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CAMP ARCADIA'S NEWSLETTER

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# MESSAGE FROM LUTHERAN CAMP ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Ninety-five years of wonderful history have been recorded at Camp Arcadia. All those years of history and events at Camp certainly can bring to mind our very own treasure trove of memories. Memories of playing on the beach, of meals with family, and of fun with our Camp friends. It also brings many memories we have accumulated from family members and friends who have been campers before us. Through some recent internet research, I've learned that Camp Arcadia is one of the longest continually operating summer camps in the United States. The current record holder of the longest continually operating summer camp belongs to a YMCA camp that was founded in 1885 in Westport, NY. With 95 years of history in Camp Arcadia's books, we have so much for which to be thankful. God's divine hand of guidance has helped Camp survive and thrive all these years. With that in mind, we give thanks to our Almighty Father for the blessings that Camp has received.

Your Lutheran Camp Association (LCA) Board of Directors continues to work diligently for the ongoing responsibilities it has to oversee the direction and management of Camp Arcadia. We take very seriously the mission statement of the LCA which is read at the beginning of every board meeting. It is the mission statement that helps to guide the board's decisions and actions for you as members of the LCA and for our guests at Camp. While the board is largely focused on the long-term success of RKD and its ministry, we are also invested in the seasonal operations. Camp is immensely blessed to have a terrific management staff that cares so deeply for our guests and for the guests' experiences during the summer.

## SOME RECENT HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LCA BOARD ACTIVITY:

At the most recent meeting of the LCA Board March 10 & 11, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in West Dundee, IL, the board received the complete financial information about the 2016 season. We are so pleased to share with you that Camp continues to be in a very strong financial position, with no debt. Many thanks to all who gave so generously to

our 2016 annual fundraising campaign. Also, the budget forecast for the 2017 season was thoroughly reviewed and accepted by the board.

The board fully supports the Spirit of Arcadia: Building for the Future campaign which is now beginning. Toward the latter portion of our meeting, these two questions about the Spirit of Arcadia campaign were posed to the board: "Are we together in this?" and "Are we in this together?" The answer to both questions is a resounding, 'YES!' Some revisions to the plans for the stabilization of the beachfront were accepted and are available for you to explore in this newsletter and on Camp Arcadia's website. The plans are really exciting to see. This first stage of the campaign will encompass the beachfront stabilization, a rebuilding of the central patio, the caretaker's storage building, updated and expanded laundry and kitchen facilities and the enclosure of the north end of the Inn.

Plans are in the early development stage for celebrating Camp's 100th anniversary in 2022. If you have ideas to share about this celebration, please share them with Executive Director, Chip May.



Stan Scheumann,  
RKD August 1974

Thanks to all of you for making Camp Arcadia such a very special place where we can all enjoy a vacation with God in the beautiful setting of God's creation. These six words from Pastor Bill Yonker, board chaplain, very simply describe the Camp experience: "Come hungry. Camp fills. Jesus fulfills."

On behalf of the LCA Board, enjoy your time at RKD this summer. Please remember to regularly offer prayers for Camp Arcadia and for its staff.

Sincerely,

Stan Scheumann, LCA President



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# LEGACY BUILDER STORY: ANDY WYETH

I vividly remember my first encounter with Camp Arcadia. I was sitting with my cousins at our Grandma's; we were just 10 years old. I remember asking about the beaded necklaces they were wearing, ones they had made in the craft shop at Camp. They answered by describing the different activities, buildings, people, and programs. As soon as I heard them describe it, I knew I had to go.

*"...it insures that our memories will continue to live at Camp and provides for others to experience the thrills, love, and faith that Camp Arcadia gave to me."*

Two weeks later I found myself getting out of a minivan in Camp's turnaround and being greeted by weirdly dressed staff members. My friends and I spent a week on Lake Michigan, exploring the grounds, learning of God's love enjoying His creation and taking part in games and tournaments. After just a couple days at Camp Arcadia, I knew that I would return often.

Fast forward 11 years and I was now approaching my senior year of college. I decided to take the plunge, to join the summer staff. I wanted to try something new and to experience the Camp I had loved as a camper in a new way. As I approached my first year on staff, I was unsure of how I would fit in. That first year I had the privilege of meeting Pastor Yonker who served as our summer staff Chaplain. Our first conversation focused around my Christian upbringing or lack thereof. Pastor Yonker made it very clear that he and this experience as part of Camp's staff would give me the opportunity to be part of the family of God and

would allow me to feel comfortable exploring my relationship with God. This was the moment I knew Camp would play a significant part in the rest of my life.

During that first summer on staff, I had many meaningful experiences, one of which was meeting my future wife. We were married at Camp Arcadia because of the amazing memories, opportunities and relationships we made at Camp. We also wanted others to experience this place we loved.

When a friend explained what Legacy Builders were and how they contributed to Camp's future and ministry, I couldn't think of a better way to give back to the place that had blessed my wife and me in so many ways.

As a recently married couple, my wife and I didn't have a lot of disposable income to put forth as our contribution. We decided the best way for us to give back to Camp was to include them in our life insurance plans. It insures that our memories will continue to live at Camp and provides for others to experience the thrills, love, and faith that Camp Arcadia gave to me.





# SPIRIT OF ARCADIA: BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE UPDATE

Last November, the LCA membership voted overwhelmingly to move forward with The Spirit of Arcadia Campaign to implement Camp's master site plan. We are excited to begin this journey to secure the future of Camp's ministry so that future generations will be able to enjoy the traditions of family, faith and friends at Camp Arcadia. We have spent the months since getting ready to launch the campaign and refining the conceptual plans for Stage One - Securing the Future. This stage includes the following:

## STAGE ONE: SECURING THE FUTURE

Beach Preservation Project - \$1.7 million  
Inn East Renovations: Kitchen & Laundry - \$500,000  
North Inn Stairs Enclosure & New Patio - \$150,000  
Caretaker's Storage Building - \$100,000

*Estimated Total - \$2.5 million*

**STAGE TWO: GROWING THE COMMUNITY** includes the Inn lodging expansion with a new parking lot, an elevator, 10 new rooms and a third floor observation room. It is estimated to cost around \$2.5 million. This stage will have its

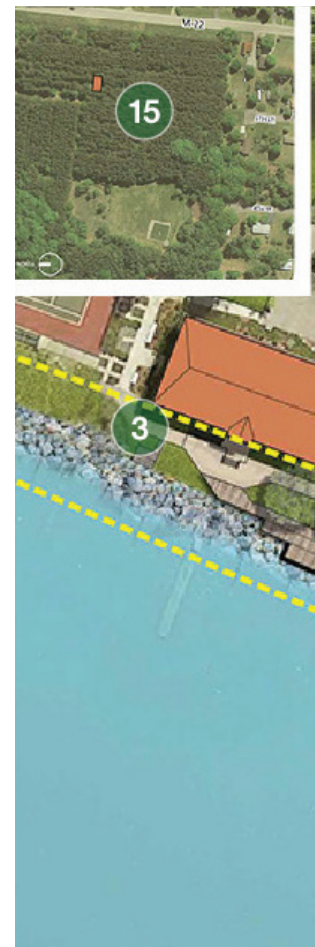
own capital campaign and will follow stage one. The timeline for when this stage will begin depends on the success and speed of the campaign to achieve stage one's objectives.

## CONCEPTUAL PLAN UPDATE

We have been working with SmithGroup JJR, the beach engineering and landscape architecture firm, on refining the beach plan. We plan to submit a permit application to the State of Michigan this spring. SmithGroup JJR has also been working with us to tie the beach plan in with the other building and site plan changes. In the updated plan there are changes that reflect feedback from guests and insights from the engineering firm and staff, but the major goals and features of the plan have not changed: a rock revetment to protect our buildings from rising water and beach erosion, two pocket beaches to provide beach access even in high water, increased lakefront viewing area, additional kitchen, laundry and storage space, and an enclosed north Inn stairwell to provide an additional access to the Inn's second floor.

The updated plan better fits with the look and feel of Camp Arcadia, less concrete and more natural features. The pocket

Paul & Kelly Culler, Spirit of Arcadia Campaign Steering Committee Chairs





beach, or Sunset Beach as we are calling it, was moved a bit to the north to give it some separation from the Chapel on the Beach and a universally accessible walkway was added. A designated fire pit area was also included. Instead of a larger concrete patio that extended out to the west, we've added a boardwalk and additional decking along the lakeshore and a sandy area behind the boardwalk. This sandy area will be a wonderful place for people to relax and recreate as it will connect to the playground area.

We are working with our building architectural firm, Cornwell Architects, on further developing the conceptual drawings for the the Inn east addition which include the kitchen, laundry and north Inn stairs enclosure.

### SPIRIT OF ARCADIA CAMPAIGN UPDATE

We are excited to announce that The Spirit of Arcadia Campaign is underway. In March we began with training around 25 volunteers from across the midwest. We are excited to announce Paul & Kelly Culler of Waldo, OH as the Steering Committee Chairs. Paul and Kelly have been coming to Camp Arcadia for more than 20 years. Their daughter Katie, will serve as the Trading Post manager this summer. Paul serves on the Lutheran Camp Association's Board of Directors. The Cullers will be spending more time

in Arcadia this summer, as they have recently purchased a home on Star-Key Point in Arcadia. We give thanks to God for passionate volunteers that will help make The Spirit of Arcadia Campaign a success.

As we begin the campaign our goal is to meet with as many members of the Camp Arcadia community as possible. This will take the form of individual meetings and group gatherings this spring, summer and fall. If you would like to speak with someone about the campaign, please contact Executive Director, Chip May.

The goal for stage one of the campaign is to raise \$2.5 million. The financial goals that need to be met before we start with construction include 50% of the cash on hand and 90% of the \$2.5 million pledged. The Camp is also committed to not taking on debt for more than 5 years. The earliest we could start construction, if these goals were met, would be the fall of 2018.

This is an exciting time for Camp Arcadia. Please keep the Camp staff, volunteers, and supporters in your prayers as we carry out the Spirit of Arcadia Campaign. If you would like to learn more visit Camp's website and look for updates in our e-newsletter.

## STAGE ONE COMPONENTS



1. Paved accessible path to beach and fire pit
2. Sloped bluff beach backdrop
3. Overlook deck with bench swing
4. New pocket beach
5. New, centrally located fire pit to accommodate up to 50 people
6. Paddle craft storage and launch beach
7. Drinking fountain and foot wash
8. Boardwalk and overlooks
9. Reconfigured play area
10. Sheet pile revetment
11. Elevated sand beach
12. Reconfigured Wigwam patio
13. Inn North stair enclosure
14. Enlarged wigwam deck
15. Caretakers' storage building
16. Kitchen & Laundry Addition



# ANNUAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

We are excited to announce that we not only met but exceeded our 2016 Annual Campaign goal! Last year's goal was \$175,000. **With your generous support we ended up raising a total of \$214,000.** We give thanks to God for Camp Arcadia's ministry and our passionate and generous supporters. You can take pride in knowing that you helped Camp Arcadia continue to thrive as a place of rest and renewal for families and individuals. Thank you so much for your commitment to Camp Arcadia's ministry.

Your generous support allows Camp Arcadia to make improvements to the buildings, grounds, and programs, as well as offer financial assistance to those in need. Last year we were able to enlarge and refurbish Juniper cottage's first-floor bathroom, renovate the lakeside staff rooms in the Wigwam, put a new roof on Juniper cottage, improve electrical systems in the craft shop and give financial scholarships. The money given in excess of the annual goal will be reinvested in Camp Arcadia's ministry.

**The 2017 annual campaign goal is \$175,000.** Your investment helps to insure that the Arcadia experience remains affordable, while helping us provide life-changing experiences for more than 3,000 guests each year. This year's projects include: renovating Cedar cottage, repairing women's shower room tile, upgrade Juniper 2nd floor bathroom and kitchen, renovating the Assembly coffee lobby, installing new blinds in the Assembly, adding a larger ice maker in the Inn coffee lobby and getting new floor runners for the 2nd floor of the Inn.

Please consider donating to Camp Arcadia's 2017 Annual Campaign. You can donate to Camp Arcadia online at [camp-arcadia.com](http://camp-arcadia.com), by calling Camp at (231) 889-4361, or by sending a gift to Camp Arcadia, PO Box 229, Arcadia, MI 49613.

## CEDAR COTTAGE UPDATE:

With each winter and early spring at Camp comes a project or two which are taken on by our caretakers, Joe Frederick and Franco Marano. This year that project is a remodel of Cedar Cottage. From removing all the old carpeting, fixtures and furniture to installing new floors, lighting, paint and kitchen cabinets and countertops, this has been an incredible upgrade! Those who have the opportunity to stay in Cedar this summer will truly be blessed by the hard work and thoughtful details that have gone into this project.

These projects happen each year because of donations made to Camp both through the annual campaign and through specific gifts. It is your support that helps us to continue to make improvements which help our guests to have a great experience at Camp Arcadia.







## MESSAGE FROM CHIP

Do you know your why? Why do you do what you do? Simon Sinek, author of the book *Start with Why*, explores the Why. He says, "Very few people or companies can clearly articulate WHY they do WHAT they do. By WHY I mean your purpose, cause or belief - WHY does your company exist? WHY do you get out of bed every morning? And WHY should anyone care? People don't buy WHAT you do, they buy WHY you do it." He goes on to say, "All organizations start with WHY, but only the great ones keep their WHY clear year after year."

We are blessed at Camp Arcadia to have a clear mission and 95 years of history and traditions that remind us why we do what we do. But, as Camp Arcadia grows and changes it is important that we continually remind ourselves why Camp Arcadia exists. I want to tell you a story from this last summer that reminded me of Camp's why.

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CHIP, SARAH, GRACE, KATE AND CHARLIE MAY

During our Omega Teen Retreat for high school students we experienced a transformative worship experience that began a new tradition. Jess McCallum, our new program director, designed a Prayer Around the Cross worship that brought 160 teens and 60 staff to the patio following evening vespers. We silently filed out of the Round Up to the patio where everyone surrounded a cross made up of wooden boxes filled with sand. The staff and teens sang songs and placed lit candles in the sand boxes. Jess had done a lot of work to plan and organize the event so that it was orderly and a meaningful worship experience around the cross of Jesus. Which it was. But it was also more than we had hoped for. The groups were to send a few kids to the cross with candles and then they were to return to their group. Well, they didn't return. They sat down at the cross and more kids joined them, until we had almost all of Camp, sitting around the cross with candles blazing, singing, praying and celebrating the love we find in Jesus and in a community of believers.

In my over 25 years of Camp Arcadia teen retreats I had never experienced a more powerful worship experience. I saw Camp's why in the faces of those teens as they sang and prayed.

It reminded me that things can change at Camp Arcadia, but God's spirit will always be present here. God will continue to show His love through the Arcadia community and I hope you will be here to be a part of it. Thank you for your prayers and support as we embark on Camp's 95th season.

In Christ,

*Chip*

Chip May, Executive Director



# GIVING THANKS FOR 21 YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE, KURT HARVEY

Kurt Harvey has served Camp Arcadia with love, care, and sourdough bread for 21 years. It is hard for many of us to imagine this place and this kitchen without him. We asked him to share a little bit about his time at Camp and about what's next. Here's what he had to say:



## WHAT DO YOU REMEMBER MOST FROM YOUR FIRST SEASON AT CAMP?

**KURT:** June Jass was the Camp Director who hired me in 1996. I remember showing up to Camp in mid May with my wife, Kristine, and two very young daughters. While that first summer was very, very difficult for me, I do remember feeling thankful for the support of campers and fellow managers John, Kristin and June Jass.

## WHAT HAVE YOU MOST ENJOYED ABOUT YOUR TIME AT CAMP?

**KURT:** What I have enjoyed most about my time at Arcadia is the relationships with seasonal staff members. I have absolutely loved and am thankful for the opportunity I've had to work with such amazing people, from teens to octogenarians, who are eager to learn, serve and embrace this intentional community. Witnessing and nurturing their development has been a constant motivator for me.

Beyond the staff, I am thankful for all the people through the years who have given their time and talent to the food service program at Arcadia. From donors who gave money so we could purchase equipment, to volunteers and staff who have cleaned, cooked, and built things for us, to the multitudes who have prayed for us or shown kindness by stopping by the kitchen and saying thanks. I appreciate you all; this vocation was made even more special because of you and I am ever grateful.

## WHAT'S NEXT FOR YOU?

**KURT:** Kristine and I will continue to live in Arcadia and she will continue teaching art at Frankfort-Elberta Area Schools. I will be commuting to Traverse City to work in a new business named Common Good Bakery that is being launched by long-time acquaintance, Jason Gollan, who was owner of Crescent Bakery in Frankfort until about ten years ago. Common Good Bakery, scheduled to open in June, will focus on artisan breads and laminated pastries.

*Notes of thanks can be sent to Kurt at Camp Arcadia by mail or emailed to [camp-arcadia@camp-arcadia.com](mailto:camp-arcadia@camp-arcadia.com)*



Kurt has had an incredible impact not only on the guests who enjoy his meals and his friendship, but also on the staff members who have served with him over the years. Here is what they have to say:

“When I first arrived to work on staff at Camp Arcadia, I was nervous about what I was getting into. As with many other staffers, Kurt took me under his wing and was a role model for me. Kurt taught us how to work as a team and inspired me to take on a management position in the kitchen. I can say with authority that my life would not be the same without his influence.” - Jake Roskam

"I spent three summers working in the kitchen with Kurt and enjoyed everyone of them. Kurt mentored me and helped me grow as a server and as a person. He helped me to learn from my mistakes, stay calm under pressure, and develop my skills into strengths. Kurt is more than a great boss, he is also a great friend. I feel very lucky to have gotten to work with him in the kitchen." - Laura Becker

“Kurt has a unique talent of blending a fearless approach to cooking with a calculated way of ordering and preparing food. Each year, He inspired a handful of college aged "kids" to work tirelessly to make the dining experience at Camp Arcadia more memorable than the sunsets. His laughter and passion for cooking were contagious, and he served as a mentor for so many of us. Kurt has been a staple at Camp Arcadia for as long as I have known about its existence. I look forward to him joining us all in the dining room and enjoying a meal that he didn't have to prepare!"

- Karl Shiningier

“Kurt not only taught me basic culinary skills, but taught me the impact we have on families week in and week out. In a generation where family meals are not common, the ability to show God's love by serving family meals is something that can have a lasting impact on a family. To express God's love by allowing a family to sit around the table and grow together is something that is unique to Camp Arcadia. Kurt not only understood and communicated this to the staff, but lived it out everyday by showing God's love and mercy to everyone he encountered.” - Dave Hancock


*We are excited to announce that Andrew Hillary will be Camp Arcadia's new food service director. Andrew shared his thoughts about joining the management team at Camp Arcadia, "For as long as I can remember I've wanted to make a difference in the world. Being a part of the Camp Arcadia team is going to give me the ability to finally make that dream come true."*











**Thank you to all of the donors that contributed to Camp Arcadia in 2016. Your generosity allows Camp to offer financial scholarships, keep rates affordable and make much needed improvements to programs, buildings and grounds.**

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## PRESERVING OUR RKD LEGACY

### REMEMBERING BERNICE MALEC

This past fall, Bernice Malec, a dear friend of RKD Archives, went to her heavenly home. For over 12 years, Bernice was a dedicated Camp Arcadia Archives volunteer who spent countless hours in the Wigwam basement organizing and cataloging our RKD Archive collection. Thanks to her behind the scenes work, thousands of photos, documents and artifacts are accessible making it easier to bring RKD history to life. Bernice's sense of humor about the "never ending piles" and "demanding Archive boss" often lightened the mood in the Archives office. Camp Arcadia is forever grateful for her dedication to preserving RKD History and we will miss her, but we know she enjoying dancing the "Amos Moses" up in heaven!

### RKD FASHION SHOW

For the centennial display in 2022, Archives is looking to feature the best of 100 years of RKD Fashion. We are looking for donations of vintage RKD clothing from all decades to curate a memorable exhibit for all ages. Make sure to include any photos of you wearing your RKD souvenirs if they are available as well.

### JOURNEY TO OUR 100TH JUBILEE

Since 2001, RKD Archives has been on a journey to preserve Camp Arcadia history. The journey has grown from the original 6 boxes of historical collections tucked away under a staircase into an accessible, climate controlled storage room filled with carefully cared for RKD treasures. For 17 years, our growing collections of photos, files, memorabilia, artifacts, and stories have received museum quality care from staff and volunteers. The purpose of this constant organization and cataloging is to look forward to our next exhibit, research request, or tour and to promote our RKD legacy. This summer, during Camp's 95th season, Archives preservation projects will continue preparing us to celebrate our biggest celebration to date - RKD's 100th Anniversary Jubilee! RKD Archives welcomes you on our journey to donate artifacts, volunteer



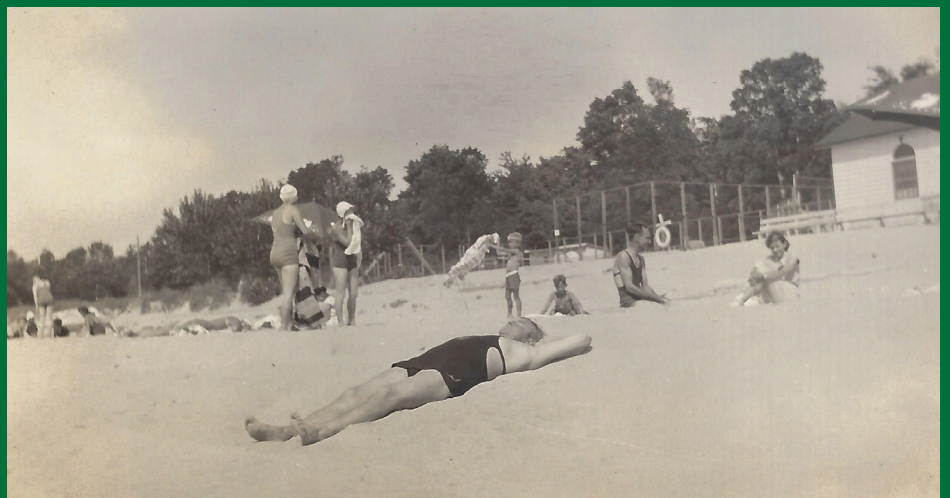
Archives Director Ryan McKenna & Archives Volunteer Bernice Malec celebrate RKD historical photos coming to life with the 2016 Camp Arcadia float entry "94th Voyage on Lake Michigan" for Arcadia Daze.

in Archives, and share your RKD story so they can be included in this exciting event.

### "SAVING RKD"

A new exhibit celebrating 50 years of the Lutheran Camp Association will open in 2019. Archives is curating this tremendous story of "Concerned Arcadian's" coming together to save Camp Arcadia for future generations. Help us share this story by sharing LCA stories or donating committee files, photos, memorabilia and artifacts to Archives. For more information contact Archives Director Ryan McKenna at [rkdarchives@gmail.com](mailto:rkdarchives@gmail.com)

**NEW PHOTO  
DONATION TO  
RKD ARCHIVES:**  
1932 rare photo of Chief  
Weiherman relaxing,  
"taking a sunbath."





# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SPACE STILL AVAILABLE

While time at Camp Arcadia is in great demand and many retreats are full, there is still space available in a number of summer and fall retreats. We would love to have you here for one of them! Currently there is space availability in the Alpha Teen Retreat, Golf & the Gospel, Family Week 9, Lutherhostel, and many of the fall retreats. Get all the details at [camp-arcadia.com](http://camp-arcadia.com) or by calling the Camp office at (231) 889-4361.

## EMAIL NEWSLETTER SIGNUP

To receive information once or twice a month about special offerings and happenings at Camp Arcadia, sign up for the Arcadia email newsletter today at [camp-arcadia.com/news](http://camp-arcadia.com/news).

## DESIGNATE CAMP ARCADIA FOR THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

If you are a member of Thrivent Financial, please help unlock Thrivent Choice dollars for Camp Arcadia at [thrivent.com/choice](http://thrivent.com/choice). Since 2010, eligible members have used this program to direct more than \$300 million to churches and nonprofits nationwide. Based on member recommendations, Camp Arcadia received \$14,552 in charitable outreach funding in 2016. We ask you to continue to provide these important funds by designating your 2017 Thrivent Choice dollars to Camp Arcadia today!

## 2017 LCA ANNUAL MEETING ANNOUNCED

The 2017 LCA Annual Meeting will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church in St. Joseph, MI on Saturday, November 4 at 10 a.m. All members of the LCA are encouraged to attend. Members wishing to vote by proxy are encouraged to sign up for electronic voting. To do this please contact the Camp Arcadia office. The results of the 2016 meeting are posted at [camp-arcadia.com/news](http://camp-arcadia.com/news) and full minutes were emailed to members in February 2017.

## BOARD NOMINATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

The LCA Board of Directors is accepting nominations for board and foundation committee positions in preparation for elections in the fall of 2017. If you or someone you know is interested in serving Camp in this capacity, or if you have questions, please contact Mark Jaeger, LCA board member and chair of the nominating committee. The deadline for nominating a candidate is July 1, 2017. Mark's email is [mjaegerprg@gmail.com](mailto:mjaegerprg@gmail.com).

## NEEDED: FALL STAFF APPLICANTS

Join a rich, servant-based community this fall by working on Fall Staff. We are looking for individuals who can give a weekend, a week, a month, or a couple of months to Camp Arcadia, serving on kitchen, housekeeping, laundry, caretaking or program staff between mid-August and October 30th. If you are interested in serving on Fall Staff, please contact Leah Sallach at [leah@camp-arcadia.com](mailto:leah@camp-arcadia.com) and complete an online application at [camp-arcadia.com](http://camp-arcadia.com).



**JOIN OUR FALL STAFF!**





Camp Arcadia has the amazing opportunity to engage with confirmation age youth and their adult leaders during the fall retreat season; starting with two retreats in 2013 and growing to offer four retreats in 2017, this is an exciting ministry opportunity at Camp!

Research shows that an experience at camp has a “positive and lasting impact that extends well beyond the week at camp. These impacts are clear and recognizable in camps that are intentionally Christ-centered, relational, participatory, safe and different from home.” (Vibrant Faith Research 2016).

Coming to Camp as a part of a church’s confirmation program allows students to step out of their normal routine, at home and church, and experience a weekend set apart for fun and faith development. The experience students share with their peers and adult leaders provides a lasting foundation for all.

*“I didn’t have any friends in confirmation who were coming and I am leaving with a new friend.” - Student Participant*

Joining together around God’s Word, sharing in laughter around ice cream and eating a family style meal as a congregational group generates memories and experiences that impact the student’s confirmation experience.

Camp Arcadia plans the programming and allows for adult leaders to experience the retreat along side the students. These common experiences and shared spaces as a Christian community offer the opportunity to build meaningful relationships rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As a community on these weekend’s, all dive into God’s Word together, hear the Gospel of Christ proclaimed, sing praises to God’s name and share in laughter and games. The staff of the retreat work to balance learning and fellowship through an engaging schedule with games, bible study, free time, congregational time and more. Fun and fellowship are key components of our Fall Confirmation Retreats. Providing a space for relationships to develop, grow

## RETREAT DATES

**Fall Confirmation Retreat I** Dave McGinley  
(September 29 - October 1)

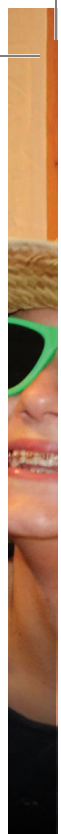
**Fall Confirmation Retreat II**  
Marc Schwitchenberg (October 6 - 8)

**Fall Confirmation Retreat III** Matt Hoffmann  
(October 13 - 15)

**Fall Confirmation Retreat IV** Henry Graf  
(October 20 - 22)







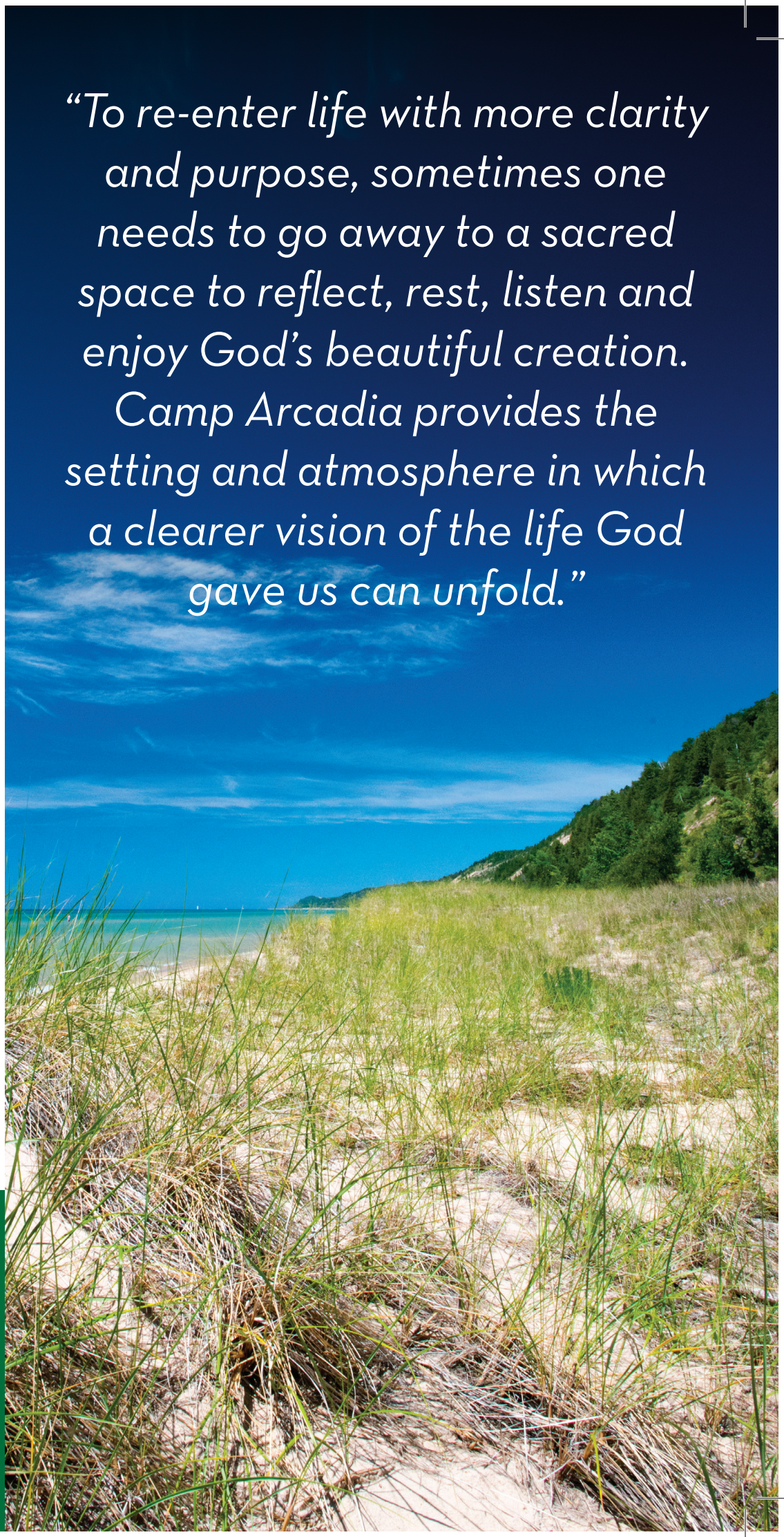
and be nurtured with friends, new and old, and creating space for youth to deepen the relationships with their adult leaders.

*“What I like most about the retreat is the opportunity to teach students and what they grow in their faith in Christ and seeing the Christian enthusiasm in such a large group of youth!”*  
- Adult Leader

Each year, the retreat changes, yet the format and mission remains the same: “to assist, encourage and challenge teens- to live and grow as God’s people- in a Christian community.”

With a new theme, games and activities offered each year, the retreat can be a part of a church’s program annually without students having the same experience twice! The theme for the retreat is developed each year through a prayerful process focusing on sharing the Gospel of Christ with students and encouraging and uplifting them in their faithwalk.

Consider bringing your congregation to Camp for one of the Fall Confirmation Retreats this year! Join in the fun, fellowship, learning and growth on this special weekend. It is Camp’s prayer that this retreat may be a great enhancement to any congregation’s current confirmation ministry program.



*“To re-enter life with more clarity and purpose, sometimes one needs to go away to a sacred space to reflect, rest, listen and enjoy God’s beautiful creation. Camp Arcadia provides the setting and atmosphere in which a clearer vision of the life God gave us can unfold.”*

## QUESTIONS AND MORE INFORMATION

If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact Camp Arcadia’s Program Director, Jess McCallum at [jess@camp-arcadia.com](mailto:jess@camp-arcadia.com) or 231-889-4361.



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The Lutheran Camp Association (LCA) is a group of about 1,000 families, women, and men, who own and operate Camp Arcadia. This group of committed Arcadians support Camp's ministry and mission to provide a setting for Christian families and individuals to vacation with God, and to foster the renewal of the whole person - spirit, mind and body - amid the beauty of God's creation and in fellowship with other Christians.

*"At Camp Arcadia, the laughter is always louder.  
The conversations are always more meaningful.  
The friendships are always more special."*

Looking for an opportunity to join us for a family week in 2017? There is space available in Family Week 9. We would love to have you join us!.