

2019 was a significant year in the history of Lutherdale. It was a year of action to fulfill the vision for expanding the ministry. It is clear that Lutherdale provides a vital ministry for youth, adults, families, congregations, and it is embarking on an exciting expansion of ministry.

[ELCA Mission Builders Move New Conference Center Forward](#)

Trying to build anything these days, requires more complicated planning than you can imagine. Navigating the local building codes and zoning issues is a major task. When finally approved, the physical work of making dreams come true begins. We were ready for the ELCA Mission Builders to arrive in May 2019 and lend the muscle to get the new Conference Center under construction. Their dedication, skill, and knowledge are amazing. Not only did they build the Conference Center, but they also built relationships with staff, volunteers, and local congregations. They worked hard all summer to build the center section of the Conference Center and prepare the foundation for the 20 modular built guest rooms to arrive. An amazing accomplishment by folks who are retired and still live out their faith by building up ministries around the country. ***The Conference Center opens the summer of 2020.***



[Share the Adventure Successfully Reaches Goal](#)

THANK YOU! We have successfully reached the goal of \$2.9 million dollars for the Opening Phase of Share the Adventure. We are so grateful to the generous outpouring of individuals and a few key congregations for making this campaign a huge success. We celebrate with you in the joy of giving that has made the Conference Center a reality.

[50Forward Adult Ministry Expanding](#)

With the addition of the new Conference Center, Lutherdale is ready to provide new programs for adults who can now come and enjoy a comfortable hotel style room on our campus. Go to www.lutherdale.org and click on the 50Forward tab to learn more.

[Summer Camp Busier Than Ever. Several Weeks Are Already Full.](#)

“Youth Who Attend Camp Are 3 Times More Likely To Remain Religious 5 Years Later Than Those Who Do Not Attend.” *Jacob Sorenson, Journal of Youth Ministry*

All children benefit from time away at a quality camp. It is hard to think of summer when we are still dealing with winter, but many children are already registered for a program this summer. There are program options for everyone. Choose between a half-week, full week, or weekend programs. For details on all our exciting summer programs visit: <https://www.lutherdale.org/programs/summer-camps/>.

[One of the best things about Lutherdale is that we do ministry together with you.](#)

The growth and direction of Lutherdale is the result of an active Board of Directors who guide the vision of the ministry, a dedicated staff who faithfully carry out the mission, volunteers who give of their time and talents to help serve the ministry, and congregations who provide mission support and/or participate in the life of Lutherdale's ministry. Thank you for your partnership. See you at Lutherdale.