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The Grandaw Gazette

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

Life at LLBC

We have had a great fall season here at Lake Lundgren, jammed pack with many different groups that we hosted and events that we put on. Overall, we had good weather to be able to do our outdoor activities without too much interference, which was a blessing. We had high guest numbers throughout our fall retreats. We were so encouraged by the love and support that campers and volunteers continue to show to this ministry. We hosted our lot of our usual fall camps including: Labor Day Family Camp, Mother/Daughter Retreat, Crafters Retreat, Board Gamer Retreat, and Fallfest. Fallfest was a highlight for me. We had 5 different weekends with around 600 kids that came from different churches & youth groups. It was awesome to hear all the ways that God was working in the lives of the kids and youth leaders. We were able to host a few community events by doing our homeschool day, as well as using camp for our local school's cross country race. We hosted the school's home meet as well as the conference meet. I really enjoyed helping run concessions for these events and getting to interact with community members who came out to support our school.

Things in the kitchen have been going well. I have transitioned from working with Jordan for the past 3 years to training Hannah to fill that role. It has been great to see her grow in her understanding of the day-to-day operations in the kitchen and see her joy for baking and serving! We have had amazing volunteers that have helped Hannah and I prepare many meals this fall. We were able to continue making some of camp's "favorite" recipes and try some new ones, as well as continue to serve those with dietary needs and look for new ideas for them too.



Coming Up

Right now, I am enjoying a slower time in the kitchen and using it to plan & prepare for the upcoming winter season. I'll be making menus and food plans for each camp coming this winter, as well as cleaning & preparing the kitchen for the busyness of retreat season. We'll start our season with our Winterfest youth camp just after Christmas and will go through the middle of March including men's & women's retreat, family camp, couples retreat, board gamers retreat, and others. We're praying for some great winter weather and continued opportunities to minister to all those who visit over the next few months!

Prayer Requests and Praises:

- Praise for a great fall season & the encouragement that came with
- Prayers for good winter weather for our upcoming retreat season
- Praise for a successful hunting season
- Praise for healing for Natalie with her thumb injury
- Praise for the ways Emersyn continues to grow/learn and being a blessing us
- Prayers for Josh as he coaches basketball again this winter



Family Update

We enjoyed a very fast & busy fall. We have loved being able to see Emmy grow up and watch her joyful and silly personality emerge. She loves smiling and laughing at us and tells us often what she's thinking in her own babbling way. She hasn't quite figured out how to crawl yet (it will happen before we know it), but is still trying to get around in other ways and explore. She has really enjoyed trying new foods and wanting to eat everything that mom and dad are eating. Natalie tried to do some different fall projects and activities with her, which Emmy had mixed feelings about. She has also gotten to experience her first time playing in the snow, but she's not quite as thrilled about it as she is the water in the summer. We just can't believe how fast time is going by and how quickly she is growing up. Other activities from this fall included a good amount of hunting. Josh was able to spend some more time bow hunting than last year, and was successful in getting a nice buck. Both Josh and Natalie then went hunting during gun season and were able to get a buck during that season also. It was Natalie's first buck in a couple of years, and it was Emmy's first hunting season, so that was super fun. Overall it was a great hunting season for our family and we were able to get plenty of meat for the upcoming year.

Another event this fall was that Natalie injured her thumb by accidentally closing the car door on it. Thankfully it ended up not being broken, which is a praise, but it was still pretty severely sprained and limited her for a couple of weeks in doing many everyday activities. She's doing better now, but she is still going to lose her fingernail and will need to wait for a new one to grow in, so please pray for her as she continues to heal.

Looking ahead, we're excited to spend our first Christmas together as a family of 3! We're hoping for a little bit more snow this winter and go outside and play so Emmy can get used to it. Josh is also planning on coaching middle school basketball again like he has done the past two years. It's a great opportunity to do something he enjoys and connect with the school and students there.



Support Update

We are continuing raising support as we head into the winter season, but God has blessed us with many gracious donors and supporters. We increased from what we received in the previous year and received 75% of our goal for this year, but are still looking to get to 100%. If you would like to support our ministry at LLBC, reach out to us and we can share any further information needed with you. If you would like to donate financially, you may do so 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. Always feel free to reach out to us and we would love to connect and pray with you.

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“But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our savior.”

Titus 3:4-6

SERVING FAITHFULLY,
THE GRANDAWS
JOSH, NATALIE, & EMERSYN