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Colossians 3:23 ~ Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.

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We are nearing the end of April, and truly never thought the snow would go away! We just kept getting it over and over and over again. Our winter retreat season was full every weekend with Men's, Women's, Couple's, and Board Game retreats. Then to fill in the other weekends were several church groups who had their retreat here. Since we had snow come early and never leave we were able to offer outdoor winter activities to our guests. As we are continuing the planning for our future expansion of camp, the schedule is filling up for Doug as he has more meetings to be a part of, and the list of contacts continues to grow. He is enjoying this part of his job. He does not spend much time working on maintenance projects anymore, but was able to help this spring with replacing the deck on the dining hall. He also relocated his "temporary" office in the dining hall lounge to a work space in our main office building.

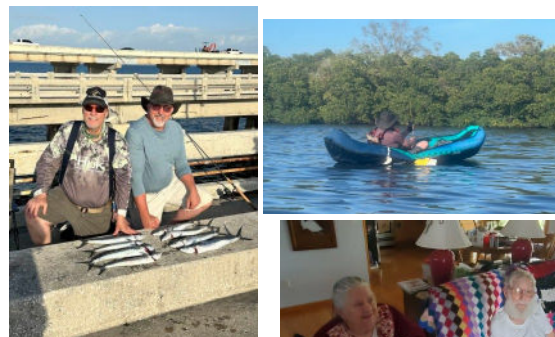


The dining hall deck is being replaced and Doug has a new office space.

In February camp had a 90th anniversary celebration held at Spring Lake Church in Green Bay. It was such a fun time complete with Campfire songs, a trip through the 90 year history of camp, and even a cooks parade. There was a mixer with the maintenance department guys to see who could throw their paper airplane the farthest. Doug did not win, but was it really about distance anyway, or was it more about the coolest paper airplane each one created?

In March we took a couple weeks away from camp. It started with our WI sectional camping conference in Lake Geneva. From there we continued on our way south, with our destination being Florida. We both really enjoy getting away to a warmer place where we can enjoy fishing/crabbing, the beach and ocean. Along the way we saw both of our kids and some dear friends who used to volunteer every summer at camp. What we weren't excited about was coming home to the blizzard that dumped nearly 4 feet of snow in Pembine several days before we got home.

Lisa felt like she was at a mega class reunion, seeing people from all the years of working at camp, doing their registrations and housing, and watching some grow up from kids to adults who have their own families now. The words she said most that night, "I just don't want it to end." There was so much work put in to the event. It was a superb job done!



A note from Lisa:

In our last newsletter, I shared from a devotion book. It was about welcoming adversity. This has been such a good resource as I am learning to trust God in ALL THINGS.

Something that I found interesting... Although it can be hard to trust God in the times of adversity, it may be even harder to trust Him when the circumstances are going well. We often believe that WE are the provider of those blessings. Just like God rained down manna from heaven providing enough for the Israelites, He is the same God who provides a regular paycheck, food at the store, and the clothes we wear. What about the car we drive, our home, maybe our good health? Our genuine thankfulness is also an indicator of our trust in Him. **Ecclesiastes 7:14-When times are good, be happy; but when times are bad, consider this: God has made the one as well as the other.**

In a major crisis we will quickly turn to Him, but when life is going along, maybe a speed bump here or there, we don't cry out to Him. He is there for us no matter what the situation, in good times as well as bad. **Isaiah 26:4- Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock.**

In early January Lisa's job gets pretty busy wrapping up the end of year finances and preparing for our summer camp registration to open. The last few years have been crazy as we have so many registrations submitted in a very short amount of time. This year was no different! Unfortunately we also had some unforeseen glitches that made the whole process a lot crazier and LOTS of hours to fix everything and clean things up. In less than 24 hours we had 80% of our 1800+ spots filled. It's hard to believe that summer camps will be starting in just 7 weeks. Our theme this summer is **For The King - Psalm 47:7-8, "For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm! God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne."**

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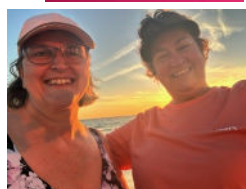
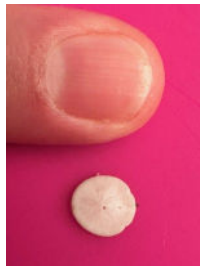
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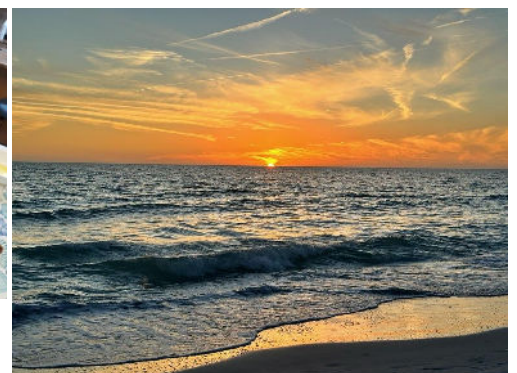


Such a beautiful sunrise while we enjoyed coffee on our deck.

As we mentioned earlier, we made a trip to Florida with Doug's sister and brother-in-law. We have such a good time with them. The guys go fishing and the gals go shelling and walking on the beach. The weather was gorgeous. My favorite time of day is when the sun is setting. This year we gals took on the challenge of scooping sand and looking through it for tiny shells. Let me say, I was shocked at how many itty bitty shells I came home with. I found a very unique way to display them. But, I have to share my FAVORITE thing of all time was this sand dollar. (left) It was nestled in a smaller shell and I was able to pull it out without destroying it.



Usually one of the days the guys go to the Skyway Bridge fishing pier. Cindy and I join them and we do crabbing at night when the tide is going out. This year we caught 12. Our last night in Florida we have a seafood meal from what was caught during the week.



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Love, Doug and Lisa Browning