

## **Camp Arcadia's Vision, Mission and Values**

*The Lutheran Camp Association's Board of Directors approved updated vision and mission statements at their November 2022 meeting. The values, which are new, were also approved at this meeting. This is the result of staff and board members work over the past year.*

### **Vision Statement**

At Camp Arcadia, families and individuals will experience God's love in the sacred rhythms of rest and renewal which inspire them to transform their lives, families, and communities.

### **Mission Statement**

Camp Arcadia provides a Christ-filled setting for families, individuals and staff to connect with Christ and others amid the beauty of God's creation. Through vacation and retreat experiences at Camp, we are renewed in spirit, mind, and body and are inspired to share the love of Christ in our lives, families, and communities.

### **Values**

#### **Christian Faith with Lutheran Roots**

*Camp Arcadia's Christian ministry is rooted in the Lutheran tradition. We believe by God's love we are saved through faith in Christ Jesus—not because of anything we have done, not by works, but as a gift of God, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (Ephesians 2:8-10) In response, we value Christ as the foundation of all our being, activities, events, programs, and opportunities to embody His love.*

#### **Christ-Centered Community**

*The Camp Arcadia community is united by the cross of Christ, and we are called to live in that unity. Our Christ-Centered community of campers, cottagers, and staff is to be a life-giving gathering of people who are:*

- growing in relationship with each other and Christ.
- embracing love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness and self-control.
- bearing with one another and forgive one another as God forgives us.
- a safe and healing place for everyone to gather, worship, pray, question, learn, serve, recreate, have fun, and celebrate

This community, while long lasting in its impact, is temporary. Camp Arcadia is an oasis. Renewed and refreshed we return to our homes, schools, churches and communities inspired to share the love of Christ with others.

#### **Radical Hospitality**

*Camp Arcadia is a community of believers gathered by the love of Christ where we welcome all as Christ welcomes us. At Camp Arcadia we believe Jesus Christ—God's Son—died for the sins of the*

whole world. Through the salvation of all creation, all people are purchased by the blood of Jesus on the cross (Galatians 3). We are therefore united at the cross of Christ and called to live in that unity. We welcome all through radical hospitality, which encompasses not just excellent customer service but also opening one's heart to another as a fellow child of God. We heartily welcome back those that have been to Camp Arcadia before and we also embrace new people and welcome them into the Camp family.

### **Family & Faith Formation**

*At Camp Arcadia we value families (immediate, extended and chosen) and passing the faith on to the next generation. We intentionally create opportunities for intergenerational interaction and connection because we want to strengthen these relationships and value the richness this brings to faith formation.*

### **The Simple & Abundant Life**

*Camp Arcadia gives you time to enjoy the simple pleasures of life - precious time to be with family and friends to eat, rest, play, laugh, worship and learn - amidst God's wonderful creation. We will limit distractions, particularly those from electronic technology, so that guests can enjoy the abundant life that Jesus promises (John 10:10). Because of this simplicity, guests are able to retreat from the urgency of everyday living and dwell in the presence of their Creator and community.*

### **Nurturing Staff & Volunteers**

*Camp Arcadia commits to nurturing our staff and volunteers, as they breathe life into our ministry and allow us to achieve our mission. Within their various vocations, Camp Arcadia will give opportunities to grow and develop personally, professionally and spiritually. As they work to provide renewal of spirit, mind and body, we aim for them to experience a measure of this as well.*

### **Excellence**

*At Camp Arcadia we hold ourselves accountable to operational and experiential standards of excellence. We strive to be good stewards of the gifts and resources God has given to us through the implementation of industry best practices and environmentally sustainable operations.*

### **Good Neighbors**

*Camp Arcadia's ministry seeks to bless our neighbors. We strive to maintain a strong and cooperative relationship with the Arcadia Cottage Colony (ACCA), Arcadia Township, and Trinity Lutheran Church in Arcadia. We look for ways to support, encourage, engage and partner with them.*