



# Glacial Lakes Multicultural Center

June 2021 Newsletter

## GLMC plans for Summer Fiesta on August 21



Mark your calendars everyone! Join us for a Summer Fiesta on Saturday, August 21 in **downtown Watertown** from 3 pm - 10 pm. Favorite activities return from the Mechanical Bull to pinatas and new games and contests. Food, music and more. This fundraiser helps support the mission and operations of GLMC.



**Come celebrate Latin culture with us!**



## Volunteer Spotlight

A note from Randy Howey, GLMC volunteer



I volunteered to help people improve their English language skills at the GLMC in 2018. The center helps people from so many different countries. I've tutored students from Mexico, Italy, Honduras, Vietnam, and Mongolia. I generally connect weekly with students via Zoom or Facebook Video and occasionally jump on for Brenda's weekly Zoom class. I think the challenge is to find what works best for each student. A combination of Intercambio workbook lessons, Q&A with the student to answer any questions they might have, and a conversation sharing how each of our lives is going seems to work well.

The folks I've met at GLMC are here to make a contribution to America and to build a better life for their families. The students I've met are sincere, hard-working and bring a sense of hope and promise that I don't always appreciate. It's as if I get to see our country through their eyes. It's been a very rewarding experience. **Can you serve as a volunteer? Join our team!**

**Help one another. There's no time like the present, and no present like the time.**

**James Durst**

## Meet our new intern Kasey Lenning

*This story comes from Watertown, South Dakota.*



*Hello!*

*My name is Kasey Lenning, and I am the summer intern at the Glacial Lakes Multicultural Center. I was born and raised in Watertown, but I currently attend college at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, NM, where I am pursuing a dual degree in International Studies and Economics with minors in Spanish and Sustainability Studies, so I am just home for the summer! During my free time, I like to travel, read, and spend days at the lake with friends! This summer I will be working on a variety of things at the GLMC. I have started teaching four of the English Second Language courses, and I'm having so much fun doing that. I am also planning the yearly Around the World Children's program happening the first week of July and on the committee to plan the Summer Fiesta. Other than that, I will be working on whatever Sister Teresa Ann and Yesika need! I have already loved the two weeks that I've been here, and I can't wait for the rest of the summer!*

# Vaccination clinic project brings hope to GLMC Executive Director

A note from Sister Teresa Ann Wolf, OSB



As I glance out the windows of our offices, I marvel at the annual spring renewal – green grass, geese with their goslings on the placid river, colorful flower beds, and children playing in the park. However, the most wonderful sign of life this spring is the relaxing of lockdown protocols, social distancing guides and Zoom meetings. The long winter of the pandemic is coming to an end. We are victorious against COVID-19!

But not without a struggle. Only a few months ago, I was saddened to learn that the rate of COVID vaccinations among Hispanics/Latinos in the U.S. was less than 30 percent. How could we motivate our friends and clients, most of whom work on dairies, to get the shots?

We pressed all our energies and resources into service. With the assistance of a grant, Maristela Rovai, a dairy specialist at SDSU, visited dairy farms along the I-29 corridor to inform and encourage both managers and workers to get vaccinated, designed and disseminated promotional materials, and provided a fun environment with snacks and video clips for social media.

Prairie Lakes Healthcare System provided nurses to give the shots and a pharmacist to prepare the syringes. A cadre of volunteers helped with interpretation, hospitality, and all the details necessary for a smooth, efficient operation.

Extremely helpful, and enjoyable as well, were opportunities for those who were injected and waiting the required fifteen minutes, to directly exhort their friends on social media to get the shot as well. They spoke from the heart, “COVID is no joke; you can die from it, so get the shot and protect yourself.”

“With this shot and the help of God we will be protected, so get yours.”

As I escorted them to the exit and invited them to pick up water, juice, and snacks, I said goodbye with a blessing. However, they were way ahead of me with thanks to everyone, especially the nurses, and repeated blessings to all: ¡Que Dios los bendiga!

Sixty people, the majority of whom were dairy workers, were vaccinated in the first round of Moderna. For the second round, when Johnson & Johnson was also offered, eighty people were vaccinated.

Thank you again for continuing to collaborate with us in the ongoing challenge of welcoming the stranger.

Vaccination clinics successful due to collaboration efforts.

Thanks to Maristela and Leyby with SDSU Extension, Prairie Lakes Healthcare



# Summer Camp for children slated for July 6-10

The Glacial Lakes Multicultural Center presents:

**Around the World Youth Program 2021**

Throughout the week, participants in the program will "travel" to different countries, learning about the culture, food, arts, and traditions of the country.

**Ages: 8-12 years**  
**Dates: July 6-10**  
**Time: 5:30-7:30**  
**Location: Grace Lutheran Church @ 202 2nd St SE, Watertown, SD 57201**



**Registration**  
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**Deadline: June 30th, 2021**  
**Cost: \$10 -scholarships are available**  
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**Daily Schedule:**  
Tuesday, July 6: Vietnam  
Wednesday, July 7: Colombia  
Thursday, July 8: Morocco  
Friday, July 9: Switzerland  
Saturday July 10: Concluding activities

This camp is made possible with donations from the Watertown Area Community Foundation Youth Council and from Grace Lutheran Church Foundation.



## Check it out:

Glacial Lakes website at [glmcenter.org](http://glmcenter.org)

Adult ESL classes

**Summer English class schedule:**  
Monday/Friday mornings: 10:30 on Zoom  
Tuesday/Thursday mornings: 10:30 am-11:30 am  
Class meets on Zoom. See Facebook page for link.  
Wednesday nights: 7 - 8 pm on Zoom  
Individual tutoring sessions - contact GLMC

Check out our Facebook page for updated info on Summer fiesta and children's camp



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