



# The FAITHFUL FUTURE Appeal

*Preserving the future of Lutheran Hills, Lutherwald & Lake Luther*



## OUR MISSION

Lutheran Outdoor Ministries-Indiana/Kentucky witnesses to the Lordship of Jesus Christ by providing an extraordinary Christian community at its camps—Lutheran Hills, Lutherwald and Lake Luther—where every camper learns of God’s love for them and gains new life-skills in a fun environment with caring leaders.



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**Lutheran Hills \* Lutherwald \* Lake Luther**



Founded as Christian education centers for Lutheran youth with the overall purpose "to witness to the Lordship of Jesus Christ," our camps are owned and operated by the 230 congregations of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod ELCA. Each conduct summer youth camps, but each site is especially unique...

**Lutherwald** (Howe IN) founded in 1949, is located in northern Indiana on 110-acre South Twin Lake, Lutherwald has a half-mile of shoreline, 65 acres, and is the site of the Kempfski Retreat Center.

**Lutheran Hills** (Morgantown IN) our southern camp in Brown County near Bloomington, has 750 acres of rugged hills, a 17-acre lake, 7 miles of hiking trails, and a formal family campground.

**Lake Luther** (Angola IN) our youngest camp, is located in the lakes area of northeast Indiana and offers both a youth camp and a formal family campground on 60 acres along Bell Lake, rated the state's cleanest lake by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.



**Why the Faithful Future Appeal is Important**

Lutheran Outdoor Ministries of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod (LOMIK) strives to provide the best facilities and programs, but at the same time diligently works to keep fees low so that all children can attend camp.

**THE REALITY:** Operating three outdoor ministry sites is costly with all the buildings, staff, and equipment needed to provide quality outdoor ministry experiences.

**OUR GOAL:** The Faithful Future Appeal creates ENDOWMENTS—permanent revenue sources—that will enable Lutheran Hills, Lutherwald and Lake Luther to improve the experiences of campers and guests by providing attractive ministry sites, the highest quality staff, and the most unique and diverse Christian camping programs in the Midwest.



Special thanks to **Thrivent Financial for Lutherans** for their \$50,000 gift to launch The Faithful Future Appeal which allows every dollar of every gift to go directly to the projects specified.

**Statement of Intent**

I/we, in gratitude to God for the ministries of Lutheran Hills, Lake Luther, and Lutherwald, and for God's blessings in my/our life, intend to contribute the following gift to the Faithful Future Appeal:

\$\_\_\_\_\_ In total to be given as follows:

Initial payment of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to be given by \_\_\_\_\_(date). The balance to be given  monthly  quarterly  annually as follows:

\$\_\_\_\_\_ in 2008    \$\_\_\_\_\_ in 2009    \$\_\_\_\_\_ in 2010

In addition to the above, I/we have made the following gift in my/our estate plans:

- Bequest (Will)
- IRA beneficiary
- Other
- Life Insurance beneficiary
- Charitable gift annuity

Please use the space below to describe the gift. Please also attach a copy of the gift. For instance, for a gift through your will, please copy the pages of your will that describe the gift being made to LOMIK.

Present Value of this gift \$\_\_\_\_\_.

**Optional: This gift is designated for the following:**

- General Endowment
- Scholarship Endowment
- Site/facility endowment—Please describe:

**Optional: This is a**  Memorial Gift  Honor gift

Person honored/memorialized \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_



## ***Methods of Giving***

*The Faithful Future Appeal seeks two types of gifts from individuals and families:*

**AN IMMEDIATE GIFT** that will be given within the next three years.

**A DEFERRED GIFT** that will be given through a donor's estate.

*The most common methods of making immediate as well as deferred gifts:*

- **IMMEDIATE GIFTS**—Immediate gifts are gifts of cash or appreciated securities that are gifted to LOMIK within the next three years.
- **BEQUEST**—A bequest is made through a donor's will by naming LOMIK as a beneficiary of either a fixed amount or a percentage of the residual of an estate. Many friends of LOMIK consider tithing their estate to charity and include LOMIK, while others adopt LOMIK as an additional child, splitting their estate between the children and charity.
- **CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY**—A charitable Gift Annuity is a legal contract between the donor and LOMIK (through the ELCA Foundation) that guarantees the donor a fixed income for life. The rate of return is based upon the donor's age or the age of both spouses. There can be an immediate tax deduction for part of the gift and some of the income may come tax free to the donor. Capital gains are also avoided by placing an appreciated asset into a Charitable Gift Annuity. The donor gives up the right to the principal of the gift which is what passes to the charity upon the donor's death. *January 2008 rates for gift annuities range from 6% (for age 65) to 8% (for age 80) to over 11% (age 90).*
- **LIFE INSURANCE**—The easiest method of making a gift of life insurance is simply to make LOMIK either full or partial beneficiary of an existing life insurance policy. It is also possible to transfer ownership of a policy to LOMIK.
- **IRA**—Naming LOMIK as full or partial beneficiary of an IRA is the simplest means to gift from an IRA.
- **POOLED INCOME FUND**—This is a common trust to which many donors make contributions and retain for themselves a pro rata share of the funds earnings each year. As each beneficiary dies, the value of the fund from that person is withdrawn from the trust and paid to LOMIK.
- **OTHER OPTIONS:** Charitable lead trusts, charitable remainder trusts, and life estate gifts. Please inquire with us or with your tax and financial planners to discuss these methods.

*Please consult your tax or financial advisor to determine what type of gift is best for you, as well as to learn whether you are eligible for any tax savings or other advantages.*



## **The Faithful Future Appeal will provide:**

1. **A GENERAL ENDOWMENT** that will generate \$25,000 to \$50,000 per year for program support—enabling LOMIK to launch new programs and fund major physical improvement projects. (As of January 2008, the value of LOMIK's endowment was \$310,000. A total endowment value of \$500,000 to \$750,000 is needed to produce needed annual income.)
2. **AN ENDOWMENT FOR EACH CAMP & Specific Facility Endowments** that will provide the care needed to maintain facilities and grounds. These endowments allow donors to honor or memorialize family and friends while at the same time allow for long-term maintenance by means other than raising camp fees, thus keeping fees low and affordable to youth and families.
3. **A SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT** that will provide full and partial summer camp scholarships and fund programs, like Reading Camp, that reach out to many low income families. (A \$100,000 endowment is needed to provide this on-going ministry to guarantee that children and youth can attend camp regardless of their financial situation.)

**To fully subscribe the above goals, immediate and deferred gifts in the following increments will be needed:**

### IMMEDIATE GIFTS-\$125K

- 1 gift of \$25,000
- 1 gift of \$15,000
- 3 gifts of \$10,000
- 6 gifts of \$5,000
- 10 gifts of \$2,500

### DEFERRED GIFTS-\$375K

- 1 gift of \$100,000
- 1 gift of \$50,000
- 3 gifts of \$25,000
- 5 gifts of \$10,000
- 20 gifts of \$5,000

**IMMEDIATE GIFTS** are those gifts that will be given in cash or appreciated securities by December of 2010.

**DEFERRED GIFTS** are those gifts that are planned through a donor's estate plan and won't be received by LOMIK until the donor's death or some other specified time in the future. These gifts, usually larger than immediate gifts, are crucial to the long-term ministry of our camps.

## NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

*You have an opportunity to make a gift that permanently honors or memorializes a friend or loved one. Building and cabin names will not be changed, but facility endowment gifts will be permanently recognized on a plaque in or on the building or cabin.*

**\$100,000** to establish the **KEMPSKI RETREAT CENTER ENDOWMENT** at Lutherwald.

**\$75,000** to establish a **CAMP PROPERTY ENDOWMENT** at Lake Luther, Lutheran Hills or Lutherwald to care for camp infrastructure, trails, waterfront and recreation areas.  
**(3 GIFTS AVAILABLE)**

**\$50,000** to establish an endowment for **WICK HALL** (Lutheran Hills), **HAGEN CENTER** (Lake Luther), **HANES LODGE** (Lutherwald) and **SHEDRON LODGE** (Lutheran Hills).  
**(4 GIFTS AVAILABLE)**

**\$25,000** to establish a **MANAGER RESIDENCE ENDOWMENT** at Lake Luther, Lutherwald or Lutheran Hills.  
**(3 GIFTS AVAILABLE)**

**\$10,000** to establish a **CABIN ENDOWMENT** for any youth cabin at Lutheran Hills, Lutherwald or Lake Luther.  
**(25 GIFTS AVAILABLE)**

**\$10,000** to establish a **SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT** to augment children's summer camp fees.



### FAITHFUL FUTURE APPEAL LEADERSHIP

Rev. James Stuck, Carmel IN	Bishop
Rev. Ralph Kempfski, Aiken SC	Honorary Chairman
Rev. Mark Radloff, Angola IN	Executive Director
Jim Dowling, Ft Wayne IN	General Chair
Rev. Mark Sloss, Kokomo IN	Chair, Board Gifts
Cleo Swager, Ft Wayne IN	Chair, Home Gathering
Mary Lou Krieger, Batesville IN	Co-Chair, Thrivent Financial Gifts
Sue Dowling, Ft Wayne IN	Co-Chair, Thrivent Financial Gifts
David Thurman, Fishers IN	Co-Chair, Staff Alumni Gifts
Sheryl Whiteman, Noblesville IN	Co-Chair, Staff Alumni Gifts

I want to express my personal commitment to the "Faithful Future" initiative currently being conducted by our synod's Lutheran Outdoor Ministries.

I have seen real growth and renewal at our three synod camps in the last decade and the plan to create a \$500,000 endowment is timely. Lutheran Hills, Lutherwald and Lake Luther are important assets in our Indiana-Kentucky Synod and I am pleased to support this vision for helping provide strong future ministry among youth and families.

The "Faithful Future" appeal initiated by Lutheran Outdoor Ministries-Indiana/Kentucky with the help of Thrivent Financial is an important step as we continue to provide for our camps—special places where the Holy Spirit can call young people to lives of ministry and discipleship.



Rev. James R. Stuck, Bishop  
Indiana-Kentucky Synod  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

As a parish pastor and bishop I witnessed the many ways in which our camps have touched the lives of young and old alike.

In 1980, at the first synod convention I chaired, the Indiana-Kentucky Synod made an important decision to keep our camps and develop program and facilities. In the succeeding years the program expanded, from one focused primarily on youth, to facilities and programs for all ages to gather and be renewed and enjoy God's creation.

As an "Easter people" whose Lord continues to call us to move forward in faith, it is exciting to see the vision of the Faithful Future Appeal. This effort will assure that the facilities, scholarship needs, and ministry programs continue for years to come.

As we look back with gratitude at what has been accomplished, I am certain that future generations will thank the Lord for the vision, faith and commitment we make today to continue to provide quality, faith forming experiences at Lutheran Hills, Lutherwald and Lake Luther.

Mary and I invite you to join us in prayer and with your financial commitment in making this vision of the future a reality.



Rev. Ralph Kempfski, Bishop Emeritus  
Indiana-Kentucky Synod  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America