**MARCH 2021** 

Faith, Education, and Renewal in God's creation for all God's people

As the abundant life of spring approaches, we are humbled to reflect on this year of generosity and grace. The collective work of the many generations listed in this newsletter keeps us on a path of optimism and

opportunities for the future.

In 2020, we blazed new trails to provide purpose and understanding. We found new ways to share outdoor ministry with all of God's people. Together, we all learned how to experience growth in our faith, tried new things, and renewed our spiritual senses through family groups, virtual platforms, and socially distanced events. It is amazing to reflect on our accomplishments in building community and supporting one another in the midst of a pandemic.

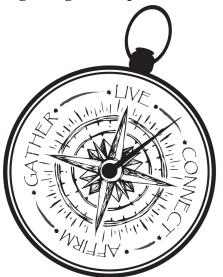
On June 18, 2020, we got the news that overnight summer camp was cancelled across the state. Despite this, we decided to continue as planned with the trail clearing afternoon on our staff training



COME, LET US GO UP TO THE MOUNTAIN OF THE LORD, TO THE HOUSE OF THE GOD OF JACOB: THAT HE MAY TEACH US HIS WAYS AND THAT WE MAY WALK IN HIS PATHS.

schedule. Not knowing what summer would bring, our senses and emotions were heightened. We needed time to process. An afternoon of trail work and manual labor was exactly what we needed.

We set out to clear the South end of Nature Trail, which was overgrown and blocked with fallen trees. Bryan led us through a safety talk, shared expectations, and assigned work crews. The day was slow, hot, buggy, and filled with hard work, yet attitudes remained upbeat. The trail was filled with singing and storytelling. As we were finishing up at the end of the day, one large pine tree still blocked the trail, and although we only had hand tools and little time left to complete the task, the group was determined. We communicated with one another, shared the physical labor, and uplifted each other so that we could complete our work along the trail. This day was our mountain. We found the house of God among nature itself. This day served as the beginning of new paths which led our way to hear and be taught how to "walk in his paths" last summer.



As we reflect on the year, we are grateful for YOU. Thank you for your help in hiring 16 young adults last summer, so that they could grow in faith, be guided on new paths, discern their future, and build our community in new ways. These staff were instrumental in trailblazing opportunities for family retreats, virtual camp at home, collaboration with other camps, and improving accessibility, allowing us to gather safely from anywhere.

As you travel new paths this spring, we are excited to be your guide and provide a sense of direction. Join us in small group summer camp and retreat opportunities, virtual camp at home, family retreats, hybrid programs, and safe outdoor events. We welcome you to celebrate with us and live, connect, affirm, and gather with a renewed sense of purpose in the name of our Lord and Savior.



Summer Camp is a place that supports new experiences, close friendships, limitless fun, and faith made tangible. Campers engage in daily worship and Bible study, plus a wide range of activities. They get to swim, canoe, fish, creekwalk, play group games, hike, cook over a campfire, create crafts, and so much more! Each week, volunteer chaplains from nearby Lutheran congregations join us in supporting faith development.

#### **Overnight Camp**

Every Sunday to Thursday

#### **Family Retreats**

Every Thursday to Sunday

#### **Family Camp**

During Week Zero & Week Eight

#### **Camp at Home**

(Virtual) Three Week Sessions

#### **Confirmation Camp**

*June 20-24 (Contact your Pastor)* 

#### **NEW! Service + Adventure Week**

For Youth Groups, July 4-8

#### **Summer Staff Season**

May 30 to August 14

In 2021, campers will experience Summer Camp as small group cohorts, which means that each group will travel, eat, and play together for the week. All small groups will follow a basic schedule that emphasizes outdoor activities and faith development. Adventure Camps have some additional activities scheduled (such as rock climbing or horseback riding). Depending upon current restrictions and best practices this summer, we hope to gather all campers for a few safely distanced activities throughout the week.

**COVID-19 Note:** Caroline Furnace follows the guidelines and requirements of CDC, VDH, and American Camp Association (ACA), in consultation with our healthcare advisory team. Risk mitigation for Summer 2021 includes use of small group cohorts, staff and guest health screening, hygiene and personal protective equipment (PPE), a designated quarantine space, limited off-site activities, a no visitor policy, and more.

Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them. Matthew 18:20







## YEAR AT A GLANCE

**4/10** Work Day, 9-5p

**5/2** Outdoor Worship Series, 4:30p

**5/8** Work Day, 9-5p

**5/14-16** Wild Women Retreat

5/22 BBQ Picnic Celebration, 12-6p

**6/2** Outdoor Worship Series, 4:30p

**6/13** First Day of Summer Camp!

9/24-26 Faith Where You Are: Young Adults

10/2 Quiet Day, 10-2p

10/8-11 Adventure Weekend

**10/16** Work Day, 9-5p

10/21-22 Pre-Advent Retreat

1/28-30 BeerReformation Retreat

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### 2020 IN REVIEW: A YEAR OF CHANGE & ADAPTATION

We continue to be amazed by the generosity and blessings that flowed into this year, even as we all struggled with the impacts of COVID-19. Although Caroline Furnace experienced significant loss with a lack of year round retreat groups and overnight summer camp, we are still in a stable financial position. We began to experience our new purpose without even knowing it - how, you ask?

WE LIVED - our mission of faith, education, and renewal, by committing to development of our young adult summer staff, leading a successful six month fundraising campaign, and updating our core values based upon feedback from the Power the Future Summit held in fall 2019.

WE CONNECTED - virtually through both Summer and Winter Camp at Home, Pre- Advent and Lenten Retreats, town hall updates, and countless collaborations with camp and retreat networks. We now offer new hybrid model capabilities on-site, with Wi-Fi available for retreat groups in Marston and the Upper Room.

WE AFFIRMED - our commitment to continued growth in diversity by sharing our new welcome statement, accepting a Total Inclusion! grant from the ELCA, and by continuing to reclaim the history of this sacred space, including an acknowledgement of the tragedy of enslaved people on this land in the 1800s.

WE GATHERED (SAFELY) - for family retreats, outdoor worship, work days, day use, and small group retreats.

## REVENUE: \$466,552 EXPENSES: \$228,721

Moyer Lodge was renovated to include a new entrance, large deck, and a reception area in the Fireside Room. Later, we removed the old bathrooms, created a staff eating nook, and added a program leader office.

The Health Center was expanded and remodeled to include two separate bunk rooms and HVAC, made possible by donations in honor of Virginia (Ginny) Berry's 90th birthday. It is now named the Berry Health Center.

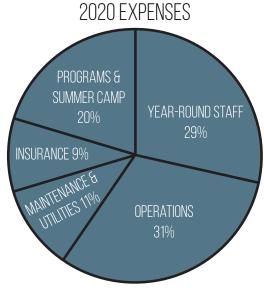
Staff and volunteers cleared Nature Trail and the lake dam, completed the Prayer Path by the Memorial Garden, created Sanctuary campsite and fire circle in the pine tree farm, and built Big Rock fire circle by Cabins 3 and 4.

The Loft was made available for groups of 5 or less. This modern space above the Office is perfect for personal and family retreats.

Our staff worked with the Coalition of Virginia's Overnight Summer Camps in collaborating and engaging with our state leaders on industry funding and reopening guidelines.

We welcomed a new Board member, Rev. Brett Wilson. Dave Appler, Rev. Kate Costa, and Rev. Scott Zimmerer were recognized for their faithful service on our Board of Directors.

We hosted the (first ever virtual) Virginia Camp and Retreat Leaders' Gathering in December and participated in the virtual Lutheran Outdoor Ministries (LOM) Conference in November and virtual ACA National Conference in January.





## THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

The Lord has provided us with wonderful gifts, that we may proclaim the gospel boldly through Caroline Furnace. Perhaps the most important gift as we seek to minister to a world in need is YOU. We respectfully ask for your donations and that you continue to support the incredible work done here. By providing, participating, and praying for Caroline Furnace, you share Christ's love with a world in need and provide a sacred space for all. Individual donors are listed below in alphabetical order by giving level, based upon donations from January 1 to December 31, 2020. Churches and organizations are listed in order by amount given in 2020. As always, we are so grateful for the continued support of our three Synods. We are one as the body of Christ, and we are so very blessed by your abundant generosity.

# Big Spring (Gifts of \$3,000+)

Deborah Bowers Gerald & Sandra Cobb Chris & Bill Crouch Todd & Kelly Domaleski

Joyce Peifer Forbes & Charlie Forbes

John & Elena Handley David Nestleroth Nancy Simon

# In Memory Of

George Handley Bill Mantz

Dwayne Westermann

# In Honor Of

Susan McAfee Baxter's retirement Virginia (Ginny) Berry's 90th birthday

Rev. Stephen Bohannon

Rev. Julia Boudrye's ordination

Debbie Bowers

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Terri Cobb

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Andy Taminger's enthusiastic campus ministry

Rev. Wayne & Cecilia Williams

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The Wonderful Staff of Caroline Furnace

Read-a-Thon Participants

LOM Run4Camp 5K Participants

## Shenandoah River (\$1,000-3,000)

Mark & Annabelle Allard

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# BECAUSE THE WORLD NEEDS CAROLINE FURNACE TOMORROW CAMPAIGN TOTAL: \$225,085

We did it! We are so grateful for your abundant generosity! With your help, we exceeded our six month goal of \$200,000. With your partnership in outdoor ministry, Caroline Furnace will continue to reach next summer, year after year. Campers, counselors, and retreat guests are returning once again this year, to sing by a campfire, run through the fields, swim in the lake, look up at the stars, and build community together - for decades to come. You make this ministry possible and we thank you.

# COME AND CELEBRATE WITH US! MAY 22, 12-6PM

Join us in celebrating the Caroline Furnace community on May 22! We will provide a BBQ picnic dinner, worship, time outdoors, and live music. No cost to participate. Feel free to bring games, activities, and musical instruments. Overnight lodging and camping is available by household; book at least 14 days in advance. Day guest RSVP is requested by May 15.

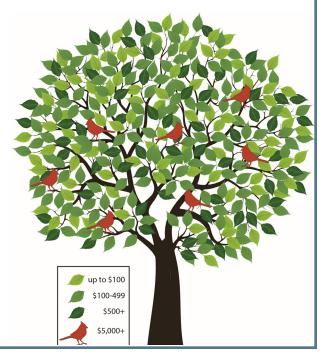
12-6p Open House

1p Staff-led Property Hike

3:30p Donor Recognition

4p Dinner\*

\*Worship and live music to follow



## Churches and Organizations

Virginia Synod, ELCA Metro DC Synod, ELCA WV-WMD Synod, ELCA Lutheran Cooperative Ministry in the Roanoke Area Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Haymarket St. Michael Lutheran Church, Virginia Beach Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Vienna Epiphany Evangelical Lutheran Church, Richmond Christ Lutheran Church, Fredericksburg Gifts of Hope - ministry of the Metro DC Synod Christ the King Lutheran Church, Richmond St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Woodbridge St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Springfield Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Gaithersburg MD Faith Lutheran Church, Arlington Reformation Lutheran Church, New Market Faith Lutheran Church, Fort Valley St. Mark Lutheran Church, Yorktown Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Alexandria Thrivent Financial - Choice Dollars & Matching Gift First Lutheran Church, Norfolk Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Virginia Beach

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Christ Lutheran Church, Roanoke

## ALL DONORS HAVE GONE ABOVE AND BEYOND IN SUPPORT OF OUTDOOR MINISTRY THIS YEAR! ALL OF YOUR GIFTS COME TOGETHER IN CREATING THIS MINISTRY. WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR EACH OF YOU!

# Passage Creek (Gifts of \$500-999)

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# BUT WHO AM I, AND WHO ARE MY PEOPLE, THAT WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO GIVE AS GENEROUSLY AS THIS? EVERYTHING COMES FROM YOU AND WE HAVE GIVEN YOU ONLY WHAT COMES FROM YOUR HAND. 1 CHRONICLES 29:14

## Headwaters (Gifts of \$1-100)

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Use your skills and experience to give back to your outdoor ministry! Caroline Furnace committees include: Finance, Marketing, Program, Property, and Resource. Anyone affiliated with Caroline Furnace is eligible to volunteer on a committee. Some committees require appointment by the Board of Directors due to access to confidential information. If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors, your information will be shared with the nominating task force. <u>Learn more and share your interest</u>.

## ADDITIONAL WAYS TO GIVE BACK

- **NEW! Stock Shares** Did you know there are tax advantages to donating shares of stock to a nonprofit such as Caroline Furnace? Contact your financial advisor to learn more.
- **Legacy Giving** Let us refer you to a trusted financial consultant who can help you set up Legacy Giving through your will, trust, retirement account, insurance, property, and more. Invest in your own legacy; your beneficiaries may not support the same organizations you do. Just 10% of your estate can support your favorite nonprofit for years to come. <u>Learn more about Legacy Giving.</u>
- **Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)** If you have an individual retirement account (IRA), you can choose to give up to \$100k per year to a nonprofit. This donation is pre-tax, can be done at any time of year, and counts toward your minimum. Requirements vary by plan but may begin upon retirement, at age 70 1/2, or within one year of inheritance. Contact your financial advisor to learn more.
- **Gifts of Hope** A ministry of the Metro DC Synod, Gifts of Hope helps connect donors with nonprofit organizations. We receive donations for camper scholarships and program equipment during their Advent campaign. <u>Learn more about Gifts of Hope</u>.
- **Thrivent Financial** Action Teams & Choice Dollars Eligible members of Thrivent may apply for up to two Action Teams per year, which provides \$250 in starter funds for a project. These are perfect for Work Weekends and retreat group service projects! Choice Dollars are tier-based and 2020 funding may be designated **until March 31st**. If you haven't designated yours yet, log in and update your account today! Learn more about Action Teams and Choice Dollars.
- **Corporate Matching** Check with your employer to see if you are eligible for matching gifts to a 501(c)3. Tax exemption form available upon request.
- AmazonSmile Use the URL smile.amazon.com for your Amazon orders, and Amazon will automatically
  give back 0.5% to your favorite charity. <u>Choose Caroline Furnace on AmazonSmile.</u>
- **Kroger Community Rewards** Enroll your Kroger Plus card online and support Caroline Furnace. Our code is VL934. Every time you shop, Kroger donates to Caroline Furnace! <u>Set up your account.</u>
- **In-Kind Donations** We have an ongoing wish list for in-kind donations, if you prefer to donate supplies or equipment. Many new items are added each spring in preparation for Summer Camp, in addition to other ongoing projects. Contact us to learn more about a specific item listed. View Wish List.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF YOUR OUTDOOR MINISTRY!

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