

HELLO!

WELCOME TO MY FALL UPDATE LETTER!

A Quick Note

Hello everyone and welcome to my first update letter! I wanted to start off by saying thank you. Not just for the support you have given to Lake Lundgren but for all the support throughout the years. You all have made such an impact in my life in many different ways. I am extremely privileged to have the community of support that the Lord has given me.

Lake Lundgren's mission statement is simple: "Lake Lundgren Bible Camp exists to Glorify God by continually connecting all to Jesus." By being part of the support team, you have accepted the invitation to be a part of that mission – and I am overjoyed for you to take part. I am excited to share what God has been doing not just in me but here at camp as well!



my sweet campers from teen 2



me with Miguel and Easter on their wedding day

Starting Days

I arrived at camp the last week of August for a week of training and on-boarding. While the other interns had arrived a few days before me for a canoe trip, I was a bit late because my big sister was getting married! What a joy it was to watch Miguel and Easter take this next step together. They are a clear picture of what it looks like to trust in knowing God has your best interest at heart, even through the storms.

My first week at camp was full of training and orientation. I was given crash courses in how to run the AV booth for chapel, how to operate an espresso machine, run the archery range, and all the other program areas around camp. The other interns and I also had our first intern class, where we were given our first assignment – going through *Gentle and Lowly* by Dane C. Ortlund.

The book discusses one main theme – Christ's heart for us. Who is He to those He created in His image, not just the believer but everyone. Christ's love knows no bounds, so why withhold that love to anyone. What a gift we have been given through Christ dying on the cross for our sin. A grace we don't deserve. And what an opportunity myself and the rest of the staff at Lake Lundgren have to show that love.

Fall in Full Swing

As I am writing this, we are currently in the middle of our second busiest season: Fall. Throughout the course of five weekends, we are able to host around 700 students from 30 different youth groups. Each weekend we walk through the book of Philippians, discussing how God's word is still just as prevalent today as when it was first written.

There is a hunger from the students walking through the chapel doors. A hunger to know their creator more and how to faithfully pursue Him. And the best part about it: that hunger is reciprocated tenfold. Christ wants to know each one of them even more.



teaching archery for homeschool day



in the craft shop for mother daughter retreat

This fall we have seen several students come to know Christ and accept Him as their savior. Every weekend I am continually put in awe of what God can do in our human hearts. This fall I have been pushed to rely on Him for everything. At the end of a long camp day, it's easy for me to focus on everything I did wrong or how I messed up. But my value and strength are not found in myself. They're found in Christ. When we rely on our own ability, we will fail. In order to serve Him well I must rely on Him to bridge the gap where I fall short.

What's going on with me?

Over the course of this year, the other interns and I will be taking a course together led by our boss, Jake. The focus of the class is on discipleship and fostering a sense of community with one another. In addition to going through various content together, each of us was asked to share a verse or passage of the Bible that has personally impacted us, along with the story of why. I wanted to take a moment to share with you all the verse I elected to share with the group. Mark 9: 23-24:

Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."

Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"

The passage is about Jesus healing a young boy with an unclean spirit after His disciples couldn't. Jesus replied to them saying, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer." Meaning the spirit could only be driven out by complete dependance on Christ. By the father of the boy asking Jesus for help, he is acknowledging that he needs Jesus' help to bridge the gap where our human weakness falls short. God's power is made perfect in our weakness. Not only that, but it is also His heart's strongest desire to help us when we fall. When we say "Lord I believe, help my unbelief" we are not failing as Christians but instead fulfilling exactly what our Heavenly Fathers wants us to do, asking for help. Asking God for help in my weakness has been a bit of a struggle lately and this passage has been a convicting reminder of my need to do that.

Thank you again for your continued support!

In Christ,

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Prayer Requests

- Prayers that I would be able to reach my financial support goal for the year
- Praise for a sweet friendship started with my roommate Grace
- Prayers for clarity on what the next steps are for me after. As well as wisdom for this year on staff
- Prayers for intentionality with campers as they come through camp

Support Update

I am happy to report that I am a quarter of the way to my goal of \$15,000 for my year here. For those who may not know my paychecks are made possible through financial donors. Lake Lundgren chooses to operate this way so we can keep cost lower, allowing families to attend and experience the gospel. If you feel led to give, there are two ways to donate:

- By Check – Make checks payable to LLBC, with my name designated in the envelope.
- Online Giving – <https://llbc.org/support/> or scan the QR code at the bottom of this letter

