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# **Holy** *Spaces*

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Since 1972, the **South Carolina Lutheran Retreat Centers** has proudly offered facilities to Lutheran churches and countless other organizations for day events and overnight retreats. Two unique locations serve a variety of guests.

Situated directly across the street from the beautiful Atlantic ocean, **Coastal Retreat** welcomes guests year-round for times of relaxation, fellowship, and spiritual renewal. Coastal Retreat features 20 bedrooms available to both groups and individuals seeking time away on retreat.

**Camp Kinard** sits on 325 acres located just 30 minutes outside of the Columbia area. Multiple options for groups of any size are available when it comes to lodging and meeting spaces. Our **Lodge Rooms** feature two double beds, private bathrooms, and are perfect for adult guests on retreat. Our bunk-bed style **Cottages** can sleep up to 16 people per building and feature two bedrooms with a common living area.

Camp Kinard also offers walking trails, two ponds, large fields for outdoor activities, picnic pavilions, RV/Tent campsites, and a high & low ropes course. Led by one of our staff, the ropes courses encourage teamwork and are excellent for group-building exercises.

**The Jesus Way** is a gentle 1.5 mile loop around camp with signposts encouraging time for prayer and discernment. Devotions are found

under the resource section of our website for on-site campers or for anyone to use as they walk their neighborhood at home.

When we proclaim that “**all are welcome**”, this means that we invite everyone without regard to race, creed, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, physical or mental ability, economic status, or marital status.

**The staff** of the South Carolina Lutheran Retreat Centers has a long history of providing exceptional hospitality to groups and individuals while on retreat. Deacon Dallas Shealy serves as the executive director.

Our history is a narrative of the **Holy Spirit at work** amongst us. Time and time again, the Holy Spirit has provided what is needed for each day, our daily bread. Faithful leaders have worked with numerous bishops, pastors, and congregations over the decades to create an amazing legacy of outdoor ministry right here in South Carolina. From LCY events to WELCA conferences, Men’s Work Days and church council retreats, many people have found a welcome here.

Our mission is **providing holy spaces** for God to change lives. It is time for a significant investment in the present and future of Camp Kinard.

We are seeking to raise \$2.2 million dollars to erect a wonderful **chapel** overlooking the lake, to build a new handicap accessible **swimming pool**, and to update the **entranceway**. Celebrate the past and welcome the future!

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This is a sampling of what all you helped to make happen through the ministry of the South Carolina Lutheran Retreat Centers!

*"I have watched the faith of both youth and adults grow in wonderful ways as we experience the true nature of God during our time together at Camp Kinard."*

-Bill Newmyer, Youth Advisor

*"I know that retreats are supposed to be renewing and all that, but I don't think I can begin to articulate the gift that this time has been for my spirit...I am undone."*

-Rev. Sarah Locke, Campus Minister

*"The plans include a pool that is accessible to all people regardless of their physical needs... Imagine what that could mean for our youth who meet at Camp Kinard!"*

-Bishop Ginny Aebischer

*"Camp Kinard is a place where many young people experienced the love of God for the first time. It is a place where many young people found out they were not without hope, that Jesus Christ loved them... Camp Kinard lives out their calling of 'providing a holy space for God to change lives!"*

-Deacon Jerry White, Director of Youth,  
Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston

Hear from some of our campers...

*"I'm going to miss this place so much. I met so many new friends...it was like we knew each other since forever. [It was] an unforgettable weekend."*

*"Some of my best memories have been made at the South Carolina Lutheran Retreat Centers. This weekend we shared the joy of Camp Kinard with our own littlest ones."*

*"We honestly just love the peacefulness of camp. In these crazy times, we need this more and more!"*

*"So incredibly grateful for the community I've gained [here at Camp Kinard] and the opportunity to grow in my faith this week. I love you all so much!"*

*"Y'all... I could not be more thankful for the best pals I have made here [at Camp Kinard!] They show me Jesus daily, and I couldn't be happier to share life with them. Here's to many more retreats, and late-night laughter together!"*

*"The best part of our retreat was being able to get away close to home at an affordable price and renew our walk with Jesus Christ. Very refreshing!"*

*"Camp Kinard was the perfect facility for the activities of our Children's Church Retreat. We enjoyed the well kept indoor and outdoor areas."*

*"The best part of each retreat we host is always quality time with our students in God's word, in worship and prayer. Camp Kinard provides us with great facilities, spaces and staff, which is such a blessing."*

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In early 2017, the South Carolina Lutheran Retreat Centers formed a Vision Committee to plan for future ministry opportunities at Camp Kinard. Together with the Holy Spirit, they identified several key projects we are excited to share with you now.

**\$300,000** would be earmarked for the building of a new swimming pool with full accessibility for all guests. Easy access entry points make swimming more manageable for both our oldest, most senior guests and our youngest, littlest ones. This would replace the pool built in 1974. The funding for that pool came from Lutheran youth groups across the state. We would love to encourage your youth to consider giving to this exciting project. Now, nearly fifty years later, maybe your seniors, your former youth, want to pass this gift along to the next generation!

**\$1,800,000** would establish a new chapel at Camp Kinard. This beautiful, yet practical, facility would allow for seating 180 people. A large kitchen, up to date bathrooms, and a sizeable narthex area would provide guests with helpful amenities. This multi-use space would allow for more groups to use our facilities helping to ensure an important income revenue stream from group rentals. A wrap around porch provides scenic vistas of the lake and allows for break-out sessions outdoors. Can you picture it?

**\$100,000** would be designated for improving the entranceway to camp. The entrance would be moved a little farther southwest on

Two Notch Road, avoiding the turn right at the top of a hill. Clear, visible, obvious signage where to go helps take away any nerves and anxiety for new campers. A clear demarcation from the busy world of interstate/highway travel to the quiet seclusion of retreat would be much appreciated by guests.

Our goal is to raise **\$2,200,000** for these exciting initiatives. This is a bold, audacious request for vibrant, meaningful ministries. We all know that global supply chain and labor availability issues affect pricing for projects like these.

Some numbers may change in the future, but we proceed in faith and with helpful research and due diligence. The board has prioritized the building of the pool, followed by the chapel, then the entranceway as funds become available.

We have several campaign committees to support these building projects. If you have knowledge and experience to share and would possibly volunteer your time or in-kind gifts, contact SCLRC Executive Director Deacon Dallas Shealy at [dallas@sclrc.com](mailto:dallas@sclrc.com).

Our goal is also to raise awareness amongst people in the pews. We want everyone to know about Camp Kinard! We want everyone to know the magnificent ministry it provides both in the past, right now, and in years to come! Set up a visit with the office today and get a glimpse of the building sites. Imagine with us what God is up to next!

Thank you!

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“How can we help?” is a phrase often uttered by faithful Lutherans. Through disaster response or after a personal loss at a funeral, people of faith are often quick to find a way to respond with kindness and with generosity.

During the pandemic, many friends of the retreat centers asked this question. “How can we help?”

An outright gift to the **capital campaign** makes a big difference and helps us secure grants. Having a large number of “new” givers to our regular, ongoing **Annual Fund** is also inspiring. **Booking lodging** for group events helps to ensure much-appreciated income. **Volunteering** for service projects on site helps foster community and provides much needed care for small handy jobs. Service projects also provide volunteers with a sense of pride and ownership in making a difference. **Share our posts on social media.** This also spreads the word about our work to a wider network of people. An in-kind wish list can also be found on our website. Items range from paper towels, laundry detergent, toilet cleaner, to kayaks and golf carts.

Adding South Carolina Lutheran Retreat Centers to your personal **prayer** life is a great gift for us all. You can also pray for SCLRC by name in your congregations using a monthly prayer petition found on our Facebook page and on our website. These twelve petitions can be used throughout the church year.

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Today, we invite you to **make a commitment** of some kind. Everyone has something to give, your time, your prayers, your money, your advocacy.

Please consider a gift to the South Carolina Lutheran Retreat Centers' capital campaign using the pledge form provided. You can also safely make an online gift by visiting: [www.sclrc.com/donate](http://www.sclrc.com/donate).

Pledges can be made over a three year period. Every gift is appreciated.

This campaign is called **Building+Renewing+Believing** for a reason. "Building" is because of the obvious investment in new facilities. "Renewing" is because of the impact this will make on the whole camp, rejuvenating our missional outreach. "Believing" is because we believe God is faithful. We believe in the generosity of people like you. We believe that the church we are building today needs sacred spaces like camp for faith formation.

**A word of gratitude**, thank you. Thank you for your time, energy, attention, and support. Thank you for your loving gifts. We know that each gift is a sacrifice, costing someone something. The fact that you choose SCLRC as a recipient of your charitable dollars means something, which we take very seriously. We desire to be a transparent, healthy organization. Feel free to contact any of our staff or board members with any questions, comments, or suggestions you have. We serve God by serving others. Help us know how to best serve you. **Thank you.**



Support SCLRC today! Scan the code with your phone or text **"PLEDGE"** to **(803) 672-4898**.

Have a question? We'd love to speak in person or over the phone about ways you can help support the ministry of SCLRC. There are many options, including planned giving or including SCLRC as a part of your estate plan!

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