

**FORTUNE LAKE LUTHERAN CAMP
ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING 2024
SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024
2:00 PM CST/3:00 PM EST**

SUMMER 2024 THEME

CREATED TO BE

**“I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.”**

-Psalm 139:14

**Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp
Est. 1930**



**A place of grace...
Fortune Lake
Lutheran Camp**

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**Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Association Membership
12/31/2023**

All Saints, Wakefield	Immanuel, Negaunee
Ascension, Minocqua	Immanuel, Rhinelander
Beaver American, Pound	Messiah, Marquette
Bethany, Amasa	Mission United, Pelkie
Bethany, Escanaba	Our Redeemer, Newberry
Bethany, Ishpeming	Our Saviour's, Atlantic Mine
Bethany, Mohawk	Our Saviour's, Iron Mountain
Bethany, Negaunee	Our Saviour's, Marinette
Bethany, Norway	Our Saviour, Paynesville/Ewen
Bethany/Perkins, Gladstone	Pioneer Lake, Conover
Bethany, Republic	Porterfield, Porterfield
Bethel, Cedarville	Prince of Peace, Eagle River
Bethel, Ishpeming	Prince of Peace, Marquette
Bethel, Menominee	Salem, Bark River
Bethlehem, Florence	Salem, Ironwood
Calvary, Minocqua	Sharon, Bessemer
Calvary, Quinnesec	Shepherd of the Lakes, Sayer
Calvary, Rapid River	Shepherd of the Sea, Copper Hrbr
Christ the King, Escanaba	Siloa, Ontonagon
Community, Palmer	St. James, Marinette
Eden, Munising	St. James, Rudyard
Emanuel, Skandia	St. John, Ironwood
Emmanuel, Menominee	St. Paul, Ironwood
Faith, Calumet	St. Paul, Mass City
Faith, Ishpeming	St. Stephen, Stephenson
Faith, Rock	Trinity, Brevort/Moran
Faith, Sault Ste Marie	Trinity, Ishpeming
Faith, Three Lakes	Trinity, Rhinelander
First, Ewen	Trinity, Stambaugh/Iron River
First, Gladstone	Trinity, Stonington/Rapid River
First, Grand Marais	Trinity, Trout Creek
First, Iron Mountain	United, Crystal Falls
First, Iron River	United, L'Anse
First, Trenary	Zion, Allenville/Moran
First of Winona, Mass City	Zion, Ironwood
Gethsemane, Wallace	Zion, Manistique
Gloria Dei, Hancock	Zion, Marinette
Good Shepherd, Houghton	Zion, Metropolitan
Good Shepherd, Peshtigo	Zion, St. Ignace
Grace, Gwinn	
Grace, Pembine	
Grace, South Range	
Holy Cross, Baraga	
Holy Trinity, Chassell	
Immanuel, Escanaba	

PRESIDENT'S REPORT ANNUAL MEETING 2024

Welcome to this place of grace for the 2024 annual meeting! Fortune Lake had another very exciting year with new milestones and a whole lot of fun! Once again we were very blessed with a busy summer camp season, numerous rentals, and super fun retreats! Included in this list was our newest retreat in May of 2023 the Growing in Grace retreat!

The new property committee was kept busy in 2023, utilizing the funds received from CoVantage Cares and the 90th anniversary celebration to give heavily used spaces at camp a much needed renovation such as: kitchen upgrades, new windows, and a beautiful new pier! Please take a walk around the property and enjoy all of the new upgrades!

Summer of 2023 welcomed 476 campers, which included both youth, Victory, and intergenerational campers. FLLC also held nine day camps and 13 pastors visited camp! Our summer camp staff was amazing and we are very thankful for these awesome leaders! Eight summer staff applicants received \$1600 in scholarship monies from the summer camp staff scholarship fund!

The Fall calendar in 2023 was one of the busiest seasons camp has seen! Rentals were abundant and of course we enjoyed some of our favorite events such as the Fall Wellness Retreat and FLLC's fall fest/quilt auction. The board of directors also met for a retreat in October to update FLLC's mission, vision, and core values! Our hardworking Total Inclusion Task Force also created an FLLC welcome statement. Stay tuned!

I would like to thank all of our generous donors here at Fortune Lake. In 2023, we saw an increase in Tenacious 200 donors! Thanks be to God!

I also would like to thank our dedicated year round staff here at Fortune Lake! These awesome leaders keep FLLC running all year round and work very hard! Thank you!!!

Thank you all for your continued prayers and support of this wonderful place of grace! It has been my pleasure to serve on the board of directors here at Fortune Lake!

Respectfully submitted by Suzanne Tusa, President of the Fortune Lake Board of Directors

**MISSION AND VISION STATEMENT
CORE VALUES
WELCOME STATEMENT
10/2023**

OUR MISSION:

Seeking to connect faith and life,
We provide a welcoming space for all people to
Experience God, community, and nature.

OUR VISION:

With equity, we foster the growth and renewal
Of all creation through Christ-centered community.

CORE VALUES:

Inclusive Community
Faith Formation
Growing Leaders
Exploration
Creativity

WELCOME STATEMENT:

Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp commits to live into the truth that all people are made in the Image of God, and we recognize that without the affirmed presence of all people, especially the historically marginalized, we are not fully represented as the Body of Christ. We deem it necessary and imperative to recenter and reaffirm the beloved humanity inherent in all people and to further this emphasis in our outdoor ministry setting.

As we seek to be a place of grace where all may grow in faith, Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp clearly and deliberately welcomes people of any sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, racial/ethnic/national identity, age, religious affiliation, economic status, relationship status, physical and mental ability, education, and other characteristics necessary for the whole Body of Christ into the life and leadership of our ministry.

We confess that while Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp has long-identified as a "place of grace," we have not fully extended this same grace ("grace" being the unmerited favor of God freely gifted to all of humanity out of God's radical, inclusive love for all creation) to each of our human siblings. We pledge to continue the work of total inclusion by intentionally turning away from systems that marginalize and dehumanize. We commit to dismantling those systems which have caused us to fracture and devalue the whole people of God. In doing so, we turn instead towards the beloved community revealed to us in the Good News of Jesus Christ with specific focus on racial equity, LGBTQIA+ inclusion, and equal access for those living with disabilities. In this we acknowledge that there is work to be done, and we aim not to attain perfection but to celebrate, affirm, and uplift the diverse and beautiful body of Christ.

Camp Director's Report for the 2024 Annual Report & Meeting

This past year at Fortune Lake has been one of focused direction, discernment, and action. Coming out of last year's annual meeting, the Staff and Board of Directors set out with the task of updating our organization's mission. Through prayer and conversation, we developed the Mission, Vision, and Core Values to which we believe we are being called.

I cannot overstate the value of having these words – our very identity, what we sense as the call of the Holy Spirit – to share with the world. They guide every aspect of our ministry: from program planning to facility updates, from donor invitations to rental contracts, from camper recruitment to staff hiring.

As we seek to **provide a welcoming space for all people to experience God**, we acknowledge that as a 94 year-old outdoor ministry site, our property presents some real challenges with accessibility. Thanks to a large gift from an anonymous donor, we installed an accessible pier in spring of 2023. Campers and guests who use assistive devices can now traverse over the sand using our sturdy beach mats, and walk or roll up the zero-grade, 6' wide pier. From here, they can access the pontoon boat, slide into a kayak, or simply enjoy being out on the water. In spring 2024 we



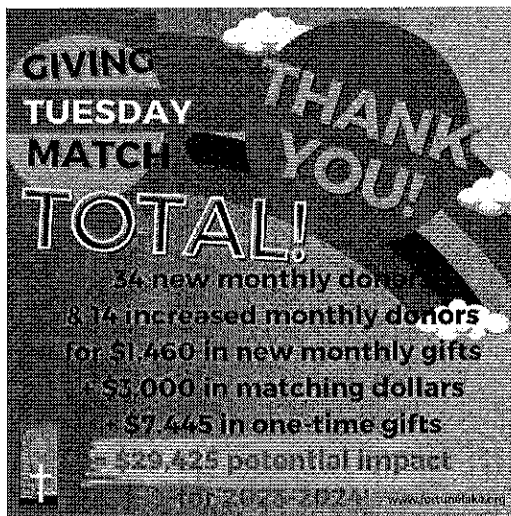
will further these upgrades with an improved walkway from the sauna to the beach, funded by a grant from the ELCA.



As we live into our core value of being an **Inclusive Community**, our Total Inclusion Task Force continued with its initial focus on LGBTQIA+ people. This group spearheaded our first Growing in Grace Retreat in spring 2023. By fall, they had received feedback on the new Welcome Statement, which the Board of Directors unanimously approved in October 2023. This approval led to the designation of Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp as a Reconciling in Christ ministry, acknowledging our commitment to being a fully affirming community. Stay tuned as the

task force shifts gears toward full inclusion of other historically marginalized groups of people.

We continue our long-standing legacy of **Growing Leaders** for the church and the world. As many other camps struggle to fully staff their programming, we have been blessed to attract quality seasonal staff to serve our campers. Of special note is our Leaders-in-Training program for high school youth, which had a strong cohort of faithful young people in 2023, and will again this coming summer. We have continued to hire multiple international staff each summer, deepening our global perspective and broadening our understanding of God's work in the world. Please keep our summer staff and campers in your prayers.



Our renewed vision of **foster[ing] the growth and renewal of all creation through Christ-centered community** has inspired a new group of regular donors to support this work. We issued a matching challenge around Giving Tuesday 2023, encouraging people to consider becoming monthly Tenacious 200 electronic givers. Due to the generosity of so many, we now have 112 households that contribute monthly in support of our ministry needs for a total of \$5,100 per month! This sustained effort has an immense impact on our ability to meet the needs of the congregations and individuals we serve. We are so grateful to our donors! Please consider how this invitation to participate in what God is up to through the ministry of Fortune Lake extends to you.

I remain so grateful to do this work on behalf of the Fortune Lake Association congregations, campers, volunteers, and donors. I am particularly grateful to the year-round staff: Guest Services Coordinator Charlotte Strom, Facility Manager Chris Nocerini, Office Staff Cindy Attkisson, Office Manager Deborah Hansen, Food Service Manager Hannah Furmanski, and Kitchen and Rental Support Lisa Durr. They work tirelessly to provide comfortable experiences for all guests and campers and make coming to work fun.

Thanks be to God for a tremendous 2023, and may the blessings continue!

Grace & Peace, Amanda Rasner (she/her), Camp Director

Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Association 2024 Annual Meeting

Treasurer's Report for 2023

This is the first time since becoming Treasurer for the Association in 2020 that I feel we have finally had what can be considered a "normal" year. In preparation for this report in previous years, I always found myself expressing gratitude for the generosity of giving from our donors to get us through difficult times. While I am still so VERY grateful for that generosity, I am most grateful that we have fully returned to the business of retreats, rentals, campers, seniors, and quilters.

The budgeting process this year went smoothly. As in the past, we applied practical concepts to come up with the best estimate of what we think the coming year will look like. Every revenue and expenditure item were diligently considered. Overall, I feel the budget, as approved by the board and presented here, is an accurate representation of the anticipated revenues and expenditures for 2024. We had been operating with net income for several years but this year, as with last year, we are using the savings we had planned to spend down to accomplish property improvements. These funds were specifically designated for that use.

The most noteworthy financial event for 2023 was the slow start for donations coming in that resulted in us having to dip into the line of credit at the end of the summer. As the end of the year approached, I truly believed we would finish the 2023 year with a loss. As usual, the giving season – from Thanksgiving through Christmas – plus some amazing help from our friends at Thrivent and a campaign to increase the number of T200 donors enabled us to pay off the line of credit by year end.

Our financial position would not be where it is without Amanda's diligence and mindfulness of "the big picture." She is virtually always thinking about Fortune Lake's future with every decision she makes. Deborah's care in bookkeeping and office coordination cannot be praised enough. I appreciate all the time she takes to communicate with me. We must also take the time to acknowledge and praise Charlotte for her coordination of retreats and rentals in the off season and keeping us full during those times – our bottom line would not be where it is without her efforts. We must also thank Chris Nocerini, the maintenance director, for continually making frugal decisions and monitoring construction/material price trends. I truly cannot express how thankful I am for keeping those expenditures low. Finally, Hannah and her kitchen staff need a standing ovation for keeping those costs down. In a time with volatile (and greatly increasing) food and delivery costs, she managed to keep expenses way under budget. If you happen to see her or have the time, please make sure to thank her!

Thank you for the opportunity to have served camp and the association, in Christ's Love,

Christina Maki, Treasurer

Total Inclusion Task Force
2024 Annual Report - Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp

Members of Total Inclusion Taskforce: 2023/24

Ruth Almen (co-chair), Sarah Semmler Smith (co-chair), Bucky Beach, Christina Maki, Heidi Gallagher, Jared Howard, Josh Stachnik, Kelly Ylitalo, Olivia Mai, Sam Brink, Taryn Mason, Charlotte Strom, Amanda Rasner, David Van Kley

Friends in Christ,

God is so good! The Spirit has been on the move through the work of the Total Inclusion task force. This year, after much prayer, study, discernment and intentionality – Fortune Lake officially became a Reconciling in Christ camp. The members of the Total Inclusion taskforce met monthly to help foster this process among the FLLC community. While this status is exciting, the word used is ‘reconciling’ and not ‘reconciled’ for a purpose – for our work in this area is ongoing, and God calls us ever to widen our umbrella of inclusion to all areas where historic marginalization or systematic injustice might be at play. We thank you for the ways you have prayed for and continue to be supportive of our work in an ongoing way. See below for highlights from this past year, and areas where the Spirit is calling us moving into the next.

God Moments from 2023

- April/May 2023 - ZOOM Listening Session held for the Synod
- May 4-5 – Inaugural Growing in Grace Retreat
 - 17 people gathered at Fortune Lake around the theme of inclusion with keynote speaker Aubrey Thronvold from Reconciling Works joining via Zoom
- October 27 – Draft Welcome Statement presented to the Fortune Lake Board, and sent to Reconciling works for comment & minor revisions were made.
- November 23 – Revised Welcome Statement approved by FLLC Board.
- January 16 – Fortune Lake publicly announces RIC status granted by Reconciling Works!

Ongoing and Upcoming Work to hold in Prayer

- Operationalizing RIC status – Living into this inclusion from a programmatic, policy, and building and grounds perspective.
- Planning for the next Growing in Grace retreat to be held April 26 - 27, with the theme, “Nurturing our LGBTQIA+ Youth”, with Jamie Bruesehoff as guest.
- Beginning the work of Land Acknowledgement in 2024.

While the response to our new RIC status has been an overwhelmingly positive one, this work has not been without cost. We give thanks for the faithfulness, transparency, and courage of our FLLC staff and will continue to support and advocate with them as they navigate the blessings and challenges of working towards the justice and inclusion God envisions for all people.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth Almen & Sarah Semmler Smith

Rentals and Retreats

2024 Annual Report - Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp

Greetings Friends of Fortune Lake!

There is much to be thankful for! Our rental and retreat ministry is thriving with many exciting projects on the horizon. The Fortune Lake staff is proud to have hosted over 1,000 overnight guests and over 700 day-use guests in 2023. Praise be! It is a blessing to be able to share this space with outside groups and to see all of the creative ways it can be utilized. From small family groups to pastors on retreat to quilting groups to school groups, our facility has housed a multitude of different groups over the past year.

Here are some of the highlights:

- 1,047 overnight guests
- 702 day use guests
- 144 people attended Fortune Lake-hosted retreats
- Between 2022 and 2023 we saw a 34.7% increase in rental revenue
- We are thrilled to continue our partnerships with Calumet, Houghton, and Forest Park Schools to host their school camps
- It is a privilege to maintain our partnerships with the Catholic and Methodist denominations to host their youth encounters and clergy retreats respectively

Here are some exciting things coming up:

- 2024 is the first year of Episcopal Peace Camp, an intergenerational program for our Indigenous neighbors and their families, led by the Episcopal Dioceses of Marquette. We are excited to walk with them and discover more about what this partnership might look like at Fortune Lake
- We look forward to widening the invitation for more school camps with some discussions ongoing
- Fortune Lake will host ROTC Camp Keweenaw, a 90-person rental, for the first time this year with hopes of an ongoing partnership

As we grow our rental and retreat ministry, it is a great pleasure to welcome more people in to experience the beauty of Fortune Lake. We continue to work out new ways to maximize the use of our facilities while supporting our mission through this work. Fortune Lake continues to be a place where people can encounter God, nature, and community in a multitude of ways throughout the seasons.

Might we see you this year?

Respectfully,
Charlotte Strom
Guest Services Coordinator
Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp

Property Report for 2024 Annual Meeting

The back half 2023 into 2024 has been a continuation of making use of the CoVantage Cares Giving Funds (\$225,051.64). We had the intention of dedicating any funds raised to significant property upgrades. Thus, we worked hard to maintain our buildings and grounds without extending into too many projects. A huge thank you to Chris our Facility Manager and all he does and for all the staff who watch over Fortune Lake throughout the year.

We have been trying to schedule a property walk through with Chris and some of the other committee members. If you remember last April we got snowed out. This year in April we are scheduled for a walk-through April 28th

We met in February as a Property committee on Zoom, and discussed the upcoming walk-through.

The Covantage Cares money was focused on Dining Hall, Immanuel, and Duplexes. Big ticket items outside of a budget construct. Roofs, Boilers, Exhaust systems.

Immanuel Fire Alarm was put in under 4K (superior electronics).

The dining hall fire suppression system and windows are done.

Hood system is being calibrated. Duplex floors are being finished and waiting for spring to do outside soffits, trims, staining, and doors.

This spring we focus on finishing the duplex and tree takedowns and normal getting ready for camp.

As we get ready for the walk-through on April 28th, Chris talked about some bigger ticket items and hopes and dreams.

- Carpet in Immanuel
- Roof Immanuel- One quote (Crown)- \$40,000
- Older camp Buildings torn down and removed- Professional Bids needed
 - o Rotting, underutilized
 - o Could be put into a future building opportunity

Looking forward to the Walkthrough in April. At that time, we hope to make an official dream list. Also, an old document that lists buildings and project updates will be revised and brought up to date.

Coming this Spring- Exterior Doors (Oak & Maple) and Siding (Spruce, Oak, & Maple)

Lastly, it is the **recommendation of the property committee after further conversation with Amanda and Chris, that we officially walk away from the Cell Tower conversation.** Reasons are care for creation, stewardship, and uneasy feelings about the company in question and their respect of our property and staff time.

Stay tuned for additional updates and invitations!

Respectfully submitted,

Rhys Edwards and Alex LaChapelle, co-chairs of the Property Committee

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2023 FLLC Program Committee Report

Programming at Fortune Lake was vibrant throughout 2023. FLLC served 476 on-site summer campers of all ages and partnered with congregations throughout the synod to deliver nine day camp programs under the theme *Holy Trinity, Wholly Loved*.

Intergenerational weeks continued to be some of the busiest weeks at camp and Congregational Day Visits made a return in 2023 to offer congregations the chance to spend a day at Fortune Lake to experience camp favorites such as beach time, arts and crafts, and Bible study. Victory Camp once again provided adults with developmental disabilities the opportunity to connect with God and experience the beauty of creation and authentic community.

Youth programming included specialty weeks such as Lego Camp, Art Camp, Night Owls, High School Week, and Camp ACTS (Acting, Choreography, Theatre, and Song). The Leaders in Training (LIT) program provided leadership training and hands-on camp experience for youth between 10th-12th grades to help prepare them for future summer staff employment at FLLC.

Year-round retreats and rental groups keep the calendar full and the facilities occupied. We are thankful to have Charlotte serve as the hospitality coordinator, as well as the other full and part-time staff who work together to provide a welcoming environment and quality programming to campers throughout the year. The Growing in Grace retreat made its debut in the spring of 2023 to help Fortune Lake live in to that welcoming spirit and provide resources to accompany FLLC's Reconciling in Christ (RIC) process.

The Young Adult retreat continued to gain momentum in 2023 and serves as a connection to some of the campus ministry programs throughout our synod. The Wellness Retreat returned in the fall and Senior Days continue to offer a friendly atmosphere for people to socialize, enjoy a good meal, and learn something new. Recurring programs such as the Upper Elementary Retreat and Jr./Sr. High Retreat help round out the schedule.

As we move into 2024, we are hopeful and encouraged to continue providing meaningful camp experiences for all of God's people. We hope you can join us!

Respectfully submitted by Stefanie Ehle, Program Committee Chair

Development Committee Annual Report

Siblings in Christ,

We cannot express our thanks to our donors louder as you are amazing! As Fortune Lake continues to grow both in campers and in grace, you have never ceased to support our mission. I am proud to be part of this place of grace because it means I can join in the shared support that we all have for the future and our outreach to many communities that are in contact with our camp.

This year saw us growing in a few ways. One of those ways has been in the realm of Legacy Giving. We at Fortune Lake know that our people love this place and want to see our mission continue for years to come. To that end we held a legacy giving event where together with Cynthia Halverson, Regional Gift Planner at ELCA Foundation, and former board member and Trivent Representative, Craig Etelamaki, led us in both understanding legacy gifts as well as helping with ways that we can connect our generosity to planned giving to Fortune Lake and other organizations that people are passionate about. We will continue hosting these opportunities to teach and learn about how we can unlock our generosity.

Other highlights for our committee was the growth of our TENACIOUS 200 donor base. We are inching closer to finally having a real TENACIOUS 200 as we find more people willing to support our mission with planned monthly giving. To help this growth, we received a matching gift this year to help bring new giving through our T200 so that we can keep Fortune Lake thriving month to month.

Fall Fest continues to be successful as we find ways to link our in person auction experience with online opportunities so that those can join in the festivities wherever they are found. Another online opportunity came through Carols for a Cause sponsored by Thrivent. Thank you to those who participated in events that have been continued blessings as we continue to fund our mission of inclusivity, welcome, and hope for all people.

I want to thank the development committee for their commitment as we think of additional ways to help fund the mission of Fortune Lake. One of our growth areas is working toward legacy giving as a way for individuals to leave a gift that will continue to support Fortune Lake's mission into the future.

There is much to be thankful for at Fortune Lake. Our incredible staff and volunteers have done a great job as they keep producing "Letters from Fortune Lake" and other promotional materials. I hope that you have experienced some of these amazing stories as all who participate in the mission and ministry of Fortune Lake are changed for the better. Thank you for your prayers and your support!

May God's blessings ever go with you,
Jared Howard, Chair, Development Committee

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, RETURNING CANDIDATES



SUZANNE TUSA, 3 YEAR TERM

Hello! I am Suzanne Tusa and I have been serving on the Fortune Lake Board of Directors since the spring of 2020. I currently hold the office of board president and serve on the program committee. I live in Iron Mountain, MI (Breitung Township) and attend Calvary Lutheran Church in Quinnesec. I am married to Matthew Tusa and we have three children who love going to camp: Mylee 16, Olivia 13, and Alex 10. They keep us very busy with their many interests and activities. I started coming to camp in middle school and served on staff in 1995, 1996, and 2011. I also attended Women and Kids week for 10 years with my children and now my family and I attend Intergenerational Camp together. My family and I also participated in Fortune Lake's musical One Wonderful Day! It was a great time! I am a clinical social worker and trained trauma therapist. I currently work as a school social worker in the special education department at the Dickinson-Iron Intermediate School District. I enjoy my work helping children in our local schools. Serving on the Fortune Lake Board has been an amazing experience and I have met some great people!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - NEW CANDIDATES



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Hello! My name is Rob Sims and I am a member of First English Lutheran Church in Appleton, WI where I serve on the Congregational Council. First English is also in the process of becoming a Reconciling in Christ congregation! I am honored to be nominated to serve on the board of Fortune Lake. I grew up at camp. I was a camper since I was young and continued to be a camper until I was able to come to camp as a High

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ANNABELLE KING, 3 YEAR TERM



My name is Annabelle, mostly known as Bella, and I am 26 years old. Originally from Haworth, a small village in West Yorkshire, England. I currently work as Wedding and Events Manager at the Craiglunds Best Western Hotel in Ilkley, West Yorkshire. I take immense pride in my role, as it allows me to engage with the soon-to-be-married couples whose weddings I have the privilege to plan and execute. Through this position, I have bettered my managerial skills and collaborated with a dedicated team, fostering professional growth and development. My journey to this point was significantly shaped by my experiences at Fortune Lake. In 2019, I participated in a

program facilitated by IENA, which led me to work at a summer camp in the USA. Following my zoom interview with Amanda, I felt a strong sense of purpose and embarked on a transformative journey. Serving as a cabin leader in 2019 and later as the youth camp coordinator in 2022, I created lasting bonds with cherished friends and deepened my connection with God. My experience at Fortune Lake not only strengthened my faith but also instilled in me a profound sense of gratitude for the opportunity to contribute to such a nurturing and faith centered environment. The nomination to serve on the board of directors is a testament to my dedication and commitment to Fortune Lake. I am humbled by this honor and eagerly anticipate the chance to remain connected to the camp community, even from afar.

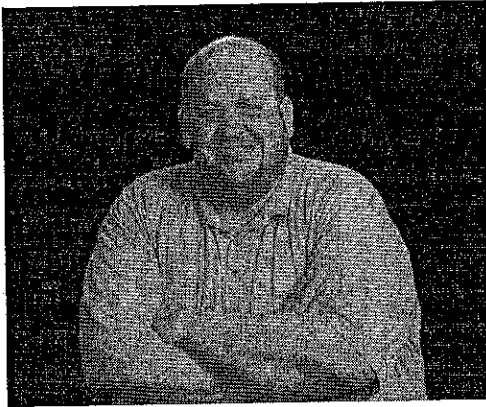
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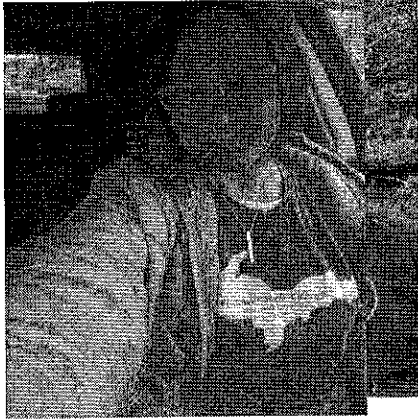
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS - NEW CANDIDATES



AMY POIRIER, 3 YEAR TERM

I am excited about serving on the Board of Directors at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp. Fortune Lake has had a place in my heart for a very long time. I started working at camp when I was in high school and like everyone else who experiences Fortune Lake, it became a part of me. As a young adult, I worked at camp for several years and visited every chance I got. I returned to work in the camp office for two summers when my son was young and have served as the FLLC delegate for my home congregation of Bethel Lutheran Church for a number of years. For the last several years, I have had the special honor of teaching the summer staff a course in suicide prevention. I am currently employed at Northern Michigan University as the PMHNP Clinical Coordinator. I place nurse practitioners in mental health clinical placements so they can become certified Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioners. Prior to that, I held a variety of administrative roles in non-profit organizations. Most recently I worked at Great Lakes Recovery Centers (GLRC) for 8 1/2 years as the Grant Writer, Prevention Coordinator, GLRC Foundation Director and Community Relations & Marketing Director working with people across the Upper Peninsula. I also served on a number of non-profit boards, loving the opportunity to connect and share with others. This last year, I was a mentor for NMU's Student Leader Fellowship Program and I supervised two social work interns. I am looking forward to being on FLLC's Board of Directors and serving this amazing place of grace in a whole new and exciting way.

FLAMES still WANTED

to spark the connection between your congregation and FLLC

A **FLAME** (Fortune Lake Associate in Ministry Envoy) agrees to show enthusiasm for outdoor ministry by sharing info. about FLLC through newsletters, bulletins, temple talks, personal invitations, and other creative approaches. FLAMEs warm the relationship between their congregations and camp and help mission and ministry catch fire! **Thanks to all who have served as FLAMEs during this past year.** If your congregation is not listed below, try to find someone who is willing to serve. Please contact Ruth Warmanen, FLAME coordinator, ruth.warmanen@gmail.com if the following information is not correct or if someone agrees to be a new FLAME.

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Salem, Ironwood – Linda Fowler

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United, Crystal Falls – Ruth Warmanen
Zion, Felch – Kay Mattson
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Fall Fest 2023

Fall Fest 2023 raised a total of \$23,355.78 for the ministry of Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp! That amount came from individuals who supported this important ministry by spending their dollars in the Live Auction, OnLine Auction, Country Store & Bake sale, the new Paddle Raise, and various donations. We can thank God for inspiring the generosity of many individuals who support the camp.

In 2023, 28 individuals, nine congregations and/or quilting groups, and one quilt shop donated 98 quilts for the auctions and numerous items for the Country Store and Bake Sale. Fifty-five of the quilts were made and donated by the Sisters of the Cloth group - either individually or as group-made quilts..

Several members of the Sisters of the Cloth group meet regularly at the camp to work on quilts for the auction. Hundreds of hours, as well as hundreds of dollars of their own materials, have been donated by that group as well as by many others who sew at home to make items for the auction and store. In the last two years we have been thankful for two fairly large donations of fabrics and quilt tops which have been used to supplement the personal supplies donated by those who make the quilts.

Work for the 2024 Fall Fest has already begun, with the Sisters of the Cloth group meeting this past November and again in January and February to begin planning and sewing for the next auction to be held on Saturday, October 5, 2024. Mark your calendar now so you won't miss this special day of fun, fellowship, and support for the camp.

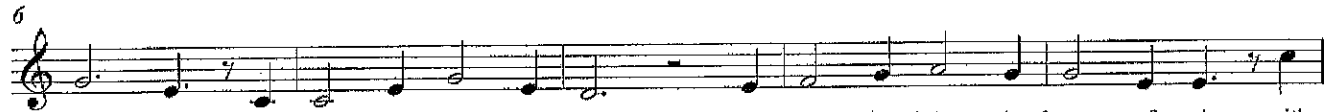
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HYMN FOR FORTUNE LAKE

Jonathan Rundman



High u - pon the hill - side, a - round the fi - re - light, the cross and sky a -
 Down a - long the lake - shore, the wa - ters cool and blue, we think of the di -
 Through the field and fo - rest, the path - ways on the land; there we re - call the
 Thank you Lord for Fortune Lake, where faith and friend - ships grow, for mu - sic, joy and



bove us, we ga - ther in the night. Cre - a - tion joins the hymn of praise with
 sci - ples who shared a lake - side view, where Je - sus calmed the mi - ghty wave, where
 sto - ries that help us un - der - stand; how God is like a gard - en - er and
 beau - ty; for love we've come to know. We ga - ther in com - mu - ni - ty, no

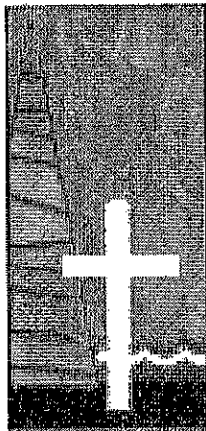


voice and strings and drum, for Christ the light of all the world no
 great Good News was heard; yes, e - ven still he meets us there in
 faith is like a seed, and how the li - lies of the field have
 mat - ter where we're from. Oh, let this be a place of grace for



dark - ness o - ver - comes, no dark - ness o - ver - comes. _____
 wa - ter and the word, in wa - ter and the word. _____
 ev - 'ry - thing they need, oh, ev - 'ry - thing they need. _____
 years and years to come, for years and years to come. _____

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FORTUNE LAKE

A place of grace in Crystal Falls, MI

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Ascension Lutheran Church- Minocqua	Calvary – Rapid River	Grace – Gwinn	St James - Rudyard
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Bethany – Negaunee	Faith – Calumet	Mission United – Pelkie	Trinity – Iron River/Stambaugh
Bethany - Norway	Faith – Ishpeming	NGLS, Women's Org. - Florence	Trinity – Trout Creek
Bethany – Republic	First – Gladstone	Our Saviour's – Iron Mountain	Trinity – Stonington
Bethlehem - Florence	First – WELCA – Iron River	Our Saviour's WELCA– Marinette	United – Crystal Falls
Bethel – Ishpeming	First – Ewen	Our Saviour – Paynesville	United - L'Anse
Bethel – Ishpeming- Women's	Lydia's Circle – Iron Mountain	Porterfield - Porterfield	Zion - Ironwood
Bethel – Menominee	Gethsemane - Wallace	Prince of Peace – Marquette	Zion – Marinette
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