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2019 was a significant year in the history of Lutherdale, full of hope and promise of an exciting year ahead. It was a year of action to fulfill the vision for expanding the ministry. When the fear of COVID-19 emerged in 2020, Lutherdale's ministry was greatly impacted. Our hopes and vision's came to an abrupt halt because of the pandemic. As we look back on the past year, there were many challenges to face and overcome. As people of HOPE, we believe God is with us on the journey and will provide what we need to get through this difficult time.

That is why we labor and strive, because we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, and especially of those who believe. 1 Timothy 4:10

The ministry of Lutherdale would not be possible without the support of our member congregations and those who give generously to our mission of "Building Lives in Christ." Through the pandemic, Lutherdale has been blessed by your gifts of support. These blessings have made a tremendous difference in a most difficult time. We are so grateful that you have walked with us and supported us when we needed it the most. Thank you.

## The Lutherdale Bubble Has Been COVID Free

Lutherdale has remained open during the pandemic. Summer camp did take place in 2020 and is happening again in 2021. A number of quilting retreats continued during the pandemic. Day events like Winter Fun Days, were designed to be outside and provide families with a safe place to be together and enjoy fun activities. Winter provided just the right amount of snow for cross country skiing, snow shoeing, tobogganing, ice fishing, and geocaching. Through it all, not one COVID case.

## **HOPE Conference Center Opens**

Lutherdale is excited to share the news that our new conference center is now open. It is called the HOPE Conference Center. The new center has 20 hotel rooms, three meeting rooms, a hospitality center, lobby, and two outdoor decks. The large meeting room can accommodate up to 130 people. The smaller meeting rooms are designed for 20 people each. Meeting rooms are equipped with projectors, screens and wifi. Lutherdale invites you to consider holding your next meeting on our peaceful and beautiful campus.



## We Look Forward To Welcoming Everyone Back

We have all learned a great deal about our health and safety over the last year. We continue to learn and grow in our understanding of the pandemic. We have developed protocols and policies to keep everyone safe. As the vaccination process expands and things get back to normal, we look forward to welcoming you back to Lutherdale.