

# S'more Things from the Woods, Lakes, and Hills

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## ANOTHER GREAT SUMMER!

Those who attend summer camp know the great things that happen throughout the week. Outside in God's creation, a step removed from technology and the normal stresses and strains of daily life, campers have many and various opportunities to grow closer to God, test their own limits, and develop meaningful relationships with staff and fellow campers.



The summer of 2022 saw continued "post-pandemic" recovery as LOMIK served 537 campers, 222 of whom attended for their first time. Reflecting our diversity and openness to all, 295 were Lutheran, 100 were non-Lutheran, and 119 had no church affiliation. Campers and staff came to our three sites from 9 different states, and seven different congregations brought a taste of camp to their local setting through our traveling Luther Road program. 313 campers received partial or full scholarships to the amount of \$27,375 making it possible for no one to be denied a camp experience for financial need.

Thanks to all our supporters and our wonderful summer staff for another great summer!



**OUR MISSION:** Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Indiana-Kentucky (LOMIK) welcomes all and provides Christ-centered programs for building faith and life-long relationships in a safe, caring, and fun environment.

**OUR Values:** Faith-Family & Community-Service-Integrity.

## Staff News

At the end of the summer Lutherwald property manager Lucas Blackwood left to attend graduate school in the area of counseling and social services. We wish him well and look forward to future connections as he will be serving on our board's Advisory Group.



We are excited to have Jackson Fann joining us as the new Lutherwald Site Steward. Please note the changed title in keeping with the Biblical idea of our stewardship of God's creation reminding us that all we have is because of our creator. Jackson served on LOMIK summer staff previously, has a BA in non-profit management and a masters degree in the area of outdoor and adventure leadership. We are proud to welcome Jackson and his wife Leah to Lutherwald.

Jacob Mattes has been working for LOMIK part time with our property upkeep and maintenance. We are pleased to welcome him fulltime as of November 1. Jacob will be taking over the role of WOW Manager with responsibilities for Welcoming, Operations and Waste.

## Thank You to All Our Supporters

On October 15th LOMIK held a thank you dinner for our many supporters, those who help make this ministry possible. It was a great evening of food, fellowship, and fun held in Wakarusa, IN. Intended as a celebration of all the things LOMIK does as a part of outdoor ministry, it brought together, leaders, volunteers, staff (past and present), and financial supporters.



While not intended as a fundraiser, a part of the entertainment was a silent auction of camp related and other items donated by various folks. The online auction ran for a week prior to the Gala and resulted in over \$10,000 raised.



Thanks to all those who help make camp an amazing, sacred place for all ages. You are essential to camp! You are a vital part of God's work, helping make it possible for camp to have something for everyone!



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