

Synod of Lakes and Prairies

Dear Friends,

I wanted to follow up and report on the grant of \$15,000 which you generously provided to Clearwater Forest in October. We have been busy with the grant and are pleased to report as of today, it has been completed.

We accomplished the following upgrades:

- Replaced every mattress (including the fold out sofa couches) in Eagle Lodge
- Replaced the odd/irregular bunk bed frames with twin box spring and metal frames in Eagle Lodge
- Replaced the linens, towels and bathmats for Eagle Lodge and Leaning Tree and purchased additional sets for quick turns.
- Purchased new pillows and pillow protectors for both Eagle and Leaning Tree Lodges (with extra pillows for the queen beds)
- Purchased new kitchen equipment/utensils in Eagle and Leaning Tree Lodges
- Purchased new beds for the Carriage House which will be available for families and small meeting groups this spring and fall.
- We have ordered upgraded paper towel dispensers and toilet paper dispensers to replace the metal rusted boxes in the public bathrooms.

These upgrades, while seemingly unnoticeable at first glance have been quickly recognized by our fall retreat guests who have thanked us for them. Your support of Clearwater is truly appreciated, and we look forward to continue to serve the Synod of Lakes and Prairies.

I pray you all have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year! Please consider using Clearwater for future meetings to enjoy the upgrades!

In Christ,

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