



2024 Newsletter



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Dear Friends in Christ,

After owning and operating Camp Lu Lay Lea for 76 years, in 2024, the Saginaw Valley Zone of the Lutheran Layman's League transferred ownership of the Camp to a new legal entity, Camp Lu Lay Lea, Inc. Under a new ownership structure, Camp Lu Lay Lea remains rooted to its long-standing heritage in the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS), and as such, has become a Recognized Service Organization of the LCMS. The mission of the Camp remains the same, to operate and maintain a Christian youth camp, espousing LCMS beliefs, for youth, especially LCMS youth, in the Saginaw Valley and Southeast Michigan regions.

Now that the Camp is operating in its new form, we ask for both your continued prayers and financial support. With previous donations from you and others, we have been able to make steady improvements to our facilities. This past year, we refurbished three cabins with new metal roofs, installed a new water-softening system, purchased archery equipment and added an archery range. The Camp also established an endowment fund to ensure it can continue operating into the future. Future needs include 20 new sets of bunk beds and mattresses for our campers and growing the new endowment fund.

In 2024, with support of faithful individual donors, area churches and other organizations, the Camp had a positive cash flow. The financial support of individual contributors, area churches and other organizations is critical to sustain operations, improve facilities and grow the endowment fund. Operating costs continue to increase, and with your help, we can minimize the increase in weekly camper rates and maintain, as well as improve, the Camp's facilities.

With your year-end contribution, the future of Camp Lu Lay Lea will be stronger than ever, and children will continue to have an unforgettable experience that will build a solid relationship with Christ. That is and always will be what Camp Lu Lay Lea is about. Please prayerfully consider a year-end donation to Camp Lu Lay Lea.

In God's Love,

Camp Lu Lay Lea Board of Directors

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Do you know of a child interested in coming to Camp?
Registration is now open for the 2025 season, and can
be done online at CampLuLayLea.org

2025 Season Camp Dates

Week 1 - June 22-June 28

Week 3 - July 6-12

Week 4 - July 13-19

Week 5 - July 20-26

Week 6 - July 27-August 2



Progressing for a Better Future

It is important to not only strive for sustaining a successful and prosperous existence for Camp Lu Lay Lea, but to also secure a strong future for the organization. As we look into the years to come, here are just a few things we are planning to progress towards...

Today 2024

OPERATIONS

Camp is in session 5 weeks a year.
Weekly capacity is 80.

Camp has limited availability for
events August through September.

STAFFING

Part time director who works year
around.

All other staff are Summer only.

FACILITIES

No heat in any buildings.

Maintenance managed and
primarily staffed by volunteers led
by Board of Director members.

Tomorrow 2030

Camp is in session 8 weeks a year.
Weekly capacity is 86.

Camp is available for events
mid-May through mid-October.

Full time camp director.

Part time maintenance coordinator.

Part time assistant director

All other staff are temporary,
summer only.

Barnard and the Dining Hall have
heat to facilitate Spring, Summer
and Fall operations.

Maintenance managed by a part
time maintenance coordinator and
staffed with assistance of
volunteers.



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If your youth group or school
would like to book an educational
off-season overnight Camp Lu Lay
Lea experience, please contact us.
We are currently booking for the
Fall of 2025 and beyond!