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Greetings from your camp – Shetek Lutheran Ministries!

Over the past three summers, Shetek has adapted and sought out new ways to carry out our mission. In 2020 we offered a shortened season with many restrictions and served 265 campers. Last year, 2021, we offered a full season of summer programming but limited our numbers and served 618 campers. This year we offered our full season with somewhat limited numbers and served 621 campers. This year, our limited camper numbers had more to do with the difficulty finding summer staff than the pandemic. One of our greatest challenges is finding young adults who are willing to serve for the summer. We were blessed with 4 international counselors this past summer and Shetek will be doing more with international counselors in 2023.

Our summer ministry team of 20 young adults served faithfully this summer. Elementary, middle school, senior high, family camp, grandparent/grandchild camp and SOS camp (for folks with disabilities) all came this summer! For reference, 621 campers is about 75% of the campers we served in 2019. Safety was again a top priority and again, as in 2020 and 2021, we had no known cases of COVID. Campers were again thankful for camp.

Our “Building on the Foundation” capital campaign was on hold for most of 2020 and 2021. This year we restarted the congregational phase of the campaign. Several congregations have run successful campaigns in their congregations so far this year. We will be contacted all our 101 member congregations to give them the opportunity to participate. 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 about \$1,475,000 towards our goal of \$1,500,000 with a challenge goal of \$2,000,000. With our member congregations and new donors, we hope to reach our challenge goal of \$2,000,000 in 2023. The new lodge is close to being open for guests. Our beach/waterfront was updated and landscaped before our summer program started this year and is a beautiful improvement. Our new water treatment system was up and running for the summer also.

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 2022 – the new landscaped beach area along with a new dock for the swimming area and the new water treatment center. We did some grading and tiling on the south end of the property to improve drainage. Several smaller propane tanks around camp were removed and consolidated to larger ones. A new water line was installed from the new lodge to the activity center and the old pump house is no longer in service. Plans for future expansion were included with the new water line.

I am thankful for our year round staff and their hospitality to our guests and campers. Shetek welcomed Val Kastner in Feb. to our Housekeeping team, Lexie Blaschko joined us in May as our Program Director and Jana Sturges began in June in our Food Service.

2022 looks better than 2021, but compared to the average from 2015-2019, we will still be about \$30,000 lower in program income and about \$12,000 lower in retreat/rental income. However, in the face of all the uncertainty over the last couple of year, our donors and congregations 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. 2022 – Lexie Blaschko, Sandy Carlson, Tom Carlson, Katie Chapman, Nora Dahlhoff, Michelle Flanigan, Sharon Haugen, Val Kastner, Jean Larson, Marv Nysetvold, Joe Stefanick, Jana Sturges, Jessica Van Dam, Jane Wahl.