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THE GRANDAW GAZETTE

The newsletter of Josh, Natalie,
and Emersyn Grandaw as we serve
at Lake Lundgren Bible Camp.



Life at LLBC

Josh: This winter, though it didn't really feel like winter, was an amazing time at Lake Lundgren! We were able to host over a dozen camps and guest groups with over 1000 people coming to camp! We started our winter season with our Winterfest camp between Christmas and New Years. We had over 150 middle & high schoolers come for a three day camp where they did an assortment of different activities, hang out with friends, and worship & learn about Jesus. Though we weren't able to do our normal winter activities because of no snow, our program team was quite creative to think of different ideas to occupy the campers time, such as doing lumberjack games and borrowing laser tag to play outside. My favorite part of Winterfest is seeing the dining hall fill up with kids who are excited to be here and are hungry for the meals, especially since we hadn't had campers here in over a month. The rest of our winter went well and it was great to be able to make different foods for the different retreats. We also were able to attend the CCCA Sectional Conference, which was a great time to see others from different camps around the state. I enjoyed catching up with those I've connected with in the past and attend a couple of great seminars.

Another update since our last letter is that my job title changed. I am now the Food Service Director, which means that I am now entirely overseeing the food service area of camp. There isn't really much that will change with my day-to-day operations, but there are a few more administrative tasks that I will have to do. I am now involved with meeting with the other directors of the different departments at LLBC to discuss camp as a whole and the different decisions that come with that. I have really enjoyed being able to look at camp in more ways than just food service and discuss both the present and future of Lake Lundgren.

Looking ahead, the rest of the spring is very laid back and I will be spending a majority of my time planning, cleaning, and preparing for our summer season. We're expecting over 1600 kids to come through camp and pray for as many of them as possible to leave knowing Christ better.

Natalie: What a crazy start to the winter season! When registration opened for summer camp in January, the spots filled very quickly, filling up a lot of my office time answering questions via phone and email. I also continued to process applications for our Summer Staff Team (SST) and discipleship camps (Leadership Development Camp, Seeds and Shoots). With the arrival of Baby Grandaw (Emersyn) quickly approaching, I was also training Emma, one of LLBC's interns, to take over secretary duties while I am out of the office. I will be back to LLBC as the secretary for summer 2024, continuing to train Emma in the secretary role as well as the summer secretary. I will officially be transitioning out of the role at the end of the summer so that I can stay home and care for our daughter.

Prayer Requests and Praises:

- Praise for an impactful winter season here at camp
- Praise for the safe & healthy delivery of our daughter, Emersyn
- Prayer for continued healthy development for Emersyn
- Prayer for wisdom as we begin the journey of parenthood
- Prayer as we look for a different vehicle that will work better for our family needs



Update from Josh and Natalie:

We were so blessed this spring to be able to welcome into the world our daughter, Emersyn Ann Grandaw! We spent the past few months preparing for the arrival of our first baby and she decided to make her entrance on March 24th. After a long day, she was born at 7:57 PM and was 6 lb. 13 oz. and 20 inches long. We are so in love with our little girl! With her arrival, we have been transitioning well into a family of three. We are constantly learning and adapting to what works best for us. The biggest adjustment has been the lack of sleep at night and then continuing to function well during the day. This past winter, Josh had the opportunity to coach the Pembine middle school girls basketball team again. It was great getting to see girls returning to the team for another year and seeing how much they have grown in their basketball skills from the previous season. There were also many new girls coming onto the team, which brought a lot of excitement. The season was tons of fun and the girls were motivated and showed their competitive sides. It was encouraging to see them work together as a team to achieve their goals. Looking ahead, we are so excited for the quickly approaching summer season. We cannot wait for the warmer weather and being able to spend more time outdoors. We are also looking to purchase a new vehicle to accommodate our growing family's needs. Please be praying that the Lord will provide what we need and when we will need it.



Support Update:

Thank you to all those who have been praying for us and financially supporting our ministry throughout the start of this year. With major changes happening in our lives and introducing a new member into our family, it has been encouraging to have so many people supporting us in many ways. We have currently received 27% towards our goal we are hoping to raise this year. If you would like to support our ministry at LLBC, you can donate online at llbc.org or by mail to camp's address (listed below). We would also love continued prayer for this ministry and our continuing devotion to aide in the spreading of God's Word, as well as our praises and prayer requests noted earlier. Please reach out to us if you have any questions about how financial support works, what our needs are for that, or if you want to see how you can be praying for us. We would love to chat and pray for you as well!

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“so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.”

1 Peter 1:7

LLBC'S SUMMER 2024
THEME VERSE.
THE THEME IS “MORE THAN GOLD”- OLYMPICS INSPIRED



SERVING FAITHFULLY,
The Grandaws
Josh, Natalie, & Emersyn