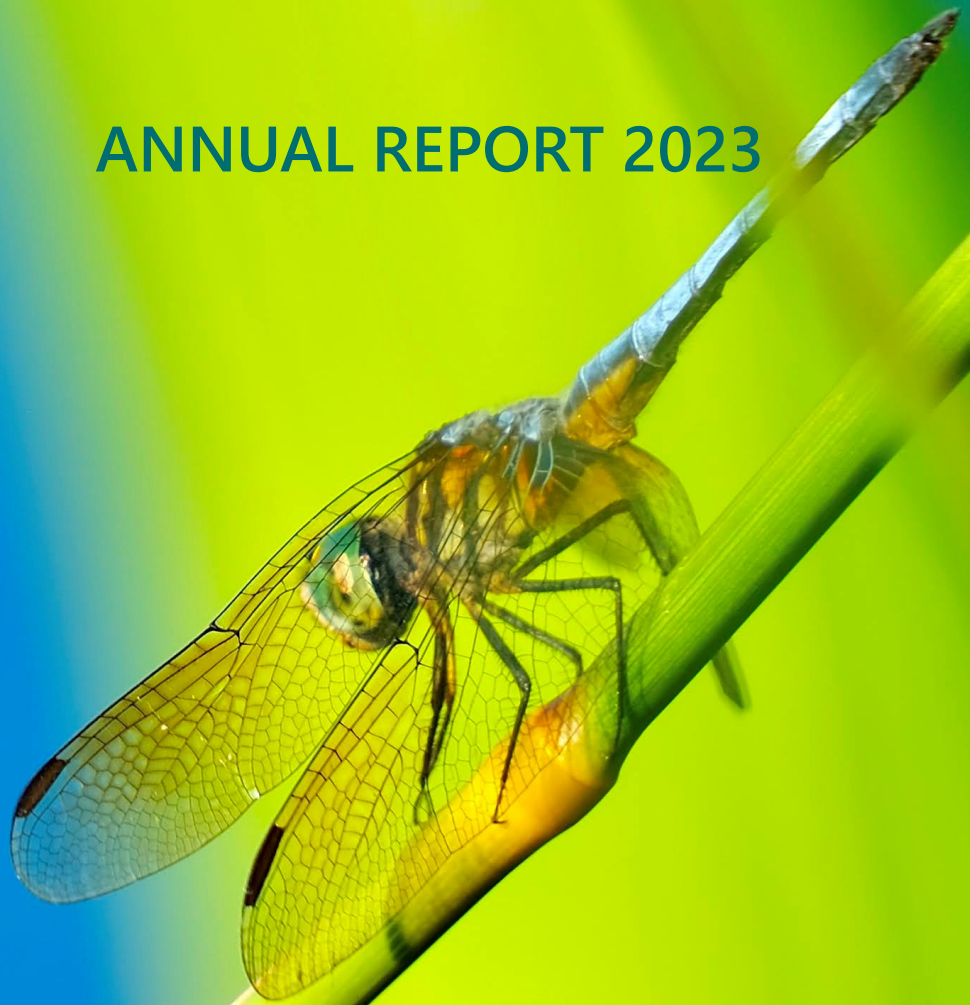


ANNUAL REPORT 2023

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THE TRAIL AHEAD

As we head into LOMC's 50th year of outdoor ministry in Oregon, IL, we walk a winding trail with infinite possibilities and many numerous challenges. Slowly but surely LOMC is regrowing relationships with churches, scouting groups, crafters, school groups, families, summer campers and more. Financial struggles continue to slow down the growth of LOMC and sustainability has been both a focus and source of stress for the organization (likely from the beginning in 1974).

We have so many blessings (50 years full of them) and only together with God's grace and mercy will we see improvements and growth. We strive to continue offering unique experiences for people to gather together, be immersed in the natural world and grow together in powerful and unique ways. The road trip to LOMC can inspire all who find themselves driving up the entrance into the LOMC property. Come experience life together with us!

Capital Improvements Chronologically

- Additional new beds were added to Marander Lodge allowing for three people per room.
- Hawkins Hospitality Center kitchen and apartment received new heating/cooling systems.
- Ahlgrim's Roost and Timbers Perch had new carpet installed.
- Ahlgrim's Roost received new tables, stacking chairs and picnic tables.
- Mattress foundations were replaced in Marander Lodge.
- The Drama Drum wood decking was replaced with a concrete floor.
- A new refrigerator was placed in the Moline Dining Hall kitchen replacing a 1960's era model.
- Hawkins Hospitality Center received a new steel roof.
- 5 acres of black locust trees were removed and mulched in our upper CRP land.
- Dody Lodge received a new boiler and Hawkins Hospitality Center received a new water heater.
- Ahlgrim's Roost and Meadows B Retreat Cabin both received new steel roofs.
- Dody and Marander Lodges and the Moline Dining Hall had new wifi 6 access points installed.
- New NSF-rated shelving was placed in the walk-in cooler and pantry of the Moline Dining Hall kitchen.

LOMC EVENTS

Oregon Fire Department: We were pleased to have the fire department use Paul's Pond for training on ice and they returned in the spring to burn acres of CRP (conservation) plots.

Board Retreat: The LOMC board of directors spent time in assessing our mission, core values and sustainability. Board members each pledged efforts in helping LOMC throughout the year.

May Work Days: On the first two Saturdays in May, volunteers gathered together to help repair and improve LOMC. We are thankful for many hands helping repair and improve LOMC!

Synods: We attended several events including the Northern Illinois Synod's CRE, synod assemblies and more.

Autumn Fest: A smaller crowd assembled due to cold and rain but we had a terrific time with the Donut Fun 5K, devotion worship by Pathways (Christ Lutheran, Belvidere) and all the great activities like pumpkin carving and fresh apple cider making.

Retreats: We enjoyed spring elementary and middle school retreats and continued adventures with our fall middle school retreat welcoming 54 youth and adults for a "green lens" experience.

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!

SUMMER CAMP

Five weeks of summer camp were offered in 2023 featuring experiences full of nature study, scripture experiences, singing, canoeing, hiking and always more.

Camps Included:

Flutter (Grades 1-2)

Flock (Grades 3-5)

Scurry (Grades 6-12)

Pack (Grades 9-12)

Night Owls (Grades 6-8).

53 summer campers enjoyed a partial or full week of camp!

Team Camp also brought 10 ELCA churches (or church clusters) to LOMC this summer with a total of 55 campers and leaders.

We continue to grow our summer staff (post-pandemic) and were blessed with 11 young adults serving in a variety of summer positions.



2023 FINANCIALS

INCOME HIGHLIGHTS*	2023 Actual	2023 Budget	\$ Over Budget
Annual Fund Donations	177,969.40	177,000.00	969.40
Synod Grants	34,544.91	37,000.00	(2,455.09)
Farm Land Rental/CRP	51,738.84	51,700.00	38.84
Campground	1,222.00	850.00	372.00
Freedom Tree Retreats	65,103.00	74,600.00	(9,497.00)
Cabin Retreats (includes Summer Camps)	57,564.11	85,200.00	(27,635.89)
Day Events and Facility Rentals	5,149.60	9,000.00	(3,850.40)
TOTAL INCOME	\$398,711.69	\$438,550.00	\$(39,838.31)
EXPENSE HIGHLIGHTS*	2023 Actual	2023 Budget	\$ Over Budget
Office/Administration	205,696.60	209,946.20	(4,249.60)
Food & Meal Service	63,443.77	78,682.50	(15,238.73)
Property	114,985.75	138,178.59	(23,192.84)
Program	65,388.32	78,459.08	(13,070.76)
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$449,514.44	\$505,266.39	\$(55,751.95)
Net Ordinary INCOME	\$(50,649.46)	\$(66,716.39)	\$15,840.58
Transfer from Scholarship/Grant	18,547.00		
Balance in Checking Account	38,785.03		
Mortgage Loan	37,551.9		
NET	\$(45,369.33)		

LOMC showed a budgeted loss of \$50,649.46 largely due to a continued lower rate of guest registrations. Despite the loss, it was less of a deficit than budgeted.

Overall, the number of guests are continuing to rise since the pandemic, albeit, slower than we would prefer.

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





66 Retreat
Groups

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

8 Day
Events

With less costs and time commitment, groups can take advantage of day-only experiences.

GUESTS TO LOMC

A few numbers representing the many guests

The purpose of Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center (LOMC) is to be the Church in outdoor settings, nurturing Christian faith and providing experiences connecting the Word of God with the World of God.

15 Facility
Rentals

Groups find LOMC to be an excellent place to hold their meetings or events in one of our facilities.

7 Church
Workers

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

LOMC BOARD and STAFF

The following board and staff served in the ministry of LOMC for 2023.

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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Olson, Caitlyn
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Roden, Ivy
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* Term ended in 2023

** Term started in 2023





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Central/Southern
Illinois Synod

Metropolitan
Chicago Synod

Northern Illinois Synod

CONGREGATIONS

All Saints Lutheran Church, Byron
Ascension Lutheran Church, Riverside
Bethany Lutheran Church, Crystal Lake
Bethany Lutheran Church, Wenona
Calvary Lutheran Church, Moline
Christ Lutheran Church, Monticello
Christ Lutheran Church, Stockton
Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Oregon
First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Freeport

SYNODS AND CONGREGATIONAL SUPPORT

The following 62 synods and congregations (including endowments) financially supported LOMC in 2023 through one or more of the following funds: Annual Fund, Capital Fund, Memorial Fund and/or Scholarship/Grant Fund

First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rock Island
First Lutheran Church, Decatur
First Lutheran Church, Geneseo
Geneva Lutheran Church, Geneva
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Highland IN
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Lena
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Palos Heights
Grace and Peace Lutheran Church, Peoria
Grace Lutheran Church, La Grange
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Immanuel Lutheran Church, Earlville
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Peru
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Rock Falls
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Messiah Lutheran Church, Galva
Messiah Lutheran Church, Wauconda
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Salem Lutheran Church, Peoria
Salem Lutheran Church, Rockford
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Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Rockford
St. James Lutheran Church, Forreston
St. James Lutheran Church, Rock Island
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St. John's Lutheran Church, Creston
St. John's Lutheran Church, Elizabeth
St. John's Lutheran Church, Rock Island
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St. John's Lutheran Church, Toulca
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St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Washington
St. Matthews Lutheran Church, Princeton
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Dixon
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Sterling
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Villa Park
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Hillsboro
St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Dwight
St. Timothy Lutheran Church, Naperville
Trinity Lutheran Church, Harvard
Trinity Lutheran Church, Mount Morris
Trinity Lutheran Church, Warrenville
Zion Lutheran Church, Belvidere
Zion Lutheran Church, Kewanee

DONOR SUPPORT

The following individuals/households financially supported LOMC in 2023 through one or more of the following funds: Annual Fund, Capital Fund, Memorial Fund and/or Scholarship/Grant Fund.

Names in **BOLD** are monthly (sustaining) supporters of LOMC.

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Heggen, Carl
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Johnson, Barbara
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The Thrivent logo features the word "thrivent" in a bold, lowercase, sans-serif font. A red heart symbol is positioned above the letter "v". A registered trademark symbol (®) is located to the right of the word. The logo is centered within a white rectangular box that has a thin black border. The background of the entire page is a close-up photograph of a purple flower with many stamens, set against a blurred green background.

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Wahlstrom, Carol
Walter, Lynn
Wandersee, Roger
Wandersee, Sharon
Weber, Kristina

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DONATIONS

The following items were donated and items sorted by the date donated.

Items with a * indicate an Amazon Wish List Item.

Garden Tiller-Terry Schuster
Tree Saplings-Audrey and David Adams
Archery Equipment Repair-Terry Day
Wall Surge Outlets-Rob Gieraltowski
Vacuum-Rob Gieraltowski
*Nature Guides-Kolakowski Family
*First Aid Kits-Kolakowski Family
Archery Arrows-Kolakowski Family
Portable Party Speaker-Rob Gieraltowski
*Pool Toys, Power Backup, Sunscreen-Karin Nelson
*Bird Seed-Pr. Carla Thompson Powell
*Games-Pr. Chrissy Salser
*Nature Guides-Kay Boland
Snacks for Summer Staff-Margi Ficken

Snacks for Summer Staff-Pr. Carla Thompson Powell
*Notebooks and Markers-Juknelis Family
Kitchen Cabinets, Refrigerator, Sink-Bob and Sue Gingras
Painting and Deck Supplies-Bjorn Bollig
Smart Thermostat and Archery Supplies-Rob Gieraltowski
*Silverware, Games and Copy Paper-Anonymous
*Carpet Cleaner Solution-Rob Gieraltowski
*Carpet Cleaner Solution-Pr. Carla Thompson Powell
Do Not Enter Signs-Rob Gieraltowski
*Magic Erasers-Jean and Jerry Gieraltowski
Gas Hedge Trimmer-David and Jean Madigan
*Nature Guides-Pr. Bree Truax
*Wasp Trap, Games, Puzzle-Pr. Mack Patrick and Pr. Mack's Mom
Networking Equipment-Rob Gieraltowski

THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS

The following Thrivent Financial members sponsored Thrivent Action Teams (arranged by date):

Dan Dilbeck
Nature/Prayer Stations

Michelle Wandersee
NIS CRE Event

Rob Gieraltowski
LOMC Board Retreat

Margi Ficken
Marander Room Painting

Linda Patterson
Onsite Resident House
Painting

Audrey Adams
Landscaping

Rob Gieraltowski
Macro-Invertebrate
Education

Michelle Wandersee
Donut Fun 5K

Dan Dilbeck
Apple Cider Pressing

Paula Anderson
Pumpkin Carving

Roger Wandersee
Fall Retreat Supplies

APOLOGIES FROM LOMC

We apologize to anyone for omitting additional donations.

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