



LUTHERAN OUTDOOR MINISTRIES CENTER

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

LOMC is very grateful to honor and acknowledge the **Ojéhéti Šakówin, Hoocak (Ho-Chunk), Myamia, Sauk/Meskwaki, Peoria, Kikkapoo (Kickapoo)** peoples upon whose ancestral homelands amidst the Rock River Valley we now share ministry as well as all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to care for this place-this land-and call it their home.

SUMMER CAMPS

A full summer camp schedule returned after a two-season hiatus due to COVID.

LOMC offered six weeks for children and youth entering first grade through twelfth.



Camps included: **Flutter** (grades 1-2), **Flock** (grades 3-5), **Scurry** (grades 6-12), **Pack** (grades 9-12), **THEKA** (grades 9-12) and **Night Owls** (grades 6-8). 51 summer campers enjoyed a partial or full week of camp!

Team Camp also brought 7 ELCA churches to LOMC this summer with a total of 50 campers and leaders.

We are very thankful for our 7 summer staff and the amazing leadership of our program director, Michelle Wandersee.

May Work Days: On the first two Saturdays in May, volunteers gathered together to help repair and improve LOMC. Important days for LOMC!

EVENTS



Autumn Fest: A very fun day on October 8 for our annual fall open house featuring devotions, wagon rides, apple cider press, crafts, bake sale and more. Thanks to all who attended!

Fall Retreats: In November, LOMC offered separate high school and middle school retreats with the theme, "Neck of the Woods." 72 youth and leaders attended the retreats.

Candlelight Walk: This event is hosted by the Oregon Chamber of Commerce and LOMC had a table selling baked goods and other festive offerings. A fun opportunity to share about LOMC!

LOMC is always seeking ways to improve the experiences for all those who visit LOMC. In 2022, we completed the following larger projects:

- Finished placing all new mattresses and bedding throughout Freedom Tree Village (January).
- A new Gaga Ball pit was purchased and installed by staff. The new pit will last a very long time and is easier to move if needed (April).
- Timbers B roof was replaced with a long-lasting steel roof (May).
- Marander Lodge's roof was also replaced with a steel roof (June).



IMPROVEMENTS TO LOMC

- The resident house at the entrance received a much-needed new gas heating and A/C system.
- Septic systems were inspected and emptied and many systems had to be located first. Several systems have new access to make future draining and inspecting easier (August and October).
- The Moline Dining Hall received new heating and cooling systems for the main areas of the facility (December).

Many improvements are coming in 2023 for the Drama Drum, Ahlgrim's Roost (at Meadows) and the Hawkins Hospitality Center.



Church Workers: 11

We continued to welcome church workers to spend a night or two at LOMC for rest, focused work and/or prayer. Freely given; donations accepted.



Retreat Groups: 40

Crafting, churches, family reunions and more experienced wonderful relationship building at LOMC.

Households: 7

We loved having a variety of small household groups stay at LOMC.

Day Events: 18

With less cost and time commitment, a number of groups took advantage of day-only experiences.



Facility Rentals: 21

A number of groups found LOMC to be an excellent place to hold their meeting or event in one of our facilities.



INCOME HIGHLIGHTS*	2022 Actual	2022 Budget	\$ Over Budget
Annual Fund Donations	240,354.15	145,500.00	94,854.15
Synod Grants	37,894.32	30,500.00	7,394.32
Farm Land Rental/CRP	44,772.85	30,000.00	14,772.85
Campground	845.00	1,600.00	-755.00
Freedom Tree Retreats	46,553.00	90,000.00	-43,447.00
Cabin Retreats (includes Summer Camps)	56,551.00	171,890.00	-115,339.00
Day Events	8,323.40	5,700.00	2,623.40
TOTAL INCOME	\$438,303.05	\$489,890.00	\$-51,586.95
EXPENSE HIGHLIGHTS*	2022 Actual	2022 Budget	\$ Over Budget
Office/Administration	202,233.44	197,622.76	4,610.68
Food & Meal Service	67,932.43	107,214.93	-39,282.50
Property	128,793.12	131,494.18	-2,701.06
Program	62,948.02	100,543.54	-37,595.52
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$459,044.50	\$533,725.41	\$-74,680.91
Net Ordinary INCOME	\$-20,741.45	\$-43,835.41	\$23,093.96
Transfer from Scholarship/Grant	10,630.00		
Balance in Checking Account	72,935.85		
Loan Expenses	35,647.68		
NET	\$27,176.72		



LOMC showed a budgeted loss of \$20,741.45 largely due to a lack of guests and cancellations from January through mid-May as a result of the COVID virus.

For the first five months, LOMC received only 4 overnight groups and just 9 small households and church worker overnight reservations. We are hopeful for a fuller guest calendar in 2023!



*All accounts are not shown. The total does reflect all accounts.

LOMC BOARD and STAFF

The following board and staff served in the ministry of LOMC for 2022.

YEAR-ROUND STAFF

Adams, Audrey
Retreat Business Manager

Dilbeck, Ken
Property Manager

Gieraltowski, Rob
Executive Director

Senti, Chris
Property Assistant

Serrano, Nyssa
Food Service/Hospitality Manager

Wandersee, Michelle
Program Director

SUMMER AND SEASONAL

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Jacobs, Elijah
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Riani, Anaka
Sandrock, Emyli
Swan, Trinity
Wolter, Kurt

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Property Chair
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* Term ended in 2022

** Term started in 2022



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SYNODS AND CONGREGATIONAL SUPPORT

The following 59 synods and congregations (including endowments) financially supported LUMC in 2022 through one or more of the following funds:

Annual Fund, Capital Fund, Memorial Fund and/or Scholarship/Grant Fund

SYNODS

Central/Southern
Illinois Synod

Metropolitan
Chicago Synod

Northern Illinois Synod

CONGREGATIONS

Advent Lutheran Church
Morton, IL
Ascension Lutheran Church
Riverside, IL
Ashburn Lutheran Church
Chicago, IL
Bethany Lutheran Church
Crystal Lake, IL
Bethany Lutheran Church
Wenona, IL
Bethany Lutheran Church
Woodhull, IL
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Chicago, IL
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Moline, IL
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Stockton, IL
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Faith Lutheran Church
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Decatur, IL

First Lutheran Church
Dekalb, IL
First Lutheran Church
Geneseo, IL
First Lutheran Church
Lee, IL
First Lutheran Church
Ohio, IL
First Lutheran Church
Freeport, IL
Good Shepherd Lutheran
Church - Lena, IL
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
Downers Grove, IL
Grace Lutheran Church
La Grange, IL
Grace and Peace Lutheran
Church - Peoria, IL
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Chicago, IL
Immanuel Lutheran Church
Altona, IL
Immanuel Lutheran Church
Compton, IL
Immanuel Lutheran Church
Dixon, IL
Immanuel Lutheran Church
Earlville, IL
Immanuel Lutheran Church
Rock Falls, IL
Lebanon Lutheran Church
Chicago, IL
Messiah Lutheran Church
Galva, IL
Mount Carmel Lutheran
Church - Milwaukee, WI

Peace Lutheran Church
New Lenox, IL
Prince of Peace Lutheran
Church - Schaumburg, IL
Resurrection Lutheran
Church - Chicago, IL
Salem Lutheran Church
Peoria, IL
Salem Lutheran Church
Rockford, IL
Shepherd of the Valley
Lutheran Church- Rockford, IL
St. Andrew Lutheran Church
Mundelein, IL
St. James Lutheran Church
Forreston, IL
St. James Lutheran Church
Rock Island, IL
St. John Lutheran Church
Joliet, IL
St. John's Lutheran Church
Creston, IL
St. John's Lutheran Church
Bloomington, IL
St. John's Lutheran Church
Peru, IL
St. John's Lutheran Church
Rock Island, IL
St. John's Lutheran Church
Springfield, IL
St. John's Lutheran Church
Somonauk, IL
St. Mark's Lutheran Church
Washington, IL
St. Matthews Lutheran
Church - Princeton, IL

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Sterling, IL
St. Paul Lutheran Church
Villa Park, IL
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Hillsboro, IL
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Warren, IL
St. Peter's Evangelical
Lutheran Church - Dwight, IL
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Naperville, IL
Trinity Lutheran Church
Harvard, IL
Trinity Lutheran Church
Macomb, IL
Trinity Lutheran Church
Mount Morris, IL
Trinity Lutheran Church
Warrenville, IL
Zion Lutheran Church
Kewanee, IL



DONOR SUPPORT

The following individuals/households financially supported LOMC in 2022 through one or more of the following funds:
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Names in **BOLD** are monthly (sustaining) supporters of LOMC.

Adam, Tom and Susan	Bryson, Somar	Erickson, Pr. Steven and Carol	Higgins, Julia
Adams, Myron	Bull-Welch, Sue	Ficken, Margi and Michael	Holm, Patricia
Adams, Audrey	Califf, Nancy	Finney Jr., Pr. John and Janet	Honig, Pr. Chris
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Alsop, Joy	Chase, John and Beth Nelson	Geissler, Evan and Judith	Ishida, Louisa
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Anderson, Paula	Clements, Bishop Jeffrey and Paulette	Gieraltowski, Jerry and Jean	Janssen, David and Deanna
Anderson, Christopher	Crumpton, Jennifer	Gieraltowski, Andrew	Jenkins, Pr. Patrick and Mallory
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Anderson, Jessica	Dahleen, Pr. Makayla and Jacob	Glure, Fred and Janice	Johnson, Caroline
Arana, Katie	Davis, Susan and George	Greenfield, Tonja	Johnson, William
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Brotten, Harold and Karen			Kolakowski, Scott
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Kopp, David and Missy	Musher, Raphael	Schroeder, Charles and Stella	Weber, Prs. Kristina and Erik
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	Schrey, Edward		





THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Anderson, Paula
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Baker, John
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Borneman, David
Borneman, Linda
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Carbiener, Norman
Carlson, Sharon
Cervenka, Sandra
Clements, Jeffrey
Clements, Paulette
Davenport, Susan
Demuth Ishida, Emily
Dilbeck, Daniel
Dudley, Marilyn
Edgecomb, Claire
Edgecomb, Jay
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Espeseth, Robert
Farris, Mitchell
Ficken, Margaret
Flowers, William
Fluhler, Robert
Gallagher, June
Geisler, Susan
Gieraltowski, Robert
Gingras, Robert
Gingras, Susan
Glawe, Regg
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Heggen, Carl
Huffman, Donald
Hultgren, Janice
Hultgren, Kenneth
Janicek, Charles
Johnson, Barbara
Johnson, Charlene
Juknelis, Amy
Keller, James
Keller, Rose
Kelm, Dianne
Knudsen, Sonja
Kodiak, Katherine
Landahl, Carl
Larson, Karen
Larson, Ronald
Lund, Philip
Lund, Susan
Lundsberg, Anders
Lundsberg, Pamela
Meier, Gregg
Meier, Janet
Meier, Joyce
Meiners, Marilyn
Mercado, Sina
Nelson, Karin
Nelson, Ronald
Neumann, Judith
Neumann, Robert
Nietert, Doris
Nietert, Russell
Oswald, Glenn
Palomaki, Jonathan
Parkinson, Teresa
Parkinson, Thomas
Peterson, Todd
Reick, Barbara

Ribbeck, Cindy
Roehrig, Carol
Roehrig, David
Sandrock, Sherrilyn
Sathoff, Russell
Schroeder, Charles
Schroeder, Stella
Shanks, Mary
Stamberger, Jayson
Stoffel, Trudy
Strack, Eric
Turnbull, Scot
Veal, Vernon
Waca, Christopher
Walter, Carol
Wandersee, Roger
Wandersee, Sharon
Weber, Kristina
Wells, Benjamin
Wells, Bridgette
Williams, Joyce
Williams, Ronald
Wonder, Joyce
Young, Stuart
Zajec, Kimberley
Zajec, Peter
Zank, Kathleen
Zimmerman, Charlene

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Sundvall Family Fund of InFaith Community Foundation

Tom Jaremba Performance Art Fund of InFaith Community Foundation



IN-KIND DONATIONS

The following items were donated in 2022.
Items sorted by the date donated.

Networking Equipment-**Rob Gieraltowski**

Vacuum Repair Supplies-
Rob Gieraltowski

Area Rug-**Bob and Sue Gingras**

Office Kiosk Repairs-
Bob and Sue Gingras

Bluebird Houses-**Joan Sundvall**

Organizational Items-
Freedom Lutheran, Oregon, IL

American Flag-**Bob and Sue Gingras**

Solar Parking Lights-**Ken Dilbeck**

Solar Parking Lights-**Rob Gieraltowski**

Audubon Art Print-**Pr. David Nelson**

Wireless Microphone Set-
Rob Gieraltowski

Mechanic Creeper-**Bob and Sue Gingras**

Bat House-**Faith Lutheran, Wataga, IL**

Prairie Seed-**Nachusa Grasslands**

Dinnerware Set-**Pr. Jamie Gallagher**

Dinnerware Set-**Pr. Jeff Schlessinger**

Bake Sale Supplies-**Nyssa Serrano**



APOLOGIES FROM LOMC



We apologize to anyone for omitting additional donations.

THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS

The following Thrivent Financial members sponsored Thrivent Action Teams in 2022 (arranged by date).

Gingras, Bob and Sue
Freedom Tree Bedding Project

Ficken, Margi and Mike
COVID Preparation Project

Wandersee, Michelle
Interpretive Trail Project

Patterson, Linda
May Work Days

Gieraltowski, Rob
Retreat Cabin Bathroom Safety

Adams, Audrey
Prairie Plot Project

Dilbeck, Dan
Birding Program Project

Elliott, Joyce
Health Center Ramp Painting

Gieraltowski, Rob
Battery Backup/Surge Project

Adams, David
Pumpkin Carving Event

Dilbeck, Dan
Apple Cider Pressing Event

Wandersee, Michelle
Donut Fun 5K Fundraiser

AMAZON CHARITY WISHLIST DONATIONS

The following items were donated in 2022.
Items sorted by the date donated.

Hand Sanitizer-**Karin Nelson**
Snow Shoes-**Karin Nelson**
Snow Shoes-**Jean and Jerry Gieraltowski**
Pool Toys-**Dalene Arrington**
Fishing Rod-**Dalene Arrington**
Mobile TV Cart-**Karin Nelson**
Office Chair-**Karin Nelson**
Camping Lanterns-**Karin Nelson**
Hand Sanitizer-**Karin Nelson**

LED Desk Lights-**Pr. Carla Thompson Powell**
Life Vests-**Jean and Jerry Gieraltowski**
Volleyball Pool Set-**Jean and Jerry Gieraltowski**
Hand Sanitizer-**Jean and Jerry Gieraltowski**
Sunscreen-**Karin Nelson**
Insect Repellent-**Karin Nelson**
Giant 4-In-A-Row Game-**Karin Nelson**

