

the spotlight

Lighthouse Christian Camp • Barker, New York

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Due to COVID-19, we have limited our office hours to
Tues-Fri, 10 am-2 pm.

Please leave a message and we will get back to you as
soon as possible!

Greetings from the Spiritual Life Committee of LCC

During this season of Lent, the whole world is suddenly fasting from ordinary life (including an abundance of toilet paper apparently). We, the community of faith, are uniquely equipped to respond to the uncertainty of these days with quiet confidence. It is our prayer that the LORD would bless each of us with a merry heart that does good like a medicine, a joyful countenance that reflects the love of God, and a peaceful spirit that is contagious to those around us.

While much of life has been restricted, consider the possibility of a bold demonstration of faith and prayer by taking a family prayer drive. You could go to your local school, church, medical center, seat of government, etc. and from the confines of your car pray aloud for the people who work there and for the people they serve. Pray a particular measure of wisdom and courage for those who are rising to cope with our new challenges. Encourage your children to pray as well and use this opportunity to train them up in the way they are to go. You may consider stopping at a local pregnancy care center to pray that during this time of heightened concern for preserving life, pray that all life would be valued, protected, and provided for.

In the meantime, we know that Lent culminates in Easter. It is Friday, but Sunday is coming. Take heart and take a drive to pray. The LORD is never distancing and prayer is never restricted; it reaches every place on earth.



SPRING CLEAN UP DAY FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

CANCELLED

As a Christian community that abides within the rules and regulations set forth by New York State and President Trump, we are no longer able to conduct a community wide gathering for our clean up day. That being said, please take some time at your own cottage and surrounding area to improve our grounds together, but apart. Should you wish to perform a special task, individually, for LCC, please contact George Newman.

The water will be turned on in all locations, except the bathhouse, on April 18th.

Clean Up Procedures

1. **Work safely & practice social distancing.**
2. **Please rake or blow leaves to the edge of your lot. PLEASE DO NOT RAKE THEM INTO THE STREET.**
3. **Please keep leaf piles free from twigs and sticks; create a separate pile by the edge of the road for branches and sticks.**

This is important to save labor and protect our aging equipment.

Absolutely NO BURNING OF LEAVES even when the water is turned on, per DEC guidelines.

4. **Volunteer help in the common areas, following the same guidelines, is much appreciated.**
5. **Grounds crew will be picking up leaves and brush on a regular, but limited basis to stay ahead of clean up.**
6. **For your convenience, until water is turned on for the cottages on April 18, a porta potty is located on the west side of the Commons, next to the dumpster.**
7. **Cottage Owners: Please help us clean out the drainage grates nearest your cottage or advise the office if they need additional attention.**

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FROM THE MAINTENANCE CREW!

Current Updates to the 2020 Schedule

May

- May 23 8:30 am Spring Association Meeting - Coffee & Donuts **TBD**
~~12:00 pm Saturday Recirculation Sale - Hot Dog/Hamburger Sale~~
- May 24 10:30 am Sunday Morning Worship Service
12:00 pm Lunch - Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ (\$ Tickets)
- May 25 ~~9:00 am Monday morning 5K race - Food Truck (\$)~~



Coffee Connection every Wednesday between Memorial Day and Fall Festival at 10 am in the Dining Hall

June

- June 12 6:00 pm Friday Night Fish Fry Onsite - Hilltop Catering (\$ Tickets)
June 21 10:00 am Father's Day Coffee and Pastries on the Tabernacle Patio (NC)

July

- July 3-11 Family Camp - Speaker Rick Russell
July 3 5:30 pm Hot Dog/Hamburger (\$ Tickets)
July 4 12:30 pm Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ/Sides by Hilltop Catering (\$ Tickets)
July 6 11:00-4:00pm Blood Drive
July 18 5:30 pm Saturday Night Dinner - Jen DiLorenzo Catering (\$ Tickets)
July 26-31 Keen Kamp - Bishop Richard Snyder Speaker
July 26 5:00 pm Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ (\$ Tickets/MP)
July 30 5:00 pm Keen Kamp Banquet - Hilltop Catering (\$ Tickets/MP)
July 31-
Aug 2 Empty Nesters Weekend - Jen DiLorenzo Catering



August

- Aug 8-14 Getaway Camp - Speakers Wayne & Sharon Dent
Aug 13 5:30 pm Pig Roast/Hoedown Neal Family/Sides by Hilltop Catering (\$ Tickets/MP)
Aug 22 5:30 pm Saturday Night Dinner - Jen DiLorenzo Catering (\$ Tickets)
Aug 30 12:30 pm Brunch Potluck

**All events are TENTATIVE at this point
and are being reevaluated.**

**Additional programming updates will be announced following the
April 25th Board Meeting.**



FALL



September

- Sept 5 8:30 am Fall Association Meeting - Coffee & Donuts
Sept 5 5:30 pm New Member/Appreciation Dinner - Hilltop Catering (\$ Tickets)
Sept 6 10:30 am Sunday Morning Worship Service
12:30 pm Brunch Potluck
Sept 18-20 Appreciation Weekend - Half price cottage and campsite rentals.
Sept 19 5:30 pm Saturday Night Dinner - Two Sisters Catering (\$ Tickets)

October

- Oct 10-12 Fall Festival
Oct 10 12:30 pm Chowder Sale (\$ Tickets)
Oct 11 12:30 pm Food & Football (\$ Tickets)
Oct 12 9:30 am Pancake Breakfast (\$ Tickets)

November

- Nov 7 8:30 am Fall Clean-up - Coffee & Donuts
12:30 pm Lunch Provided For Volunteers- Pizza/Salad/Soup- PWT/Two Sisters Catering



Be blessed by
Dave Anderson

and his gift of music!

Prompted by his daughter Kathryn, Dave has been recording favorite hymns and medleys that she has posted to her Facebook page.

With the overwhelming appreciation of these videos, Kathryn decided to create a YouTube channel! Copy the link below to listen and be encouraged through this uncharted time we are in.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtgYmfnBCz0R7wrXCg6km5Q>





MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

2020 Season

The Maintenance Department will be headed up by Dave Lee & Tim Newman.

In an effort to provide the best service and quickest turn around of maintenance concerns, Dave Lee will focus on mechanical issues and water infrastructure while Tim Newman will focus on groundskeeping.

Dave and Tim will be working collaboratively on our buildings and facilities.



Reminder: Boats and trailers will need to be removed between May 2nd and May 9th.

Contact the office to make arrangements!



Welcome to
the **TEAM!**

It is with great excitement that we welcome LCC native Suzanne Austin to the team, as the new Program Coordinator!

Suzanne is not a stranger to Lighthouse Christian Camp. As the wife to Brett, whose family owns a cottage at LCC, she has been a part of the campground since they were married almost 33 years ago and has been enjoying it with her family ever since.

Growing up, Suzanne attended Kingsview Free Methodist Church in Toronto, Canada, and subsequently went to Roberts Wesleyan College where she graduated with her degree in Business Administration and also met her husband there.

Her spiritual journey began when, as a teenager, she accepted Jesus as her Savior at a Free Methodist campground called Wesley Acres. She considers Lighthouse Christian Camp a place where people of any age can have a life-changing experience like she did.

After graduating from Roberts Wesleyan College, Suzanne worked as a Sales Manager at Woodcliff Hotel and Spa but then decided to stay home when her first son was born.

During those years at home, in addition to schooling her young sons, she became involved with her church as Children's Ministry Director, then Women's Ministry Director. She especially enjoys writing and facilitating Bible studies and having healthy discussion about God's Word, and seeing people grow in their walk with the Lord.

As a service to the community, Suzanne founded a website called OneChurchRochester which showcases Christian events in the Rochester, NY, area. She also connects with followers on social media to share Christian events on those platforms.

Her enthusiasm for LCC led her to become involved by coordinating Family Camp 2018. Not only is she excited to join the staff at LCC, she is looking forward to using her past experience together with her love for the Lord to point people to our Savior, Jesus.

Memorial Day

Rummage Sale



POSTPONED

At this time, the Board finds it appropriate to postpone the collection of items for our annual rummage sale. We are hoping to facilitate this event at a later date this summer, so please, if you can, hold onto your donations!

As a Christian community that desires to reach out to our public community, we would love to see this event recirculated back into our programming schedule for 2020. Thank you for understanding!



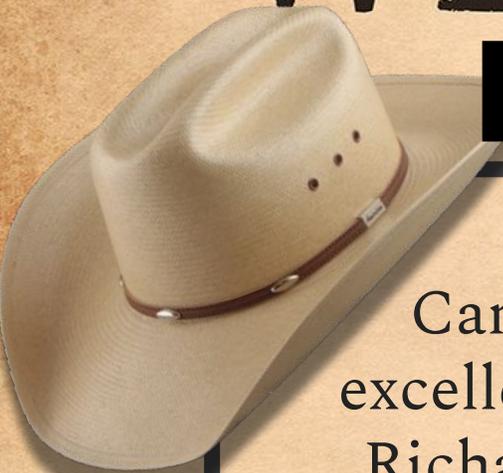
As Family Camp 2020 draws closer, we are excited at the possibility of gathering once again with friends and family. We are praying for our camp family and friends in this uncertain time, and look forward to the hope of camp. This year's camp theme is "Closer", led by Pastor Rick Russell, of Madras Free Methodist Church in Oregon. We have many exciting activities including crafts, family sports, and of course, a full day of July 4th activities. We are also in the process of recruiting volunteers to help lead children's classes in the morning and evening, and any teens and/or adults who are willing to serve at various events throughout the week. We are also looking for volunteers to lead the teens during the morning and evening classes/afterglows.

If you are interested, please reach out to this year's camp program directors, Rebekah Hylton (rebekah.cornell@gmail.com), Jess Kauffman (kauffmanj@tapestry.school.org) and Leah Nickoloff (leah.nickoloff@rcsdk12.org)

*Thank you,
Rebekah, Jess, & Leah*

WANTED

KEEN KAMPERS



Campers ages 50+ who enjoy excellent Bible teaching with Rev. Richard Snyder July 26-31. Must enjoy reconnecting with friends and be open to making new friends. If interested, can bring tools to make a pinewood derby car, do crafts, golf, and carpool for field trips. Bring your Western clothing for our Thursday night bbq and Western-themed week. We covet everyone's prayers and appreciate when you make your cottage available to others.

Those who can't rustle up a rip-roaring, God-loving, good time need not apply ;)

CAMP SPEAKERS



FAMILY

Rick Russell is the lead pastor at Madras Free Methodist church in Central Oregon. Rick and his family have called Oregon home since 2004, but previously served in St. Louis, Missouri. Rick's wife, Katie, oversees public health for a nearby Indian reservation. Lea (5th grade) and Brooks (2nd grade) love to go camping and hiking as a family.

When he's not parenting or pastoring, you'll find him in his garage, very slowly rebuilding a Jeep, or you'll find him at various golf courses looking for his lost ball.

He is passionate about sharing the whole gospel to create whole people in Christ.



GETAWAY

Wayne and Sharon Dent have served together in ministry for 48 years. In 1975 they founded Faith Tabernacle Church in Lockport, New York and served as co-pastors there for 38 years. They retired from Faith Tabernacle in 2013. Presently, Wayne and Sharon have a weekly campus ministry to international students at the State University of New York in Buffalo. This ministry includes fellowship, activities/events, Bible study, evangelism and discipleship. They are endeavoring to establish this ministry permanently on campus. They both enjoy working together as a team and their ongoing desire and commitment is to see people come to Christ and grow in their knowledge of Him. They are blessed with 3 adult children (all married) and 9 grandchildren.



KEEN

Richard & Janet Snyder entered retirement years in 2007 after serving in various ministry roles with the Free Methodist Church. They now live in Amherst, NY and are involved as volunteers in the EPIC Buffalo FM Church, Family Help of Buffalo, and the Collegiate Career Institute. Both have become involved in mentoring relationships involving all ages. Janet serves as a board member for Heritage Ministries, and Richard takes a group of men a couple of times each year to work at Oakdale Christian Academy in Jackson, Kentucky.

They have 3 children, 9 grandchildren, and 1 great grandchild.

*Dear friends, let us continue to love one another,
for love comes from God.
Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God.
(1 John 4:7 NLT)*

The LCC Board has inaugurated a new committee called the **Spiritual Life Committee**.
The responsibility of this Committee is to give specific attention to the
spiritual aspects of the Camp's mission.

The Spiritual Life Committee, in coordination with other Board committees (such as the Administration and Program committees), is already attending to the following areas during the "off season" (these activities will be extended into the Camp season next summer):

1. Connection with and expansion of the Prayer Ministry.
2. Extending personal "community care" to Association members, leaseholders, and campers.
3. Assistance in identifying, vetting and recruiting Camp speakers.
4. "Application" of the LCC Mission, Statement of Faith and Code of Conduct.
5. Relations with the FM Church, including the Bishop and Superintendent; local pastors and lay leaders; Roberts Wesleyan College and Northeastern Seminary; the Free Methodist Foundation and Free Methodist missions.

Planning is underway for the following activities during the Camp season next summer:

6. Development of small group fellowships, Bible studies and prayer cells at LCC.
7. Arranging hospitality for guest (Sunday) speakers.
8. Hosting an event for local pastors and church leaders.

Members of the Spiritual Life Committee include the following: LCC Board members Wayne McCown (chair), Ardis Tucker and Doug Cornell; Ralph Wilson, Joy Thorp, Rick Cott, Rod Bassett, Brenda Ragonesi, Shelley Sadler, Wayne Dent and Morgan Sproull.

These Committee members serve on Action Teams working on each of the 8 areas listed above; other Association members are also volunteering their service on these Action Teams.

The ultimate goal of this Committee is to enhance the quality of Spiritual Life within the LCC community.

