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Pastor (fname) (lname)
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Dear Pastor (lname),

Grace and peace to you this New Year from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Where do you enjoy the outdoors and the splendor and beauty of God's creation? Since 1946, the North Wisconsin District has been blessed to have one of the premier camps in the country, **Camp Luther**, right here in our district. Over time, the ministry opportunities the Camp provides have grown to serve more than 6000 people annually. Camp Luther is your camp!

Building up all people in Christ for service and witness to the world.

In fulfilling its mission, Camp's Outdoor Ministry Programs have had a significant impact in our district. Many leaders in ministry today recognize that Camp played a part in their call to serve as an ordained or commissioned minister. Numerous campers and staff go on to be leaders in their congregations. Through retreats, and a variety of other activities, thousands of lives have been encouraged in Christ in this special setting. Camp Luther is a blessing to our district.

As stewards of His creation, we have a responsibility to ensure that our camp is safe and provides space to help us grow in our relationship with Christ and others. The Lodge, one of the original structures, isn't large enough to accommodate camp dining operations. Being over 100 years old, renovation to meet current safety codes is too costly and impractical.

Three years ago, a group of committed staff and supporters kicked-off a comprehensive campaign to raise \$5 million to build a new Community Center / Dining Hall as well as to increase funding for Every Kid to Camp Scholarships and the Outdoor Ministry Fund. These courageous believers are ***Filled with the Spirit*** and passionate about enhancing this space where future generations can deepen their relationship with Christ.

Three years into the ***Filled with the Spirit*** Campaign, we have much to celebrate. Please read the enclosed letter from **Anne Hartman, the Chair of the Filled with the Spirit Campaign**. Anne is former member of the NWD Board of Directors and active within the LWML

locally and nationally. Anne's letter provides more important information on the Campaign, Camp Luther Champions, and how the Campaign Steering Committee can support your campaign efforts within your congregation(s).

I am pleased to announce the following congregations have stepped forward with extraordinary commitments to the Campaign:

Peace Lutheran Church in Antigo, WI with a commitment of \$25,000.

Peace Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, WI with a commitment of \$100,000.

Redeemer Lutheran Church in Marquette, MI with a commitment of \$100,000.

First Lutheran Church in Rice Lake, WI with goal of \$15,000.

In addition, the following congregations are in the process of determining their plans and goals.

Zion, Ashland

Zion, Aniwa

Faith, Appleton

Grace, Augusta

Our Savior, Eagle River

Our Saviour, Escanaba

Faith, Green Bay

Pilgrim, Green Bay

Shepherd of the Hills, Greenville

Saints Peter & Paul, Houghton

St. Mark, Manawa

St. Paul, Stevens Point

Zion, Oneida

St. John, Pulaski

St. Mark, Wausau

St. John, Withee

We celebrate this exciting news. We trust it will inspire you and the members of your congregation to become involved in the ***Filled with the Spirit Campaign***. During this time, I ask you to reflect on how Camp Luther has encouraged you, your family, or your congregation(s) in their faith.

The NWD has also already committed to the campaign because we know the impact this ministry has had on our congregations and their members. Now I am asking you to encourage your congregation(s) to make a commitment to the ***Filled with the Spirit Campaign***. However you decide to participate, my prayer is that your congregation(s) will find a way to generously support the campaign. This is our camp! May the Lord continue to bless Camp Luther through our support, that this ministry may have the same impact on many more lives in the next 70 years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dwayne M. Lueck". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rev. Dwayne M. Lueck, President
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***“Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,
His love endures forever.” Psalm 106:1***

I give thanks to God for you and all that you do for His Kingdom! You truly are a blessing to your church family! As a leader of your church and community, you are so many things to your people; an encourager, a comforter, a listener, trustworthy, faithful and the list goes on. It is a comfort to know that pastors like you are available to help and guide the brokenhearted of this world. You are an important part of God’s plan in growing His people in the knowledge of His love and grace. Thank you!

It has been and continues to be a special blessing for me to have the honor of serving as the ***Filled with the Spirit Campaign*** Chair. When asked to serve in this capacity I was at first apprehensive and unsure if I was qualified or the right person for this challenge. The “special blessing” to me has been learning that God has placed humble servants in our midst, like yourselves; willing servants, that provide great counsel and undertake any task that is needed to accomplish the challenges we face.

Today, three years since the ***Filled with the Spirit Campaign*** was conceived and put into motion, the blessings mount:

1. There are over 100 faithful volunteers who are filled with wisdom, talents and abilities necessary to meet the challenge of this large undertaking and they continue to faithfully carry out their ideas with action.
2. In January of 2014, the Campaign goal was set for \$5 million. Since that time \$3 million has been raised/pledged, of which \$1.3 million will benefit the Community Center-Dining Hall.
3. Over 40 pastors have taken the time to attend a two-day retreat at Camp Luther. They brought their thoughts, ideas and wise counsel as the Campaign objectives were presented and discussed.

4. I am so thankful to God for the 4 congregations that have already stepped forward with commitments and for the 16 that are in the process of developing plans to support this effort.

Here is what is coming:

1. A Pastor Retreat will be offered to those interested in learning more about how their congregation can be involved with the Campaign. The date has been set for, March 18-19, 2018.
2. Campaign Champions are being recruited and trained so they can support and work with their pastor in the congregational participation plan for the Campaign.

A special website, filledwiththespirit.org is available containing a “tool box” of information; videos, campaign ideas, forms, materials, etc. to help congregations design and execute their desired plan of participation.

Please look for an email from Gary “Woody” Vought, Camp’s Executive Director, regarding the Campaign. It will provide specific, useful information and the most current updates on the Campaign’s progress.

I welcome your interest, questions and ideas as the Campaign moves forward into 2018. Please do not hesitate to call Woody, Shelly Karolus or myself with your thoughts on this exciting opportunity. Someone will be calling you in the future in regards to the Campaign. Thank you for all you do in growing disciples for the Lord!

Serving Him,

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And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. ~ Acts 4:31b