WEEK ONE

Temple Talk One:

Good morning. I am (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Briefly share why you care about Camp Kinard)

I am excited to share with you today a little bit about South Carolina Lutheran Retreat Centers. SCLRC includes both Coastal Retreat Center and Camp Kinard.

Raise your hand if you have been to these two fantastic sites: Coastal is located near the beach at beautiful Isle of Palms outside Charleston. (Raise hand) Camp Kinard is 327 acres of scenic pine country in Batesburg, Leesville, outside Columbia. (Raise hand)

For some of you, that might have been a long time ago, and some of you, more recent visits.

(Good. Thank you for your support). We have made a lot of improvements over the years

and we look forward to some exciting updates that will expand our outreach.

Now, if you didn’t raise your hand, that is okay.

One reason we are doing this campaign is not just to raise money, but to raise *awareness*.

We want even more folks in the pews to see, experience, and understand the good work

that happens among the pine trees at Camp Kinard.

We believe so strongly in this work, we know you can’t help but want to participate…

to support it, once you know the extent of our vital life-giving work.

Our mission is providing holy spaces for God to change lives. In the name of Christ, we welcome people from all over the place, from all sorts of different backgrounds.

In the name of Christ, we provide safe places of hospitality, welcome, rest and renewal.

We also do this not just in the name of Christ, but also in your name!

As Lutherans, together, as people of faith in South Carolina, we proudly do this work on your behalf.

We are now conducting a capital campaign for Camp Kinard with a goal of $2.2 million dollars.

Funds would support the building of a chapel,

a new handicap accessible pool,

and an updated entrance.

You’ll notice in your bulletin a handout with more detail regarding Camp Kinard,

and I encourage you to read it.

(Optional: Now we’ll watch a brief video allowing us a closer look

into to work, ministry, and history of Camp Kinard.)

Next week, we’ll hear more about Camp Kinard, then, the goals and projects of the campaign.

Then, I’ll share with you ways you can get involved followed by an invitation to support this ministry.

Stay tuned, and thank you for your attention.

WEEK TWO:

Temple Talk Two:

Good morning. I am (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)

Today you will hear a bit more about our ministry partners at South Carolina Lutheran Retreat Center.

I call them our ministry partner, because places like Camp Kinard help congregations like us.

When folks like us show up at camp for a council retreat, a women’s gathering,

a Lunch, Laugh, and Learn event or a bereavement, grief support gathering,

camp creates a sacred space.

Camp creates a sacred space. Relationships are fostered, developed, and strengthened.

Strong memories, which far outlast the few days of retreat,

cement bonds of trust and friendship amongst people of a variety of ages and backgrounds.

To put it simply, we need camp.

And camp needs us.

In today’s handout you’ll see more information about where we come from and where we are going.

You’ll see lives impacted. We serve so many different people. Camp is not just for kids!

Retreat Centers serve people of all ages!

Now, more than ever, outdoor ministry is essential. Fostering a love of creation,

sensing the importance of stewardship, enjoying the feeling of being unplugged,

camp does all this and more.

Playing outside together and recognizing church doesn’t just happen in a building can change lives.

Our work in providing holy spaces encourages the Holy Spirit to move among us in exciting ways.

I’m saying “Our” work, and I am including you and me in it, because these are our retreat centers.

SCLRC is owned by the South Carolina Synod.

You are the Lutherans in South Carolina Lutheran Retreat Center!!!

(Optional: Now we’ll watch a brief video introducing us to the impacts Camp Kinard

has made in the lives of others.)

Next week, we’ll hear more about the goals and projects of the campaign.

Then, I’ll share with you ways you can get involved followed by

an invitation to support this ministry with your prayers and with your financial support.

Stay tuned for more next week and thank you for your attention.

WEEK THREE:

Temple Talk Three:

Good morning. I am (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_I care about Camp Kinard because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_)

Today you will hear a bit more about the capital campaign

of the South Carolina Lutheran Retreat Centers.

The goals of the campaign include raising money and raising awareness.

We don’t want to be the best kept secret of the Lutheran church of South Carolina.

We want you to know and be proud of Camp Kinard.

We want you to be an advocate of our shared mission.

We want you to invite others to come and see, experience what camp can do.

To be able to reach our objectives, it is time to significantly invest in our facilities.

We need a chapel.

A chapel has long been a dream of many for Camp Kinard.

This multi-use space would allow us to host larger groups,

providing for them a large indoor area for worship and gathering.

A large chapel overlooking the lake will be the heart of the camp.

A new handicap accessible pool is also planned.

Having easy access entry points makes it easier for our mature, senior campers

as well as our youngest, littlest ones. Swimming at camp builds memories that last a lifetime!

Even now I can feel that cold refreshing water, can’t you?! So invigorating!

A updated entranceway will help create a more visible, less confusing welcome to camp.

It will provide a bit more demarcation and more gentle transition

from the busy world and the quiet seclusion of the retreat center.

Naming opportunities for significant gifts are available with more information on our website.

Consider remembering a family member with a significant gift.

Maybe honor someone for whom you are grateful for their life and witness.

Possibly, you may want to make your gift in honor of your congregation,

or another organization that has meaning for you.

(Optional: Now we’ll watch a brief video highlighting the goals and projects of the campaign.)

Next week, we will hear an invitation to give.

You will be invited to support this ministry with your prayers and with your financial support.

This week, think and pray about how you’d like to respond. Thank you.

WEEK FOUR:

Temple Talk Four:

Good morning. It is good to be with you today. I am (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_).

Today you will hear an invitation to support the capital campaign

of the South Carolina Lutheran Retreat Centers.

Outdoor ministry changes lives for the better.

Countless studies and copious amounts of research point to that conclusion.

In order to grow our ministry, we need to grow our capacity.

We deeply desire to say “yes” to people when they call and want to book our retreat centers.

To have available what they need to accomplish their hopes and dreams for their retreat is important.

Investing in outdoor ministries has a return on investment that lasts for generations.

Today, we need your partnership, we ask for your investment in this holy place.

You will find a pledge form with the handout today.

Your handout also shares other ways that you can help, ways that you can get involved.

I invite you to give and to give generously.

Join me in supporting this ministry that means so much to all of us.

Please make a commitment to support the Building+Renewing+Believing Campaign.

Make a gift today.

Your gift can be a one-time gift; it can also be a pledge spread out over three years.

It can be a stock transfer or a donation from a Donor Advised Fund or an IRA disbursement.

Consider including SCLRC in your will as part of your planned giving.

Gifts of any size are valued and appreciated.

If every SC Lutheran gave $125, we would exceed our goal.

But we know, not everyone can, not everyone will. So if you are able to give more, please give more.

If you are a person with abundant resources, give out of your abundance.

If you have a generous heart, but the timing is not right for your personal situation,

please give as you are able, as you can.

Always remember us in your prayers.

Other ways of giving include volunteering your time

or advocating and spreading the word about this wonderful ministry.

Every gift is very much appreciated.

You can fill out the pledge form now and

1) put it in the offering plate, 2) you can mail it in, 3) you can visit our website to do it electronically.

A brand new chapel. A handicap accessible pool. An updated entranceway.

These dreams will become a reality with your help and support.

Please pray for SCLRC and come see us soon. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.