## **Lutheran Chautauqua Association**

Lutheran House at Chautauqua

February 2021

Dear Friends of the Lutheran House and LCA Members,

I wanted to reach out and provide you with a brief update on our plans for the Chautauqua 2021 season. These plans include:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Gathering Space Revitalization Project
- Our COVID Vaccination Policy
- 2021 Season Room Reservations

As you might have read in our fall newsletter, we have been blessed with a grant from Alan Johnson (in memory of his wife Marilys Johnson) and his son Kurt Johnson to help revitalize the 1st floor gathering space. A small committee has been working hard, re-envisioning this space to make it more functional, versatile, and welcoming for the many ways it's used during the Chautauqua season. Exciting plans include new laminate flooring, repainted walls and ceiling, new overhead light fixtures with fans, new more comfortable furniture and updated technology.

The estimated cost of this much-needed update is \$50,000. I share with you more good news of an anonymous donor who is generously matching our fund-raising, dollar for dollar! Past guests and chaplains have already committed \$5,000. With the \$10,000 Johnson grant our total raised so far is \$20,000. We are very thankful for this strong start!

I invite you to consider this grand opportunity when the dollar for dollar matching funds are available to us through March 31, 2021. We only need to raise an additional \$15,000 to reach our goal and complete the work before this summer season begins! I'm grateful that some donors are pledging portions of their government stimulus checks towards this project. As you remember your weeks spent at Chautauqua, please consider contributing to a special place where we welcome guests to live while learning, enjoying the arts, and worshipping in the community. Donations can be made out to the Lutheran Chautauqua Association and sent to:

John A. Howard Jr., Treasurer 259 Hampton Oaks Dr. Allison Park, PA 15101

If you prefer, you can make a contribution using a credit card on our new website: https://lutheranhouse.org/Donate

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