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UPDATE LETTER
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And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Philippians 4:19-20

CAMP & FAMILY UPDATES:

Warm winter greetings! As we reflect on this past year, we are thankful for the many changes that have taken place! Some of these changes have happened at camp, some have happened in our family, and some have taken place in our home church. Along with these significant changes, challenges have come along the way. These challenges cause us to look to God for the truths that he has given us in his Word. *“Peace I leave with you, my Peace I give to you. I do not give as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled. And, don’t be afraid.” John 14:27* It has been encouraging to see our walk with the Lord grow during these times. We are continually being refined to be more like Christ. What a joy! We challenge you to reflect on this past year and be intentional about giving God the glory for the great things He has done.

At the end of December, Lake Lundgren offers our own youth retreat – Winterfest. It takes place over Christmas break which allows for students to attend during their time off of school. We had over one hundred forty campers attend this year! The Lord provided great winter weather conditions during this retreat to be able to use the activity areas. Stritz prepped and lifeguarded for a polar plunge! It was so fun to be a part of that. The kids loved it! We have retreats booked into March and are praising God that campers come to hear the Gospel! A huge ministry opportunity recently took place at camp. It was a “Fun Day” field trip that the local (Beecher-Dunbar-Pembine) public school had here. What a great way for students to see the wonderful setting that God has given us at Lake Lundgren. Please pray for students to attend a week of summer camp and for their hearts to receive the Gospel!

Jamie has been maintaining some of the activity areas and planning for upcoming summer trips. Jamie will teach an Emergency Response class to our staff. That is a big task that will span over a couple of weeks. He also participated as a “camper” along with other men from our church congregation at the LLBC Mens’ Retreat. Jamie had a great time fellowshiping with old and new friends that weekend. Laura wrapped up the fiscal year preparing year-end reports for Lake Lundgren. She continues to process payroll and complete the duties of Accounts Payable.

PRAISES & PRAYERS:

☞ Praise God for our faithful financial and prayer supporters. Over the course of 2016 we averaged nearly 93% of our monthly goal! Thank you!

☞ Praise God for all of the campers that attended Winterfest and heard the Gospel!

☞ Praise God for new staff at Lake Lundgren—it is a blessing to work with such a great group of Godly individuals.

☞ Praise God for many volunteer staff who have given of their time in order for camp to run as smooth as possible.

☞ Pray for close friends who have debilitating health conditions—pray for healing in their bodies.

☞ Praise God for the work He is doing in the community and in the local churches—Pray that the spiritually lost get found and that their hearts might be ready to receive Christ as their Savior.

KEVIN



I was able to go coyote hunting and ice fishing for the first time recently. I got to go snowboarding over Christmas break. I am still tying flies. I helped my dad at the Venison Supper at our church. It was awesome! I am looking forward to basketball season.

REBEKAH



I have learned how to knit and am working on a pair of mittens. I am knitting a dishcloth too. I love to skate on the lake at camp. I am going to the school on Saturday morning

to practice basic basketball skills. I am learning a lot. I play the flute for band at school.

TIMOTHY



I have been going ice skating and tubing at camp. I like when I get to go behind the four wheeler with dad. I go to go skiing at Boyne Mountain with our cousins. I like doing math at school.



The brave campers who did the polar plunge!



Timothy and Tim at the Venison Supper



Stritz and Kevin taking a meal break at the Venison Supper our church hosted.

Mike Hryshkanych went quietly to be with his Lord on January 24th, 2017. He has been a mentor, friend, co-worker, brother in Christ, counselor, and a wonderful example of a Man of God. He has been a part of our lives growing up and we have had the privilege of serving our Lord together at LLBC for many years. He will be greatly missed.



Stritz, Timothy and Kevin deer hunting together



Polar Plunge at Winterfest



Rebekah at our school basketball practice