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Green Lake Lutheran Ministries 2019 Annual Report

What was true over 80 years ago when Green Lake Lutheran Ministries (GLLM) was founded, continues to hold true today. Outdoor ministry is life-changing! Having finished another fantastic year at Green Lake Bible Camp, Shores of St. Andrew, and Camp House, we reflect on the joys of the year and also look ahead to what will be the most pivotal and exciting decade in our history.

The facts of 2019:

- Summer camp numbers were up over last year and are above our 10-year average
- Retreat numbers increased drastically for a third year in a row, now reaching total numbers never achieved in GLLM's history
- Event participation exploded in 2019 making things like our Dinner Theater, Quilt Auction, and banquets a sizeable and significant joy in our program year
- The total number of donors, number of individual gifts, and total dollar amount given all exceeded 10-year averages

I have said over and over to stakeholders of GLLM that sustainability isn't marked by one good year of ministry numbers and/or strong financial reports. But with three strong years in a row and projections for an even stronger 2020 – we are now close to having reached our goal of stability and sustainability set at the 2017 Annual Meeting.

Together, we have accomplished so much! Thank you for supporting GLLM through your participation, your volunteerism, your gifts, and your mission support. I relish the relationship we have created that goes far past a simple “transaction” and truly deserves the designation of “partnership.”

And along with all this excitement, we have even more to look forward to!

Having acknowledged our bold vision for ministry, our significant program growth, and our sustainable finances, the GLLM Board of Directors has been diligently working on a master site plan that will shape our sites and purpose for decades to come. The likely product of this work? A significant capital campaign to be announced in the year ahead.

For all these reasons, we celebrate. For all these reasons, we give thanks.

Blessings,

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