



Shetek Lutheran Ministries

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Greetings from your camp – Shetek Lutheran Ministries!

This summer we served 718 total campers on site, which includes our youth campers, cross-generational campers and our SOS campers. We also had 280 campers attend Day Camps in 8 congregations for a total of 998 campers. Last summer, we served 770 campers on site and 212 day campers for a total of 982 campers. One of our greatest challenges continues to be finding young adults who are willing to serve for the summer. Our summer ministry team of 22 young adults served faithfully this summer and grew in their faith and in their leadership skills. We were again blessed with 7 international counselors this past summer from the United Kingdom, Zambia, and Mexico. Shetek will be inviting several international counselors in 2025 also.

Some quotes from parents regarding highlights for their campers this summer:

"She started reading her Bible on her own."

"Making new friends and strengthening their faith together."

"Always scary and nervous for parents and kiddos...but it all turned out more perfect than could be expected"

One of our international staff said this about his experience this summer.

"You made me grow as a person, you made me know a new culture,but furthermore, you made me feel close to God"

Our "Building on the Foundation" capital campaign is wrapping up with a few more pledges finishing up and a few more churches running abbreviated campaigns in their congregations. We have exceeded our phase 1 goal of \$1,500,000 and our total so far in cash and pledges is about \$1,726,000 as we work towards our challenge goal of \$2,000,000. The new lodge is being used by a variety of different groups from scrapbooking groups, Scout groups, families and college students. The Board is finalizing plans for the first new cabin.

Shetek continues to receive estate gifts periodically, which we are very thankful for. Over the years, these thoughtful gifts have really benefitted the ministry at Shetek. If you're interested in finding out more about how to support Shetek in this way, please let us know. We have access to a gift planner at no cost to our donors.

Some improvements in 2024 – new stoves, dishwasher, hot/holding/proofer in the kitchen, new furnace/AC in the office, the Retreat Center was converted to all LED lighting, re-shingled cabins #7 and #9, replaced the fire alarm system in the Retreat Center, and thanks to wonderful volunteers our volleyball court was rebuilt. We also have new plates in the Dining Hall for our retreat guests.

I am thankful for our year round staff who continue to work as a team to serve our guests and campers and provide great hospitality. Shetek welcomed Stacey Heig in September and Ellen Begin in October to our Housekeeping team, Sharon Staples in September as one of our Retreat Hosts. We said good-bye to Joe Koenigs in September as he left our Maintenance team and moved back to Iowa.

We are so grateful for the many campers and guests that came this year. Shetek continues to impact so many lives every year.

Thank you for your support and prayers!

Marv Nysetvold, Executive Director

Shetek's Board of Directors in 2024 – Ashley Benson, Brad Bergerson, Pastor Ted Carnahan, Marnie Backer, Tyler Egge, Pastor Bailey Landa, Logan Gooch, Sarah Kirchner, Pastor Elizabeth Pagnotta, Pastor Juanita Parker, Pastor Michael Stangeland.

Shetek's staff in Dec. 2024 – Ellen Begin, Lexie Blaschko, Sandy Carlson, Tom Carlson, Katie Chapman, Nora Dahlhoff, Gaelyn Gernentz, Sharon Haugen, Stacey Heig, Mike Kastner, Jean Larson, Marv Nysetvold, Sharon Staples, Jessica Van Dam, Jane Wahl.