



Dear Friends of Luther Crest,

We are writing to share with you an exciting next step in the life of Luther Crest Bible Camp. For some time, we have had a wonderful challenge at Luther Crest: **We need more room!** We have more kids who want to come to camp than we have space to accommodate.

At the same time, the need for experiences like Luther Crest provides has never been greater. You know that young people are searching for belonging, purpose and hope like never before. Camp points kids to what gives their lives ultimate meaning - God's neverending grace, mercy and inclusive love.

With all this in mind, for the past 14 months leaders from Luther Crest and Camp Emmaus (located south of Park Rapids, MN) have been prayerfully asking: Could we do more together than either of us can do alone? **Together, could we offer a bolder Christian witness in our region?**

We believe the answer is **yes**.

Our boards and staff have partnered. We've researched programming, governance, staffing and - especially - financial feasibility. We've listened to donors, pastors, former staff and stakeholders. We've asked hard questions about what it would take not simply to combine two organizations, but to create something stronger, bolder, and more sustainable to better serve the children, students, families and churches of our region.

To that end, our boards unanimously and enthusiastically agreed God is leading us to take the next step - **to become one unified camping organization with two distinct ministry locations**. Each camp would retain its name, character and unique programming, while sharing unified leadership, governance, finances and vision. This creates exciting possibilities. **We need more space!** Together, we could serve more kids, develop more young Christian leaders, offer families more options and become an even stronger partner to churches.

We are writing because we need you! **Would you do three things?**

PRAY. Pray for wisdom, courage and continued clarity as we discern this bold new chapter.

JOIN US. Please attend the **Luther Crest Annual Meeting on October 10 at 10:00 a.m.** at Luther Crest where we will consider a resolution authorizing a joint six-person task force to complete the detailed work necessary to develop a final unification proposal. Scan the QR code to learn more, read the resolution, and find answers to frequently asked questions.

GIVE. Please consider making a special gift to help us do this work well. This next phase requires significant professional work (legal, financial, governance) as the resolution shares.

We believe this is the beginning of an exciting new season, one that honors Luther Crest's legacy while creating more room for the children, students, families and churches who will need this ministry for generations to come. Together, we can make room. Together, we can reach farther. Together, we can offer a **bolder witness**.

With gratitude and excitement,

Pastor Maddie Elliott
Executive Director

Pastor Megan Clapp
Board President

Pastor Hans Dahl
Board Vice-President

Visit <https://luthercrest.org/boldwitnessmerger/> or use the QR code to access more resources.

