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Greetings from your camp – Shetek Lutheran Ministries!

Shetek continues to adapt and seek new ways to carry out our mission. We thought camp last year might be a one-time thing and we'd be back to normal in 2021. That didn't happen. However, since we had camp last year, we were well prepared to offer our full season, with limited numbers, in 2021. We continue to rely on God's strength and refuge during these challenging and uncertain times.

Our summer ministry team of 18 young adults served 618 campers this summer at Shetek. Elementary, middle school, senior high, family camp, grandparent/grandchild camp and even SOS camp (for folks with disabilities) all came this summer! This number is about 75% of the campers we served in 2019. Safety was again a top priority and again, as in 2020, we had no cases of COVID. Campers were again very thankful to have an opportunity to come to camp even though it was different from previous years.

Our "Building on the Foundation" capital campaign was on hold for most of the year again in 2021. We continue to visit with prospective major donors, those who give or pledge \$5,000 or more for the campaign. Our total so far in cash and pledges is over \$1,370,000 towards our goal of \$1,500,000 with a challenge goal of \$2,000,000. We will be contacting our member congregations in 2022 to engage them in the campaign and, with their support, we hope to reach our challenge goal of \$2,000,000. We had a groundbreaking ceremony on May 23 and construction began on the new Adult/Youth Lodge on June 2. Along with our new water treatment system, it will be ready for use in 2022!!

Shetek will receive a couple estate gifts in 2021, which we are very thankful for. 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 2021 – a new walk-in refrigerator/freezer was installed in May, doubling our freezer capacity. The wall behind the stained glass window in the front of the chapel was opened up to allow for natural light to shine through the window. A new entrance sign was installed last spring. The Dining Hall and Chapel were re-painted, except for the east side of the chapel, which will be done in 2022. Wonderful volunteers painted Washishi and Cabin #6, along with providing and planting almost 100 dogwoods along the south of the property as a hedge. Several trees were removed and many other improvements also happened.

I am again thankful for our year round staff who continue to persevere in spite of the challenges we continue to face. They have been positive and support each other through everything.

I'm again thankful for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan we received in February as a second round of PPP loans/grants. Those have been incredibly helpful in supporting our staff by paying salaries, wages and benefits. 2021 looks better than 2020, but compared to 2019, we will still be about \$79,000 lower in program income and about \$32,000 lower in retreat/rental income. However, in the face of all the uncertainty, our donors have continued to respond with incredible generosity. I am amazed and grateful and can't say "THANK YOU" enough for your support and prayers!!

Marv Nysetvold, Executive Director

Shetek's Board of Directors in 2022 – Ashley Benson, Lindsey Cartwright, Logan Gooch, Lora Hopp-Hansen, Sarah Kirchner, Pastor Jeanette McCormick, Leon Mortland, Pastor Eric Ohrtman, Pastor Elizabeth Pagnotta, Pastor Juanita Parker, Pastor Laura Phillips, Pastor Michael Stangeland.

Shetek's staff in Dec. 2021 – Sandy Carlson, Tom Carlson, Katie Chapman, Nora Dahlhoff, Michelle Flanigan, Sharon Haugen, Jean Larson, Marv Nysetvold, Joe Stefanick, Jessica Van Dam, Ella (Jane) Wahl, Mary Zabel.