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THE GRANDAW GAZETTE

The Newsletter of Josh and Natalie Grandaw as we serve at Lake Lundgren Bible Camp

Life Update from Josh and Natalie:

As some of you may know, we have some very exciting news to share. We are having a baby! Baby Grandaw will be arriving Spring of 2024! We are very excited to add a little one to our family and begin the journey of parenthood. We have enjoyed spending the past few months preparing for this new stage of life.

This fall, we have spent a lot of time outdoors and hunting. Josh tried bow hunting for the first time this year and really enjoyed it. He didn't have to sit too long before he shot his first buck with the bow (1st picture). We both went gun hunting this November. Josh shot both a buck (2nd picture) and a doe, and Natalie shot a doe as well (3rd picture)! It was a great season for us, and we are thankful to have plenty of venison for our family!

We were able to take a weekend trip to Minocqua and spend some time together. We visited some of the shops and restaurants in the area. We've also had a lot of time to spend with family this fall, especially during the Thanksgiving season, and that has been enjoyable. We look forward to more family time this upcoming Christmas season.

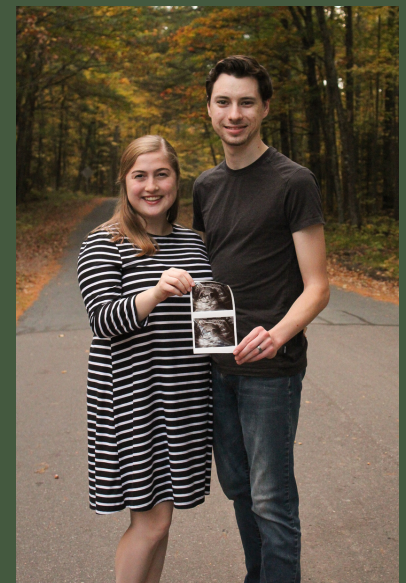
Josh has had more developments in dealing with Lyme disease. He was able to meet with a Lyme specialist in northern Wisconsin and talk through different reoccurring issues. The appointment went well. He is now on a treatment plan to hopefully put the Lyme's into remission in the next 3-6 months and eliminate the symptoms that he has been dealing with. The progress has been slow to start, but we are hopeful things will start improving soon.

Natalie was able to spend a weekend this fall celebrating one of her college friend's upcoming wedding. It was a joyous time celebrating the bride-to-be with a lovely bridal shower and bachelorette weekend. She loved getting to catch up with many friends that she has not been able to see in a while.



Prayer Requests and Praises:

- Prayer for Baby Grandaw and that everything would continue to go well as we prepare for their arrival
- Prayer for Josh as he continues to work through treatment and heal from Lyme Disease
- Praise for a great fall season here at camp, and for the many campers that heard the Gospel message
- Praise for a successful deer season and the food provided through that
- Praise for time spent with family during the holiday season
- Prayer for us as we look to increase our financial support for the next year



Life at LLBC - Josh

Camp this fall went really well. We had about 1500 campers come for a number of different retreats. We added another Fallfest retreat this year, which is a weekend retreat for youth groups from different churches. That means that we now host 5 weekends of Fallfest and we have around 700 kids that come and hear the Gospel, which is awesome! From the kitchen side of things, it was a little more relaxed compared to the very busy summer. This allowed me to spend more time interacting with guests and volunteers each weekend and develop personal relationships with those who come to LLBC. I also had more time to spend on administrative tasks and cleaning/maintaining the kitchen so things run smoothly while camp is in session. The next month will be a lot of meal planning for upcoming winter retreats and continuing to work on administrative tasks. Our winter season starts just after Christmas with our big youth retreat called Winterfest. We're hoping to have around 150 teens here for the retreat to enjoy our winter activities and programs.

Life at LLBC - Natalie

I have enjoyed the transition from the crazy summer to a calmer fall season here in the office. I spend most days checking emails, answering phone calls, and other typical office tasks. In October, the Summer Staff Team application opened up and many have already submitted their applications to spend their summer at LLBC, which is crazy since it is just the beginning of December. I am hoping in the next couple of months to start training the next LLBC secretary. It is sad for me to think about transitioning out of the secretary role, but I am so excited to become a mom!

Support Update:

God blessed our family this year with donations and from supporters that faithfully gave to our ministry at LLBC. Though we fell just shy of our goal for the year, God provided for our needs through the generosity of our friends, family, and LLBC supporters. We want to thank all of you!

We are looking to increase our financial goal for this upcoming year due to life changes as well as economic changes. Our goal is \$48,000 or about \$4,000 per month, which is a significant increase from where we are currently at.

If you would like to support our ministry, whether it be on a monthly or periodical basis, you can donate online at llbc.org or donate by mail.

Our paychecks are made possible by financial donors. By staff salaries coming from donations instead of camper fees, we are able to offer camps at lower costs. This allows families of varying incomes to come to LLBC to experience the Gospel!

Feel free to reach out to us at anytime if you have any questions or would like to hear more about our ministry and how God is working in our lives!

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“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.”

John 3:16-17

Serving Faithfully,
The Grandaws