

2017 Congregation Report

It has been a great year at Green Lake Lutheran Ministries. The board and staff have been busy looking at the future and putting plans in place to continue to strengthen the ministry of GLLM.

We are really excited to welcome Travis Aufderheide as the new Executive Director. He has been with Green Lake Lutheran Ministries over ten years in different capacities, with the last two and one-half years serving as the Green Lake Site Director. He brings great enthusiasm and passion for GLLM's ministry. He has great gifts to lead GLLM into the future. We hope that you will welcome Travis into your congregation.

We completed the remodel of four rooms at Shores of St. Andrew before the summer and received many good comments. Our hope is to have four more rooms completed this coming year, as funding has been received or pledged to complete them. We do still have four cabins to go, so donating funds or labor would be deeply appreciated.

It was a great summer under the theme of "Faith on Fire!" Both day camp and summer camp programs were up in numbers. We hope to continue this growth as we believe we are moving in the right direction. We are working hard to serve you as congregations, so keep us informed on how we can best partner together.

An exciting addition to our ministry the past two years is our Ministry Associate program. This year we have 5 staff members partnered with area congregations to help out within their youth ministry program. The program has been successful in both providing needed support to congregations and giving hands on experience to our staff.

Although year-end financials are still being processed as of the printing of this letter, the numbers are looking great. At the beginning of 2017 the corporation voted to take on a loan in response to our growing line of credit which was originally set up to help with cash flow timing. We are eager to share that we have not had to utilize our line of credit and are operating \$35,000 better than projected within our 2017 budget.

We were saddened to have long-term staff leave this year. Jim Kingman and Bev Kingman served faithfully for 19 and 24 years respectfully. John Scheevel served the Shores of St. Andrew site with grace and passion for twenty-four years. We are thankful for their time with us. We moved staff around and hired two new staff. Boyd Hengel is now our Director of Property and Facilities and Kirsten Palan is now our Retreat and Communications Coordinator. Sonya Erickson has taken the Director of Finance and Administration position. We hope you get a chance to work with our staff, as they care deeply about GLLM's ministry.

GLLM's annual meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 13th. We hope to see many of you there.

Sincerely,



Loren Teig