



*Kuriakos exists to proclaim the Gospel of Christ, encourage and disciple. Kuriakos is a place set apart for all people to grow together in Christ.*

# KURIAKOS

## SYLVAN LAKE LUTHERAN BIBLE CAMP ASSOCIATION Report to Congregational Annual Meetings - January 2019

Kuriakos seeks to be accountable to the people, congregations and church bodies the camp serves. This report is for publication in the congregational annual reports and/or distribution in newsletters. Electronic copies are available online at [www.kuriakos.ab.ca/welcome/congregations](http://www.kuriakos.ab.ca/welcome/congregations)

### 2018 in REVIEW:

Summer programs saw the addition of 2 Family Getaways, smaller-scale Family Camp options for those able to attend only 2 nights.

Many volunteers have spent time in the ARC, renovating the former shop into a couple of large dorm rooms, and refitting the craft kitchen for rental use. This will be a beautiful space for youth groups and our summer programs. Please contact us if you have time or skills to put toward the renovations. We are also seeking kitchen supplies and other equipment ([www.kuriakos.ab.ca/support/wants-and-wishes](http://www.kuriakos.ab.ca/support/wants-and-wishes)).

Our Association continues to be served by the same dedicated staff, with Kendra Freeland as Program Director, Madi Alexandriuk as Hospitality Manager, Rudy Lange as Property Manager, Gail Berg as Bookkeeper/Housekeeper, and Paul Kopjar as Assistant Director.

### Membership

|          | 2018 | 2017 |
|----------|------|------|
| Partners | 12   | 9    |
| Members  | 11   | 10   |

2018 saw an increase in membership in Sylvan Lake Lutheran Bible Camp Association. The board of SLLBCA continues consultations with Lutheran and Anglican congregations in Alberta (current and potential members). **Please contact us if you are interested in joining this discussion.**

Many congregations continue to provide financial support as part of their annual budgets or through special gifts. Program revenue covers roughly 40% of the cost of hosting campers. This is a wonderful opportunity to bless kids and families in need, giving them the best week of their year. If your congregation is able to make a donation or finance a local Campership Fund, please contact the camp office.

### Camp Use:

- Summer: Kuriakos served 514 campers for a total of 2759 days.
- Retreats: Including Women's, Renew, SHIFT, and Confirmation Retreats, we served 192 campers, for a total of 576 days. We also served as the host venue for Retreat of Our Own and The Way of Christ.
- Kuriakos Outdoor School (KOS) programs: Serving 14 groups for a total of 513 people and 1320 camper days.
- Service events: 225 attendees at our fundraiser in April and 113 people participated in service projects at our Work Weekends and Work Weeks.
- Rentals: Kuriakos served 78 groups over 234 days of use. These groups represent 2743 individuals and 8577 camper days.



**AGM:** The 2018 financial review will be completed and ready for the Annual General Meeting scheduled for 2:30 pm, March 23, 2019 @ Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd (40 Holmes Street, Red Deer).

### Programs for the whole Congregation!

Please encourage your congregation to consider attending a Kuriakos program event. The Family Advent Retreat is intended for congregations to attend together.

### 2019 Program Dates

#### Winter

|                         |                |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| Confirmation Retreat I  | February 8-10  |
| NEW Family Day Getaway  | February 15-18 |
| Confirmation Retreat II | March 1-3      |
| Renew Retreat (women)   | April 5-7      |

#### Spring

|                           |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Kuriakos Gathers Together | April 27  |
| Spring Work Week          | May 13-17 |
| Family May Days           | May 17-19 |
| Kuriakos Open House       | June 23   |

#### Summer

|                            |                     |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Prime Time                 | Jun 30 – Jul 3      |
| Senior Youth               | Jun 30 – Jul 5      |
| Junior Adventure I         | Jun 30 – Jul 5      |
| Junior Youth               | July 7-12           |
| Kids' Adventure I          | July 7-12           |
| Family Camp I              | July 14-19          |
| Day Camp I*                | July 15-19 or 22-26 |
| SERVICE WEEK I*            | July 21-26          |
| Kids' Camp (5 nights)      | Jul 28 – Aug 2      |
| Junior Adventure II        | Jul 28 – Aug 2      |
| Mini Camp                  | Jul 31 – Aug 2      |
| Skills Camp (MAD + Sports) | August 5-9          |
| Kids' Camp (4 nights)      | August 5-9          |
| Family Getaways            | Aug 5-7, 7-9        |
| Family Camp II             | August 11-18        |
| Day Camp II*               | Aug 12-16 or 19-23  |
| Senior Adventure           | August 18-23        |
| SERVICE WEEK II*           | August 18-23        |

*\*partnership opportunity!*

#### Fall

|                          |                 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Dad + Kids Camping       | September 13-15 |
| Fall Work Week           | Sep 30 – Oct 4  |
| Thanksgiving at the Lake | October 4-6     |
| Men's Retreat            | October 25-27   |
| Women's Retreat          | November 1-3    |
| Family Advent Retreat    | November 8-10   |
| Confirmation Retreat III | November 22-24  |
| SHIFT Retreat            | Nov 29 – Dec 1  |

Publishing these dates in congregational newsletters and Sunday bulletins is a simple way to support the camp and your congregation.

Visit our website for complete program and rental calendars.

[www.kuriakos.ab.ca/programs/calendar](http://www.kuriakos.ab.ca/programs/calendar)

**FINANCES:** The tentative budget for 2018 proposes an annual operational revenue of \$706,685.

**Percentage of Operating Revenue** (as reflected in the 2018 preliminary statements)

|                         |     |                 |     |
|-------------------------|-----|-----------------|-----|
| Donations + Fundraising | 25% | Programs        | 34% |
| Rental Groups           | 31% | Property Income | 2%  |
| Operational Grants      | 8%  |                 |     |

| <b>Kuriakos Debt Load</b> | <b>Dec 31/2018</b> | <b>Dec 31/2017</b> | <b>Dec 31/2016</b> |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Total Debt Load:          | \$397,073.14       | \$309,718.00       | \$325,600.00       |

In September 2018, our mortgage was increased by \$100,000 to allow for capital projects, including the ARC renovation and installation of larger showers in the KC washrooms.

Mortgage payments were met with property income from the Kuriakos Farm (land, gas well) together with gifts and donations.

**CURRENT CAMP BOARD (Term: March 2018 – March 2019)**

**Chairperson:** David Christiansen (Rocky Mountain House)      **Vice-Chair:** Al Molzan (Drumheller)  
**Treasurer:** Michelle Sorenson (Millet)      **Secretary:** Marilla Farries (Red Deer)  
**Vision Committee:** Ingrid Parker (Edmonton), Heather Paul (Calgary)  
**Risk Management Committee:** Scott Brown (Thorsby), Marty Winchell (Rocky Mountain House)  
**Sustainability Committee:** Ron Bjorge (Red Deer), Debbie Kemp (Airdrie)

Board-level volunteer opportunities include the Camp Board, the Vision, Sustainability, or Risk Management Committees. Additional working groups are established to assist staff with duties, including Program, Property, and Fundraising Work Groups. These committees are generally short-term and focused on a specific task or event. We'd love to add you to our teams!

## Help Kuriakos SHOUT IT OUT!

As part of our plan for congregational involvement, we are seeking *SHOUT OUT ambassadors* who will help us spread the love of camp. **Each congregation is asked to name an ambassador, who will be the Kuriakos contact person for their congregation.** This person will receive regular emails from Kuriakos with information to share within their congregation, through bulletin inserts, posters and making announcements. They will also be a channel for the congregation to share ideas and needs with Kuriakos.

## NEW Kuriakos Service Teams

**Partner Congregations are invited to request teams of 2 Kuriakos Summer Staff to come to their congregation for a week, to join in their ministry.** As Jesus sent out his Disciples in Luke Chapter 10, staff will be sent out in pairs to serve in your congregation. Teams may serve in many ways, from leading a VBS group to serving meals, leading worship, or participating in community projects. Weeks for 2019 are July 21-26 and August 18-23. Proposals can be submitted online at [kuriakos.ab.ca/programs/service-teams](http://kuriakos.ab.ca/programs/service-teams)

## Looking ahead to 2019

- **NEW Family Day Getaway** (Feb 15-18). Bring your family out for a winter retreat and MESSY CHURCH.
- **Kuriakos Service Teams in July and August**
- **Family Getaways** (August 4-6, 6-8). This is a shorter version of our Family Camps, for folks who have limited time. Perfect for Grandparents or large/busy families.
- **Day Camp Programs.** We're looking for congregations to partner with us in this local initiative. Contact us if you'd like to talk about opportunities for camp programming in your community. We'll provide the staff and activities, you help with recruitment and hosting staff.
- **Kuriakos Gathers Together Fundraiser.** Join us in Bentley on April 27<sup>th</sup> for an evening of entertainment, dinner, and auction.
- **Partner and Member Congregation support.** Visit [www.kuriakos.ab.ca/welcome/congregations](http://www.kuriakos.ab.ca/welcome/congregations). Consider promoting a Kuriakos retreat as a congregational event.
- **Keep Our Programs Working:** summer staff, SITS (age 16-18), GAPS (age 14+), Internship Program, spring and fall programmers, nurses, and a few more. Applications are available online.

God's Blessings,  
**Rev. Art Weiss, Executive Director**

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