

June 3, 2020

Dear Friends of Green Lake Lutheran Ministries,

It's safe to say that we're all learning new ways to be the church, and Green Lake Lutheran Ministries is no different. While our mission will always include vibrant, in person summer camp programming, adapting to new circumstances has become a necessary part of our work. **Summer will look differently than we had hoped, but our calling to share the life-changing love of Jesus is still relevant and needed.**

Today we are sharing that the remainder of GLLM summer camp programming from July 5 - July 31 (Weeks 4-7) has been cancelled. This includes all programming at Green Lake Bible Camp, Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp, Camp House, and all scheduled congregational Day Camps. Guidance from the state of Minnesota, the CDC, the American Camping Association, and our local health officials has made it clear that at this time, for the safety of our guests and staff, this is the most faithful course of action for GLLM. Campers and congregations will receive communication today that includes details about a variety of refund options.

Closed since mid-March, our retreat ministry has been impacted during this time as well. However, we are thrilled that we can now offer limited spaces for groups of 10 or less. We are closely monitoring when the next phase of operations can go into effect. We have been and will continue to be in contact with individual retreat groups as needed. **If you would like to inquire about an upcoming retreat, please call Steph at 320-796-2181.**

Our program staff is working hard to prepare alternative ways to fulfill our mission during this time of COVID-19. Available through our [website](#), there are options to engage in your faith at home, virtually, and through innovative new camp connections. While this is no substitute for spending a life-changing week in community at camp, we know that God is with us as we try new things, being the church in new and bold ways.

It's hard to put into words how much we will miss all of the energy and joy at our three sites this summer. There is great sadness in this decision. **There is also a strong reminder that God's love lives in and through all things.** We will lean on that for the time being.

God be with you,

GLLM Staff and Board

*The cancellation of all 2020 summer camp programming will cause significant financial challenges for GLLM. **As you consider what you can do to support our ministry during this time, financial gifts of any amount will go a long way.** You can give online here: www.gllm.org/give-today or by mailing a gift to 9916 Lake Ave. S., Spicer, MN 56288.*