

# Camp Lebanon News



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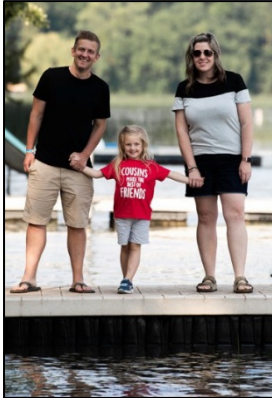
## MINISTRIES REPORT

### Camp & COVID - Blizzard? Winter? Ice Age?



Remember winter? Plenty of snow. Not too cold. And lots of noise in chapel, on the broomball rinks, and down Hazzard Hill! God sent us 1800+ guests (mostly youth) to love in a winter ministry season that now seems like aeons ago. Momentum was building for a campaign to build a new gym and Lodge and summer registrations were pouring in. Suddenly, COVID invaded the U.S. and on March 17 we bid farewell to the Quilt A remnant and, as it's turning out, the rest of the Spring calendar. At first we hoped it to be a "blizzard" that soon would pass. Now we wonder if it's turned into a long "winter" threatening our fall, or, worse yet, a game-changing "ice age" that will reshape how Camp does ministry for years to come. Only God knows and for us, that's enough. For summer, we've sadly cancelled all youth events, Summer Fun, and most rentals. Thankfully, Almighty God can and must be trusted. We also are blessed with praying and giving friends who stand and kneel with us. God is up to something. Let's be ready!

### Summer ReFOCUS: Introducing Family Resort



Thursday, May 22 was one of the saddest days in Camp Lebanon history as Camp officially announced the cancellation of all summer youth events, 10 camps, 6 D3 sessions, 3 LIT classes. When first learning of the decision, our amazing Registrar cried for a whole day! She wasn't alone. Minnesota guidelines do not yet allow for overnight youth camps to open. Thankfully, Camp's staff is resilient and passionate both for the Gospel and for this wonderful place. The team rallied to secure County approval to open as a Family Resort, complete with social distance and safety standards. "You can't minister to an empty bed," explained Executive Director Bill Abeler. "We believe God has big plans for Caamp this summer and we plan to share His love however we can." Early interest was high! As Minnesota opens up, additional ministries may open with it. *Keep praying!*

### PRAISE & PRAY!

- **PRAISE!** Incredible COVID support with many gifts ranging from \$10 - \$3000!
- **PRAISE!** Big Blessings: Estate gifts of \$50,000 & \$13,666; Stock gift of \$25,000!
- **PRAISE!** Strong interest in FAMILY RESORT opportunities.
- **PRAISE!** \$5000 "Senior Day" love offering despite canceled retreat & Senior Day!
- **PRAY!** Coronavirus: Wisdom, protection, grace to serve, God's provision.
- **PRAY!** Summer & Fall Decisions: Family weekends, staffing, plans for fall retreats.
- **PRAY!** Safety of guests, staff and community: Camp plans to do its part.
- **PRAY!** New Gym, North 40 Lodge: Campaign paused. Wisdom on revised course.

### INBOX Blessings

"Greetings Camp Lebanon Staff, Thanks for organizing the virtual Family Camp experience. We all enjoyed the time together as a family. We even put together our vey own make-shift carpetball game on the driveway. Grandson and Grandpa had some good competitions. We pray that the summer youth program will take place. Have a great day!" P & J

### STAFF FAMILY NEWS:

#### Woo Hoo! It's a Boy!

Parker and Kelsey Anderson welcomed Edward Luther into their home on April 30. Weighing in at all of 8 lbs 7 oz. and 20", Little "Luther" joins sisters Elle and Jude. Parker has served as the Office/Operations Manager since July 2017. *Praise God!*



### Busy as Beavers

It might be quiet at Camp, but the Facilities Team is busy refreshing the Dining Hall and redoing the Main Hall lighting. Guests are going to be blessed! Meanwhile, resident beavers have been redecorating the Point. What amazing creatures! What an amazing Creator!

### SPRING CANCELS AND AN UNKNOWN FUTURE

<b>Dads N Lads (and Grandpas!)</b>	April 24-26	Sept. 18-20
<b>Mother-Daughter-Grandma</b>	May 1-3	Sept. 11-13
<b>Young at Heart Seniors Retreat</b>	May 11-14	Sept. 14-17
<b>Spring Senior Day at Camp</b>	May 12	Sept. 15
<b>YAR (young adults ages 18-35)</b>	May 14-17	
<b>Memorial Weekend Family Camp</b>	May 22-25	



### SUMMER YOUTH CAMPS

#### ALL SESSIONS CANCELED

Super Kids 1 (3-6)	June 14-18
Junior High 1 (7-9)	June 21-26
Adventurers (1-3)	June 28-July 1
Super Kids 2 (3-6)	July 5-9
Junior High 2 (7-9)	July 12-17
Super Kids 3 (3-6)	July 19-23
Senior High (10-grades)	July 26-31
Super Kids 4 (3-6)	August 2-6
Junior High 3 (7-9)	August 9-14
Super Kids 5 (3-6)	August 16-20



### FAMILY CAMPS

<b>Memorial Weekend</b>	May 22-25	Cancelled due to COVID
<b>Summer Fun</b>	July (1)2-5	Changed to Resort Status
<b>Labor Day Weekend</b>	September 4-7	TBD
<b>Summer Sew Quilt</b>	June 2-6	Changed to Resort Status

### FAMILY RESORT OPENINGS

- **ONLINE REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**
- See website for rates and activity options.
- Some activity restrictions due to COVID protocols.

	<u>MIDWEEK</u>	<u>WEEKEND</u>
A.	June 8-11*	June 12-14
B.	June 15-17	June 18-21*
C.	June 22-24	June 25-28 *
D.	July 29-July 1	July 2-5 * (Summer Fun)
E.	July 6-8	July 9-12 *
F.	July 13-16*	July 17-19 (limited)
G.	July 20-22	July 23-26* (RENTAL)
H.	July 27-29	July 30-Aug. 2 * (limited)
I.	August 3-5	August 6-9* (RENTAL)
J.	August 10-13*	August 14-16 (limited)
K.	August 17-19	August 20-23 (limited)
L.	August 24-27*	August 28-30

\* = 3 night sessions. Light blue = no availability.