

Inviting all to experience the life-changing love of Jesus through vibrant settings in community and creation.
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The Next Step

With our total funds raised exceeding the \$1.1 million project cost, we are moving forward at Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp with the renovation of The Village cabins and lodge!

Joel Johnson, GLLM Project Manager, has been working tirelessly to finalize building plans and coordinate with contractors. GLLM will be ready to begin construction as of September 1, 2023.

The list of updates to the cabins and lodge is extensive with nearly every inch of each building being updated. A few of the items with the greatest impact include:

- air conditioning units in each cabin
- bathroom and kitchen renovations and upgrades
- lakeside screened in porch
- ADA updates with a focus on access and usability of space
- parking lot and pathway improvements

While we are excited for the physical spaces, we are most excited for all of the ways ministry will happen upon completion. The space will be perfect for congregational retreats, family and fishing weekends, WELCA events, council retreats, confirmation getaways, educational opportunities, and so much more. Whatever the group, through the holy hospitality and radical love offered, we can't wait for folks to experience the life-changing love of Jesus.

We can see on many of your faces that you're ready to see this dream come to fruition. Us too! Everyone will have the opportunity to make an impact and get involved in the At the Water's Edge Campaign. Let's be really clear - this is not the last step; this is the next step.

Our goals for 2023 and beyond are even bigger! We invite you to make an impact. If you are ready to have a conversation about making a gift, please contact us today at 320-796-2181.

This Money has a Real Purpose

Bob and Sue Anderson have been coming to Lake Andrew for over 30 years. Their kids would sit at the end of their dock and sing the camp songs along with the campers, most of their grandkids have been baptized in water from Lake Andrew, and they eventually turned their seasonal cabin into their full-time residence, next door to Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp. "God gets the best part of the lake, but if you can be right next to God..." Sue mused.

Bob and Sue have been inspired to give by the people around them, which motivated them to give to the Water's Edge Capital Campaign. Sue shared, "We know that God's work is being done at the camp. It's all centered around Christ. This is about as alive as I've seen God. It is a living, breathing, church experience."

This gift wasn't about finances. It didn't include a spreadsheet. This was a gift of gratitude for the place.

Bob said, "It's kind of selfish. We get a lot out of the ministry too." Sue added, "This has become our church."

The Andersons shared their greatest hopes for Green Lake Lutheran Ministries is that God continues to guide and move through the leadership. "You can only do so much without the right facilities," Sue said. Positive experiences can continue through people, but people need facilities to do what they were called to do.

GLLM wants to have a space that is ready and welcome to inspire community in relationships with others, God, and creation. Through investment in our kitchen and dining hall space, our abilities to serve groups with a wide variety of expectations and needs will only be enhanced.

Sue shared, "This is the biggest gift we've ever given and it feels really good. To have a direction and purpose for what we've worked for beyond buying birthday presents for our kids or new furniture. This money has a real purpose." Bob added, "We're lucky we are in a position to give and we need to step up and do it."

We are profoundly grateful to Bob & Sue Anderson for their gift. The magnitude of impact will enable GLLM to engage every member of the community more deeply and with the aim of growing Christ's church more widely.



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Bob serves on the GLLM board and Sue is a Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp gardener.

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Notes from the Executive Director

Travis Aufderheide | Executive Director

Whether we're talking about the addition of Serve Boldly, the At the Water's Edge Campaign, summer camp ministry growth, our retreat and conference ministry that continues to surge... Whether we are considering the new and fantastic staff members added this past year or our existing team of veterans... Or whether we're talking about the 26 new congregational partners. (Yes, I said 26 new congregations!) It is always fair to ask, for what purpose does it matter? Why add new programs? Why seek out ways to grow?

Our truth is that we will continue to INVEST in the ministries that are most familiar and most traditional. You better believe I want my daughter to have a similar shared experience to that of mine when I was a camper at Green Lake Bible Camp in the 90s. But it is also the absolute case that GLLM feels a call to continuously seek out ways to welcome a wider group. To find ways to welcome groups who traditionally don't fit the mold of who comes to camp. **But even bigger than that, we feel the call to seek out ways to welcome groups and people, who haven't felt welcomed by the traditional church at all.**

And so if that means that we need to invest in programs with a more urban footprint. Or that we need to invest in the physical spaces that exist on our sites with an eye not JUST for what works for our current network but to also meet the needs of those who won't say yes to a ministry experience as is... We're in. Let's go.

And goodness... it's so very clear to me that it is more important than ever that you all accept the invitation to join us. We need your partnership more than ever. We need your investment of participation, prayer, and generosity to come through like never before for us to live into this call.

If you're curious to hear more about our plans, I hope you'll reach out to me directly to set up a conversation.



If you would like to share your passion and feedback with Travis, you are encouraged to do so! Please contact our main office at 320-796-2181 to schedule a cup of coffee and conversation. Travis can also be contacted directly via email at taufderheide@gllm.org.

Dave Eliason Advocate of the Year Award



Phyllis Jacobson was named the 2022 Advocate of the Year in recognition of her decades of service and commitment to furthering the mission of GLLM at our annual meeting in February.

Among Phyllis' many attributes and achievements that decorate her time on the GLLM staff and as a volunteer is her ability to engage people about the things of which she cares about. She has an incredible knack to connect people's passion with opportunity as has been seen in fundraising campaigns and events. It is also notable that Phyllis was the mastermind behind the GLLM quilt auction which now has raised over \$1 million dollars!

Phyllis truly is a rare treasure and we are so lucky to be connected with her!

The "Dave Eliason" Advocate of the Year award is given each year at our annual meeting to a person who has gone above and beyond to advocate for the mission and ministry of GLLM. The awards namesake, Dave Eliason represented GLLM faithfully for over 40 years and was known for his eloquence in speaking about the ministry he cared about and also his eagerness to engage NEW people. It is an honor to present this award each year in his name!

Ted Moen Seminary Scholarship

The GLLM Seminary Scholarship Fund is a scholarship resource for GLLM staff alumni in seminary. This scholarship was created with an initial gift from Ted Moen to insure that faithful and promising adults can accept the call to ministry and provide leadership for the ELCA. More information and application materials can be found at GLLM.org/alumni. Contact Travis Aufderheide, Executive Director, with questions at taufderheide@gllm.org!

THE 39TH ANNUAL

QUILT AUCTION

LIVE, SILENT & ONLINE AUCTIONS

BEACHFRONT CONCERT

BOUNCE HOUSE

HOTDISH SUPPER & PULLED PORK LUNCH



FRIDAY & SATURDAY – JULY 21 & 22, 2023

Staff Updates

Since 1938, Green Lake Lutheran Ministries has enriched the lives and leadership skills of countless people — and that includes our year-round and seasonal staff! We're so grateful for the vibrant team of staff working to further the mission and vision of GLLM.

To get to know our current year-round staff or contact them, visit GLLM.org/staff-and-board-of-directors

To view job openings for full-time, seasonal, and summer ministry, visit GLLM.org/employment



Church Leaders are the Magic

Lindsey Scheid | Associate Director

It's the season of church promos which means getting up earlier than I'd like on a Sunday morning. I leave the house while it's still dark, it's cold, I'm tired, and, admittedly, a little cranky. So, I play the glad game. Name all the things you are glad about: Beautiful sunrises. The incredible results of freezing fog on trees. Seeing parts of southwest Minnesota I'm still learning about. Putting towns with church buildings and names with faces. The energy that comes with inviting people to one of our sites and talking about the near future and big picture vision for GLLM.



Here's what I've learned on my visits this season: My presence in a congregation isn't magic. Sure, we have some incredible resources (gllm.org/promotional-resources), but my mediocre public speaking with bad jokes and nervous energy isn't what gets people excited about coming to camp. It's the church and lay leaders that are showing up in incredible ways.

These leaders are orchestrating camp Sundays that include youth in the service as musicians, readers, and communion assistants. They are putting tents and canoes in the sanctuary. They are holding special evenings with activities that include service projects, s'more making, and gaga ball pits made with tables. These church leaders are the magic. **They aren't telling their kids to go to camp. They are saying, come WITH ME to camp.**

Please feel free to connect with Lindsey or learn more about being a Resource Staff at gllm.org/resource-staff. Lindsey can be contacted directly via email at lscheid@gllm.org.



Farewell Steph After 3 years of managing retreat bookings and summer camp registration, Steph ended her time at GLLM in November. We miss the skill and care she brought to her work, her ability to manage dozens of details all at once, and the wealth of knowledge and experience she had that positively affected every area of our work. Although we're sad she is no longer on staff, we're so thankful for the positive impacts that she made while here.



Welcome Kari Kari joined the team in December 2022. She has a background in administration and customer support and is eager to help you customize retreat accommodations that are right for your group. Kari will also be a great resource for families as they make their summer camp plans. She enjoys traveling, fishing, lake activities, and spending time with her kids and grandkids with her husband Mike.



Welcome Gretchen Gretchen's call to outdoor ministry started as a camper and summer staff member at Green Lake Bible Camp, before it was known as GLLM! This passion led her to work full-time at camps in Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Oregon. She is excited to be back "where it all began", and can't wait to invite others into the life-changing ministry of Green Lake Lutheran Ministries. Gretchen enjoys spending time with extended family, early morning walks, cooking and baking, and a good book.

We're excited to announce a new role for the following GLLM staff:
 Megan Strand, Community Engagement and Day Camp Manager

NOW HIRING



SEASONAL & SUMMER STAFF



Scan for more info & to apply!

SUMMER STAFF

Spend time immersed in a supportive, un-plugged and life-giving community all summer. We have a variety of positions to fill with awesome people each summer.

SERVE BOLDLY STAFF

Connect with youth, congregations, non-profits, and community leaders in cities across the United States. Our 2023 partnering communities are: Chicago, IL; Milwaukee, WI; Nashville, TN!

SEASONAL STAFF

We are looking to fill a variety of seasonal cook, custodian, housekeeping, and maintenance positions across our sites.

MINISTRY ASSOCIATES

The MA Program runs late August to late May and provides an opportunity for young adults to experience a variety of aspects of youth and outdoor ministries in a faith-based setting.

YOU

are welcome here.

God's diverse creation includes you. **NO MATTER WHAT.**
 You are welcome at GLLM and we will work with you to create a safe and welcoming space for you and your loved ones.

\$1000

referral bonus

For each SUMMER STAFF member you help recruit, you or your congregation will receive a \$1,000 referral bonus. Join us for a church retreat, youth retreat, rental weekend at camp or take it in cash - good for 1 year! bit.ly/GLLMrefer

All are Welcome to Join in Community

Jon Davidson
Program Director



One important piece to my job in winter/spring is to travel to college campuses in search of amazing summer staff to lead our programs at camp. I have heard from older camp directors the tall tales of them showing up to campus back in the day and leaving with many of their summer positions filled. However true that may have been, you can probably guess that it is not the case anymore.

So, we now seek out more relational contexts to connect with potential camp staff. We engage in Bible Study with Lutheran Campus Ministry groups. While hopefully recruiting their students to fill our positions, we will also sponsor weekly meals or bring cookies to Bible study and worship held on campus. This is one of the few spaces I have encountered where no one is ever turned away and all are welcome to join in community.

In recent weeks I have been moved to tears upon hearing Campus Ministry students share their faith, hardships, and love for one another. There is only one other place I have seen such beautiful community: at camp.

This is the reason we reach out to young adults and hope they say yes to a summer job at camp. Each summer I am blessed to walk alongside the staff as they share their raw faith with campers, as they share their unconditional love, and invite all into community. I know that when you bring your children and families to camp this summer, you too will be moved by the love and acceptance you feel from the staff. We can't wait to see you here!



Grades Program

- K-5 Onsite Day Camp
- 1-4 Half Blast
- 2-5 Andy's Gang
- 5-7 Trailblazers
- 5-7 Fishing Camp
- * Confirmation Up North
- 7-9 Stargazers
- 7-9 Fishing Camp Up North
- 9-12 High School Up North
- 10-12 Community Guides

Program eligibility is based on grade completed in spring 2023.

SUMMER CAMP

2023 **gathergrowgo**

Plant your roots in Christ and let God be the foundation for your life. Be strong in your faith, just as you were taught. And be grateful. *-Colossians 2:7*

Come and GATHER together at Bible camp where you will have the opportunity to GROW in your faith and be inspired to GO share God's love with the world.

NEW IN 2023: We are excited to offer a **Fishing Camp Up North** at Camp House! For 7th-9th graders (completed), we partner with Fishing for Life to create fishing experiences on Lake George and around Superior National Forest.

We will welcome campers in completed grades 10-12 to be **Community Guides!** This new program allows campers the opportunity to see what it means to be a pivotal community member at camp; learning background tasks that keep camp running smoothly and helping Half Blast campers with Bible study & worship are the main tasks for the week. This is still a camper program, so they will also enjoy intentional off-site adventures with service and high ropes opportunities. Limited spots available!

	Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp	Green Lake Bible Camp	Camp House
Week 1 June 11-15	-	Congregational Bookings	Confirmation Up North
Week 2 June 18-22	Half Blast Andy's Gang Trailblazers Stargazers Community Guides	Pastor's Family Camp	Fishing Camp Up North Congregational Bookings
Week 3 June 25-29	Half Blast Andy's Gang Trailblazers Fishing Camp Stargazers Community Guides	Congregational Bookings	High School Up North Family Camp
Week 4	Fourth of July		
Week 5 July 9-13	Congregational Bookings	Camp Joy (July 10-13)	Congregational Bookings
Week 6 July 16-20	Half Blast Andy's Gang Trailblazers Stargazers Community Guides Onsite Day Camp	Grandparent Grandchild Camp (July 16-19) Quilt Auction (July 21-22)	Congregational Bookings
Week 7 July 23-27	Half Blast Andy's Gang Trailblazers Stargazers Community Guides	Family Camp	Congregational Bookings
Week 8 July 30-Aug 3	Half Blast Andy's Gang Trailblazers Stargazers Community Guides Onsite Day Camp	Congregational Bookings	Congregational Bookings
Week 9 August 6-10	Congregational Bookings	Congregational Bookings	Congregational Bookings

SUMMER SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. OUR CURRENT SCHEDULE IS FOUND ONLINE!

RENTAL SPACES

Plan your next get-away at camp! Learn more about our retreat and rental spaces at www.gllm.org/retreat-rental-spaces or contact us at 320-796-2181 or retreat@gllm.org.



Chrysalis House • Green Lake Bible Camp
Year-round retreat center located on Green Lake. Features 15 motel-style rooms and 8 student dorm rooms (6 sets of bunk beds each). Main building has a spacious dining room, a great room, and 4 meeting rooms. *Idea: Council retreat or small group meeting. Newly renovated Crescent Lounge with the technology to join the retreat in person and remotely too.*



Medayto Lodge • Green Lake Bible Camp
6 bedroom, 3 bath lakefront home on Green Lake. Features a full kitchen and dining room, large living room with a gas fireplace and lake view, and a four-season sunroom, large deck, and private dock. *Idea: Gather for a reunion with friends or family! Plan time for relaxation on the lake to reconnect!*



The Village • Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp
Sitting on a hill over Lake Andrew, includes a central lodge building, a kitchen and a dining room, and two smaller meeting spaces. Motel style cabins with private bathrooms sit behind the lodge, each with one double bed and either two single beds or a bunk bed. *Idea: Host a family reunion - accommodates many different families, spend time on the lake, cook together, and share stories.*



The Cottages • Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp
3 year-round cabins on Lake Andrew. Can be booked individually or in multiples. Each cabin includes 3 bedrooms (sleeps 6-11), 2 bathrooms, large gathering spaces, a dining room and full kitchen - plus a camper with electrical hook-up! *Idea: Enjoy time with friends or family. Stop by Sibley State Park for hiking or bring your bicycles along to ride on the newly expanded Glacial Lakes Bike Trail.*



Chapel Rentals 2 beautiful chapels available to host weddings, baptisms, funerals, gatherings, worships and more! Both sites have rich histories and are ready to provide a memorable space for your event. The **Green Lake Stave Chapel** is available year-round accommodating up to 250 guests and **The Marble Church** at Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp is available May - Sept for up to 150 guests. Call our office to book a tour and learn about these historic spaces!

Alumni

STAFF

Join us for a GLLM Staff Alumni Gathering on Saturday, May 6 at Utepils Brewing, Minneapolis.
Reconnect with old friends, enjoy some snacks and beverages, and hear a brief update of what's going on at camp from Travis Aufderheide, Executive Director. Bring your favorite memories and photos!

Camp House Opening Weekend

May 19-21, 2023

After a long winter of quiet, it is time to wake up Camp House and get it ready for summer! Individuals, families, and youth groups are invited to join us for the weekend. Cost is covered by your hard work in helping us get Camp House ready for another summer of ministry. For more information, contact Gretchen Bachman at gbachman@gllm.org.



Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, June 4 at Green Lake Bible Camp | 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Come to camp for a variety of pancakes, syrups, and toppings served with fruit, sausage links, juice and coffee! The 2023 Summer Staff will have games and crafts for children of all ages. Proceeds will support our camp scholarship fund!

Holy Hospitality

Deacon Sarah Kretchmann
Director of Retreat & Hospitality Ministries



Each time we gather for Hospitality Team meetings we start our time together with the question, "Where did you see holy hospitality this week?" It is a great way to get us talking each meeting, but more importantly, it is a reminder that God calls us to share holy hospitality with all our neighbors.

This invitation into the work of welcome is clear throughout scripture. In Deuteronomy, God implores the ancient Israelites to show hospitality to widows, orphans, and newcomers because they were once newcomers themselves. In Matthew, Jesus declares that welcome shown to any in need is welcome shown to him. In Hebrews, we are reminded that any recipient of holy hospitality could be a messenger from God.

How have you experienced or shared holy hospitality?

My hope is that we have embodied it during your time with Green Lake Lutheran Ministries because that is what we are called to do. As a reminder of this call and affirmation of our care for campers, guests, and retreat goers, the Hospitality Team is hard at work creating a blessing for all who join us at our sites. Our hope is that this collaboratively-created blessing will remind everyone who joins us on any of our sites that they are so loved and so welcome. We are excited to share this blessing with you soon. In the meantime, I leave you with my prayer for you:

May you be blessed by the gift of holy hospitality and the abundance that comes from sharing.
May you experience the joy of welcoming the stranger and being welcomed by others whose path may have wound in a different direction than yours. Amen.

PROGRAMMED RETREATS

Register today at GLLM.org!

Confirmation Retreat

April 21-22, 2023 at Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp | \$85

Spend a few days at camp working on service projects and enjoying some of your favorite camp activities, while also getting a chance to meet together with your other confirmands and spend time learning with your church group. Pastors and youth directors are encouraged to attend!

Spring Fever Youth Retreat (Grades 2-6)

April 28-30, 2023 at Green Lake Bible Camp | \$175

Come join us in a weekend full of games, Bible Studies, arts and crafts, worships, campfires and more. This retreat is great for new campers who want to give camp a try before doing a full week.

Spirit Ride & Stride Retreat

August 17-21, 2023 • Camp House | See website for pricing

This is a great opportunity for a relaxing weekend with fun rides through some of God's beautiful creation of the North Shore - open to individuals, couples, and groups - with motorcycles, four wheelers, bicycles, or hiking, walking and running shoes!

Fall Frenzy Youth Retreat (Grades 2-6)

September 29-30, 2023 at Green Lake Bible Camp | \$85

Can't wait a whole year to experience camp? Come play games, explore God's Word, spend time in God's creation and enjoy the beauty of camp this fall!

Grandparent & Grandchild Retreat

November 4-5, 2023 at Green Lake Bible Camp | Adults \$85 Youth \$35

With intergenerational Bible studies, worship, activities, and more, this is your chance to spend intentional time together while playing in God's creation!

Youth Ministry Workers' Retreat

November 14-15, 2023 • Green Lake Bible Camp | \$75

Join us for continuing education as we build a community, find ways to support one another, and plan for another year of impactful ministry. Take time to get away, breathe deeply, and reconnect with God so you can be renewed and invigorated for the ministry ahead!

Creative Souls Retreat

November 17-19, 2023 at Green Lake Bible Camp | \$175

Whatever your hobby may be, bring supplies and join us for a great weekend of crafting at Green Lake Bible Camp. There is even time to enjoy a walk, take a nap, and participate in devotions. Enjoy fellowship and a supportive Christian atmosphere in the company of other creative women.

Living Waters Fellowship

The members listed below gave \$1,000 or more in 2022 to support the ministry happening at GLLM. We appreciate your generosity and commitment to camp!

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IMPACT 100

EVERYONE DESERVES THE CHANCE TO GROW AT CAMP.

Green Lake Lutheran Ministries firmly believes that everyone who want to experience camp should be able to. Green Lake Lutheran Ministries has established a scholarship fund and has been joyfully sharing these resources through an application process. Each year, we receive over 100 scholarship requests and approve each and every one. To make this possible, we need to raise 100 scholarships of \$640, ensuring that camp is available for everyone. This is an integral part of the ministry happening at camp - and you can help! **Please consider making a gift during the week of May 21-28, 2023 directly to our scholarship fund, impacting a camper's life in amazing and unimaginable ways.** Give generously at glm.org, by calling our office, or by mailing your gift to our office.



IMPACT 100 WEEK: May 21-28
\$64,000 • 100 SCHOLARSHIPS

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Friends of GLLM are donors who give \$100 or more yearly to the Annual Fund. Their gifts guarantee that GLLM can continue to offer vibrant, faithful experiences for campers and retreat guests year-round. Thank you! List continues onto page 7 and 8.

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So, when I make my annual gift I feel as though I am paying forward one of the most meaningful gifts I've ever received. And I bet you feel the same way. But what happens to that all-important annual gift after you die? Does it just stop? What if you wanted your annual gift to go on forever?

Turning your annual gift into a perpetual gift may take less than you think. Let's say your annual gift is \$1,000. You can create a recurring annual gift by making a one-time gift of \$25,000 into one of the camp's endowment funds. From that, the endowment will pay out the equivalent of your annual gift every year - forever!

Now a gift of 25 times your annual gift may be more than you are prepared to make today, but it could be a relatively small gift from your estate. Think about it!

What gift will you perpetuate? What blessing will you continue to pay forward forever?

Rev. Keith Pearson is the ELCA Foundation's Regional Gift Planner in Western Minnesota. His services are available free to those interested in leaving legacy gifts that shape lives, that become living legacies. He can be reached at 773-380-2483 or keith.pearson@elca.org.



Thrivent Financial Members - we need your help!

Did you know Thrivent Financial offers resources, free to help volunteers get engaged in camp events and accomplishing projects at camp?

Thrivent Choice Dollars - Deadline March 31!
 Directing your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Green Lake Lutheran Ministries is easy - and makes a huge impact! **In 2022, over \$9,935** was given to provide fun, quality, faith experiences for campers and retreat guests! Contact Thrivent Financial for more information about who is eligible, and when you can give.

Thrivent Action Teams
 Thrivent Action Teams encourage people to support an event or cause by living generously in their community. These \$250 grants have been used in the past for Dinner Theater, Quilt Auction, building projects, volunteer care, and so much more. There's a simple application process at www.thrivent.com!

For more information on how you can use these generous Thrivent Financial resources with camp, contact Kirsten at 320-796-2181 or kpalan@gllm.org

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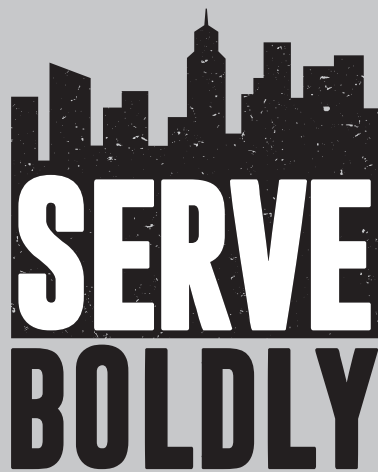
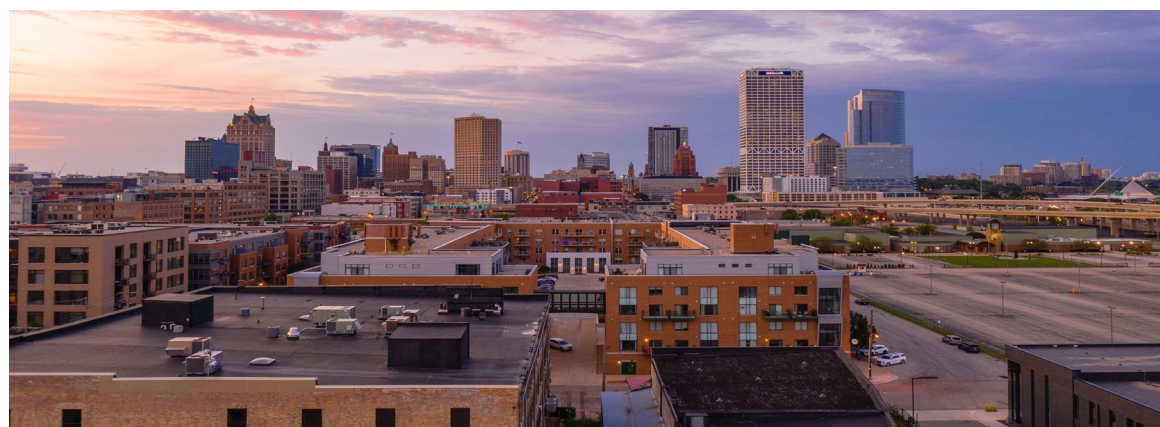
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At Serve Boldly, we know that each church youth group comes from a specific background, with their own varied experiences, and a lens from which to view the world.

In 2023, nearly two dozen youth groups will embark on a new journey, where they break bread with community members in Milwaukee, Chicago, and Nashville. Youth will return home excited about their faith and empowered to lead. Because of their experience with Serve Boldly, they will be compelled to share that mission work is not just about God's presence in their lives, but about God's presence in their neighbors lives.

Serve Boldly is excited to add several new locations to the mix in 2024! We welcome you to start imagining your group accompanying and serving their neighbor at one of the following Serve Boldly locations in 2024:

- Chicago, IL | Large Urban
- Duluth, MN | Small Urban **New!**
- Madison, WI | Small Urban **New!**
- Milwaukee, WI | Large Urban
- Nashville, TN | Large Urban
- Pittsburgh, PA | Large Urban **New!**
- St. Louis, MO | Large Urban **New!**
- Somerset County, PA | Small Town **New!**

Wait, there's more! In 2024, Serve Boldly will provide trips for youth in completed grades 6-12. More youth will have the opportunity to deepen their understanding of God's presence in their lives, all while strengthening their relationships with one another and sharing in God's mission together!

Save the Date Church groups can book a trip online beginning August 1, 2023.

Stay tuned for more details about our new locations as well as 2024 pricing and registration details at serveboldly.net.



Thank you to the many volunteers, participants, theater goers, and sponsors for a successful event raising \$35,247.26!

Plan for next year - December 7-10, 2023!