



Lake Wapogasset Lutheran Bible Camp, Inc.

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Congregational Report 2017

Thank you for being an Association Member Church! We cherish our role as an extension of the ministry that happens in your congregation. We are thankful for your partnership and support in 2017, and look forward to ministry opportunities in the coming year.

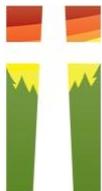
“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.” 1 Chron 16:34. God is good, and we have many reasons to be grateful. This past year was full of blessings and good challenges.

With grateful hearts, we lift up:

- **Board of Directors** Our Board now has a full year of new governance under their belts. This new format has allowed our organization to make many decisions from a strong position. We thank our board and committee members for their commitment to this ministry.
- **Financial Gifts** We’ve had a very strong financial gift year. We are grateful for people who believe in this ministry, and who feel called to support our operating costs, and campership programs.
- **New Staff** We welcomed the following people to our team in 2017. Becky Martin, Nate Berkas, James Dudgeon, Lindsey Evenson, Kari Anderson, and Micaella Petrich. We are proud of our staff team, and the ways they diligently tend to and care for this ministry.
- **Summer Campers** Our sites were bursting with so many campers! We had so much fun as we experienced a week centered around our “Fearless” theme. We are grateful for a safe summer that welcomed around 6,000 youth and family campers at Ox Lake, Wilderness Canoe Base and Wapo.
- **Our Guests** Folks who come to Memorial Day pancakes, boat-in worship, dinner theaters, retreats, the Giant Paddle, Wapo golf tournament, and many more events. We couldn’t do it without you! Thanks for coming to camp and for all of the ways you uplift and support this ministry.
- **A New Cabin** We built a new cabin at Ox Lake. It is a beautiful space with an amazing view! We are excitedly planning for more infrastructure work and improvements at this growing site.
- **Additional Canoes** were purchased at Wilderness this year, in order to accommodate all of our summer guests.

We look ahead with eager anticipation and a sure sense of hope

- We have placed our Luther Dell site on the market. Please join us in prayer as we seek a buyer who will make good use of that beautiful site.
- Our theme for the 2018 summer season is “Together, Created for Community”. Hebrews 10:24 instructs us to “consider how to spur one another on toward love and good deeds”. We are excited for the conversations that will occur around this theme. The world will benefit if we heed this advice!
- Sharon Olson, who has worked in our accounting office for over 27 years, will be retiring in March, 2018. We are excited for Sharon as she moves into this exciting stage in her life, but we will miss her diligence and expertise.



We consider it a joy and privilege to walk alongside people of all ages who come away to camp in order to see, hear and experience stories of Jesus and fellowship with one another. **We hope to see you at one of our places this year!**

