Above: Campers enjoyed face painting at the Pee Dee Camp. Right: Campers and Trinity Village residents spent time together on a service project to benefit Rock Steady Gym in Hickory, which serves people with Parkinson's Disease.

summer CAMP

LSC offers Lutheroad camp experience in North and South Carolina programs

In collaboration with Lutheridge, a NovusWay ministry that brings the camp experience to children who might not otherwise have the opportunity, LSC was thrilled to offer Lutheroad day camps in both North and South Carolina this summer.

Organized by Jean Keefe, LSC's regional foster care manager for the Pee Dee area of South Carolina, a Lutheroad camp was held in July at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Florence, S.C. The camp included children in LSC's care as well as other area children, 17 in all. The church provided lunch and snacks daily. Campers enjoyed a day of water fun and a visit from the local fire department, which brought a fire engine.

LSC is grateful for the wonderful hospitality of St. Luke and for the generosity of Mary's Endowment for its contributions to the program.

"It is so great when LSC collaborates with the churches in the community to make exciting events like this happen

for our youth in the Pee Dee area," Keefe said. "It was a great experience and one we would like to see happen again in the future."

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In June, for the third summer in a row, Trinity Village in Hickory hosted Lutheroad Day Camp. Children ages 5-12 enjoyed a week filled with music, arts and crafts, games, nature programs and Bible study — all occurring on site, with some field trips thrown in for good measure.

Campers and residents bonded over various activities, including a service project in which they packed goodie bags for a Hickory boxing gym that serves people with Parkinson's disease. Sharing their home with the campers and counselors was uplifting for the residents, who love spending time with young people.

Lutheroad Day Camp at Trinity Village encourages intergenerational connections.