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## Greetings from your camp – Shetek Lutheran Ministries!

Our theme for summer 2018 was “This Changes Everything”, with the theme verse “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God” Ephesians 2:8. We had a “This Changes Everything” moment this summer when we experienced flooding on July 3. Our access to camp was cut off due to water over the road but thankfully none of our facilities were damaged. We had over 100 campers and staff onsite as our program wrapped up that Tuesday. Our challenge was reconnecting them with their families. Thankfully, we were able to make arrangements to transport everyone into Slayton, where they met at the fairgrounds. We had two weekend retreats cancel and we had to cancel our next week of programming so our income from this summer is down. However, we are thankful there wasn’t much damage at camp and even more thankful for the gift of God’s grace which is for all of us!

849 campers experienced Christ centered adventure and learning at Shetek Lutheran Ministries. We continued our Cross-generational programs, which include ABC Camp, Family Camp and Grandparent/Grandchild Camp. This past summer we had two full sessions of our Activities Building Campers (A.B.C.) program for 1<sup>st</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> graders to experience camp for a 24 hour period with their favorite adult (parent, aunt/uncle, godparent, etc.). We again offered Explorer Camp, which combined our former Christian Athlete camp and Fine Arts camps. Several tracks were offered including basketball, soccer, guitar, arts & crafts, animal adventures, fishing and discovery. The seven sessions of the ever popular Grandparent/Grandchild camp were very well attended this past summer. The Saturday evening services in Christ Chapel continued throughout the summer for a ninth year.

As I mentioned last year, Shetek did a feasibility study last fall to prepare for a capital campaign. The recommendation is to do a \$1.5 million campaign to begin replacing some of our old cabins. Our strategic plan includes more year round programming and since our retreat center is in demand every weekend, we need to add more winterized housing to accomplish this goal. A task force has been formed and has prioritized projects to be a phase one from the master plan adopted in 2017. We plan to launch the campaign in early 2019 at the latest. A lot of behind the scenes work has been done this year in preparation to begin the campaign. It is the “Building on the Foundation” campaign as we build on Shetek’s history of ministry and prepare for many more years of ministry on and off the site with a variety of programs.

Many physical improvements/additions occurred in 2018. A wonderful crew from Windom came and worked on the chapel, replacing many bottom boards along the outside walls that were rotting out, along with all the corners on the chapel. We replaced floor tile in different parts of the kitchen where it had cracked under appliances. Volunteers who come for their family reunion in the summer built new canoe racks for us, which was a challenge with the high water level in the lake. We added new equipment, including a new John Deere mower, new washing machines and a new dryer and a roto-tiller. The walls in the hallway and lounge area in the north end of the Lakota Retreat Center were painted. These are some highlights; many other improvements occurred as well.

Shetek Lutheran Ministries staff and board thank you so much for your prayers and support and wish you God’s blessings in 2019. We’d love to see you at your camp!!!

Marv Nysetvold, Executive Director

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Shetek’s staff in Dec. 2018 – Sandy Carlson, Tom Carlson, Katie Chapman, Nora Dahlhoff, Sharon Haugen, Dana Isaacson, Jean Larson, Diane Malone, Lorene Mouw, Marv Nysetvold, Kathy Peterson, Joe Stefanick, Jessica Van Dam, Ella (Jane) Wahl, Shanda Walker.