



Clearwater Forest is the shared camp and retreat ministry of the Presbyteries of the Twin Cities Area, Minnesota Valleys, Northern Waters, Northern Plains and the Synod of Lakes and Prairies.

Clearwater Forest is a ministry of Christ called to provide faith-building Christian programming, nurture active Christian community, and be a faithful steward of God's creation.

November 2017

2018 Calendar Set!

June 9 Friends and Neighbors Day

Family/30/50 Mile Bike Ride
Orienteering Race

Open House/staff commissioning

June 24-30 Specialty Conference Week

Some of the conference/focus activities may include: Fishing, Photography, Watercolor, Pottery, Lifeguard Training, Hunter Education, Mountain Biking, Nature Focus, Orienteering, Survivor, Woodworking, Service Camp, & more!
Grands I

July 8-14 Environmental Focus

First Timer (July 8-11)
Elementary / Discovery I (Eco Camp)
Jr. High Adventure (Eco Camp)
Jr. High Sailing
Senior High I (Service week)
Sr. High Sailing
Grands 2 (July 8-11)

July 15-21 Water Week

Elementary/Discovery 2
Jr. High Adventure 2
Beach Camp
Sr. High S.A.L.T. (July 15-July 25)
Grands 3 (July 15-18)

July 22-28 Classic Week

Elementary/Discovery 3
Jr. High Adventure 3
Sr. High 3
Day Camp at Clearwater Forest
Grands 4 (July 22-25)

July 29-Aug 4 Endless

Elementary/Discovery 4
Jr. High Adventure 4
Sr. High Endless

Aug 5-11 Creative Family Arts Camp

Jr. High Adventure BWCA Trip

Aug 16-19 Chrysalis

Promotional materials will be distributed shortly after Christmas and registration will begin in January.

We have some great events coming this fall/winter! Please join us for the following:



Jr. High/Senior High Retreat—November 17-19

A great time to get away for junior high and senior high campers to explore their faith and see how everyday faith works in their lives.

Giving Tuesday—November 28

(replaces GiveMN.org) Our annual fundraiser to support our operating budget to raise \$24,000!

Snow Camp—January 19-21

The ever popular time for campers (Junior High and Senior High) to explore Clearwater Forest in deep winter—enjoy amazing worship, snowshoeing, broom ball and a lot more including lots of hot chocolate!

College Age Retreat—February 9-11

This new event is sponsored with a generous grant from the Synod of Lakes and Prairies and Utkirk of St. Cloud to bring college-aged students for a weekend retreat to learn how to live and share their faith on a daily basis. We are partnering with Peerministry.org to help lead this event.

Women's Winter Chrysalis —February 22-25

The ever popular Women's winter retreat will bring women from a wide range of backgrounds together to share, learn, relax and grow in a wonderful community.



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT CLEARWATER FOREST

The Clearwater Forest Board of Directors has been busy working through a visioning process and has completed a Balanced Scorecard activity which will help us focus our efforts to grow and remain vital in the lives of all who attend. We are excited to be partnering with new organizations and exploring how we can increase our camper and retreat guests while keeping our amazing activities and spiritual focus at the main center of all we do.

Additionally, the board will be reviewing plans at their December meeting which may renovate our dining hall and possibly add a third, year-round retreat center in the future.

The dining hall renovation will upgrade our existing kitchen with new hood/exhaust, new walk-in freezer/fridge, cabinetry/shelving, and a laundry facility for our linen services; create a fun and identifiable entrance/welcome space; add accessible bathrooms; an office suite/conference room; and renovate our current dining room with improved lighting and flooring. We were fortunate to have already replaced the septic and the majority of the windows with high efficiency windows that is already showing huge energy efficiency. We have already received over \$240,000 for this project through three major gifts. The board will be looking at a capital campaign plan that will also includes an endowment component. Stay tuned in early 2018 for updates on this project.



Our program enhancements/facility upgrades have been profound this year. Through generous designated gifts and work projects, we have been able to add a hammock circle, complete the Soli Deo Gloria Worship Space, replace nine of our 1970's aluminum canoes, add a bouldering wall, add a new paddleboard to our fleet, renovation of Loon Point Shelter House, and most recently will be upgrading the furniture in Leaning Tree and Eagle living/dining rooms.

We are grateful for the continued support of our ministry through prayer, sending campers and retreat guests, congregational and individual gifts, and the partnership with our Presbyteries and Synod.

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SOME CREATIVE WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR MINISTRY

Amazon Smile! Yes, Christmas time is coming and no doubt people will be shopping online, especially around Thanksgiving with the Cyber Monday sales. If you go to smile.amazon.com and search for Presbyterian Clearwater Forest, we will receive 1.5% of your total purchase!



#GIVINGTUESDAY

Give online!
November 28 is
our annual fall

drive. Our goal is \$24,000 and we have already received pre-pledges/gifts that are over \$14,000! Please share the news and support our ministry.

Send a direct gift to Clearwater Forest by mail.

Do you know you can make a bigger gift to Clearwater Forest while reducing your tax bill?

Donate your appreciated securities to Clearwater Forest, we receive the full value of the stock; you get a tax deduction for that same value; and you avoid tax on the capital gain.

If you (or your spouse) are over 70 1/2, you can authorize your IRA custodian to make a **Qualified Charitable Distribution** to Clearwater Forest and can count towards your Required Minimum Distribution (and it's tax free!)

If you have a **Thrivent Financial Account**, you can elect Clearwater Forest to receive a \$250.00 Action Grant to support our projects every six months!

For more information, visit www.clearwaterforest.org or call us at 218-678-2325.

WISH LIST

Each year, individuals, congregations, and families make Clearwater Forest a better place through generous donations to our annual fund and directed gifts. Those gifts help make Clearwater Forest a place for people of all ages to relax, reflect, and connect with others in a wonderful setting.

Bike Helmets	Bedside tables in Lodges
Recreation Equipment	Tables for Dining Room
Paddleboards (2)	Adopt a bedroom in Leaning Tree (new fixtures, countertops, furniture.)
Low Temp Enameling Kiln (and shapes/enamels)	Picnic Tables (5)
Environmental Education Activities	Quilts for Lodges
Artwork for bedrooms in Eagle	Paint bedrooms in lodges