



**ROCK LAKE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY  
ANNUAL REPORT 2023  
PREPARED FOR ANNUAL MEETING  
OCTOBER 21, 2023**



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# ROCK LAKE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY MISSION STATEMENT AND TRUSTEES & STAFF

Rock Lake Christian Assembly exists to provide year-round facilities and programs, removed from worldly distractions, which will develop current and future disciples to serve their congregations and grow the Kingdom of Christ.

Adapted by the Board of Trustees November 2011

## 2022-2023 Board of Trustees

Tony Russell (2026) - President

Ferris Church of Christ

Don Engler (2024) – Vice President

Coe Church of Christ

Kristin Hoyt (2027) - Financial Secretary

St. Louis Church of Christ

Rhonda Gilbert (2025)- Recording Secretary

McBride Church of Christ

Pam Hager (2026)

DeWitt Christian Church

Justin Lilley (2027)

Outreach Christian Church

Andy Goodrich (2023)

Duplain Church of Christ

Karen Campbell (2023)

Vestaburg Church of Christ

Jessica Lucchesi (2025)

First Church of Christ, Mt. Pleasant

## Year-Round Staff

Tim St. Louis

Luke Essex

Amy Essex

Amy Dobyans

Pam St. Louis

Director

Facilities Manager

Business Manager

Program Manager

Food Service Manager

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## Summer Staff 2023

Noah Leazenby

Grant Smith

Jared Warner

Cody Hustead

Isabella St. Louis

Heather Harrison

Facilities Assistant

Lifeguard / Housekeeping

Lifeguard / Housekeeping

Kitchen Assistant

Kitchen Assistant

Office Assistant

**2023 Missionary: Hope2**

# ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA OCTOBER 21, 2023

Call to Order by Trustee President: Tony Russell

Devotions: Blake Harrison

Introduction of Trustees: Tony Russell

Minutes of the 2022 Annual Meeting: Rhonda Gilbert, Recording Secretary

Financial Report for 2022-2023: Amy Essex, Business Manager

Presentation of the Budget for 2023-2024

## Other Reports

Director: Tim St. Louis

Facilities: Luke Essex

Program Manager: Tim St. Louis

Food Service: Pam St. Louis

Family Campground: Don Engler

Personnel: Andy Goodrich

Scholarship: Tim St. Louis

Phase One: Tony Russell

## Old Business

## New Business

1. Election of Trustees
  - Nominations from the Representatives for two five-year terms, ending in 2027.
3. Volunteer of the Year: Tim St. Louis
4. 2023-2024 Camp Update: Tim St. Louis
5. Closing Remarks: Tim St. Louis

Motion to adjourn from a Representative.

# ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES 2022

## RLCA

### Annual Meeting Report

October 15, 2022

### ATTENDANCE

#### Voting Representatives:

Barryton Church of Christ, Rick and Jody Lippert  
Coe Church of Christ, Wynn Engler  
Cornerstone Christian Church, Devin Robertson and Dave Essex  
DeWitt Christian Church, Mike Hager  
East Superior Christian Church, Don and Cathy Davis  
Farwell Church of Christ, David and Carol Singer  
Ferris Church of Christ, Mike Wilson and JD Saunders  
First Church of Christ, Mt. Pleasant, Louis Holliday and Steve Dobyms  
McBride Church of Christ, Art Schroder  
Outreach Christian Church, Justin Lilley  
Owosso Church of Christ, Linda Everett  
St. Louis Church of Christ, Lyle Essex and Kristin Hoyt  
Vestaburg Church of Christ, Adam Carver and Henry Hawver  
West Lansing Church of Christ, Liz Soloman  
Westlawn Church of Christ, John Amstutz

#### Non-Voting Representatives present:

Edna Amstutz  
Bob Fountain  
Jeff Saunders  
Peggy Essex  
Kathy Maxwell  
Shelley Gilpin  
LeAnna Slates  
Lois Hawver  
Aven Hackney  
Camile Cordova

**Devotions:** Rich Maxwell led us in devotions centered around “Change”. He directed our thoughts to the fact the RLCA has been changing since its beginning on July 20, 1919.

There have been many physical changes in property, buildings and such. Currently, plans are being made to develop a new multi-purpose building on the new property where there is a harvest of rocks and the new gun range has been built. God's people see the needs and provide. Many changes have come by way of state regulations and inspections. Someone once made this statement, I have decided that old buildings and new inspectors make an unpredictable combo. Campers continue to change as they grow up in a world of confusion, bringing many challenges to be prayed about as we strive to be the place where all are included as we share the gospel message of the love of Jesus with them. RLCA has a history of meeting challenges and making changes to meet these needs.

# ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES 2022

Rich spoke of the one thing that will never change, that is the mission of RLCA:

“Rock Lake Christian Assembly exists to provide year-round facilities and programs, removed from worldly distractions, which will develop current and future disciples to serve their congregations and grow the Kingdom of Christ.” This mission is accomplished through the study of scripture. Rich referenced Psalm 119:105, Thy WORD is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

**Introduction of Trustees:** Tony Russel introduced Karen Campbell, Don Engler, Rhonda Gilbert, Andy Goodrich, Pam Hager, Jessica Lucchesi, Rich Maxwell, and Liz Solomon.

**Minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting:** Notes were reviewed as recorded by Liz Solomon. Louis Holliday from First Church of Christ, Mt. Pleasant made the motion to approve the 2021 minutes. Lyle Essex from St. Louis Church of Christ seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**Financial Report from 2021-2022:** Karen Campbell, Financial Secretary and Amy Essex, Business Manager. Amy presented the report and answered any questions. The full report is on pages 7 and 9. Mike Wilson from Ferris Church of Christ made the motion to approve the 2021-2022 Financial Report. Kathy Davis from East Superior Church of Christ seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**2022-2023 Budget:** Tim St. Louis presented the projected budget (page 7). He stated that there has been a 30% increase of giving over the past 6 years. Questions were answered. Lyle Essex from the St. Louis Church of Christ made the motion to approve the 2022-2023 budget. JD Saunders seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**Directors Report:** Tim answered questions related to his report. You can find the full report on page 10.

**Facilities Report:** Luke Essex reported that work continues on the new property and water issues are being resolved at the lodges. See the full report on page 11 and 12.

**Office Manager's Report:** Amy Dobyms See full report on pages 13 and 14.

**Food Service Report:** Pam St. Louis See the full report on page 14.

## Committee Reports:

**Family Campground:** Don Engler See full report on page 14

**Personnel:** Andy Goodrich See full report on page 15

**Scholarship:** Amy Dobyms See full report on page 15

**Phase One:** Tony Russell See full report on page 15

**Old Business:** None



# ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES 2022

## New Business:

### 1. Election of Trustees:

Lyle Essex from St. Louis Church of Christ nominated Kristin Hoyt for a 5-year term.

Steve Dobyns from First Church of Christ, Mt. Pleasant nominated Justin Lilley for a 5-year term.

Louis Holliday from First Church of Christ, Mt. Pleasant nominated Trenton Saltsman for a 5-year term.

Kristin Hoyt and Justin Lilley were elected for a 5-year term.

These two will be filling the vacancies left by Rich Maxwell and Liz Solomon. Tim presented these two trustees with many thanks and a plaque for their years of service on the RLCA Board of Trustees.

### 2. Volunteer of the Year:

Tim St. Louis presented Shelley Gilpin with the "Volunteer of the Year" award. Shelley has been the Dean of and served on many river trips, along with training new river trip deans. She has helped wherever needed around the camp, from music to mowing the grounds.

### 3. 2022-2023 Camp Updates:

Tim reviewed the camp schedule for 2023. He talked about the Activities Camp that will be offered, which will include, basketball, dance, disc golf, and running, with possible additions to these activities. An advanced hiking trip will be offered, with Dale Lautzenheiser as the dean.

Tim emphasized that RLCA is a 12 month facility for families, churches and other groups. Louis Holliday from First Church of Christ, Mt. Pleasant, spoke of year round schooling that is coming and how the camp has had the foresight to be ready for that change. Amy Dobyns' position at RLCA is transitioning to include developing programs and opportunities to encourage groups to use the facilities year round.

### 4. Closing remarks:

Tim shared that 25% of the campers are not from the supporting churches and 10% of the campers have no church affiliation.

Our culture doesn't align with RLCA, but we will minister to whoever God brings to us.

Louis Holliday from First Church of Christ, Mt. Pleasant made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Art Shroder. Tim closed the meeting with prayer at 11: 15 a.m.







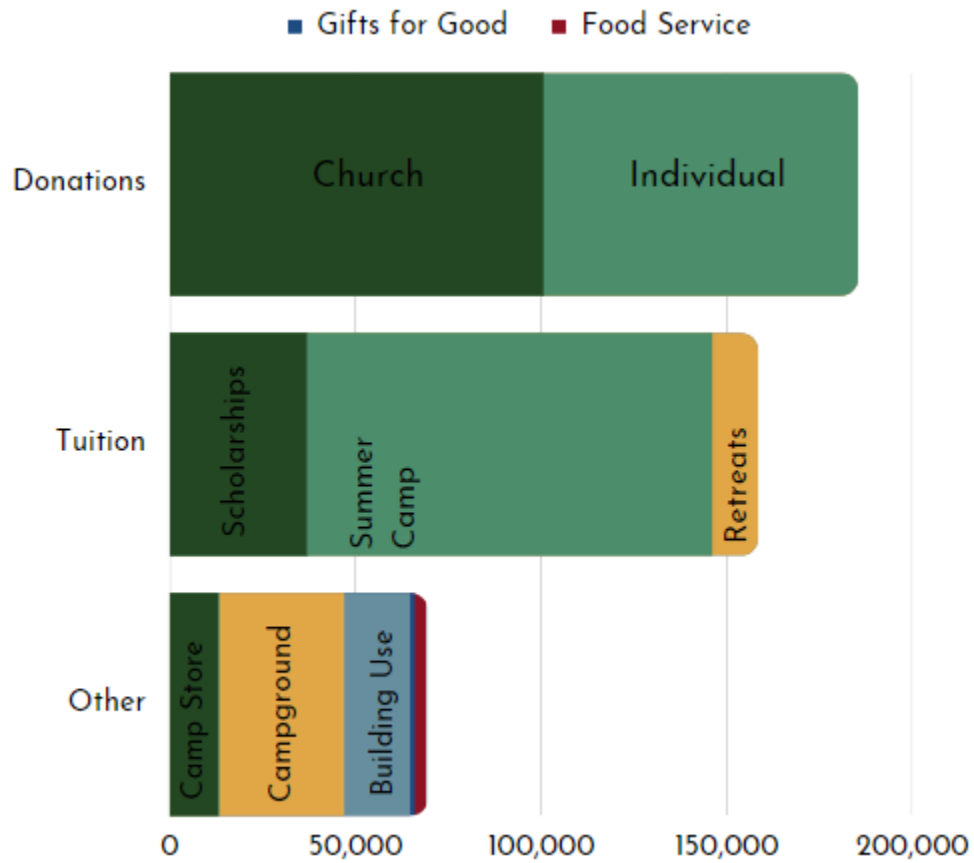
# RLCA FINANCIAL REPORT: STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	10/21-9/22	10/22-9/23	Projected 10/23-9/24
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
<b>Donations</b>			
Church Gifts	96,393.76	100,564.74	105,000.00
Individuals Donations	76,139.44	84,769.13	76,000.00
<b>Total Donations</b>	172,533.20	185,333.87	181,000.00
<b>Tuition</b>			
Scholarships Paid	26,538.00	36,872.50	33,000.00
Summer Camp Tuition	87,007.50	109,121.32	140,000.00
Retreat Tuition	9,110.00	12,345.00	18,000.00
<b>Total Tuition</b>	122,655.50	158,338.82	191,000.00
<b>Other</b>			
Grant Income	27,500.00	0.00	0.00
Camp Store	11,267.59	12,966.83	14,500.00
Canteen	709.40	391.00	300.00
Campground	31,248.00	33,520.00	30,000.00
Building Use	16,504.07	17,704.80	20,000.00
Gifts for Goods- non tax deductible	520.00	1,300.00	1,000.00
Food Service Income	3,947.78	2,992.10	4,000.00
Rebates & Interest	364.95	588.07	0.00
<b>Total Other</b>	92,061.79	69,462.80	69,800.00
<b>Total Income</b>	387,250.49	413,135.49	441,800.00
<b>Expense</b>			
Administration	18,703.19	21,738.07	22,350.00
Food Service	40,688.41	40,616.48	44,000.00
Maintenance	36,574.82	41,990.35	34,500.00
Operating/Operations	78,045.33	92,846.15	84,752.00
Missions	118.75	0.00	6,000.00
Programs	38,989.63	42,890.92	41,900.00
Health Care	13.73	96.34	500.00
Payroll Expenses	173,564.20	184,512.42	198,000.00
Payroll	686.88	942.34	650.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	387,384.94	425,633.07	432,652.00
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>(134.45)</b>	<b>(12,497.58)</b>	<b>9,148.00</b>
<b>Designated Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Designated Income</b>			
Mission Income	12,032.25	4,369.67	5,500.00
Memorials Honorariums	4,685.00	11,126.56	5,000.00
Designated Income	87,491.79	72,873.65	50,000.00
<b>Total Designated Income</b>	104,209.04	88,369.88	60,500.00
<b>Designated Expense</b>			
Missions	9,762.50	4,369.97	5,500.00
Designated Expenses	128,811.14	84,088.72	90,000.00
<b>Total Designated Expense</b>	128,811.14	88,458.39	95,500.00
<b>Net Designated Income</b>	<b>(24,602.10)</b>	<b>(88.51)</b>	<b>(35,000.00)</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(24,736.55)</b>	<b>(12,586.09)</b>	<b>(25,852)</b>

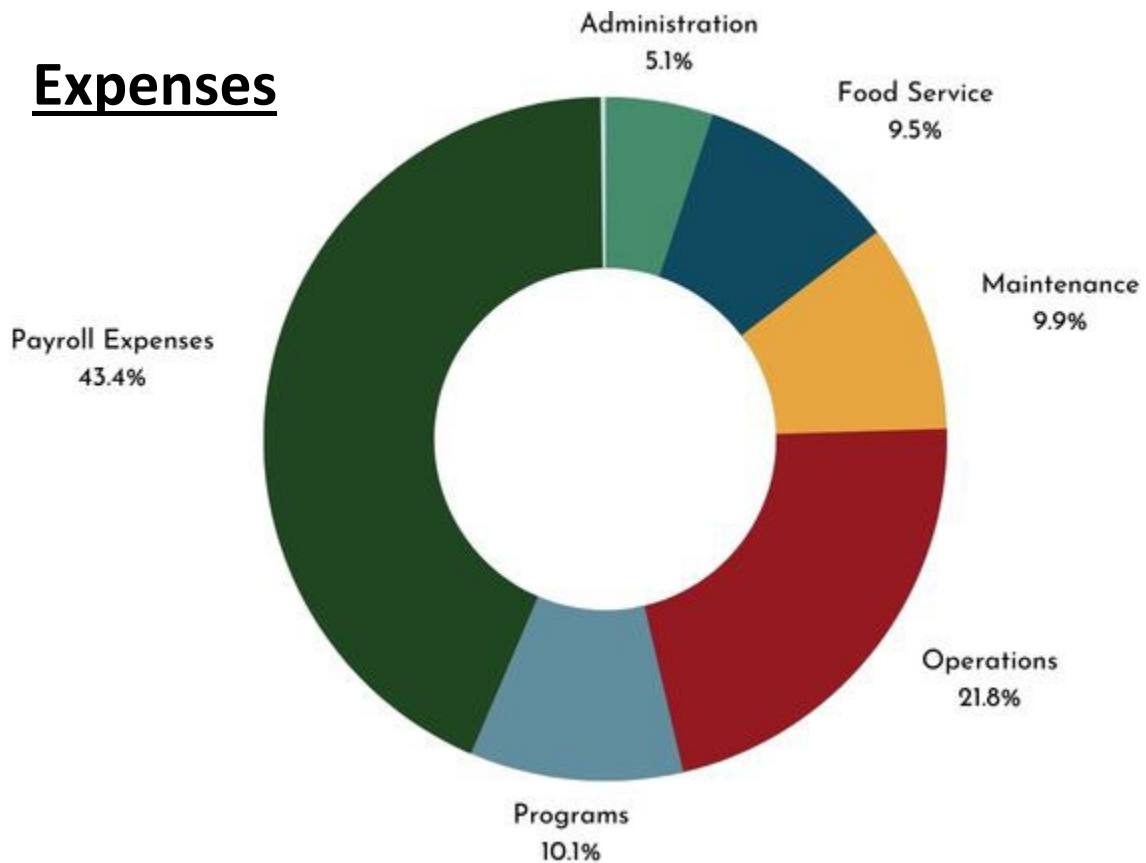


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## Income



## Expenses

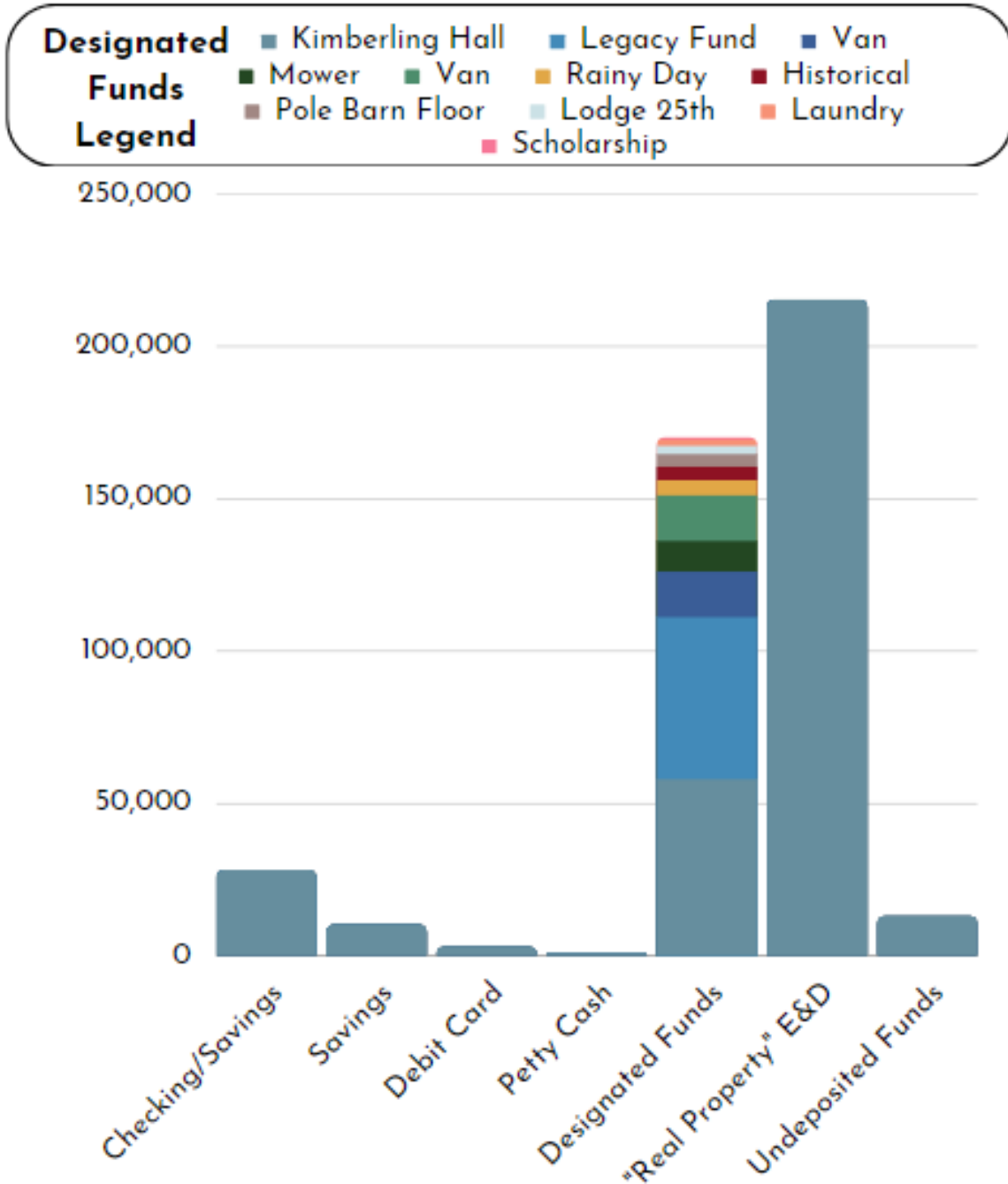


## RLCA FINANCIAL REPORT: STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF 9/30/22

<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking / Savings</b>	
General Checking	28,098.81
Savings	10,199.29
Debit Card	2,829.80
Petty Cash	789.56
<b>Designated Funds</b>	
Mower Fund	10,000.00
Pole Barn Floor	4,129.17
Lodge 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	2,728.75
Laundry	2,197.25
Van	14,951.00
Scholarship	570.21
"Real Property" Expansion & Development	215,270.31
Legacy Fund	53,126.59
Kimberling Hall	57,912.75
Historical	4,405.13
Rainy Day Fund	5,000.00
Board Designated Fund	300.94
<b>Total Designated Funds</b>	370,592.40
<b>Total Checking / Savings</b>	412,509.86
<b>Undeposited Funds</b>	12,871.73
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	425,381.59
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	
Land	40,057.49
Buildings	85,721.09
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	125,778.58
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>551,160.17</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Menards Credit Card	2,761.83
Unearned Income	2,852.00
Sales Tax Payable	32.72
Payroll Liabilities	2,786.86
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	8,433.41
<b>Net Assets</b>	
Unrestricted Net Assets	46,355.78
Restricted Net Assets	370,592.40
Fixed Assets	125,778.58
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	542,726.76
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>	<b>551,160.17</b>

# RLCA FINANCIAL REPORT: STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

## Assets



# RLCA FINANCIAL REPORT: STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

## 2022-2023 Memorials and Honorariums

Gifts “in Memory of” or “in Honor of” are placed into the Rock Lake Legacy Fund, unless otherwise directed. The Legacy Fund is an endowment fund. Principal contributions shall remain intact with the interest being used substantially to subsidize the cost of and/or scholarship student attendance at RLCA for those lacking financial means.

Tamee Coan-Shea	Jaydee Murphy
Judy Babion Couch	Harry Richards
Maurice & Virginia Dawson	Midge Richards
Amy Essex*	Matt Richardson*
Luke Essex*	Mary Sandstrom
Gina Gepford*	Iris Smith
Janet Girdwood	Tim St. Louis*
Lyndsey Graham	Glenn Swarhout
Scott Hager	Linda Tetty
Mike Harrison*	Peggy Tower
Henry Hawver	Hazen Wager
Craig Horton	Matthew Wagner*
Musa Knickerbocker	Jack & Elizabeth Waller
Gregory Maxwell	Marge Warthout
Nicholas Kendel Maxwell	Brian Winters
Jonathan & Andrea Maxwell	Jonathan Wixson
Gary Modlin	Betty Wynong

\* Birthday Fundraiser



# REPORTS

## Director's Report

- Church Visits: 29 supporting church visits
- Finalized Camp Schedule
- Signed partnership with Angel Tree Prison Fellowship to help provide summer camp opportunities to students participating in the Angel Tree program
- Attended Statewide Teen Convention
- Attended Christian Camp Leaders Conference
- Applied for and awarded the 2023 Friends of NRA Grant
- Served as Dean for Man Camp
- Organized and led Deans Meeting
- Attended the Michigan Christian Convention where Rock Lake led and organized student programming
- Oversaw annual and biannual licensing paperwork and inspections for state & health department
- Received bi-annual Lifeguard, CPR, & AED certification and training so that I could serve as lifeguard throughout the summer camp season
- Helped with Annual Work Day
- Helped to plan and lead the Family Camp Meeting
- Participated in and hosted Ministerial Retreat
- Served as Faculty for Young Men's Week
- Operated Archery and Gun ranges throughout the summer
- Put together staff contracts
- Worked on budget for the 23-24 fiscal year
- Provided training for faculty throughout the summer camp season
- Helped to recruit faculty members and oversee the security and paperwork process
- Secured Hope2 as our mission for the 2023 summer camp season and worked with them throughout the summer
- Managed summer camp programs
- Interviewed for and hired Program Manager and Office Manager positions

Respectfully submitted,  
Tim St. Louis



# REPORTS

## Facilities Manager's Report

### Building Renovations

- Bell Cottage renovations (Added new electrical Circuits, removed wall mounted Air conditioner, added insulation where walls were opened, Repaired and Added drywall, Stained Cabinets, Primed, Painted walls and trim. Installed Cabinets, installed counter tops., Installed Over the range microwave., Installed kitchen faucet, replaced plumbing, Finished Electrical, Plumbing and put back furniture.)
- Office renovations (Removed remaining items and moved office to welcome center area and lobby, Removed carpet, Built new partial wall to divide space, Opened floor in Director's office to fix plumbing issues., Added support to sagging drain line in crawl space, Replaced copper supply line with Pex line, Created hatch to access crawl space in future, Finished Drywall, Painted, Installed baseboard trim., Installed carpet in Office area , Installed base cove molding, Removed existing Carpet and tack strip in Welcome Center, Painted welcome center, Installed Underlayment in Welcome Center, Carpet installed in Welcome Center, Installed Cove Base Molding in Welcome Center, Painted office bathroom, Removed existing vinyl flooring and glue, Installed new vinyl plank flooring and new cove base molding)
- Pioneer renovations (Removed Existing Carpeting and padding, Prep for primer, Paint trim, Paint walls in Large Bedroom, Installed underlayment, filled voids with self-leveler in Large Bedroom, Prep for primer, Paint trim in Small Bedroom, Installed missing junction boxes in attic, Added ductwork to exhaust fan, Installed drywall, started finishing drywall in ceiling small bedroom, Repair drain waste vent pipe to not hold rain water and leak, Installed carpet in large bedroom, Added additional joint compound to small bedroom, Sanded drywall, Painted walls, Corrected wiring for Lighting in small bedroom.
- Hare cottage updates (Closed in crawl space access from utility room, installed new toilet, added new covers for exterior crawl space, measured for moving furnace and possible garage renovations, replaced outlet in bedroom, Built Furnace room, Modified ductwork)
- Pole barn (emptied decades of items, removed gravel, removed lots of screws nails etc. from gravel, Rough Graded, added skirt boards, added sand to grade and compacted, Concrete poured, Installed insulation and plywood in pole barn)
- Pavilion for wilderness camp was constructed.

### Vehicles And Equipment

- Replaced belt on John Deere mower
- Modified plow for the Kubota
- 400-hour service on Kubota,
- Replaced gearbox and blades on Bush hog
- Received donated john Deere gator
- Replaced sway bar links on dodge ram
- Assisted Don Engler repair canoe trailer

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## Building and Grounds

- Replaced buried pressure tanks at Lodges
- Replaced Effluent pumps at Family Campground septic tanks.
- White Pine Furnace CD mouse got behind control board and fried board and gas valve replaced board and gas valve
- Replaced capacitor for Blue Spruce C-D Furnace Draft Induced Motor.
- Metal roof Installed on Directors' residence and Pioneer Cottage
- Replace overhead wire from pole to bell cottage, installed earth anchor to support post.
- Installed switched outlets for speakers and stage box for new sound systems in Tabernacle
- Replaced electrical sub panel for walk-in fridge and freezer.
- Installed white aluminum over exterior casing on dining hall windows
- Stairs replaced on tabernacle bell tower
- Concrete gun range and dining hall
- Split and Stacked Lots of wood with man camp service project.
- Assisted Mount Pleasant First Church of Christ Projects week with Staining deck and adding retaining wall along waterfront deck.
- Work day. Best turn out (Picnic tables built/ rebuilt, Benches built, Picnic tables and Octo ball stained, Buildings power washed, Wilderness pavilion built, Firewood split, Schraeder screen door Replaced, Leaves raked, sticks picked up, Wood chips added to playground)
- Added plywood and insulation to alcove of pole barn
- Replaced light fixtures white pine back porch
- Modified old Octo ball pit to be portable
- Installed "permanent" gun range target stands
- Picked up 3 Used Porta Potty's
- Grade work on new property
- Cut down multiple dead pine trees between White Pine and Blue Spruce
- Filled trenches and graded drive after torrential rain.
- David Gilpin ground 11 stumps around Tabernacle and lodges
- Cut down multiple trees in wilderness area.
- Created a new trail in new pines

Prepared by: Luke Essex





# REPORTS

## Program Manager's Report

The past year marked a significant milestone in the development of the retreat season at Rock Lake as Amy Dobyons took on the role of Program Manager. Prior to her transition, thoughtful consideration was given to the expansion of her role and vision to develop programs that would strengthen the church community and its members, extending beyond the traditional summer camp season.

Amy's initial efforts involved collaborating with Retreat deans to enhance the existing programs while also reaching out to local churches to gather their insights on what they would like to see added to our schedule. This proactive approach led to the introduction of several new events, driven by the enthusiasm of the deans.

Although we were seeing early successes, there were challenges encountered, including the sudden resignation of Amy Dobyons during the summer camp season, necessitating the need for a new Program Manager and the effort-intensive personnel search process. Thankfully, there are many passionate people who desire to serve God as a part of the Rock Lake team. This led to considerable time seeking discernment from God about this decision.

In the end, while challenges arose with Amy's resignation, the appointment of Blake Harrison and Heather Harrison to the roles of Program Manager and Office Manager ensured continuity and continued development of our retreat programming. The commitment to providing enriching experiences to the church and its members, year-round, remains a top priority for Rock Lake and will be seen in our efforts moving forward.



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## Meet the Harrisons

Heather's connection with Rock Lake Christian Assembly spans two decades, starting as a camper from 2001 to 2011. In 2014, she returned to become a valued member of the faculty, playing a role in the High School, 7th-9th, and 5th-6th Wilderness camps. Since 2021, Heather has taken on the role of dean for the 2nd/3rd grade camp, ensuring that young campers have a memorable and faith-filled experience.

Heather's service extends beyond the camp's borders to South Lansing Christian Church, where she has been a dedicated member since 2014. She generously volunteered her time with both The Flood, a middle school ministry, and Kid's City, a birth-5th grade ministry, making a positive impact on children of various ages within the South Lansing community.

Blake's journey at Rock Lake Christian Assembly has been marked by dedication and enthusiasm. His love for camp ministry was sparked during his initial involvement in 2014, and from that moment on, he has remained a steadfast presence. Blake has served at five different camps, primarily as a worship leader during High School weeks each summer, enriching the spiritual experiences of campers. His worship leadership reflects a deep commitment to the spiritual journey of those he serves, using music as a powerful tool for fostering faith and connection.

Blake's commitment to service extends beyond the camp's borders to South Lansing Christian Church, a spiritual home he has cherished since 2010. Within the church community, Blake has been an integral part of various ministries, making a positive impact on youth and congregants alike. He worked with Student Ministries, contributing his talents to both The Flood (Middle School) and Modified (High School) ministries. In these roles, he led worship and facilitated small groups, creating an environment for growth and spiritual connection. Furthermore, he has been a consistent member of the worship team, contributing in various roles, from leading to playing the drums.

Blake and Heather's journey together began in 2014 when they met while serving at High School week. Their shared devotion to faith and ministry brought them closer, and soon after, they embarked on a new chapter in their lives as a couple. In June 2016, they were married here at Rock Lake in the Tabernacle. The family welcomed their son, Owen, in 2019. One of the Harrison family's favorite pastimes is playing board games. Occasionally, you'll spot the boys out disc golfing and enjoying the great outdoors. Heather, on the other hand, loves to express her creativity through crafting, infusing her unique artistic touch into their lives.

We have certainly enjoyed getting to know them through their involvement in the ministry here at Rock Lake and look forward to seeing how God continues to use them to serve and bless His Kingdom here in MidMichigan as they join our Rock Lake team.

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## Food Service Manager's Report

This summer God allowed us to participate in another season of incredible ministry. Camp ministry is hard; it tends to run you all the way to empty, but God always shows up to fill in the gaps and give you the strength to continue to give your best.

Summer in the kitchen was hot as always. We served close to 14,000 meals to campers, faculty, staff, and volunteers. Food prices were high again this summer and that was a challenge - fortunately our spring "Pack the Pantry" fundraiser brought in many food items, gift cards, and monetary donations. What a blessing from our supporting churches!

We were also blessed throughout the summer by the weekly support and help from volunteers from Mt Pleasant First Church of Christ, McBride Church of Christ, Ferris Church of Christ, Coe Church of Christ, Duplain Church of Christ, and Vestaburg Church of Christ. We would struggle mightily without help and support from our partner churches.

Summer camp is our main focus - but it's not our only focus. This past year we also increased the number of retreats, rentals, and events in the spring and fall where we offered food service.

Blessed to be busy, to see our buildings in use, and to be used by God in this incredible ministry.

Submitted by Pam St. Louis

## Family Campground Committee's Report

Chair: Don Engler

Members: Karen Campbell, Cathy Davis, Wynnell Engler, Luke Essex, Lyle Essex,

The Campground Committee meeting was held on Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Because of being held on Labor Day weekend, the meeting was well attended. Ideas for activities for 2024 were discussed. The campground rule book was reviewed. There will be no changes to the current rules and the new hires, Blake and Heather Harrison, will be added into the rule book. We also updated the price of the dryers to \$.25 for 15 minutes.

The July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend was a big success with an all-campground potluck. Pat Newson prepared BBQ ribs and brisket. Approximately 60 attended.

Labor Day weekend was a busy one at the campground. There was a potluck on Saturday at the pavilion. Saturday evening, there was a progressive campfire which included wood-fired personal pizzas at the Newman's, chicken wings at the Keller's, root beer floats at the Milliman's (provided by the Davis's), hobo pies at D. Essex's, and smore cookies at the St. Louis fire.

Throughout the summer, there were many wonderful group campfires. Great fellowship and memories were made.

It was a great summer at the campground!



# REPORTS

## Like-Minded Churches Committee

Chair: Jessica Lucchesi

Members: Karen Campbell, Kristin Hoyt, Tim St. Louis

The committee regarding Like-Minded Churches was formed this summer. The idea was to consider how to better partner with churches not considered part of the Restoration Movement but share the same core beliefs.

We have started drafting a Statement of Beliefs document to identify what it means to be “like-minded.” We will need to consider how these churches can formally partner with Rock Lake Christian Assembly. Our goal is to better serve the students to whom we minister by expanding our base of support. We need to be sure to stay firm in our heritage as part of the Restoration Movement.



# REPORTS

## Personnel Committee's Report

Chair: Andy Goodrich

Members: Karen Campbell, Rhonda Gilbert, Tony Russell, Tim St. Louis

This past year saw a significant staff transition. Amy Dobyns, Program manager, departed our team to follow God into other ministry opportunities. We celebrate Amy's choice to follow God as he moves in her life, but, at the same time, we are sad to lose her. Amy has been a fantastic asset to the team at RLCA. Amy did so much to organize the office, communicate with churches, equip deans, and love students. Her impact can be seen all over this camp and in the stories of everyone whom this ministry has touched. Amy's work ethic and dedication have been an inspiration to us all.

As Amy Dobyns departs, we have divided her job into two positions: a part-time Office Manager and a full-time Program Director. God has blessed us with a wonderful couple to fill these roles – Heather & Blake Harrison. Heather will be filling the role of office manager, and Blake will be serving as program manager. We believe that God has called Blake and Heather to our ministry and are excited to add them to our team. We look forward to how God will touch lives through their ministry here at RLCA.



## Phase One Committee Report

Chair: Tony Russell

Members: Karen Campbell, Luke Essex, Lyle Essex, Pam Hager, Tim St. Louis

This committee was formed to discuss the needs of Rock Lake Christian Assembly as we move into the future. The consideration at this time is a building that can be built on the recently acquired 15 acres near the lodges. This building would possibly hold an updated kitchen, a large meeting room, housing, and restrooms.

We have been meeting with contractors, builders, and others to get an idea of building plans and cost estimates. We plan to meet with a fund-raising consultant to determine the best way to proceed.

The Committee meets on third Monday of every month, an hour before the trustee meeting. All are welcome.

We appreciate your prayers.

# REPORTS

## Scholarship Committee's Report

Chair: Tim St. Louis

Members: Cathy Davis, Rhonda Gilbert, Pam Hager, Tim St. Louis

The Camper Scholarship Committee is proud to have provided financial assistance to 208 underprivileged students, with a total scholarship amount of \$36,872.50. On average, each student received \$177 in scholarship aid per camp session. This support enabled these deserving students to participate in our camp programs, granting them an opportunity they may not have had otherwise. It also highlights the growing need for financial assistance to make camp accessible to students facing economic constraints.

Throughout the year, the committee organized several events and activities to raise funds for our scholarship program. Our most significant contributions came from the Memorial Scholarship Weekend, which included a Bike-a-thon and an auction event. The combined efforts of these activities generated an impressive sum of \$13,830, all of which was allocated to our scholarship fund.

While we are pleased with the results of our efforts this year, it is important to note that the entire scholarship fund was utilized in 2023 to accommodate the rising number of scholarship recipients. Looking ahead to the 2024 camp season, we recognize the need to replenish our scholarship fund. This will be a top priority for the committee in the coming year to ensure that we can continue offering camp opportunities to deserving students.

The Camper Scholarship Committee has had a successful year in raising funds for underprivileged students, providing essential financial assistance, and facilitating their participation in our camp programs. The increase in scholarship requests serves as a reminder of the importance of our work and the growing need for support.

We are grateful to our donors, sponsors, and volunteers for their unwavering support. Their contributions have made a significant impact on the lives of the students we've helped this year. As we move forward, we remain committed to our mission of providing accommodate even more students in the future.

Sincerely, Tim St. Louis



# REPORTS

## Statistics: Summer Camp 2023

EVENT: 2022 Dean	2022	2023	FACULTY
K / 1 <sup>st</sup> Grader & Parent Camp: Rhonda Gilbert	49	73	9
First Chance Camp: Rhonda Gilbert	31	36	8
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Camp: Heather Harrison	33	19	10
3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Camp: Jason Keller	46	58	19
3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Wilderness: Adam Carver	9	19	4
5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Wilderness: Adam Carver	16	13	3
5 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Camp: Mark Walter	65	69	23
7 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Camp: Chase Rotman & Gary Rose III	38	52	13
High School Camp 1: Justin Lilley & Joe Wager	53	55	18
High School Camp 2: Matt Barnum	33	44	15
Activities Camp: AJ Miller, Matt Koutz & Amy Essex	N/A	26	11
Young Women's Camp, Grades 4 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> : Pam St. Louis & Amy Dobyngs	36	46	13
Young Women's Wilderness, Grades 5 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> : Jane Gordon	10	13	6
Young Men's Camp, Grades 4 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> : Joshua Antonopulos	46	51	19
Junior / Senior High River Trip: Trenton & Ashley Saltsman	11	10	4
Senior High Kayak: Christian Jorgenson	5	10	3
High School Backpack Trip: Luke & Amy Essex	8	7	2
Rocky Mountain Hiking Trip: Dale Lautzenheiser	N/A	6	3
Handi Camp 1: Rich & Kathy Maxwell	16	17	18
Handi Camp 2: Rich & Kathy Maxwell	12	8	17
<b>Summer Totals</b>	<b>517</b>	<b>632</b>	<b>218</b>

## Statistics: Additional Programs 2022 (10/1/22-9/30/23)

EVENT	2021- 22	2022- 23
Young Adult Retreat: Jae Hudson	19	20
4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat: Jessica Prieto	21	25
Man Camp: Tim St. Louis	8	35
Women's Spring Retreat: Pam St. Louis	16	16
Spring Craft Retreat: Pam St. Louis	13	12
Family Camp Meeting: Terry Strickler	86	84
Ministerial Retreat: Committee	17	8
Adult Fall Retreat: Committee	44	30
Women's Fall Retreat: Pam St. Louis	13	8
Middle School Retreat: Committee	19	23
Middle School Retreat #2: Committee	10	16
High School Retreat 1	n/a	22
CMCMF at RLCA: Ladies Night	100	127



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## Statistics: Supporting Churches Summer Camper Registrations

	2021	2022	2023
Ashland Center Church of Christ, Grant	2	2	2
Bailey Christian Church	1	11	5
Barryton Church of Christ	7	10	12
Big Rapids Church of Christ	N/A	N/A	0
Church of Christ, Charlotte	5	1	1
Church of Christ, Grand Ledge	0	0	0
Coe Church of Christ, St. Louis	0	5	6
Community Christian Church, St. Johns	3	3	4
Cornerstone Christian Church, Jackson	9	25	12
Delta Community Christian Church, Lansing	7	7	7
DeWitt Christian Church	9	9	3
Duplain Church of Christ, St. Johns	27	31	35
East Arbelia Church of Christ, Millington	2	4	4
East Superior Christian Church, Alma	4	4	6
Easton Church of Christ, Owosso	1	3	1
Fair Haven Christian Church	N/A	N/A	0
Farwell Church of Christ	12	15	16
Ferris Church of Christ, Vestaburg	4	14	7
First Church of Christ, Mt. Pleasant	14	27	13
First Church of Christ, Owosso	11	12	15
Forest Hill Church of Christ, Alma	10	15	12
Gilmore Church of Christ, Farwell	1	1	5
Holt Christian Church, Lansing	0	5	6
Manistee Church of Christ	N/A	N/A	0
McBride Church of Christ	4	13	7
Northland Church of Christ, Grant	1	0	0
Novesta Church of Christ, Cass City	0	0	0
Outreach Christian Church, Lake Odessa	19	30	25
Owosso Church of Christ	4	9	12
Pine Run Church of Christ, Clio	1	0	0
Plainfield Christian Church, Comstock Park	10	17	11
South Lansing Christian Church	23	18	20
St. Louis Church of Christ	25	27	29
University Christian Church, East Lansing	0	0	0
Vestaburg Church of Christ	4	3	7
West Lansing Church of Christ	9	17	10
Westlawn Church of Christ, Shepherd	0	0	1
Wheatland Church of Christ, Remus	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>294</b>

*136 campers attend a non-supporting church*

*71 campers did not include a church name on the registration*

# THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

**PLEASE FORGIVE US IF YOU WERE LEFT OFF THE VOLUNTEER LIST. WE TRULY DO APPRECIATE ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS AND APOLOGIZE FOR THE OVERSIGHT.**

Josh Antonopulos  
Andrew Apps  
Zinnia Artist  
Scott Austin  
Kristy Balogh  
Deb Barber  
Matt & Sam Barnum  
Jonathan Batdorff  
Sami Beauchamp  
Jaycee Best  
Carson Bornefeld  
Matt Boughan  
Bryan Brown  
Collin Brown  
Karla Brown  
Michael & Kaitlyn Brown  
Danny & Casey Buegar  
Karen Buck  
Sharon Bunce  
Shelby Bunce  
Jim Burt  
Ashton Byle  
Frank Campbell  
Jacob Campbell  
Denise Carlson  
Donovan Carmichael  
Adam & Lois Carver  
Noah Cecil  
Bill Chapel  
Jaden Chapman  
Beth Clarke  
Joseph Cooper  
Linda Crowley  
Elizabeth Daron  
Jut Daron  
Don & Cathy Davis  
Crystal Delaney  
Tomas Diaz-Cohon  
Yael Diaz-Ramos

Steve Dobyns  
Kristin Dorris  
Kellie Drongowski  
Stella Dunham  
Todd Earnst  
Hope Eichorn  
Shirley Eldridge  
Taylor Emery  
Don Engler  
Blake Essex  
Colden Essex  
Lyle Essex  
David & Peggy Essex  
Alyx Everitt  
Amanda Foshaug  
Dee Foust  
Teresa Foust  
Ellie Fox  
Lisa Frantz  
Dan Fritz  
Brady Galloway  
Jared Gates  
Elizabeth Gepford  
Rhonda Gilbert  
Shelly Gilpin  
Jane Gordon  
Mike & Pam Hagar  
Roseanne Harden  
Jaelynn Harris  
Blake & Heather Harrison  
Kayla Harvey  
Henry & Lois Hawver  
Donna Haynie  
Rick Haynie  
Judy Hazle  
Gale & Tricia Heizen  
Chuck Hendrix  
David & Laurie Hildreth  
Tammie Hill

Terry Hoenshell  
Susan Hogan  
Joe & Kate Hogoboom  
Emma Hokanson  
Lou Holliday  
Keegan Honig  
Shelby Honig  
Ellen & Matt Hopper  
Kristin Hoyt  
Adam & Jae Hudson  
Kraig Hug  
Erika Hull  
Rosalee Hull  
Holly Ingersoll  
Drew Jeffers  
Liam Jenkins  
Christian & Liz Jorgensen  
Randy Keeler  
Jason & Tammy Keller  
Jason Keyser  
Larry Koutz  
Matthew Koutz  
Joshua Kreamsreiter  
Mariah Lab  
Christy Lambricht  
Ellen Lambricht  
Corbin & Sydneigh Lantzer  
Rachel Lantzer  
Sophie Lantzer  
Dale Lautzenheiser  
Mollie Leazenby  
Justin & Anna Lilley  
Rick Lippert  
Sam Long  
Hannah Lowman  
Kelly Maatman  
Brenda Masarik  
Glenna McDonald  
Chuck & Marcie Marckel



Rich & Kathy Maxwell  
Scott McCausey  
Ashley McIntyre  
Tammy McNeill  
Rhonda Mc Nerney  
Andrew Mikulcik  
Paul Mikulcik  
AJ & Michelle Miller  
Keith & Kelsey Mitchell  
Levi & Amanda Monk  
Cyndi Murphy  
Jaye Dee Murphy  
Tom & Mary Nauta  
Amy Noland  
Dennie Olson  
Katie O'Neal  
Laura Packer  
Bonnie Palmer  
Galen & Emily Patchett  
Patti Pietrowski  
Melissa Prewett  
Jess Prieto  
Zach & Jordan Rabenstein  
Sandra Radonova  
Abby Ralph

Sarah Robertson  
Dan & Mary Robinson  
Eli Robinson  
Aaron Rose  
Gary & Jean Rose  
Brian Ross  
Chase & Danielle Rotman  
Tony Russell  
Logan & Tylynn Sackett  
Quinten Sackett  
Macie Salladay  
Trenton & Ashley Saltsman  
Jeff & Pam Saunders  
Kristina Scarborough  
Micah Schnautz  
Zoe Schneider  
Amelia Sells  
Jill Sells  
Adam Shouey  
Carol Singer  
Brandon Smith  
Marianne Smith  
Matthew & Lora Smith  
Ethan & Mary Snyder  
Faith Sochay

Liz Solomon  
David St. Louis  
Lilli St. Louis  
Andrew Starry  
Teresa Stover  
Jeff Strickler  
Barbie Swayze  
Zach & Monica Taylor  
Bruce Telfer  
Laurie Tempest  
Sam Vliet  
Kassie Voorhees  
Nate Voorhees  
Joe & Jamie Wager  
Mark & Deana Walter  
David Walton  
AJ Wawrzyniak  
Janelle Wawrzyniak  
Landon Welch  
Bev Winsor  
Jenna Wise  
Joyce Wisley  
Rich Wisley  
Sam Wisley





# ROCK LAKE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY CAMP & RETREAT FACILITY

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2024 RLCA CAMPS & RETREATS

## FEBRUARY

2-4	Young Adult Retreat	<i>Jae Hudson</i>
16-18	4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat	<i>Josh Antonopoulos</i>
23-25	Man Camp	<i>Tim St. Louis</i>

## MARCH

15-17	High School Retreat	<i>Leadership Team</i>
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## APRIL

12-14	Spring Ladies Retreat	<i>Pam St. Louis</i>
22-24	Spring Craft Retreat	<i>Pam St. Louis</i>

## MAY

29-June 1	Family Camp Meeting	<i>Terry Stickler</i>
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## JUNE

6-8	Handi Camp 1 (Adults)	<i>Chuck &amp; Marcie Marckel</i>
14-15	K / 1 <sup>st</sup> Grader & Parent Camp	<i>Rhonda Gilbert</i>
15-17	First Chance Camp w/ Parent, 2 <sup>nd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Rhonda Gilbert</i>
19-21	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Camp 1	<i>Heather Harrison</i>
23-28	Young Women's Camp, 4 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Pam St. Louis</i>
23-28	Senior High Kayak Trip	<i>Shelley Gilpin &amp; Jared Warner</i>
30-July 5	7 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Camp	<i>Gary Rose III</i>
30-July 5	5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Wilderness	<i>Adam Carver</i>

## JULY

7-12	High School Camp 1	<i>Justin Lilley &amp; Joe Wager</i>
14-19	5 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Camp	<i>Mark Walter &amp; Joe Hogoboom</i>
14-19	High School Backpack Trip	<i>Luke &amp; Amy Essex</i>
20-29	Rocky Mt. Hiking Trip, 10 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Dale Lautzenheiser</i>
21-26	High School Camp 2	<i>Matt Barnum</i>
28-August 2	Running Camp, 5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Amy Essex</i>
28-August 2	Basketball Camp, 5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	<i>TBD</i>
28-August 2	Soccer Camp, 5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	<i>TBD</i>
28-August 2	Pathfinder Camp, 5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	<i>AJ Miller</i>
28-August 2	Ukelele Camp	<i>TBD</i>
28-August 2	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Wilderness	<i>Adam Carver</i>

## AUGUST

4-9	Young Men's Camp, 4 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Josh Antonopoulos</i>
4-9	Junior & Senior High River Trip	<i>Trenton Saltsman &amp; Jared Warner</i>
4-9	Young Women's Wilderness, 5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Jane Gordon</i>
11-16	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Camp	<i>Jason Keller</i>
18-20	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Camp 2	<i>Heather Harrison</i>
22-24 (Th-Sat)	Handi Camp 2 (Adults)	<i>Chuck &amp; Marcie Marckel</i>

## SEPTEMBER

13-15	Rock Laker Gathering	<i>Leadership Team</i>
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## OCTOBER

4-6	Astronomy Retreat	<i>Rod Bisher</i>
11-13	Middle School Retreat	<i>Leadership Team</i>
18-20	Tabletop Gaming Retreat	<i>AJ Miller</i>

## NOVEMBER

8-10	Craft Retreat	<i>Pam St. Louis</i>
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### 2024 Additional Events

May 4	Work Day	October 7	CMCMF at RLCA, Family Night
May 24-26	Scholarship Weekend	October 19	Annual Meeting

