WELCOME TO THE BROADVIEW BELLFRY,

a home with a mission to build relationships with God, family and friends. Inside feel free to enjoy the company of friends in the main great room, rest or sleep in your bedroom or take time for quiet reading, reflection or prayer in the three floors of the tower.

A few notes to help you explore the Bellfry:

*Notice the four trees in the entry cut from the land and the table made of the same four woods, left to right from the front door: mulberry, cedar, oak and walnut.

*Examine the rocks in the fireplace that come from a quarry on Broadview Ranch, taking note of the continent rocks under the mantel, the mantel from the topmost log of the original barn, the altar stones on the right side of the fireplace.

*The seven second floor bedrooms each represent a continent and each have a theme for reflection, from right to left at the top of the stairs: Antarctica presence everywhere room, South America lily room, Asia crane/bird room, Europe fruit room, Africa animal room, North American wolf and lamb reconciliation room, Australia good shepherd room.

*The tower is meant for quiet study, reflection, prayer. Please take off your shoes and feel free to slip on slippers that are inside on the right of the tower door. The Library is for reading, writing, studying, relaxing in quiet. The Meditation Room with stained glass beatitude windows for prayer and meditation. The Bell Tower for waiting, watching, viewing the wonders all around.

As you take time to enjoy the beauty of the Creator outside, explore: *The Cross Wall on the west where you may stick your prayers on paper in the cracks or climb up top *The Easter Bell Garden on the east where you may sit around the well and pray for living water *Bell's Ridge, the sacred circle atop the hill outside the front door, great for sunrises and sunsets *The Labyrinth over and down the hill from Bell's Ridge, in the grass, good for a meditative walk

ENJOY, EXPLORE, WANDER, BE REFRESHED

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PRACTICAL INTRODUCTION TO THE BELLFRY

ENJOY AND MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME BUT TREAT IT AS CAREFULLY AS YOUR OWN HOME

SCREENS AND WINDOWS – Bugs and animals like it inside too so be VERY CAREFUL to not leave doors open and always use screens if you open windows (we have screens that pull down from the lop and must be pushed tightly at the right and left once down to lock). When you leave a room, close windows to avoid water damage from a sudden shower.

LIGHTS – PLEASE USE SPARINGLY TO SAVE ELECTRICITY. Always turn off lights when you are last to leave a room.

DRINKS – wonderful well water is free from the taps or cold from the refrigerator door. Ice is on the refrigerator door (or with larger crowds from the ice machine to the left below the bar sink). Help yourself to drinks from the small refrigerator under the bar sink or milk and juice is sometimes in the large refrigerator.

RECYCLING – Please recycle glass, aluminum, plastic, tin and cardboard by rinsing as needed and putting in the separated bins in the corner cabinet in the kitchen island.

WOOD in the Bellfry is REAL rather than plastic and is ruined by water so please use coasters under drinks (including on window sills) and do not wipe tables with water (dry or slightly damp cloths are best).

TOILETS – Do not flush anything but small amounts of toilet paper down the toilets. They can get stopped up and we use a septic system which is sensitive.

HEAT AND AIR CONDITIONING – PLEASE DO NOT PUSH BUTTONS --tell your house host if you are too hot or cold; (house hosts ONLY touch temperature up and down buttons not programming buttons as the system can easily be upset and is complicated to reset -- generally we set air conditioning for 76 and heat for 68 to save energy and ask people to dress appropriately for the season)

PLEASE HONOR SILENCE IN THE TOP THREE TOWER ROOMS – these are intended for prayer, reading, reflection. Keep conversations and gatherings to the first floor or basement. Children are welcome in the tower for individual silent reading and prayer as well but please use the basement for play.