

From NovusWay Ministries

The Pastors and God's generous people at Saint Andrew,

Please forgive the informality of an email thank you. You give again and your latest gift of \$375 deserves much more than an email. I doubt you could read my handwriting and I hope this will be easier to share so I write again to add my gratitude to the official acknowledgement that will come from the home office for your recent gift. Six months into this global pandemic and we all bear the marks of a dangerous, deadly virus that disrupts lives, livelihoods and the way we do ministry as God's Church. Our four outdoor ministry sites shut down in mid-March and despite our hopes and aspirations, we have not yet been able to resume our faith formation programming. We opened our camps for family vacations and small groups that can safely distance. Some have used these places apart in God's creation for rest and renewal. That will continue through the months ahead.

In a typical year 75% of income needed to sustain the ministry comes from programming and hosted ministry. That's not possible right now and won't be as we move into early next year. Gifts and contributions typically provide 25% of our annual revenue to balance the budget. In this pandemic gifts and contributions must provide 75% of funds needed just to pay our bills while we work toward the goal of resuming the work God has given us to do post-pandemic. Your faithful giving helps to sustain these outdoor ministries in this critical time. We know that there is such great need all around you; to be included among all you help to sustain right now is a great blessing now and hope for the future.

God is good. As you may have heard already you are among the many individuals and congregations who have generously contributed over \$800,000 since May's decision to cancel plans for summer camp. Our need is \$1.8 million by June 1, 2021 and this steady outpouring of support gives us hope that we can prepare to resume our work of faith formation next year. Signs of God's goodness are all around us. As a member of the SE Synod, you have much to be proud of in our newest site, Lutheranch. I have included below the hotlinks to Lutheranch's Barn Grand Opening last month in case you were not able to join in the online event. It's a series of short videos that do a great job of showcasing the ministry so many help make possible at Lutheranch. Lutheranch's equestrian program offers one of the few things people can do in the pandemic. On a horse in God's creation, safely! Hope you will come. Spread the word.

In Christ's Love - Pastor Jan Setzler

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