

2018 Annual Report



Look at What **YOU DID** *through*

Sequanota Conference Center & Camp



New Centerville Parish - Wacky Bowling Team

SUMMER CAMP

CONFERENCE & RETREAT

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

YOU

Are Making a Difference

Every year it is important that we share the story we are writing together. The 2018 Annual Report is our way of sharing with you the ministry that is happening at Sequanota. It is a story that includes a huge cast of characters including donors, partners, staff, volunteers and guests. The Sequanota staff can not accomplish what we do annually without volunteers and donors like you! Together we are making a difference in the lives of thousands of people, who came through the gate in 2018.



Rev. Nathan Pile
Executive Director

One of the ways we self check our work is through our evaluations of our campers. In 2018 we designed a new tool to help us hear about the experiences we are creating. Here is a sample of what we heard.

Here are the percentages of our campers who agreed with each statement.

- 93% felt loved while at camp.
- 91% felt they grew in their faith in God.
- 95% had fun.
- 95% felt safe.
- 91% tried something new.
- 97% feel camp is well kept.
- 93% had a great week.
- 93% want to come back in 2019.

In a world where the church is struggling to know how or what to do in faith formation we are making a difference. Our campers and guests receive authentic hospitality through our warm welcome, prepared & clean facility and servant hearted staff. Faith formation for the future needs to be rooted in guiding others to become a more loving version of themselves. Sequanota makes this our focus every summer. We strive to be a community of love. A place where campers, volunteers, guests and staff experience God's love through our meals, worship, and play time. This is what it means to be a disciple of Christ in the 21st century. Thank you for stepping up and making a difference in this unique ministry!



Rev. Nathan A. Pile, Executive Director

How YOU DID IT

Volunteer Hours

	2018	2017
Total	2178	2916
Summer Camp	1150	1220
Year Round	1028	1696



105

2018 individual
volunteers

2018 valuation for
all volunteer hours

\$53,763

Sequanota offers a holy place to connect with
Christ, creation and community.

In living out our mission, Sequanota invites people
from all walks of life into a community that:

- encourages inclusivity, balance and wholeness;
- creates a deeper respect for nature;
- fosters a further understanding of faith;
- enable time for reflection
- develops a greater sense of life together for the common good.

Thrivent Action Teams



Thrivent Financial offers a program to encourage community involvement by its members. Members can organize an "Action Team" for a service project, a fundraiser, or an educational event and Thrivent will provide \$250 in "seed money." In 2018 the Sequanota community was the beneficiary of 6 Action teams.

Spring Women's Retreat

Men on a Mission

Mother's Day Buffet

Annual Golf Benefit

Men's Fac Dry Wall Project

Breakfast with Santa

If you are a Thrivent member, please let us know and we will help you put a team together. Teams can be organized for fundraisers, service projects, or education. In 2017, 13 Action Teams were organized. Let's see if we can't beat that for 2019!

Call the office to let us help you set up an Action Team. (814)629-6627.

Summer Camp

How YOU DID IT



<i>Campers</i>	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
On Site	298	325	313	271	296
Off site Day Camp	272	258	213	305	165
Hosted Camps	266	268	192	252	242
Summer Totals	836	851	718	808	703



2018 Day Camp Congregations

St. Andrews, Benscreek, Christ Casebeer
Friedens Lutheran
St. David's, Davidsville
St. James, Ligonier
Faith, Somerset
Mount Calvary, Johnstown
Zion Lutheran, Williamsburg
St. John, Mercersburg
Resurrection, Arlington VA

Why Choose SEQUANOTA

Summer camp promotes community. It nurtures a sacred place where kids learn to live together and care for one another. Camp is a place where kids can “practice” growing up by strengthening their social, emotional, physical, and cognitive muscles away from their immediate family. Camp provides a laboratory for childhood explorations to happen.



Campers received full or partial Camperships to enable them to attend camp.

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When I was in elementary school I lived in a small town. What made this place so cool was having 6-8 other young boys around to play kick ball, hide and seek, and build forts outside. We formed a community. We did not always get along in our playing. Sometimes fights would break out, but we had to sort these problems out if we wanted to keep playing. We learned conflict management and communication. We grew in trust with each other. We taught each other new skills and celebrated our successes together. This neighborhood community helped me grow in self confidence and built character.

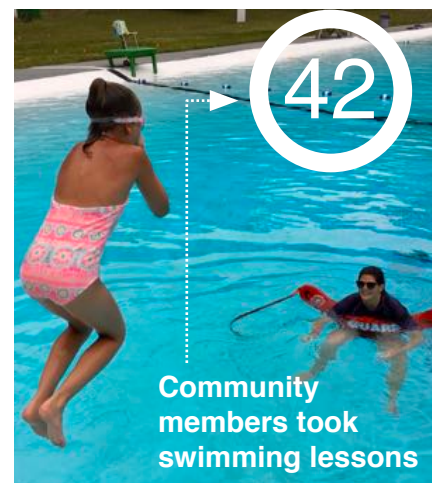
In today's world studies show our children stay inside more, are less physical, and have increased anxiety in their lives. They are losing that sense of neighborhood that many of us were blessed to experience in our safe, small hometown. At Sequanota, we recognize the value of community and strive for each camper to be welcomed into our intentional, Christian community.

Being in community at camp helps kids learn to solve problems. As we live into the future there will be plenty of challenges that will need solutions. Camp helps the next generation of problem solvers to relate, connect, and inspire. These skills are as important as math and science. It will do no one any good if our solved problems are locked away in the minds of young adults, who are anxious communicating what they know.

Another piece of the community at camp is the natural setting. Time in the forest has been proven to reduce stress by 10% simply by taking a walk and breathing in the forest air. Camp provides a place where campers can explore the natural world around, learn how their actions can make an impact - good or bad, and discover their place alongside all of creation.

I hope this summer you might give camp a try and watch how the wonder and care of the camp community can make a difference and shape the life of your loved ones. Camp does kids a world of good.

Pastor Nathan, Executive Director & Dad



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Community members took swimming lessons

Conference & Retreat

Improvements and Growth



New Small Pavillion Roof

New Metal Roofs

- Small Pavillion
- Men's Faculty Cabin
- Women's Faculty Cabin

Gargage Enclosures

- Main Camp Garage
- Director's House Garage

One of the biggest projects was the replacement of the bridge over Picking's Run on the main road into camp. The bridge was beginning to erode away due to spring flooding and storm damage. The new bridge will continue to make our guests comings and goings safe for another 40 years.

The waste water treatment plant received upgrades and renovations to assist us in meeting our guests needs while continuing to be good stewards of this natural place.

What is the difference between Hosted Ministry and Program Ministry?

Hosted Ministry = groups that use Sequanota's facilities, but Sequanota is not part of planning the content of the event.

Program Ministry = events that Sequanota directly oversees, plans, and executes, often with the help of great volunteers.

Conference & Retreat

Hosted Ministry
Program Ministry

of groups

54

8

of guest days

4439

115

12

New Hosted Groups in 2018!

2018 Programmed Events

Men on a Mission

Spring Women's Retreat

Adult Days, May & October

Spring Work Day

Free Day at Camp

IGNITE - Elem. Youth Gathering

Fall Wellness Retreat



2018 Spring Women's Retreat

Leadership Development

Leadership for the Future

At Sequanota, we believe the church is poised to make its most significant contribution to this world's transformation yet. This transformation is going to need leaders, who are creative, compassionate and good listeners. As Christ's disciples we are called to love God and love one another. We believe this way of living is what is able to change the world. If we become a more loving version of ourselves and our faith communities become a more loving, we will be open to our neighbor and what God is calling us to do and be.



2018 Summer Camp Staff

The faith communities of tomorrow will be authentic, accepting and open to the other. At Sequanota we are focusing our leadership development to center around the values of love, creativity, empathy and communication. Experiences and opportunities to connect to Christ, creation and community will teach the leaders of tomorrow a way of being that Jesus taught his disciples. It is this way of life that has formed and changed our world for thousands of years. This century will again be imprinted with God's love in new and exciting ways that will lead to a reformed church and world. Thank you for your support of this regions future leaders.

How YOU DID IT

December Online Giving Days



In December 2018 we asked the Sequanota Staff Alumni and Raving Fans on Facebook to consider a gift to support the Summer Ministry Team and a new camp program, Robots & Rockets, for 2019!

\$8,455

Raised to support the
2019 Summer Staff &
Robots & Rockets camp

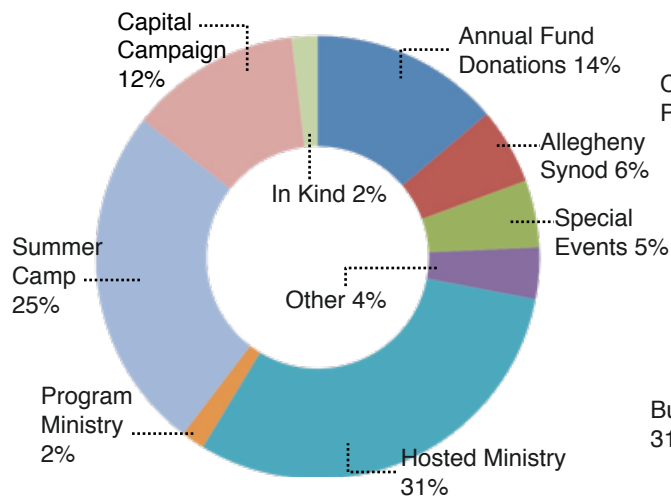
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Donors

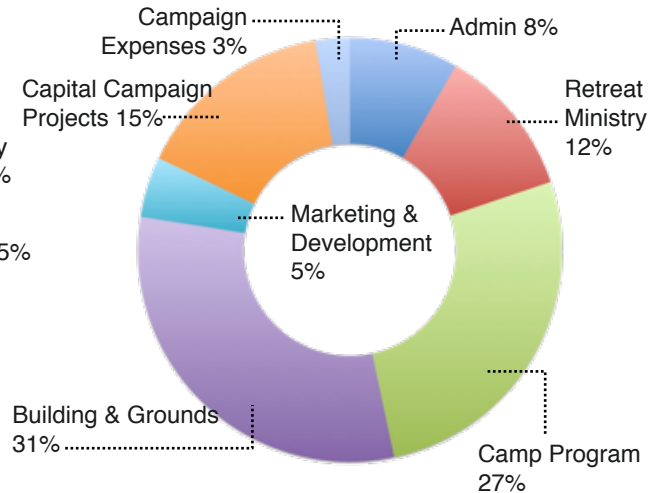
Gifts ranged from
\$10 - \$2,500

One week of salary for the 2019
Summer Ministry Team is \$5,550.

Total Revenue - \$521,668



Total Expenses - \$597,331



Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$	59,758
Pledges receivable		18,189
Other assets		13,172
Property and equipment, net		1,032,199
Total	\$	1,123,318

Liabilities

Notes payable	\$	299,296
Deferred revenue		3,663
Other Liabilities		16,600
Equity		803,759
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$	1,123,318

Note: The 2018 audited financials will be available after August 2019.

How YOU DID IT

Special Events

	Participants	\$ Raised
Wacky Bowling Benefits	184	\$3,380
Spring Benefit Dinner	80	\$6,109
Community Events	431	\$3,525
Golf Benefit	74	\$4,465
TOTAL	769	\$17,479



Founders' Fires Giving Club

2018 Contributions to the Annual Fund



This list does not include
Framing Faith for the Future donations

Founders: \$1000+

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Trinity Lutheran, Somerset

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Pine Hall Lutheran, State College
St. James Lutheran, Bedford
St. John's Lutheran, Salisbury
St. John Lutheran, Spring Mills

Luther League: \$500 ~ \$999

St. Mark Lutheran, Pleasant Gap
St. Matthew, Martinsburg
St. Paul's Lutheran, Buckstown
Zion Lutheran, Johnstown

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\$175 - \$249

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Thrivent Choice Dollar Donations for 2018 = \$10,095

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Looking forward in 2019

May 9	Adult Day Bible Study
May 11	Spring Work Day
May 12	Mother's Day Banquet
May 19	Free Day at Camp
June 2	**Shooting Clays Benefit
June - Aug	SUMMER CAMP
Aug 12	Golf Benefit
Sept 8	God's Work, Our Hands
Sept 22	Volunteer Dinner
Sept 21-22	IGNITE - Elem Gathering
Sept 28-29	PLUNGE - JH Gathering
Oct 10	Adult Day Bible Study
Oct 18-20	Wellness Retreat
Dec 14	Breakfast with Santa

**New Fundraiser

Thank
YOU!



We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

~ 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3