



November 23, 2010

Dear Day Camp and Vacation Bible School Coordinators,

Greetings from Green Lake Lutheran Ministries in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! My name is Pastor Jeff Engholm, and I now serve as the Program Director for Green Lake Lutheran Ministries. As I begin my work at GLLM, I plan to do two things: 1) maintain the strong Christ-centered message that has been a part of GLLM's programming since its beginning, and 2) bring some innovation to our programming in order to keep the "old" traditions alive in a "new" way.

We are preparing for another wonderful summer of camp, where people of all ages experience the life-changing love of Jesus. For those of you who have experienced Day Camp in your congregations, we thank you for inviting us into your local ministry. And for those of you who have not experienced Day Camp, we encourage you to consider it for next summer. Day Camp is simply a great way to bring the fun and excitement of Bible Camp to your congregation, either *alongside* or *instead of* your traditional VBS program. In either case, we welcome the opportunity of working with you.

Your Day Camp will consist of Bible studies, worship, music, crafts, and games that will teach about how the cross of Jesus Christ brings the power of peace to our lives. Enclosed you will find a "Week at a Glance" for your review. "Cling to the Cross" will be the theme for 2011, with our theme verse being:

***For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing,***

***but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.***

***1 Corinthians 1:18 (NIV)***

Here are some specific comments about Day Camp:

1. SCHEDULE – The week typically runs from Sunday morning through Thursday afternoon, though we can flex the schedule in a variety of ways regarding the start and end times. It also usually runs from 9 am to 2 pm, but evening activities are also a possibility. The specific weeks in 2011 that Day Camp will be offered are:

Week #1	June 12-16	Week #6	July 17-21
Week #2	June 19-23	Week #7	July 24-28
Week #3	June 26-June 30	Week #8	July 31-August 4
Week #4	July 3-7 NO DAY CAMP	Week #9	August 7-11
Week #5	July 10-14		

2. PARTICIPANTS - Day Camp is open to children who have COMPLETED Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade. (The curriculum is designed for children in Grades 1 – 4, but our staff will do their best to adapt to your particular congregation's needs.) We also welcome assistance from older youth and adults who are willing to provide leadership during the week.

3. CAMP STAFF – We will provide a team of at least 3 counselors that will be able to handle up to 35 youth. If your Day Camp will be larger than this, we will provide more staff as needed. (Your assistance with providing accurate numbers will be helpful!)
4. EXPENSES – It is the mission of Green Lake Lutheran Ministries to make it possible for everyone to experience camp regardless of finances. Consequently we are raising our registration fee only slightly over last year:
  - a. **\$49 per child** for corporate congregations
  - b. **\$55 per child** for non-corporate congregations
  - c. **Minimum fee per congregation is \$650.**
  - d. Mileage expenses (one round trip from camp to the church, daily mileage between host home and the church)
  - e. Provide housing for camp staff
  - f. Provide one meal per day for camp staff
5. REGISTRATION – Registration begins December 15, 2010 to our corporate congregations. Other congregations may begin registering on February 1, 2011. Please register early to guarantee your place on the schedule! Additional information and a contract will be provided once your reservation has been placed. Please note that a \$200 deposit is required when you return your contract.
6. In the past, many of our Day Camps have visited Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp as a way of introducing your young Day Campers to our on-site camp experience. Please feel free to consider this for your Day Camp, and let us know at least two weeks in advance to make sure we can welcome you properly to our site.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please feel free to contact us at 320-796-2181 or [camp@gllm.org](mailto:camp@gllm.org). THANK YOU for the opportunity to serve you as partners in ministry as we share the Good News of Jesus Christ together!

Clinging to the Cross of Christ,

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