

## **Camp Lutherhaven Outdoor Ministry Center COVID-19 Response May 22, 2020**

On May 22nd, Indiana entered into Stage 3 of the Governor's "[Back on Track](#)" plan for reopening Indiana. With this announcement, there was also updated information released for Stage 3, 4, and 5, including new guidelines for overnight youth camps. According to these regulations, overnight youth camps are to remain closed until [Stage 5](#), currently set to begin July 4. Because of this new information, Lutherhaven plans to begin summer programming on July 5.

It breaks our heart to have to cancel any camp session. However, the health and safety of our campers and staff are a top priority. **Lutherhaven will wait until Stage 5, set to begin July 4, to begin summer camp programming.** We will update this as necessary in order to keep you informed about any new information regarding summer camp as the staff and board of directors continue to wrestle with how best to proceed.

We continue to hold onto the possibility of summer camp in the midst of uncertainty. Thank you for being flexible with your time. We believe that opportunities at Lutherhaven to be outside, in community, and growing in our faith will become even more important in the near future, as conditions become appropriate. We are working hard to adapt our ministry and remain patient so that people may have the chance to be together again in this beautiful setting.

In the meantime, we ask for your support and encouragement, especially through:

- Prayer... Please keep the campers, Lutherhaven staff, summer staff, and board of directors in your prayers as we navigate these unprecedented times.
- Financial Support... With Lutherhaven's buildings closed since the middle of March and a very shortened summer, our financial loss is significant. If you are able to [support Lutherhaven](#) through a gift during these times, it would be greatly appreciated. If you haven't yet, please check out our [Summer 2020 Action Plan](#) with more information about our financial situation.

Also, if you have a retreat or event planned at Lutherhaven during June or July, we still welcome your group and look forward to having you at Lutherhaven. Please stay in touch with us so we can together figure out a plan that best fits your group within the current COVID-19 guidelines.

God's peace to you, even during these uncertain times. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Psalm 46:1

Tim Jank, Executive Director