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December 2025 Update Letter
Lake Lundgren Bible Camp



Hello friends and family!

LLBC had a lovely fall, but after a quiet month between seasons, we are ready to jump into this season of winter retreats. I am looking forward to ice skating on the lake and seeing campers flying down the tubing runs! Here is a quick update about life here at camp through the fall and into December.

Fall Highlights

One of most exciting things I headed up this fall was the pumpkin carving contest that happened at each of our five Fall Fests. I was impressed by the creativity, attention to detail, and the commitment of some of the participants. I enjoyed watching the artists show off their work with pride to their leaders and fellow students and get cheered on by friends. I also had the chance to reconnect with a few previous campers over the craft I was helping teach!

Fall Crafter's Retreats has a different atmosphere with the general age being older than a high/middle schooler. I did observe or hear about a couple pranks that proved these ladies are still young at heart. And, as always, I enjoy getting the chance to learn about crafts and skills while having meaningful conversations with longtime crafters and first-time guests alike. It was encouraging to hear how God was moving in the lives of crafters who were believers and to learn the how they were serving Him.

One evening, I got to lead a few games with a group of volunteers. Our final activity, although simple, was the best: we ended our fun by using a large wooden mallet to smash up some old pumpkins from one of the staff families. It was very funny to watch and even funnier to "clean" the space afterward by tossing slippery bits of pumpkin into a wild, wooded area. (All credit for this idea goes to Caleb the intern.)



Preparing pumpkins for a contest



Had a smashing good time smashing old pumpkins with some volunteers

Summer Planning

Even as the weather continues to get colder and LLBC is blanketed in snow, we are looking forward to Summer 2026 and honing in on the theme. I am super excited to see how all the different ideas and activities our staff are working on come together next summer to give campers a memorable experience while connecting them to Jesus!

Prayer Requests

- Prayer for the right Summer Staff applicants and wisdom for hiring
- Praise for more snow and ice for winter activities than the past couple years at this time
- Prayer that I become more fluent and consistent in preaching the Gospel to myself and those around me



Making memories with family and friends



Personal Update

The staff have been going through a book called *Gospel Fluency*. The idea is that sharing the Gospel and its truths should be a regular and easy part of conversation as a believer. It is also important to preach the Gospel to oneself. The Gospel overflows with the riches of God's grace and this specifically is one point that God has been bringing to my attention recently. I can be hard on myself when I fail to measure up to my standards. When that happens, God wants me to come before Him and rest in the fact that Jesus fulfilled God's highest standards perfectly and gives me that perfection. And just as God gives me grace when I make mistakes/poor decisions, in the same way, I can give myself grace.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter! I would not be thriving and growing here without your love and support. I pray this update is an encouragement to you!

In Christ,

Emma Collins

Support

Thank you so much to all who have given financially! I am 16% of the way toward my goal of raising \$21,000 of support for LLBC by August 1. Since the majority of my pay is provided through donations from supporters like you, camp is able to keep their registration fees lower, so families of varying incomes can come to LLBC to hear and experience the Gospel.

Would you prayerfully consider being a part of impacting campers lives by joining the team of ministry partners who support Lake Lundgren Bible Camp with prayers and monthly gifts?

How to Give:

Just supporting me and LLBC through prayer is an amazing blessing in itself! However, if you are interested in giving, you can go to [LLBC.org/new/give](https://llbc.org/new/give) (or scan the QR code). If you prefer to send a check, please make all checks payable to LLBC with a note designating my name.

