

# Shore Lines

NEWS FROM LUTHERAN LAKESIDE  
SUMMER 2018

## WELCOMING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BRITTNEY SWANSON

It is a privilege and an honor to be called to an outdoor ministry as special as Lutheran Lakeside. I have a personal love and passion for outdoor ministry. Vacation Bible School and Summer Camp were the first places that I met a personal loving God who cared about me. Lakeside has a special place in my heart. My first encounter with Lakeside was in college on a weekend retreat. I left asking how I could come back and be more involved. I came back as a counselor and loved every minute of it. That summer I met my husband, Zach Swanson, who I married at Lakeside in 2012. Zach has been coming to Lakeside for family camp his entire life, and is very excited to be at camp year round now. We have 3 children (Zaiden 5, Braxley 3, and Tayva 1) and a dog (Stella) who are all thrilled to relocate to camp. This is a big change for our family, but we all feel called and strengthened by the Holy Spirit to serve in this new capacity.

*Through the grace of God, Lakeside is in a very healthy place right now.*

The board has welcomed a few new members and is taking leadership and guiding camp towards great things. The staff has been working diligently planning and preparing

for summer and we are all expecting an incredible camp season. Several facilities have received upgrades and renovations including the lodge, chalet, worship center, canteen, bike shed, and craft cabin. In addition to those facility upgrades we have taken steps to upgrade plumbing and electrical throughout camp. I recommend getting to camp sometime this summer or fall to check out all the changes.

*As the new director my priorities are making connections and implementing innovative programming.*

I am excited to be present during camp, make church visits, and reach out to individuals connected to Lakeside. It is important to me that I know who our constituents are and what they love about camp. While keeping our strong ELCA heritage we can develop innovative programming that will allow more individuals to experience the Holy Spirit through outdoor ministry. In the near future I hope to see Lakeside providing programs year round, catering to a wider base, and providing positive experiences for all who visit. I want Lakeside to be that place where everyone knows they



belong and are excited to return.

God has been present at Lakeside since the beginning, lives have been shaped, transformed, and impacted in countless ways.

*Lakeside is the perfect example of God coming close and loving everyone regardless of who they are or where they come from.*

Through the support of our church association, donors, campers, families, and prayers Lakeside will continue to be a place that everyone is welcome and shown the love of God.

Thank you for supporting Lakeside and we'll see you at camp,  
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## THANK YOU TO OUR LAKESIDE COMMUNITY

We are so blessed for everyone in our Lakeside Community! During this transition, we have been lucky to receive gifts and prayers from all over the United States, and while we cannot name all of them, we do want to highlight some amazing individuals and organizations! First of all, we are blessed to have received donations from Faith Lutheran Church in Odebolt and Redeemer Lutheran Church in Bettendorf, which are helping with several camp projects and renovations. Additionally, we want to thank two Lakeside family members who have recently left their posts. Rev. Sarah Trone-Garriott recently resigned her position on the Board to pursue some other amazing philanthropic programs, and Rev. David Halaas just finished his time as Interim Executive Director! Finally, Women's groups from all over Iowa worked together to help us buy a much needed new stove for our dining hall. It has been a huge blessing and has already made several delicious meals! Thank you one and all for everything you do!



## PLAN YOUR NEXT OKOBOJI VACATION

Lakeside can meet the needs of all groups! Whether it's a family reunion, family vacation, church groups, or work group, we have great spaces and activates. We offer a variety of different housing options, private rooms and smaller retreat spaces which include...

- Lodge - Sleeps up to 23
- Chalet - Sleeps up to 26
- Shalom - Sleeps up to 26

Also available:

Rustic cabins, tree houses, and campground spaces.

To determine the best fit for your next trip please contact [Amanda@lutheranlakeside.com](mailto:Amanda@lutheranlakeside.com).



## CONFIRMATION RENEWAL

Confirmation is an incredible time of spiritual growth, self-learning and scriptural engagement for young people. Here at Lakeside, we are blessed to be able to work with church leaders across the state to create engaging and fun weekends for youth! This year Lakeside will be having two Confirmation Renewals for students to come and learn more about their faith, meet new people, and experiences all the fun of camp in a few short days. Join us as we make new friendships, create unforgettable memories, and take part in some awesome weekends of fellowship and laughter!

**Who:** Students in grades 6-9! Whether they've been to camp before or not, we welcome one and all!

**What:** Cost is \$75 for the weekend

**When:** October 19th - 21st, 2018 and March 8th - 10th, 2019

**Where:** Lutheran Lakeside Retreat Spaces

**How to learn more:** Visit our website at [www.LutheranLakeside.com](http://www.LutheranLakeside.com) for more details and to register.