Grandparent/Grandchild Camp

August 20-22

Dean's Letter

Dear Grandparents and Grandchildren,

We warmly welcome you to a fast paced and fun filled 46 hours at one of the most beautiful places in God's creation. We will be swimming, boating, crafting, singing, rocking on the porch, eating, making new friends, catching up with old friends and of course, worshipping in our beautiful chapel. We are so blessed in our lives and one of God's sweetest blessings is grandchildren. Pilgrim Lodge is a perfect place to share time and your faith with these precious children.

Registration is August 20 at 1:30

The camp theme this year is Branching Out, Connecting through Christ . We explore the theme mostly during worship times. We would love **help with chapel and vespers**. There are 3 opportunities to help---Monday morning, Monday evening, and Tuesday morning. Each worship time lasts 15-20 minutes. We will provide curriculum materials and resources upon request. Please email Ruth or Karen if you would like to help. Our emails are at the end of the letter. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

The **mission project** this summer is **Tree Street Youth**, an after school and summer program for youth in downtown Lewiston. There are many items on their wish list. If you would like to contribute monetarily there will be a time at the beginning of their presentation for that. You may also choose to contribute by choosing an item from their wish list. Some of the items they could use include cleaning supplies, folding chairs, or bean bag chairs. Please go to the website to learn more and see a complete list of items needed. http://treestreetyouth.org/wish-list/

We will be making **cabin posters** again this year. Please share with us your favorite things by drawing pictures or bringing photos from home. We will provide the poster board, markers and glue. We will display the final product around the lodge on Sunday night and then display them on your cabin porch screen or door for the rest of our time at P.L.

Do you have a hobby, favorite craft or outdoor activity that you would like

to share during **Interest Group Time**? Please bring your own supplies. We will provide the space and time for these fun activities. There is no need to let us know what fun activity you will be leading.

Last year we renamed the talent show to be **Pilgrim Lodge's Got Talent**. If you can tell a story, perform a skit, play an instrument, sing, tell a joke, do karate and anything else that would entertain an audience, please sign up at registration. It's great fun to watch grandparents and grandchildren do an act together! Don't be shy!

Last, but not least, we encourage you to bring a reusable water bottle marked with your name. We are always trying to care for God's world. It would be wonderful to go paper/plastic cup free for our time together.

Here is a list of items you will need at camp: bedding and pillows, towels, flashlight, personal items(toothbrush and toothpaste, etc), bathing suits, fishing poles, closed toed shoes, bug spray, sunblock, money for the mission or an item from the list, twinkle lights for the porch(optional), warm clothes as nights get cold, Bible, and PL songbook (if you have one). There are showers in the cabins but sometimes the hot water takes awhile to get there.

We can't wait to meet you and get to know you during this special time and at this sacred space called Pilgrim Lodge. We will be **leaving camp by 11:30 on Tuesday** so plan on lunch on the road home.

Peace and Blessings,

Dean Karen and Dean Ruth

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