



Green Lake Lutheran Ministries
Annual Report

God is on the Loose!

How good it is to know that God isn't confined by human restrictions, boxes, and understandings. It is a little frightening when we forget God's love for people. It's comforting to know God is doing great things even when I can't see it or understand it. God is moving in our midst and *on the loose*.

We have 180 congregations that own GLLM and you are one of them. When people ask how many sites does Green Lake Lutheran Ministries have I tell them 183. That includes Green Lake Bible Camp, Shores of St. Andrew, Camp House, your congregation, along with the other member congregations. It is our privilege to partner with each of you in ministry.

We had a great year ministry-wise. Day Camps grew by eight congregations receiving great feedback on the overall program. Camp House continues to grow in numbers with the addition of the North Shore Service Adventure Camp for Middle and High School students. Green Lake camper numbers grew with Stargazers and TIM Team being the biggest increase. Shores of St. Andrew numbers were down with the largest impact being in Half Blast. We moved the Half Blast program to primarily weekends which we believe affected the numbers. In 2017 we will be offering Half Blast most weeks alongside Andy's Gang. On-site camper numbers were down; however, camper days increased as a result of the additional Day Camps. We are hoping our numbers will grow this year with help from your congregation and new congregations sending campers. We hope congregations will keep looking for youth outside the church to join them at camp. We are also hoping to see an increase in our Family & Congregational Camps. Brochures are available and know you are all invited.

Financially we are still trying to stabilize. This coming year is crucial for us to get our cash flow in the black. We will have to make some significant changes if we don't improve our financial picture. A clearer picture of the finances will be available in our full annual report once our year-end finances are complete.

We are thankful for your support and partnership in ministry. We look forward to serving you in 2017.

In His service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Loren Teig".

Loren Teig
Executive Director
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