

March 19, 2020

Dear Friends of Green Lake Lutheran Ministries,

The past few days have been a challenge for us all in so many ways. As we all come together to do what we can to protect our family, friends and neighbors, we have been heartened by the ways we see God's love shining through so many people, community organizations, and businesses. As you know, we are big fans of sharing God's love in vibrant and creative ways, and we trust that God will lead us all to new and life-giving ways to do that in the days and weeks to come.

The past weeks have included careful and diligent planning here at GLLM. We have been faithfully following the guidance of the CDC and the state of Minnesota. **Today we wanted to share that GLLM is closed to guests until April 13, 2020, and potentially longer if directed.** All groups that were to stay with us have already been contacted, and we are committed to proactively communicating to our upcoming guests as these next weeks unfold.

During this time, connecting with others and being reminded that God's faithfulness and enduring love is ever-present is going to be vital. GLLM is a place where people often find that connection and reminder! Therefore, in the days ahead, we will continue to carefully follow the guidance from national and state officials. We will do so, however, with continual hope and preparedness so that we will be here to serve you in ministry as soon as we are safely able to. **We are committed to being flexible and ready so that when the day comes, we can quickly resume our normal operations with confidence, joy, and celebration.**

The closures due to COVID-19 will result in a significant loss of income at 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.** We have retreat guests and summer campers who are awaiting a life-changing experience with us, and we will continue to work toward providing just that. You can give online here: <https://www.gllm.org/give-today.html>. The mail is still a great option as well!

We will have a minimal staff presence during this time, so if you have any questions about upcoming events or registrations, you can still call us during normal business hours.

God's peace to you all as we join together as one community, named and claimed by God to love and serve our neighbors during this time of trial. **We can't wait to see you again soon.** In the meantime, may you see and share God's love and light wherever you are.

In Christ together,

GLLM Staff