

Invitation to the Four Weeks of Blessing at Mount Carmel – Friday, May 22 Through Wednesday, June 17

We were sad to see the cancellation of the Cantabile and World Mission Prayer League events in June at Mount Carmel. But we have also realized that these cancellations have opened the opportunity for us to try something that we've never done before – and will possibly never have the chance to do again. We have 4 weeks with very little scheduled – and we are going to take advantage of it!

We are announcing “Four Weeks of Blessing at Mount Carmel” beginning with the start of Memorial Day Weekend, Friday, May 22, and ending Wednesday, June 17.

1. We believe that God wants to bless you.
2. We believe that God is calling you to a ministry of blessing others.
3. We believe that God has made Mount Carmel a place of blessing.

We are inviting you to come to Mount Carmel during these weeks of blessing!

Please contact chelsey@mountcarmelministries.com if you have questions or if you want to reserve a cabin.

These weeks are not going to be the same as Family Camp. They are going to be much more flexible. People will be coming and going on different days of the week. We will schedule activities when we have guests who request them and when we have staff available.

Here is the programming we are offering during the Four Weeks of Blessing:

1) Every day at 9:00 a.m. we have a 15-minute prayer time. We have members of our summer staff who are willing to meet with you and pray with you during this time each day.

2). Sunday mornings we will be offering worship to our guests who are here. There is a limit on the number of people who can attend worship at the same time, so we will schedule multiple times of worship, if necessary.

3) Mornings Monday through Friday – Christian inspiration and teaching 9:30-10:30 a.m. led by Pastor Tim Peterson, Mount Carmel's Interim Executive Director. If we have more people than are allowed to meet at one time, we will offer multiple sessions. Here are some of the possible topics:

- The daily rhythm of God's peace
- Growing in your relationship with Jesus
- Learning to internalize the Bible
- The basics of the Christian faith
- An overview of the Bible
- Why should I believe – how can I believe - in a Creator? In Jesus? In the Holy Spirit?

4) Evenings – Campfires down by the beach – fun time with the Summer Staff – singing, skits, and spiritual inspiration – again we will offer this multiple times to stay within the allowed group limit size

5) What God has done and is doing at Mount Carmel – Some time while you are here, we would like the opportunity to tell you the wonderful story of Mount Carmel.

6) Hearing the Gospel of Mark – Pastor Peterson has memorized the entire Gospel of Mark. He has presented it in a variety of ways. He would be glad to do a presentation while you are here – a little more than 2 hours for the whole Gospel, 1 hour for half of the Gospel, 30 minutes for a quarter of the Gospel. The story of Jesus is a wonderful story – and an interesting story – a story that changed the world and continues to change the lives of many people today. Normally in church we hear only a little bit of it at a time. Here is an opportunity to hear the full story.

We have a variety of activities that we can offer in the afternoon.

1. Hiking around Mount Carmel
2. Guided prayer walk around Mount Carmel – God bless this place!
3. Hiking to and in Lake Carlos State Park
4. Dock fishing and fishing with Lyle
5. No contact versions of typical field games like soccer
6. Camp-wide frisbee golf course
7. Ping-pong
8. Foosball
9. Basket-shooting contests (each contestant with their own ball)
10. Tennis
11. Pickleball
12. Swimming (a lifeguard can be available, on request)

Here we are not charging as much to come to Mount Carmel as we normally charge, because we will not be offering a full program and because we are trying to get people to come without much advance notice.

Here are the details on the costs:

1. You will not be charged any program costs.
2. We are renting cabins at about a third of our normal rate. We are asking for a minimum payment for two nights because of our cleaning/sanitizing expenses. We really want you to come!
 - a. New cabins - \$50/night
 - b. Remodeled cabins - \$35/night
3. Here are the meal charges - \$25/day adults (14 and older) and \$15/day youth (ages 4-13). If you want you can bring your food and cook in your cabins.
4. If you can, please bring your own linens – sheets and towels. Mount Carmel can provide sheets and towels at a cost of \$8/person.
5. We are encouraging everyone to pay in advance, so we don't have to handle financial details when you arrive.

And are some details related to the coronavirus epidemic:

1. We are going to leave each cabin empty for 2 days in between stays. If a family leaves a cabin at noon on Friday, the staff will not enter the cabin for cleaning until after noon on Saturday, and will have the cabin ready for the next guest on Sunday.

2. We will expect people to follow the current rules from the State of Minnesota while you are here. We know that might be a burden but, in order to have people here, we will have to ask that people follow the rules. It will not be a normal Mount Carmel experience. With your help, it can be a very special Mount Carmel experience.
3. We would like everybody to come, but we know that some of you are in high-risk categories for getting sick from this virus. You will have to decide for yourself, but maybe it is best for you not to come. We wish you could be here! You can still be a part of this effort by praying for us and coming to the online Sunday evening events. And we look forward to the day when you can be at Mount Carmel again.