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Fees charged to youth and adults for programs at Cross Trails Ministry do not cover all of the costs. In fact, program fees fund approximately 70% of the ministry of Cross Trails. We intentionally keep the fees low to accommodate all campers and congregations who wish to participate, regardless of economic circumstances. Therefore, the remaining money for operating costs must be raised each year through outside sources.

We have a number of ways for individuals, families, and congregations to be financial leaders with Cross Trails Ministry. Below you will find a few highlights of ways you can become involved. Please see our web-site for more details in each area.

- **Trail Blazer Giving Club**— When you give more than \$300 annually to Cross Trails Ministry you become a “Trail Blazer.” Each level of the Trail Blazer Giving Club is acknowledged through discounts and special “behind the scenes” information!
 - Live Oak Circle** (\$5,000 or more annually)
 - Mesquite Circle** (\$1,000 or more annually)
 - Purple Sage Circle** (\$500 or more annually)
 - Bluebonnet Circle** (\$300 or more annually)
- **Congregational Giving Club**- Congregational giving makes up a substantial part of our budget. We strongly encourage our congregations to be part of the congregational giving club. To encourage participation, we offer discounts for various levels of giving.
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- **Pave the Way**- You can now honor a special person or event by purchasing a brick to be added to the new, rustic brick pathways at Camp Chrysalis. For \$100 or \$75 you can purchase a brick and have it engraved with a message meaningful to you.
- **Thrivent Choice Dollars**- If you have a qualified investment or insurance with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, you earn Choice Dollars. These Choice Dollars do not come out of your investment but are from Thrivent. To designate where you would like your Choice Dollars to be dedicated to, please call your local Thrivent representative, or go on-line to www.Thrivent.com.
- **Lutheran Fall Festival**- The Lutheran Fall Festival is an annual event that provides funds to Cross Trails Ministry for special projects. Highlights include youth and adult chili cook-offs, a silent and live auction, a yummy food, a craft fair, and activities for children. In order for this event to be successful, it is important that we have participation from our supporting congregations and individuals. Mark your calendar now for the third Saturday in September of each year and join the fun in downtown Fredericksburg at the “Marktplatz.”
- **Endowment Fund**- As we look to the future we are excited about all that is ahead as God continues to lead us in new directions. But we've also learned that it is our responsibility to be careful stewards of our gifts and resources. To help ensure growth and sustainability for this ministry we have established the Cross Trails Ministry Endowment Fund. When you send your gift marked “Endowment Fund,” it will join the funds of others to build Cross Trails Ministry. The Fund will provide monetary support for beyond the budget expenses including new equipment and programs .

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