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Thanks & Giving

AUTUMN NEWS - UP THE RIVER EDITION!

Things Camp Needs

- Gently used vehicles
- 60 Climbing holds
- 15 Heavy-duty camping cots
- 12 Amish outdoor rockers
- 20 Multi-colored stackable Adirondack chairs
- 10 Archery bow & arrow sets

For complete needs list go to www.lutherhaven.com/stuff-we-really-need

Pray.

PRAY for the Board and Staff of Lutherhaven Ministries.

PRAY for the health and safety of campers, guests, staff and volunteers; that Lutherhaven camp programs are safe and life changing.

PRAY in thanksgiving for all God's creation; the vast expanse of the sky, the mountains, trees, lake and streams.

Give Thanks.

Thank God for grant funds to support programs & improve facilities!

2019 GRANTS AWARDED

Laura Moore Cunningham Foundation
Free Day Camps at Shoshone Mountain
Retreat for Silver Valley Kids

\$16,800

Volunteer.



FALL SERVE & GIVE THANKS

November 8-9, 2019

Come together in thanksgiving to share a meal & help prepare Camp Lutherhaven for the winter season!

\$10 per person *includes housing & meals

www.lutherhaven.com/fall-service-day

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FALL SERVE & GIVE THANKS

November 8-9, 2019

SUMMER STAFF RECRUITMENT

Hiring 70 young adults for summer 2020!
Applications open in November

LUTERHAVEN DECK THE HALLS

December 6-8, 2019

SPRING CUT, CROP & QUILT

March 6-8, 2020

LUTERHAVEN WOMEN'S RETREAT

March 20-22, 2020

SERVANT WEEKEND AT LUTERHAVEN

April 17-19, 2020

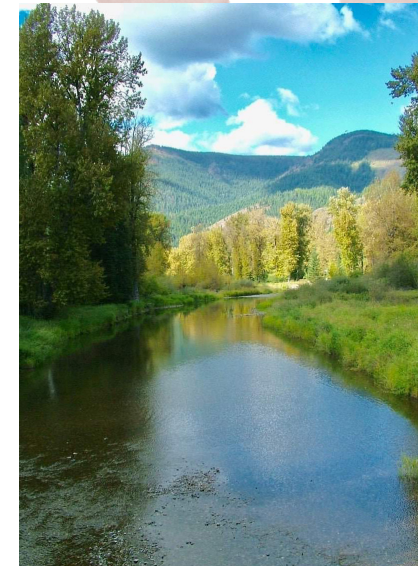
SERVANT WEEKEND AT SHOSHONE

April 24-26, 2020

SHOSHONE MAN CAMP

May 15-17, 2020

FIND MORE INFORMATION AT: WWW.LUTERHAVEN.COM



Dear Camp Friend,

THERE'S A BEAUTIFUL TRAIL LEADING OFF INTO THE MOUNTAINS

from what locals call the North Fork, but what we Lutherhaven-ites simply call "Up the river." It's one of the prettiest hikes in all the Coeur d'Alenes.

It's an easy trek—easy enough for my five year-old granddaughter, Lili. I walked it with her this fall: a stunning mix of meandering meadows, shaded canyons, and towering cliffs; through tufts of bear grass and swathes of huckleberries; up forested ridges with chance views of farther reaches; along bends in the river that often conceal the occasional moose.

On a map you'll see nearby names like Amethyst Peak and Cataract Creek, Cathedral and Steamboat Rocks, Packsack Point and Spyglass Lookout. Shoshone Mountain Retreat. McPherson Meadows.

The last two names, because Lutherhaven Ministries is there in that place. For God went before us. God saw our way.

FOR 75 LUTERHAVEN SUMMERS, no matter what path our outdoor ministry has walked, God has been one step ahead. No matter what mountain we've come up against, God has already been climbing it. No matter on what passage the times have taken us, God has been a hundred steps further. God has piloted our course and prepared our steps, flattened the land and guided our journey, uncovered the gems along Lutherhaven's trail and laid them out before us.

TWENTY-ONE YEARS AGO one jewel along that trail is now Shoshone Mountain Retreat. Who'd have imagined a former US Forest Service work center, and depression-era Civilian Conservation Corps camp before that, and rough and tumble logging camp before that—all the way back to the 1880's—would become a nationally acclaimed partner-site to Camp Lutherhaven, a center for outdoor adventure, community outreach, servant leadership development, and Christian faith formation.

But God went before us. God saw our way.

This summer God polished another unlooked-for jewel along our path, a remarkable story that enabled Lutherhaven to round out our McPherson Meadows property with the purchase of Renner House and five stunning acres, to add to the gorgeous land donated last December by Ray and Eleanor Grannis. Now campers of all ages may gather, eat, recreate, and rest together in a place of incredible beauty. For God went before us. God saw our way.

A SHORT DRIVE AWAY, THERE'S A BEAUTIFUL GEM of a building rising along a bend in the river in the heart of the Coeur d'Alene's. From it, there are views of forested ridges and farther reaches... even glimpses of the occasional moose. People traveling up and down the river stop to ask, "What kind of cathedral are you building?"

"Cathedral, ha!" is our reply. "It's Shoshone Mountain Retreat's new dining hall! It's where we eat!" Ready for next summer, the Chow House will gather and serve generations to come, "up the river", as Lutherhaven Ministries takes campers a bit more on the wild side—unplugged, outside, in meaningful, life-changing relationships, all to build and nurture life-long Christian faith.

I HOPE YOU ARE ENCOURAGED by the words of this newsletter. I hope you see the fingerprints of God in this work, of God who goes before us, of God who sees our way! And I hope you might be moved to send a gift of whatever amount to further our endeavors—and especially in support of God's work "up the river" and the gems along the trail of Lutherhaven Ministries! Thank you!

Your servant in Jesus,

Bob Baker, Executive Director

*"The mountains and hills will burst into song before you,
and all the trees of the field will clap their hands."*

-Isaiah 55:12

Shoshone RV Corps Summer Volunteers

SELFLESS. HUMBLE. HARD-WORKING. CHRIST-LIKE SERVANTS. FRIENDS. VOLUNTEERS. THE BEST OF THE BEST!



Dean & Roberta Windham

For the third year, Dean and Roberta spent their summer at Shoshone Mountain Retreat. This year they volunteered 5 months: from mid-May through mid-October. Their work, time, and hearts are invaluable, and we honestly could not do what we do without them.

Dean keeps the 35 acres at Shoshone looking amazing: mowing (ALL!) of the grass, raking, sprinkling, working on all our vehicles, organizing, plus spends a lot of time helping the Ranch (daughter Helen is our Head Wrangler!) with fences, hay, pasture, and horses.

Roberta helps out in multiple ways around camp: (A LOT OF) Laundry, always in the kitchen, flower gardens and cleaning up around camp. Roberta sees the need before we even know there's a need and always shows up exactly when and where she is needed to make daily operations easier on the staff.

Thank you, God, for stirring the hearts of these servants to serve at and through the ministries of Shoshone Mountain Retreat. Thank you for showing us your heart of service through these, your servants. Amen!

Learn more about extended volunteer opportunities at: <https://www.lutherhaven.com/about/volunteer/rv-corps/>

Mike & Gloriann Kramer



This was the second summer for Mike and Gloriann who spent two months serving the Silver Valley.

Gloriann serves alongside our Community Project Coordinator to line up service projects for 500 Idaho Servant Adventures' volunteers. They connect with homeowners in making all the details come together to send youth and adult volunteers to serve. They really are the leaders it takes to make leaders.

Mike is hands-on, sharing his construction gifts, both onsite at Shoshone, as well as in the Silver Valley with Idaho Servant Adventures. You can find him working on the Dining Hall addition, leading an ISA service team of 8 kids and adults building a wheelchair ramp, or behind the scenes in the Silver Valley, helping a widow replace some broken windows.

McPherson Meadows: A River Runs Through It

THIS PAST AUGUST, Lutherhaven Ministries made a momentous addition to our nearly 75-year legacy of quality Christian camping for campers of every age, from around the region, across the nation, and around the world. We signed the buy-sell agreement to purchase Barb & Harlan Renner's five acres at our new McPherson Meadows, 20 miles upriver from Shoshone Mountain Retreat.

The purchase brings McPherson Meadows--home-steaded by Frank McPherson a hundred years ago--to just over thirty acres. Lutherhaven's newest property adds a truly wild side to our tray of camps: 700 feet of blue ribbon Tepee Creek on one boundary, the Coeur d'Alene River National Scenic Recreation Trail taking off from another, and the Spion Kop Natural Area just a stone's throw away.

The property is 20 miles off-grid, and includes solar power, water, septic, and fully furnished Renner House, a wonderful wilderness retreat. Formative program plans include teen camps, family reunions and get-aways, youth group weekends, and adult devotional escapes...all for smaller groups of 20 to 30.



We are so thankful to Ray and Eleanor Grannis, for their donation last December of McPherson Meadows' original 25 acres; and to Barb Renner, for her heart for passing on to kids, camp, and Christ her and Harlan's 40-year legacy up Tepee Creek

Above all, we thank God for walking before us thru McPherson Meadows--an exciting new Lutherhaven adventure!

"The mountains and the hills will break forth into shouts of joy before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands!" -Isaiah 55:12



Shoshone Dining Hall Renovation UPDATE!

THE SHOSHONE MOUNTAIN RETREAT CHOW HOUSE REBUILD IS REMARKABLE!

Ahead of schedule, ahead of budget, beautiful, functional... astounding! Over 2600 volunteer hours have contributed over \$60,000 in value to the project. Says grateful project manager Steve Meyer, "Nice work, God—moving people to move mountains!"

THE NEW DINING FACILITY WILL BLESS

- Over 500 Idaho Servant Adventure participants each summer from around the nation, changing lives by volunteering 8,000 hours every June thru August to serve some of our people and communities in need
- 130 campers at Shoshone Creek Ranch, our authentic mountain guest ranch up the river, at capacity each summer
- Over 100 teens camping at both sites "up the river" in Shoshone's new Odyssey & Explorer programs
- Hundreds of area school kids participating in spring & fall outdoor education
- Adult retreats and countless guests of every age from our rental groups
- Our utility bill, staff and guest satisfaction, efficiency & ministry impact!

SAVE THE DATE

• July 11, 2020 •

The dedication of the Chow House, PLUS the Partner's celebration and Annual Meeting, all at Shoshone.

PROGRESS REPORT

We're 94% of the way to meeting our fundraising goal! **\$26,500 remains** to complete the Shoshone dining hall and have it up and running for summer, 2020!

94%!

You can help get us over the finish line!

CHOW TIME CAMPAIGN

\$284,000	Building
\$47,500	Outdoor Spaces
\$44,000	Kitchen Renovation + Equipment
\$28,000	Furnishings
\$25,000	Septic- Engineering, Installation
\$10,000	10% materials contingency
\$458,500	SUBTOTAL
+\$130,000	FMV Staff & Volunteer Labor
\$588,500	TOTAL PROJECT COST

DONOR LEVELS

Donors are recognized on a tree slice branded with your name on the Donor Wall in honor of your contribution to the project.



\$10,000+
(15-18" slice)



\$1000+
(8-10" slice)



\$100+
(3-5" slice)



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