

Program Committee Report 2022

It has been a year of change, both in programming and in program staff. We bid farewell to Program Director Kjell Bakken and welcomed Lucy Hardie as our Interim Program Director. We now welcome and look forward to working with our new Program Director, Stephanie Engel.

Horse camp and Riverboats remain popular and newer programs continue to improve and gather more interest and participation. **Night Camp** is still going to be offered two different weeks. **Art Camp** was reintroduced with great success and will be focused on middle school campers for summer of 2023. Special thanks, again, to Char and Bob Tumi and Jesse Klosterboer for the donation of equipment, time, and animals to make the Frontier Farm possible again this year. It was a highlight for so many campers. Our **Boundless Wisconsin Youth Leadership Development Event** was successful. Youth groups from Wisconsin and Indiana participated in intentional and spirit filled leadership and inclusion training facilitated by Lyle Griner (Peer Ministry Leadership/EveryDay LLC), and Daniel Kirschbaum (ELCA Program Directory of Young Adult Ministry).

The ministry impact from camperships, programs and events has been great as outlined in other reports. The biggest challenge, as with all camps, continues to be staffing. Looking for new programs to help that.

Our biggest change in programming for summer 2023 will be found in our SIT/LIT program. SIT/LIT (Staff-in-Training/Leader-in-Training) is now LEAD (Leaders Engaged As Disciples). Changes are below:

- Campers will attend 4-weeks instead of 3-weeks
- Camper families will no longer pay for the program; instead the program cost is absorbed and campers will be given a small stipend
- The program is application based; interested campers apply through an application available on our website and then receive an invitation to participate/enroll in the program upon acceptance
- Format remains similar but with more time for learning, processing, and implementing new leadership skills at camp (and at home)

Our theme for 2023 will be **Holy Trinity, Wholly Love** and is based on Revelation 22:13 (*I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end*). Wading into the mystery of the Holy Trinity can be a daunting endeavor. But that is precisely what we are going to do this summer.

Respectfully submitted,

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