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Perseverance is not giving up. It is persistence and tenacity, the effort required to do something and keep doing it till the end, even if it's hard.

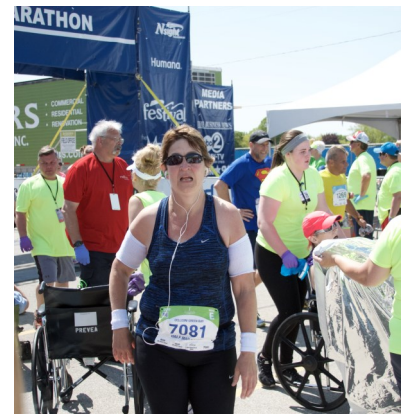
*Hello family and friends. Since our last newsletter, we as a family had several opportunities to practice perseverance. First and foremost, we have to share our BIGGEST news..... **WE FINALLY WERE ABLE TO BUY OUR OWN HOME!!!!** In our last letter we shared our Faith Update with you that we still needed a little more monthly support and the ability to climb a BIG mountain. Well God gave us the perseverance to not only climb the mountain, but to make it to the top, so to speak. In March we looked at available homes in the Pembine area. There were really only 2 that were considerations. 1 of those 2 spoke to both of us....."please buy me....." Not really believing it would go anywhere, we pursued some of the first steps in the process. We were pleasantly surprised that we were able to get financing. Then came the inspections of everything. We wanted to know clearly that we wouldn't find any hidden issues down the road. All of those passed as well as the appraisal coming in where we needed it to be. During this time we just sat back and let God be in charge. I, Lisa, would have to say, it was one of the calmer times in my life. You're saying what???? Buying a house, calm???? Well, I learned that when you let God be in COMPLETE control of the situation, He, and only He, is able to MOVE those big mountains. He has just been waiting for me to get out of the way. Our new house is only 3.5 miles from camp. (another one of our desires-to be close) We closed on May 31st and throughout the summer, in the midst of both working full time at camp, we are doing some renovations to make it our new HOME. Our goal is to move in September. We are remodeling the 2 upstairs bedrooms and bathroom into a bedroom, walk in closet/ upstairs laundry, and making a bigger bathroom. Additionally, we are putting in new flooring throughout the upstairs and everything needs to be painted. We also have a few bigger projects that need to be done, but we'll have to do as we have the finances: a new roof (still the original 30 yr. old one), replace the water heater and refrigerator (ours conveniently died and we are using a camp spare), a garage needs to be built, and the deck that is on it needs some TLC. We are excited to make this our home, but as was said at the beginning, we have PERSEVERANCE.*

How can you pray for us??

- * First of all for the **strength** to do all we need to do on a daily basis. Most days are 6:00am-11:00pm. As soon as we are done at camp we head to the house.
- * That we **make wise decisions** on how to spend money and make the repairs we desire.
- * If you have any leads on buildings that people might be taking down that we could use some of the lumber or metal to help keep the cost of the garage down please contact Doug.
- * That we would continue to trust God for direction, provision, and His will, not ours.

By the time we do our next newsletter we will hopefully have moved in and will give you our new mailing address. We would truly like to thank you for your prayers over the last several years. We know this is where God wants us, and we are excited to have a new place to call HOME. If you want to hear more of the details on just how good God has been to us, we would love to share with you because it is all to HIM that glory is given.

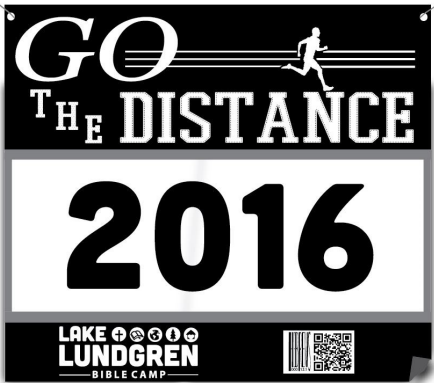
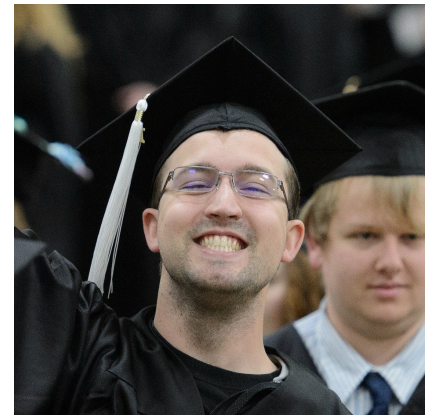




This spring Lisa trained for her second half marathon. Perseverance was definitely a word in her vocabulary. There were many days that it would have been easier to just NOT go for a long run, or do another workout. But, in the end it was all worth it when she crossed the finish line. Even though she was off her goal time by 4 minutes, she was thankful to have family and friends along the way cheering her on. Her goal is to complete it one more year, so she can get the 3 year medal group in its entirety. Rumor has it there might be other family members joining her. We shall see :)

Jacob has graduated from college!

We are happy to announce that Jacob has graduated from The University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh with a Bachelor of Arts degree. He is now looking for a full time job in the area of Technical or Audio/Visual/Lighting. We were happy to have his grandparents and godparents share in the celebration with us. Please keep him and his job situation in your prayers. We are trusting God to provide the perfect job, in the perfect place, and all the details that go along with this next chapter in his life. WAY TO PERSEVERE JACOB!!!



Again, **perseverance** is knocking on our door. Go the Distance is our theme this summer. Below is the theme verse. Pray for all that make this summer happen: full time staff, summer staff team, and tons of volunteers. We are praying that again this summer we will see many accept Christ as their personal Savior and have their life changed forever.

Hebrews 12:1

Therefore since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles and let us run with PERSEVERANCE the race marked out for us.



Blessings to you from our family, Lisa * Jacob * Amanda * Doug

We are very grateful for all who support our work here at Lake Lundgren Bible Camp, through prayer and finances. As we have shared at different times, we rely 100% on financial gifts from individuals and churches. If you would like to be part of our ministry it is pretty simple to do. You can mail a check to camp, indicating it is for Doug and Lisa Browning, address: N18250 Lake Ln, Pembine WI 54156 or you can give online at www.llbc.org/new/give then click on donate now. (follow the directions to set up your online gift) Either way you choose to support us, you will receive a tax deductible receipt. Whether a special gift, monthly support, praying for us regularly, or coming up to volunteer, you are important part of our work here. We couldn't do it without you.

Aside from all the excitement in our family and personal life, there have been many changes going on at camp as well. The duplex housing unit has had bathrooms put in the lower level so we can have housing for speakers and future staff. (pictures pg 4) The nature center has relocated to the ballfield with more room to teach the kids. (Pictures pg 4) The chapel steps have been removed and are currently being rebuilt, as well as some retaining wall landscape. (pictures pg 3) We had over 100 volunteers here for our Memorial Work weekend. Doug is very thankful for ALL volunteers that come and work here at camp. There have been people who have even done work from their home (new bunk beds built, sailboat sails repaired) not to mention the mechanics that come and help keep our fleet in working order. We do not take lightly the investment they make in this ministry as well. THANKS!!

Chapel Stairs remodel project



**Nature Center
is now on the
ballfield.**



**Duplex remodel
w/bathrooms**

