



Lutheran Outdoor Ministries  
Indiana-Kentucky Inc.

## After 25 Years of Service

# LOMIK Executive Director Announces Retirement



After 25 years of leading the Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Indiana-Kentucky program, Pastor Mark Radloff has announced that 2018 will be his final year as LOMIK Executive Director.

Pastor Mark is a graduate of Capital University (BA), Luther Theological Seminary (M.Div.), and The University of Georgia (M.Ed.). He was ordained in 1980 and served congregations and camps in Michigan and North Carolina before joining the Indiana-Kentucky Synod staff in 1992, serving as Assistant to the Bishop for Outdoor Ministries under Bishops Ralph Kempinski and James Stuck.

When the I-K Synod Assembly voted to have its three camps—Lutheran Hills, Lake Luther and Lutherwald—go independent in 2009, Pastor Mark was named the first Executive Director of Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Indiana-Kentucky (LOMIK).

LOMIK's greatest accomplishments during Pastor Mark's 25-year tenure have been ministry growth and financial stability. Eliminating debt, establishing and growing an endowment, effective budgeting and cash flow planning, expanding its summer camp program, establishing a campership fund, facility renovation and expansion, actively seeking grants, a "pay as you go" financial philosophy and practice (not proceeding with major capital projects until having cash in-hand), not deferring maintenance, and filling its Board of Directors with good financial minds have been the hallmarks of Pastor Mark's leadership.

Thank you, Pastor Mark, for a quarter of a century of ministry service to our camps. Blessings to you and Sandy as you plan for your retirement!

## LOMIK Seeks Dynamic Leader To Guide Future

# Executive Director Search Underway

Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Indiana-Kentucky (LOMIK) provides Christ-centered programs for building faith and lifelong relationships in a safe, caring, and fun environment. This mission is accomplished through offering youth-focused summer camp programs, retreat programming, retreat facilities, and family camping opportunities.

LOMIK is seeking a dynamic Executive Director to maintain the positive direction of growth, guide future strategies, and provide strong leadership to fulfill LOMIK's mission and vision goals. This multi-faceted position holds responsibility for administration, staff and property management and programming for its three camps—Lutherwald, Lake Luther & Lutheran Hills.

A complete job description is posted on the LOMIK website ([www.lomik.org](http://www.lomik.org)). Applications will be accepted January 1 through March 15, 2018 and can be submitted for consideration (resume with cover letter) to [search@lomik.org](mailto:search@lomik.org)

Interviews will be conducted in Spring 2018. The new LOMIK Executive Director will be announced and introduced at our annual summer BBQs and 50th Anniversary celebrations at camps this summer.



## Major Capital Projects At All 3 Camps

# \$275K Improvements Underway For 2018



### LUTHERAN HILLS

**Bear Creek Cottage #3 Construction.** The final phase of the Bear Creek Village Retreat Campus began in late August with the construction of the third retreat house. It will house up to 8 guests with a bathroom, a separate shower room, a full kitchen, a fire-place meeting area, a dining corner and four bedrooms. Group reservations are now being accepted for 2018 beginning in August.



### LUTHERAN HILLS

**Swimming Pool Refurbishment.** The 35-year old pool has developed some leaks. The pool will undergo a complete sandblasting and receive multi-layer epoxy recoating with a "LH" design at the pool bottom. The project will get underway early in the spring and be completed well in advance of the 2018 summer camp program.



### LUTHERWALD

**Summer Camp Bathhouse Makeover.** First constructed in 1982, the camper bathhouse received an exterior makeover in 2013. Now the interior is being replaced with new countertops, sinks, toilet stalls, ceilings and lighting. Additionally, the showers are being replaced with new plumbing, shower stalls and new private dressing areas. The project will begin in late winter and be completed in time for the 2018 summer camp startup.



### LAKE LUTHER

**Beach Swimming Dock/Diving Platform Replacement.** The old wooden diving platform was removed from the water this fall for the last time. In its place will be a new, long "T" shaped floating dock that will have a slide into the shallow area and a jumping off platform into the deep end. It will be a permanent structure that will not have to be removed each winter. The new dock/platform will be installed in spring 2018.

## Our Camps Play An Important Role

# Raising Up Leaders For The Church

If ministry is about relationships, we have to credit the success of our summer camp ministry at Lutherwald, Lutheran Hills and Lake Luther to our college-aged staff. They come from different places and attend different colleges, but they have these things in common—a love of the Gospel message and a desire to work with kids in the outdoor setting. This high-energy, enthusiastic group is carefully selected and work as a team to give guidance and special attention to the children in their care. We are thankful for their faith, dedication and good work. They make the difference!



PROGRAM	CAMP	DATE	2018 RETREATS & SPECIAL DAYS
<b>TOBOGGAN RETREAT</b>	Lutherwald	Feb 24-25	A Saturday mid-afternoon through Sunday morning retreat for middle school and high school youth groups and their adult sponsors with tobogganing at nearby Pokagon State Park, hosted by members of our summer camp staff. <b>\$35.</b>
<b>SPRING WORK DAYS</b>	Lutherwald Lake Luther Lutheran Hills	April 21 May 5 May 12	A spring Saturday work day to get the camp ready for a busy summer season. Projects include: cleaning, painting, light carpentry, splitting firewood—something for everyone of all ages. We begin at 9:00 am and finish with lunch at 1:00 pm.
<b>CAMP OPEN HOUSE</b>	Lutherwald Lake Luther Lutheran Hills	June 9 June 9 June 9	An OPEN HOUSE that introduces youngsters and parents to camp and our summer camp staff. No need to make reservations. Stop in anytime between 1:00-3:00 pm to meet the staff, take a camp tour, and see the cabins kids will be staying in. <b>FREE</b>
<b>SUNDAY BBQ</b>	Lutherwald Lake Luther	July 8 July 27	The annual summer Sunday morning gathering begins with worship at 10:30 am followed by the BBQ meal served 11:30 am—1:00 pm. Come out and meet LOMIK's new Executive Director. <b>\$8 adults, \$5 children.</b>
<b>LAKE LUTHER FEST &amp; 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION</b>	Lake Luther	July 27-29	A Friday evening to Sunday morning weekend program for families, middle school and high school youth groups and their adult leaders. Groups and families “camp out” for the weekend at Lake Luther's comfortable campground area, have full use of the camp and attend stage performances all weekend at NO COST. <b>Meals \$5.</b>
<b>LUTHERAN HILLS 50th ANNIVERSARY REUNION &amp; BBQ</b>	Lutheran Hills	Sept 15	A day-long Saturday celebration of Lutheran Hills' 50th birthday. Friends of the camp and former camp staff are invited to an afternoon BBQ and program that includes the introduction of LOMIK's new Executive Director. Friday and/or Saturday night accommodations are available by calling the camp at (812) 988-2519.
<b>FALL RIVER RUN</b>	Lake Luther	Sept 30	A leisurely Sunday afternoon canoe trip for couples, families and church groups on the Pigeon River on an early fall weekend. It's a 2 hour trip of easy paddling. <b>\$20.</b>
<b>FALL WORK DAYS</b>	Lake Luther Lutheran Hills Lutherwald	Oct 6 Oct 27 Nov 10	Fall Saturdays are scheduled at each camp (9:00 am-12 noon) to help the camp get ready for winter. Projects include: splitting firewood, painting, and putting recreation equipment away for the winter. Check our website for additional fall volunteer opportunities.

### 2018 SUMMER CAMP CALENDAR ... more info at lomik.org

WEEK	LUTHERAN HILLS	LUTHERWALD	LAKE LUTHER
June 10-15	Reading Camp Pilgrim • Super Pilgrim • Pioneer	Confirmation Camp I Pioneer • Trailblazer	Confirmation Camp Guitar Camp
June 17-22	OPEN	Confirmation Camp II	Pilgrim • Super Pilgrim • Day Camp Pioneer • Trailblazer
June 24-29	Pioneer • Trailblazer Confirmation Camp I	CYCS Camp	OPEN
July 1-4	Pilgrim • Parent/Grandparent Camp	OPEN	AMH Week
July 8-13	Guitar Camp • Performing Arts Camp Hiking/Caving Adventure	Sr. High Servant Camp Trailblazer • Confirmation III	OPEN
July 15-20	Sr. High Servant Camp • Trailblazer Confirmation Camp II	Pilgrim • Super Pilgrim Pioneer • Day Camp	Reading Camp Sr. High Ped-Pad Trip
July 22-27	Pioneer • Trailblazer	Neighborhood Camp	Pioneer • Baking Camp Trailblazer Servant Camp
July 29-August 3	Pilgrim • Super Pilgrim • Pioneer	Reading Camp Pioneer • Trailblazer	Pilgrim • Super Pilgrim Pioneer





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