



# 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
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$438,303.05</b>	<b>\$489,890.00</b>	<b>\$-51,586.95</b>
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
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$459,044.50</b>	<b>\$533,725.41</b>	<b>\$-74,680.91</b>
<b>Net Ordinary INCOME</b>	<b>\$-20,741.45</b>	<b>\$-43,835.41</b>	<b>\$23,093.96</b>
Transfer from Scholarship/Grant	10,630.00		
Balance in Checking Account	72,935.85		
Loan Expenses	35,647.68		
<b>NET</b>	<b>\$27,176.72</b>		



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

**Arendt, Callie**  
**Avey, Rod**  
**Chapman, Raylynn**  
**Gruenberg, Barret**  
**Heinrich, Jennifer**  
**Jacobs, Elijah**  
**Mayer, Katherine**  
**Olson, Caitlyn**  
**Patterson, Anna**  
**Riani, Anaka**  
**Sandrock, Emyli**  
**Swan, Trinity**  
**Wolter, Kurt**

## LOMC BOARD of DIRECTORS

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Property Chair  
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Vice Chair

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**Gallagher, Rev. Katie**  
**Rojas, Melissa**  
Nominating Chair  
**Salser, Rev. Chrissy**  
**Sauter, Rev. Vicki \***  
Vice Chair

\* 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  
Calvary Lutheran Church  
Moline, IL  
Christ Lutheran Church  
Stockton, IL  
Faith Lutheran Church  
Rochelle, IL  
Faith Lutheran Church  
Wataga, IL  
First Lutheran Church  
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  
St. Timothy Lutheran Church  
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:  
Annual Fund, Capital Fund, Memorial Fund and/or Scholarship/Grant Fund.

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
Adams, Brady	Callister, Dodi	Fox, Trinda	Howson, Pr. Jana
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Alsop, Joy	Chase, John and Beth Nelson	Geissler, Evan and Judith	Ishida, Louisa
Andersen, Myrna	<b>Clark, Pr. Michel and Karen</b>	<b>Gieraltowski, Rob</b>	Janicek, Alan and Kathy
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
Anderson, Danny	Cunningham, Pr. John and Lanet	Gingras, Bob and Sue	Johansen, Judy and Jerry
Anderson, Jessica	Dahleen, Pr. Makayla and Jacob	Glure, Fred and Janice	Johnson, Caroline
Arana, Katie	Davis, Susan and George	Greenfield, Tonja	Johnson, William
Asplund, Pr. Roger	Delvallee, Paul	Gregg, John and Jennifer	Johnson, Mike
Baker, Jeffrey and Kathe	Cassens, Diane	Groves, Cayce	Judkins, Nicole
Barber, Steve	Diefenthaler, Mrs. John	Gruenberg, Barret	Juknelis, Amy and Nicholas
Barrette, Lisa and John	Dietrich, David and Roberta	<b>Gulliford, Pr. Joyce and Kenneth</b>	Julifs, Harold and Sandy
Barron, Daniel	Dilbeck, Ken and Melissa	Hale, Jessica	Knight, Brooke
Berg, Edell and Alton	Dilbeck, Dan	Hall, John and Skylia	Knight, Pr. Michelle
Berggren, Tricia	Duckmann, Kenneth	Hartman, Bill and Ruth Anne	Knodle, Mildred
Bernthal, Patricia	Eachus, Thomas	Hawkins, Doris	Knowles, K-Rae and Nathan
Bitner, Pr. Denver	Edelmann Sall, Pam	Heilener, Pr. Raymond and Janice	Knowles, Pr. Don and Mary
Blazek, Kevin	Elliott, Joyce	Herweg, Sandra	Knudsen, Sonja
Brooks, Mic	Elliott, Donald and Donna		Kodiak, Katherine
Brotten, Harold and Karen			Kolakowski, Scott
Brudos, Betsy and Daniel			



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Kopp, David and Missy	Musher, Raphael	Schroeder, Charles and Stella	Weber, Prs. Kristina and Erik
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Leesman, Thomas and Sharon	Nelson, Pr. William	Senti, Russ and Susan	White, Tami
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Lemonholm, Pr. Eric	Ott, Marilyn	Sible, Kristin and David	Wiegert, Pr. Amy
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Lyman, Ross and Katherine	Patrick, Pr. Mack	Smith, Sadie	Wittman, Elizabeth
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Marquis, Catherine and Oscar	Phelps, William	Stienstra, Chris	Young, Nancy
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Mckenna, Amy	Redelsheimer, Esther	Suttman, Louise and Craig	Zimmerman, Charlene
McLean, Michelle	Reents, Pr. James and Karyl	Suttman, Lisa	Zollner, Rebecca
Mehltretter, James and Noelle	Reisman, Karla	Swanstrom, Pr. Nord	
Meier, Joyce	Roberts, Marlene	Tallyn, Bill and Kay	
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Miller, Liz	Roth, Bishop S. John	Thurmond, Jennifer	
Miller, Jeremy	Rothfusz, Pr. Elise	Truax, Pr. Bree	
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Moline, Norman and Janet	<b>Schlesinger, Pr. Jeff and Theresa</b>	Walter, Lynn and Carol	
Mueller, Lauren	Schlevensky, Carol and Dan	<b>Wandersee, Michelle</b>	
Murray, Jon and Diane	Schoenfield, Peter and Sonia	Wandersee, Roger and Sharon	
	Schrey, Edward		





## THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Anderson, Paula  
Baker, Carolyn  
Baker, John  
Berggren, Douglas  
Blazek, Kevin  
Borneman, David  
Borneman, Linda  
Burk, David  
Califf, Nancy  
Carbiener, Norman  
Carlson, Sharon  
Cervenka, Sandra  
Clements, Jeffrey  
Clements, Paulette  
Davenport, Susan  
Demuth Ishida, Emily  
Dilbeck, Daniel  
Dudley, Marilyn  
Edgecomb, Claire  
Edgecomb, Jay  
Eiker, Pamela  
Espeseth, Robert  
Farris, Mitchell  
Ficken, Margaret  
Flowers, William  
Fluhler, Robert  
Gallagher, June  
Geisler, Susan  
Gieraltowski, Robert  
Gingras, Robert  
Gingras, Susan  
Glawe, Regg  
Gruetzmacher, Dale  
Hallquist, Lester  
Hampton, Henry  
Hampton, Henry  
Hanson, James

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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The following financially supported LOMC through one or more of the following funds:

Annual Fund • Capital Fund • Memorial Fund • Scholarship Fund

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Northern Illinois Synod WELCA

Southwest Conference of the Northern Illinois Synod

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**

