

2026 Fall Newsletter

Dear friends and family,

Summer at Camp Daniel was a huge success! This summer looked different for me because I was on summer staff, and not a part of the intern group. Because of this, I was more focused on just helping run the gift shop and front of house in the dining hall, and less involved with a little bit of each part of camp. Running front of house meant making sure people were caffeinated and that the bathrooms got cleaned after each meal! All joking aside, Jeb, another year long intern, and I worked together to make sure all hot beverages, silverware, milk, juice, etc. was stocked throughout the day and at each meal.

Alongside helping run the dining hall, I also ran the gift shop for the majority of the summer. I am currently enrolled at Lakeshore College in the business management program and I have to do an internship that runs 216 hours. My professor approved Camp Daniel as a location for me to complete this internship. This meant recording and making sure that I had enough hours that could be considered

related to business. If you know anything about camp, you know that there is a lot of work and long days that are put in, so it was no problem getting those hours! Because my professor doesn't know camp culture, I did have to explain why I had multiple days that ranged from 8-12 hours!

Just after summer camp, we host Sibs camp, which is a camp for kids who have siblings with disabilities. I get to council for this and it's a fun time! Kids definitely aren't my strong suite when it comes to counseling 6 of them, but when I get the chance to connect with one or two it reminds me how much I needed sibs camp when I was younger, and how I can help create a safe space for them to talk about the good, the bad, and the ugly of being a sib. The image to the left is of me making my pizza at sibs camp.

James has completed his LPN, and is working towards his RN which he will be able to take his exam for next summer! Along with school, he is working part time as a float nurse in Green Bay on his days off of school and clinicals. Even in his busy schedule still finds time to volunteer at camp! James does a lot for camp even though he isn't currently living here, he often helps me with projects that I am working on for camp and this summer did all of the prep work for the nurses, along with anything else he gets roped into while he's here! I may be biased, but James' heart for serving is amazing, even when he may just want to take a nap.

Looking forward, we are stepping into a busy fall here with camp events, guest groups, special olympics and so much more! I'm especially excited for Special Olympics to start here in Crivitz, where I will be helping out with both bowling and basketball. This is not something I have



been able to help with in the past, and look forward to experiencing the fun I always hear about from our campers!

Hopefully I have not bored you too much with this letter, so thanks for reading this far! I just wanted to give a thank you to all of you who have supported me so far through prayers and finances. It means more than you know to have so many amazing people supporting me and more importantly my mission here at Camp Daniel! Your support allows me to continue doing what I love!

The picture to the right is of our Lords & Ladies theme meal, shout out and huge thanks to Memaw Weidner for making my costume..its awesome!!

In the next few months of camp we can look forward to hosting movie nights, guest groups, homecoming, workdays, spooktacular extravaganza, holiday getaway, and the annual christmas party! If you're ever interested in joining us for any of our events let me know, we'd love for you to join us, and I can definitely send more details!

As I continue serving the Lord here at Camp Daniel, I ask for continued prayers as well as prayers for a strong start to our marriage that is approaching quickly!! Also, I have been blessed financially through many generous donors and getting better insurance. I now only need to raise \$1000 each month to cover the cost of living, including rent, groceries, medical supplies, etc.

- You can donate online at <https://campdaniel.org/lydia-weidner/>
- Or send a check to Camp Daniel at W10541 Army Ln, Athelstane, WI 54104

Once again, thank you to those of you who have supported me already through your generous giving! I'm really looking forward to continuing my time here at Camp Daniel and continuing on this journey with James once we get married in October!



God Bless,
Lydia Weidner