



## Dear Friends of Lutherhill:

Over the past several weeks, Lutherhill's staff and Board of Directors have spent countless hours consulting the advice of medical professionals, public health officials, camp experts, ministry leaders and camper parents. Together we sought to determine the best way to safely operate camp this summer.

Working together, we outlined these principles to guide our decision:

- We value the **health and safety** of our campers and staff and intend to keep public health at the forefront of all our decision making.
- We are grateful for the donors and camper families that have invested in Lutherhill and Zion, and we aim to wisely **steward** this investment in all circumstances.
- It is our great joy to offer meaningful experiences of hospitality, community, holy spaces and the love of Christ – in the **past, at present and in the future.**

**So to best care for our camps and our community, we will alter summer programs as follows:**

- **Cancel all congregational day camps,**
- **Cancel all adventure and Zion beach programs,**
- **Cancel and the first four weeks of summer camp at Lutherhill, June 7<sup>th</sup> -July 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

We are still gathering information to determine the viability of July programs. We anticipate having more to share by June 1.

### **Camper Families**

If you are currently registered for one of our cancelled summer programs, you will receive an email to guide your next steps. We know that every family is different, and every situation is different. You will have the chance to transfer payments to a future event or receive a refund. If you can, we invite you to invest in the future of Lutherhill by donating all or part of your registration payments. In the next two weeks, a Lutherhill representative will contact you to walk you through this process.

### **Congregational Leaders**

If you are a congregational leader hosting a Day Camp or overseeing a Group hold in one of our cancelled summer programs, a Lutherhill representative will contact you



directly. Your congregation may choose to transfer payments to a future event, receive a refund or donate all or part of your payments.

### **Generous Donors**

This public health crisis will continue to pose a significant financial impact on Lutherhill Ministries. Retreat operations have been suspended since mid-March, creating a sizeable loss of revenue. Cancellation of summer camp creates even more lost revenue. We welcome your generous support to help us invest in the future of Lutherhill.

We anticipate that you will have lots of questions. We are creating an FAQ document which will be posted on our website. As we receive questions from all of you, the FAQ will be updated. You can find it here: **[OPENING CAMP SAFELY FAQs](#)**

Camp is not the same without you. We simply cannot wait for life to be restored, and for Lutherhill and Zion to be filled again. Until then, be safe and serve the Lord.

Peace,

Matt Kindsvatter, Executive Director  
Ed Spaulding, President – Lutherhill Board of Directors