Dear Friends of Briarwood

By The Rev. Robert Smith, PhD, Director of Briarwood Leadership Center

It is a pleasure to open this Live Oak annual report with the good news that Briarwood is a thriving and vibrant ministry built on a strong foundation and reaching toward new possibilities. In partnership with the Northern Texas–Northern Louisiana Synod of the ELCA, Briarwood is realizing new potential, even as it tends to the camping and retreat ministries that have sustained it throughout the years.

I began working as Director of Briarwood Leadership Center in December 2018. As Bishop Erik Gronberg details on page 3 of The Live Oak, the ‘Leadership Center’ concept, while new, has been in the works for quite some time. Through the Leadership Center, Briarwood is seeking to expand its spheres of activity while strengthening our synod’s commitment to youth, young adult, and lay ministry through camping and retreat activities. The Leadership Center includes those established ministries while adding new activities serving synodical and community priorities.

Passion for Leadership Development

Although I am new to Briarwood, I am not new to NT-NL or this part of the United States. I was ordained at St. John Lutheran in Coryell City, while I was completing doctoral coursework in Religion, Politics & Society at Baylor University. I’m originally from Oklahoma City; while I won’t claim that northern Texas is exactly the same as Oklahoma, it’s not too far off!

For the past decade, my ministry has focused on the Middle East. For the four years before I started at Briarwood, I was living in Jerusalem, where I directed an undergraduate study abroad program and taught theology courses for the University of Notre Dame. Part of what enjoyed most about that work was reconnecting with young adults—a focus of my early years in campus ministry.

Throughout my ministry, I have followed a passion for working with individuals and communities seeking to find their unique voice and applying their gifts for the good of the world. I am glad to have found that same passion at Briarwood.

Strong Financial Position

Briarwood’s ongoing work is sustained not only by the revenue it generates through various ministries, but through generous financial support from congregational partners and individual donors. This ministry is shared by all ELCA Lutherans in northern Texas and Louisiana. We value your support; most importantly, we value your partnership and ongoing relationship with Briarwood.

Listening and Acting

I am heartened by the strong financial position Briarwood currently enjoys. This good financial reality is due to courageous decisions made by the Briarwood Board and the leadership of the NT-NL Synod, led by Bishop Erik Gronberg. Selling a small portion of our land has allowed us to resolve all remaining external debt. Along with profits retained from the land sale, the synod’s direct investment in my position (as further detailed in Bishop Gronberg’s FAQs concerning Briarwood) has addressed cash-flow issues that have plagued Briarwood for too long.

The net result of these decisions is that Briarwood is in the best position it has ever enjoyed throughout its history as a Lutheran-owned property. This gives us tremendous freedom to explore possibilities as we are freed to look toward the future.

Briarwood’s closer relationship with NT-NL opens up additional possibilities for engagement. Through NT-NL efforts, Briarwood is now partnered with the Secondary School of Latinx Theology (SSLT). This initiative of NT-NL’s Latino Conference, partnered with other synods and two ELCA seminaries to provide a specific level of academic theological education for Spanish-speaking lay leaders, has recently received a major grant from the ELCA. A majority of those funds will come to Briarwood as we provide space and infrastructure for the initiative. Our increased engagement with the SSLT and the Latino Conference will increase Briarwood’s engagement with various parts of our Synod.

Into the New Day

It is a new day for Briarwood. Our long-standing commitment to camping and retreat ministry, along with our newly-realized financial health have positioned us for great success as we move forward. Briarwood’s sphere of activity will continue to grow. Our calling to promote the flourishing of all human communities in the northern regions of Texas and Louisiana will generate new forms of engagement and service, providing ever-greater opportunity for developing young adult and life-long leaders for the sake of the Gospel.

I deeply value your commitment to Briarwood and look forward to further developing our relationship with you. Thank you for your ongoing financial support and your participation in God’s mission of inclusive reconciliation we seek to promote.
Summer Camp – Tranformed Community

We are pumped for this upcoming summer! Briarwood has grown so much in the past year, and we’ve been growing alongside it as the brand new Program Team. We have worked together the past few summers as counselors and on leadership staff, and now we have combined our efforts and experience to create an awesome summer program for campers and counselors!

Our new theme for the summer is “Transformed Community - God's Agent of C.H.A.N.G.E.” Here is a sneak peek of what the summer is all about: “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.” -Romans 12:2

Transformed Community: God’s Agent of C.H.A.N.G.E. brings to mind images of a mighty band of superheroes or of special agents with secret missions. Jesus is often considered to be something of a superhero by some Christians, and the Christian church has long understood itself to be, since its beginnings, God’s agent on not-so-secret missions in the world. But to imagine Jesus and the people of Christian communities as heroes with superpowers is actually to lose sight of the very thing that was most transformative about both Jesus and his first follower: what exactly it was that made them God’s agents of change. And it can cause us to lose sight of exactly what it is that makes us God’s change agents, too.

When we take on the mission of being God’s agent of change in the world, we must be ready to be transformed – individually and together – and to discover that our not-so-secret identities will probably not conform to the world’s expectations. This is not always an easy thing to say yes to, but when the mission is attempted together in community, we discover that we are aligned with God’s will, powered by God’s spirit, and that there is purpose and joy in being Christ’s life-giving and love-giving presence in the world.

B.A.S.E. Camp

While our themes this summer are the same as last summer, aside from our summer camp theme the first week, we have all new activities and bible studies for each week!

Week One: ‘Transformed Community’- In theme with our summer, we will be teaching our campers the impact their faith in God can have on their community through games, crafts, and Bible Study!

Week Two: Nature Camp-God created us and everything around us for a purpose, and we are called to learn about and take care of this creation!

Week Three: Christmas in July- The gift of Jesus is meant to be celebrated all year round, so come celebrate a wintery season in the fun atmosphere of summer camp!

Week Four: Space Camp-God created a WHOLE universe that works together to glorify Him; in the same way, we are meant to live OUR lives in a way that glorifies God!

Week Five: Cooking Camp-Come cook some snacks with us as we explore how we are nourished physically and spiritually through our faith!

Week Six: Fairy Tale Camp-God calls us to love people, show compassion, and live in relationships with others, much like some of our favorite characters in timeless stories do!

Week Seven: Science Camp-God created so many cool things, and he calls us to explore his whole creation through some fun science experiments of course!

Mission DFW

This year’s theme lines up perfectly with our Mission DFW program and we couldn't be more excited! Mission DFW encourages participants to learn from Christ’s example and take the form of servants for the Lord. Mission DFW allows us to go out into the Dallas/ Fort Worth area and share God’s love. Campers get the experience of Briarwood and the vast opportunities of service that DFW has to offer. This is the experience of a lifetime and a great way to spend the summer! The Mission DFW program is available to Middle School grades Campers learn what it means to be an agent of change in their communities while putting those ideals into action through mission work in the DFW area.

The theme for this summer is the epitome of what Briarwood is all about - to experience God's love and share it with others. Registration for campers is open, and we are accepting applications for an awesome summer staff of counselors! We want this summer to be transformative for all who experience camp at Briarwood, so join us in making that happen!

Introducing Program Staff

Sarah Weaver & Madi Williams

Sarah has been a camper at Briarwood since she was in 3rd grade, the minute she was old enough to come to camp! She worked as a counselor for two summers, and program intern for one summer. She started working part time as a program coordinator in September while she finished up school, then came on full time after she graduated from Baylor in December. After the summer camp program, Sarah hopes to volunteer through the ELCA’s Young Adults in Global Mission program for a year, then pursue a career in outdoor ministry or teaching music. In her free time, Sarah enjoys spending time with her dog, singing in the band at Faith Lutheran Church, singing in a professional choir, and hanging out with her co-workers Madi and Kyle.

Madi is a previous camper and current Program Coordinator at Briarwood. She worked as a counselor for two summers, joined the leadership staff for one, and has been a part of the Program Team since September. She wishes to pursue a career in outdoor ministry and hopes to take an internship after the summer program is over. She loves to sculpt, watch movies, as well as hang out with her co-workers Sarah and Kyle.
I have been working at Briarwood for almost 3 years now, plus 2 summers. In that time my position has changed several times in accordance to what Briarwood needed. I have gone from being a Camp Counselor in the summer to being the Activities and Retreat Coordinator year round. With my new position I have a big role in working with different retreats throughout the year and overseeing the majority of activities during the summer. In that time my responsibilities have grown with each position, making it more and more cloudy on why we do what we do. The idea was reinforced to me this past summer, Why is outdoor ministries so important to not only youth but for adults too?

During the summer I oversee and run high ropes, archery, and lifeguarding. Towards the end of one of the weeks I was working on top of the tower with a middle school group. The last kid to climb was on top of the tower faster than anyone before him. His grandfather came up next and we sat up there together for a few minutes conversing. It quickly became apparent that the kid was afraid despite his swiftness in climbing the tower. After a few minutes of talking to him he was ready to ride the zipline down, and he did it with a smile on his face. His grandfather then explained to me that last year it was a difficult process getting him to go down the zipline, and that by me talking with his grandson he was able to face his fears instead of giving up. He then thanked me and went down the zipline himself.

With them being the last to go down the zipline I had time to remind myself the answer to “Why? Why do we do what we do? Why is outdoor ministries so important? We do what we do to help. To help people who are having a tough time or persecution (Matthew 25: 40). To help remind people that the God we believe in is a loving God (John 13: 34-35). To help people conquer their fears and to let them know that we will be there to help when their fears or challenges in life are unbearable (Psalm 46: 1-3). It is important now more than ever to make sure that we as a community express God’s love and support to anyone willing to accept it. Whether it is summer camp, hosted retreats, or even the adult retreats throughout the year love and support is what they get here at Briarwood Retreat Center.

Kyle Rydell, Activity-Retreat Coordinator

Dear Partners in Mission,

In February, our synod council, as well as the boards of the Mission Endowment Fund and Briarwood, held their regular meetings. At these meetings, we discussed many things, including the new vision and direction for Briarwood and the hiring of the director for the Briarwood Leadership Center. From these conversations, I took away a great sense of hope in the commitment to Briarwood being shown by NT-NL in this new partnership. There was affirmation of the hard decisions made over the last year by key leaders at Briarwood and NT-NL. Additionally, there was still some confusion about the leadership model for Briarwood and how it was to be executed. As a result, I felt it wise to communicate with you directly in the form of a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) that came out of these conversations with elected leadership.

1) Is the Director of the Briarwood Leadership Center (the “director”) replacing the program director or the executive director?

Answer: Neither. The executive director position was removed from the budget in 2019 in an attempt to get Briarwood to financial sustainability. The Leadership Center director position is a new position being funded in part by the allocation in the Briarwood budget for the program director and the remainder by an investment from NT-NL which will be noted in the 2019/2020 NT-NL budgets but will largely be covered by special gifts.

2) Then who is coordinating programs for youth and young adults?

Answer: The director oversees the operations of the entire ministry, including the operations director and program coordinators delegating daily supervision as appropriate. The program director’s responsibilities are now being handled by our two program coordinators (previously existing positions) Ms. Madi Williams and Ms. Sarah Weaver, who have been developed as leaders by our ministries at Briarwood. They will also be assisted by Mrs. Cathie Iorns (Briarwood Board) and the Rev. Kris Totzke (NT-NL Bishop’s Associate), both of whom have experience and expertise in camping ministry.

Visit www.briarwoodretreat.org/camp-counselors to apply to be summer staff at Briarwood.

3) What then does the director of the Briarwood Leadership Center do?

Answer: The director is responsible for the entire supervision of the ministry at Briarwood, including staff, program, and operations. This role was created from the visioning work of the Leadership Development task force that met from 2014-2018. This team cast a vision for a position dedicated to developing Briarwood further as a leadership development center for all ages, connected to ecclesial, educational, and secular leadership development in our communities. The director is responsible for this and for all the functions of Briarwood as a retreat center and camp. Additionally, the director will relate to particular NT-NL teams related to leadership development.

4) Is Briarwood financially sustainable?

Answer: Thanks to the land sale, continued operations through this transition time, the investment from the NT-NL budget, and continued support from NT-NL congregations and individuals, Briarwood is in its best financial position in history. It has no outside creditors, holds cash on hand for operations and investment, and a reduced budget that more realistically reflects historical income and expenses. While the board does project expenses to exceed income in 2019, the amount of this loss is less than a third of prior year deficits. Additionally, a reality-based business plan is being developed for hosted ministry and other revenue generating activities to become sustainable within 3 years.

The creation of the new Director of Briarwood Leadership Center position is an adaptive step in moving us forward towards this vision of a leadership center. It is first of its kind in our synod and is unique in touching lives through camping, retreats, leadership development, and community engagement. To achieve this vision has required making difficult decisions and changing models of accountability and process. As we continue to move forward, I invite your constructive thoughts and most of all your commitment, including participation in events and financial support, for our work together. To build a ministry requires sacrifice and a willingness to change. I am grateful for the support of your elected council members and the boards of our synod. Thank you for your support, and most of all, for your prayers.

In Christ,

Bishop Erik K.J. Gronberg
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A Gift for Briarwood from Thrivent Financial

Thrivent Financial is a financial services organization that helps Christians be wise with money and live generously. For more than a century, it has helped its member-owners make wise money choices that reflect their values. Thrivent Choice is a charitable grant program that allows members to help choose where Thrivent Financial distributes a portion of its charitable funds each year.

One of the benefits of membership of Thrivent is directing Thrivent Choice Dollars to ministries you support and Briarwood is a ministry eligible to receive Thrivent Choice Dollars. In 2018 Briarwood received $3,104 from Thrivent Choice Dollars. Thrivent Choice Dollars are extremely helpful as we work to make camp available and affordable for all people and for everyone who directed their Thrivent Choice Dollars to Briarwood we say thank you! Thrivent Financial is making a positive difference in Briarwood’s ministry through you and your choice is deeply appreciated. Please know if you want that support to continue you must select Briarwood again as selections must be made on an on-going basis (Quarterly).

If you are a member of Thrivent that has not directed your Thrivent Choice Dollars and would like to choose Briarwood to receive your Thrivent Choice Dollars then go to our website www.briarwoodretreat.org/thrivent-choice for directions on how to do this.

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AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support Briarwood every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at www.smile.amazon.com, you’ll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. We received $71.10 in 2018. Set Briarwood up as your non-profit of choice next time you shop on Amazon!

In-Kind supporters

Ideas for supporting Briarwood are not limited to cash donations. Gifts-in-kind also provide tremendous support. The following gifts were made to Briarwood in 2018 and Briarwood extends a word of support to these generous donors!

- Sam and Mike Shaw: Piano, sofa, love seat, and assorted living room tables
- Matt and Lora Baumhardt: Refrigerated Salad Bar and many other items
- Evan Molan: Fund raising consultation from GSB
- Phil and Anna Geleske: Lawn Mower
- James Ahrenholz: Wet/Dry Shop Vac

Briarwood has created a wish list of items that will provide important support for ministry

- Hand Tools
- Extension cords
- Shovels, Bakes, etc.
- Sporting Equipment
- Folding Tables Plastic 6’ or 8’ rectangular
- Folding Tables 5’ diameter rounds
- Chain Saws
- Washing Machines or gas dryers
- Generator
- Upright Freezers
- Log Splitter
- Gravel for Road Maintenance
- Seven (7) Passenger Van
- Tractor with Front End Loader-$20,000

Endowments & Bequests

By thinking of Briarwood Lutheran Ministries in their estate planning these donors ensure that the ministry of Christ will continue for years to come.

Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest

- Northern Texas Northern Louisiana Mission Area Managed Asset
- Leif Johnson Common Fund
- Cleopatra Woods Endowment
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- Pietsch Endowment
- Oak Cliff Lutheran Church of Dallas Endowment
- Kevin S. and Billye Jean Kanouse Endowment Fund

The Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest enables planned giving to ministries such as Briarwood Lutheran Ministries. LFSW provides one-on-one personalized served to people who in all circumstances who want to support Lutheran ministries in perpetuity. Through the endowment managed by LFSW Briarwood received $31,678.47. We are thankful for the work of our partners at LFSW!

More information about the Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest is available at www.lsfw.org or by contacting Daniel Cazac at (254) 498-5873
Donations to Briarwood from individuals, congregations and organizations help make summer camp and retreats affordable for all people and help make certain that no child is ever turned away from camp because of financial limitations. Financial gifts from around the synod have never been more important nor more appreciated and we thank everyone for their continued support!

Our next big fund raising event is our annual Gala this year “A Night Under the Stars” on Saturday, May 4 at the Texas Star Conference Centre, 1400 Texas Star Parkway, Euless. Previous Galas have been extremely successful, providing tremendous support – last year over $60,000 was raised!

This year’s Gala promises to be even more successful as we honor: Briarwood Advocate: Tyna Oslie, Shepherd of Life, Arlington, Congregation Support: St Matthew’s, Fort Worth, and Volunteer of the Year: Holly Trester. You are all invited to an evening of fun that truly supports ministry at Briarwood. Tickets for the event may be purchased at www.bidpal.net/briarwoodgala or by calling 940-241-2099.

The second major fund raising event is the Briarwood Retreat Center Golf Tournament. This year’s tournament will be held on Friday, September 13. As in the past we will play a 4 person scramble format with a shotgun start and lunch will follow the event. We will continue with a friendly competition between congregations as teams vie for the coveted “Bishop’s Challenge” plaque. Please join us for a fun event that raises money for our ministry at Briarwood.

The Fall Festival will be held with the Thrivent Financial Barbeque, “Cooking for Christ” Cook-off. Cooking begins Friday night, November 1 and continues through the festivities and judging which takes place on Saturday, November 2. Last year everyone enjoyed a day of smoked treats and activities and this is an event with all kinds of games and family activities that you will not want to miss!

The latest information about all 2019 events is available at www.briarwoodretreat.org.

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Bill & Lauren Anderson
Beth Arnold
Andrew & Katie Beckman
Pastor Nick Billardello
Mary Blaha
Sharon Bosse
Shelly Brennan
Becky Clark
Bill Clingenpeel
Katrina Colwick
Hannah Cook
Bryan Cook
Logan Cook

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Bob & Mickey Pangrac
John Parsons
Caryn Patterson
Jan Pope

Chip Sakakeeny
Tom Schultz
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Briarwood board members

A big thank you to our dedicated board members for your service to Briarwood and your promotion of Briarwood’s ministries.

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We express our thanks to those who transitioned off the board during the last year:

Ginger Eads
Pastor Kathi Johnson, Our Reedemer, Grand Prairie
Suzanne Kraemer
Julie Sullivan

2019 Calendar

March 31
April 9-11
May 4
June 2-14
June 16-Aug 2
June 17-Aug 2
September 22
September 20-22
September 13
November 1-2
November 12-14
December 2
December 6-8
December 8
December 20-21

Sunday Brunch
Young at Heart Retreat
Briarwood Night Under the Stars Gala
Summer Staff Training
Summer Camp
Base Camp
Sunday Brunch
Middle School Retreat
Briarwood Golf Outing
Fall Festival & Thrivent Cooking for Christ
Young at Heart Retreat
Angels Workday Christmas Letter
Upper Elementary Winter Retreat
Holiday Brunch
Summer Staff Reunion
### 2018 Financials

**2018 Income**

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**2018 Total over/under**

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