



May 27, 2020

Dear Friends of Lutherdale,

After prayerful consideration, the Lutherdale Board of Directors voted on May 16th to open camp this summer with a modified schedule. We believe that even in these extremely challenging times we need to continue being a place for spiritual growth, rejuvenation, learning, fellowship, and recreation.

This decision was not reached lightly. It was made after countless hours consulting the advice of medical professionals, public health officials, camp experts, ministry leaders and camper parents. We are working with the American Camp Association and Environmental Health & Engineering, Inc. who are adapting the guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for camps, as well as our local and state regulatory agencies.

The well-being of our campers-- physically, emotionally and spiritually-- has always been at the forefront of our ministry. The Board is confident in our staff's ability to follow the safety guidelines of the CDC, the state of Wisconsin, and the ACA (American Camp Association). Our staff also developed extensive protocols for special cleaning, sanitizing, housing, and programs to increase the health and safety of everyone.

It is our goal to provide the onsite camp experience to as many campers as safely possible while maintaining these extra protocols. In order to do so, we will:

- **Delay the opening of summer camp until July 5th.**
- **In order to accommodate over 400 campers already registered this summer, all camp programs have been modified to 3 days and 2 nights. This will allow us to maintain a camp size of 50 or less.**
- **Limit the onsite camp programs this summer to campers completed grades 3 - 11. Programs for campers completed grades K - 2 have been CANCELED.**
- **Family Camp and Grand Parent & Grand Child Camp will take place July 11-12.**
- **We look forward to a time when we can welcome campers of all ages to our site again.**

We need a strong partnership with our camper families to have a great summer camp experience. Every camper family registered for this summer, will be contacted in the near future explaining this summer's modified programs and the options being offered. We all need to work together to ensure the safety of our campers and their families, while at camp and when returning home.

This pandemic has many of us feeling the need, more than ever, to connect with others and especially in a community of faith. While the camp experience may be a little different this year, the life changing adventure of summer camp will be the same.

We hope all who experience Lutherdale this summer will leave feeling rejuvenated and blessed.

Together in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Jeff Bluhm'.

Jeff Bluhm, Executive Director