

Green Lake Marriage Retreat



*August 20-23, 2020
Green Lake Conference Center*

Take time to restore closeness, romance and passion at a safe retreat on 900 beautiful acres at Green Lake Conference Center. Sessions will be held in a large meeting space with plenty of room for social distancing. Limited to 50 couples.



Green Lake Marriage Retreat promises something for every couple!

Whether you have been married for decades or newly married, completely in love or have fallen out of love, totally secure in your marriage or barely hanging on . . . you don't have to settle for just a good marriage! Entertaining and seasoned speakers Gary & Elizabeth Van Abel will help you find the encouragement, hope, excitement and practical help needed to thrive in your marriage.

Invest your heart, soul and mind into your marriage while exploring the natural beauty of Green Lake Conference Center. Learn, contemplate and have plenty of fun golfing, boating, biking, hiking, swimming in the lake, disc golfing and playing tennis and pickleball. The retreat starts on Thursday evening with a meet and greet social and scavenger hunt led by Jim & Sarah DeWitt of Sioux Falls, SD (and part-time residents of Green Lake) to connect with other couples and explore the grounds. The DeWitts will also lead optional recreational activities throughout the weekend. Sessions with the Van Abels will begin Friday morning at 11:00 a.m.



Gary and Elizabeth Van Abel have been happily and sometimes not so happily married for 37 years. They are learning, like all relationships, that a great marriage is possible if we seek to understand the other person, think less of self, and have a desire to fight for one another more than fighting with one another.

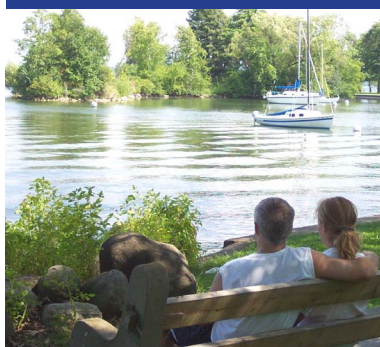
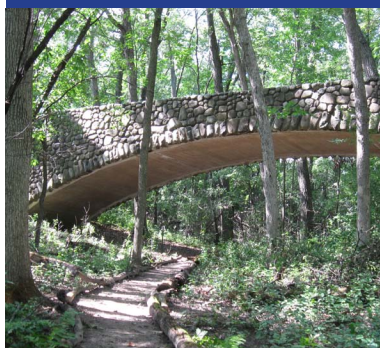
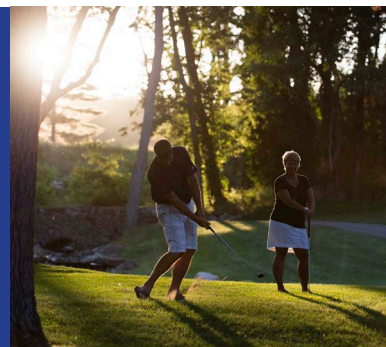


Gary & Elizabeth walking in Green Lake Conference Center's 54-acre prairie

Elizabeth received her master's in counseling from Truman State University. After graduate school she worked in a group home for boys; later she and Gary ran a foster treatment home for troubled juvenile boys. She continues to work with youth in the school system as a Prevention Educator and has spoken at events for women and organizations throughout the Fox Valley.

Gary works in Development for Life Promotions, an organization dedicated to giving hope and dignity to youth. He is an elder at Christ the Rock Church in Menasha, WI where he has also been involved in the men's ministry. Since being invited to help in the premarital ministry 29 years ago, they have led couples' retreats, taught marriage classes, and mentored couples.

They are the proud parents of three married children: Carolyn and Kyle, Mary and David and Michael and Sarah. They have 6 grandchildren with number 7 due in November!



Retreat Fee: \$495 per couple*

Includes lodging Thursday, Friday and Saturday, seven meals (Friday breakfast thru Sunday breakfast), five sessions and snack/drink breaks

*plus tax on meals

Just-the-Weekend Fee: \$395 per couple**

Includes lodging Friday and Saturday, six meals (Friday lunch thru Sunday breakfast) five sessions and snack/drink breaks

**plus tax on meals

Extra fees required for some recreation options.

Registration deadline: Friday, August 14
Limited to 50 couples

Register: (920) 294-3323



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www.glcc.org/covid