

Camp Lu Lay Lea

2024 ANNUAL REPORT

2024 Operations Summary

The theme for the Summer was from John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through me." Camp was in session for 5 weeks with 315 campers. Archery and Slingshot activities were added to the program in 2024.

An Outdoor Education session was held in September for students from Lutheran Schools at Saginaw Bethlehem, Saginaw Holy Cross, Immanuel Bay City, and Immanuel Frankentrost. In addition, the Camp hosted a Cross-Country team training event in August.

The Rev. Daniel Wojtowicz served as the Camp Pastoral Advisor. He assisted with staff week Chapel, coaching the staff and providing assistance with Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) beliefs.

Heidi Przepiora was selected to become the new camp director in the Fall of 2024. We thank Amy Wojtowicz for her efforts restarting the Camp after the Covid health crisis and driving improvements during her three years as Camp Director.

An Endowment Fund was created and funded to move the Camp from operating year-to-year towards long-term sustainable operations.

Physical Properties

Ownership of the property was officially transferred from the Saginaw Valley Zone of the Lutheran Laymen's League to Camp Lu Lay Lea, Inc., a newly established non-profit organization.

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

- Metal roofs were installed on Egypt, Babylon, and Zion cabins
- Replaced light fixtures in Barnard
- Installed a new water softener and iron removal system in the Kitchen and Dining Hall
- Replaced three bunk beds and mattresses

A big thanks to the volunteers who made this all happen at a minimal cost to the Camp.



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.

Forecast for 2025

The Camp's mission remains the same: continue to bring the saving message of Jesus' death and resurrection to youth in the mid-Michigan area. The Camp is targeting 300 campers and a corresponding positive cash flow while striving to further build the endowment fund. The Board continues to work to increase the Camp's visibility in the Michigan District of the LCMS.

2023/2024 Financial Statement Summary

Income Statement (1/1-12/31)

	2024	2023
Income		
Registration/Camp Store	\$136,159	\$142,243
Donations	34,678	38,556
Miscellaneous	7,859	3,169
Total	\$178,696	\$183,968
Expenses	\$159,883	\$163,280
	\$18,813	\$20,688

Balance Sheet (12/31)

	2024	2023
Current Assets		
Cash- Operating	\$73,740	\$76,503
Endowment Fund	15,045	0
Total Cash	\$88,785	\$76,503
Prepaid and Other Assets	\$1,485	3,419
Total	\$90,270	\$79,922
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$522	\$387
Other Liabilities	0	8,600
Total	\$522	\$8,987
Current Net Assets	\$89,748	\$70,935

2024 Contributors List

A big thank you to all who have contributed to Camp Lu Lay Lea over 2024

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