

2026 Season Schedule

May 22 - 25		Opening Weekend
May 26 - 30		Staff Training
May 30 - June 5	Bill Yonker	Summer Starter
June 7 - 13	*Trevor Kunze	Alpha Teen Retreat
June 14 - 20	Matt Popovits & Tanner Olson	Omega Teen Retreat
June 21 - 27	Scott Giger & Dave McGinley	Family Week 1
June 28 - July 4	Matt Popovits & *Peter Nafzger <i>with Bob Unger, Cantor</i>	Family Week 2
July 5 - 11	Ryan Tinetti & Sarah Salzberg <i>with Bob Unger, Cantor</i>	Family Week 3
July 12 - 18	John Nunes & Heath Carter <i>with *Sam Eatherton</i>	Family Week 4
July 19 - 25	Scott Bruzek & Arthur Just <i>with Kevin Hildebrand, Cantor</i>	Family Week 5
July 26 - August 1	Brian Davies & David Zahl <i>with Blake Flattley, music leader</i>	Family Week 6
August 2 - 8	Gabe Kasper & Tanner Olson	Family Week 7
August 9 - 15	Matt Hoffmann & Ken Chitwood	Family Week 8
August 16 - 22	Mike Newman & *Conrad Gempf	Family Week 9
August 29 - Sept. 3	Bill Cwirla & *David Flemming	Lutherhostel
Sept. 4 - 7	*Jacob & *Melina Smith	Labor Day Family Weekend
September 10 - 13	Michael Zeigler	LLL Men's Retreat
September 13 - 15		Deacon's Retreat
September 18 - 20	*Jamie Wiechman	Women's Retreat I
September 25 - 27	Cindy Koch	Women's Retreat II
October 2 - 4	Chad Foster	Arcadia Men's Retreat
October 9 - 11	*Doug Bender	Fall Confirmation Retreat I
October 16 - 18	*Will Murphy	Fall Confirmation Retreat II
October 23 - 25	*Sam Fink	Fall Confirmation Retreat III
October 30 - Nov. 1		Closing Weekend
*New Speaker at Camp Arcadia		

New Speakers

Trevor Kunze graduated with a degree in lay ministry and theology from Concordia Wisconsin and accepted a call as a youth minister at Our Savior Lutheran Church, in Arcadia, California. A few years later, he accepted another call to serve as youth minister to St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Wausau, WI. He now lives in Colorado with his wife and child. He is starting his own camp ministry – Three Trees Ministry.

Peter Nafzger is an assistant professor at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri. He teaches homiletics and systematic theology, focusing on the Word of God in its written, spoken, and personal forms. Previously he served for nine years as pastor of New Life Church-Lutheran in Hugo, Minnesota

Sam Eatherton is Kantor and Professor of Practical Theology at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis where he leads worship, directs the choirs of the Seminary, and teaches classes on worship and formation.

Conrad Gempf - I grew up attending Trinity Lutheran Church in Clifton, New Jersey in the 1960s, so I'm old enough that I've watched the original Star Trek on TV and owned the comic books that introduced Ironman and the first black Green Lantern, John Stewart. But my walk with Christ went to a whole 'nother level at Clifton High when a Jewish friend became a Christian and asked me why I'd never shared the gospel with him. I went on to a life of studying the Bible: a BA at Gordon College, a Masters at Boston University, then across the ocean for a PhD in Scotland, and a post-doc year at Cambridge University, during which time a job opened up at the London School of Theology where I wound up teaching & learning for over 30 years, retiring from teaching in 2023.

David Fleming is the Executive Director for Spiritual Care for Doxology – The Lutheran Center for Spiritual Care and Counsel. He is also associate pastor at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Grand Rapids, MI.

Jacob Smith is rector of the Parish of Calvary – St. George's in Manhattan, New York City. He is the co-host of Same Old Song, the lectionary podcast of Mockingbird Ministries.

Melina Smith is the executive director of Storymaker NYC, a ministry that provides resources to help us pass on the faith to the next generation.

Jamie Wiechman and her husband, Steve, lead Breathe Life Ministries, where they offer retreats and spiritual direction and mentoring for individuals and couples. They live outside Houston, TX.

Doug Bender is the lead associate pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Macomb, MI.

Will Murphy is the pastor of worship and creative arts at Webster Gardens Lutheran Church in Webster Grove, MO.

Sam Fink is the pastor at Heart of the Shepherd Lutheran Church in Howell, MI.