions.

Purpose

Provide a meaningful Christian camp experience in exceptional natural settings where youth get away from their daily routines to grow in relationship, spiritual depth, and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Management

The Camp has operated under the Saginaw Valley Zone of the Lutheran Layman's League for 75 years. In 2021 it was determined that the relationship should be changed and the Camp become an independent entity. Work continued towards that goal in 2022. The new entity, Camp Lu Lay Lea Inc., was granted 501(c)(3) nonprofit status by the IRS. The Camp gained status as a Recognized Service Organization of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. The first annual meeting was held in October 2023, and ten directors were elected. The Saginaw Valley Zone of the Lutheran Layman's League approved transferring operation of the Camp and ownership of the property. Work is underway to complete the legal transfer of the Camp property.

Communications

Considerable effort went into publicizing the 75th Anniversary celebration and preparing materials for the event.

Work continues to increase communication outreach. A promotional video was developed. Camp information was displayed at the LCMS Michigan District All Professionals Convention in Grand Rapids. A fall newsletter was issued.

2023 Financial Statement Summary

Income Statement (1/1/2022-12/31/2023)

	2023	2022
Income		
Registration/Camp Store	\$142,243	\$98,825
Donations	38,556	54,156
Miscellaneous	3,169	1,673
Total	\$183,968	\$154,654
Expenses	\$163,280	\$158,010
Net Profit (loss)	\$20,688	\$(3,356)

*Excludes land, buildings, fixtures, equipment

Balance Sheet (12/31/2023)

	2023	2022
Current Assets*		
Cash	\$76,503	\$52,690
Prepaid and Other Assets	3,419	4,055
Total	\$79,922	\$56,745
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$387	\$409
Other Liabilities	8,600	6,089
Total	\$8,987	\$6,498
Current Net Assets*	\$70,935	\$50,247

2023 Contributors List

A big thank you to all who have contributed to Camp Lu Lay Lea over 2023

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