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Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. These are not my original thoughts. This morning, in my devotions, I read these words in I John 4:7. I am not sharing any political opinions or weighing in on the divisive state of our neighborhoods. For the past six weeks, I have been trying to attend to the needs of a family member facing a serious health diagnosis.

It strikes me that I have generally been too busy to build really tight relationships with those who nurtured my wife before I met her. During this season of tears and multiple burned tanks of gasoline, I have had the opportunity to sit with my father-in-law and hear what is most important to him. I have witnessed a community of people show love through peach pie and zweibach. I have heard stories about the caring of a man that I hadn't slowed enough to appreciate. I have seen great faith in the shadow of a doctor's long face. I have witnessed love.

Dear friends, in the midst of a year of uncertainty, let us love one another. This past spring, I saw every significant guest group cancel their event at our camp. I could choose to focus on the financially impossible task of balancing those numbers with day to day needs. I choose to focus on six baptisms that I observed this summer because people responded to the love of Jesus Christ who lived for them, died for them in a most horrible manner, and who rose again and kicked the power of sin to the gutter. God knows these people fully and still He loves them. We continue to live in that in between time where sin often ruins our day, but it no longer has the power to determine our future. I am begging you, this is asking with a sense of urgency, begging you to slow down and witness the power of God's love in the people nearest to you. I am also extending an invitation to you to come to the camp. I will strive to take the time to listen to your stories and put into practice the art of slowing down. - Jerry Kroeker

BEST WISHES		SAYING GOODBYE
<p>Tiffany Saltzman is moving on after serving as the program director at SLCC for the past four summers. She will certainly be missed. We will miss her infectious smile and her ability to connect with youth. She has accepted a position with Tea Tots as an assistant director where she hopes to share the love of Jesus Christ with children in a secular setting where they might not experience that kind of love. We wish her the very best in this next chapter. She promises to find opportunities to continue to volunteer at the camp as her schedule allows.</p> <p>We will look to fill the Program Director's position this winter and are accepting inquiries now. The new position may range from half time to full time depending on the applicant.</p>		 <p>Saying goodbye is hard—to family and friends, to a favorite and familiar place, to an occupation or livelihood. His word reminds us that a new beginning is His way. He allows goodbyes so that He can give us even more hope. In Deut. 1: 6-7 God gave a command to Israel, “You have stayed on this mountain long enough. It is time to break camp and move on.”</p> <p>There is peace in knowing that goodbyes are necessary. They are necessary to following the path God has for us. They can be sad but they are not endings in the sense that they are left behind. Rather, they are, like the history the Israelites took with them as they crossed the Red Sea on dry ground, reminders of the plan God has for us – one to give us hope and a future.</p> <p>So, for now, as I follow another path God has placed before me, I say to the full time staff, the summer staff, counselors, and campers, “Thank you!” Thank you for the love and support over the past 4 years. -Tiffany Saltzman</p>

LIFE SCAPE		PIANO NIGHT POSTPONED
	<p>Each summer we hold a camp for adults with physical and mental challenges. Most of the people come from Lifescape in Sioux Falls. This is one of the most rewarding weeks of the summer. We pack a lot of fun into a 5 hour day including: fishing, canoeing, crafts, music, food and Bible Study. This last summer we were not able to host this group because of Covid-19. We truly missed them.</p> <p>This fall has been a different story though. We were so excited that after a difficult summer of isolation the people of Lifescape were able to come to camp! We enjoyed walking around camp to see the beautiful colors in the trees and bushes, a hayrack ride around the lake, leaf tossing, as well as singing and making a craft. It was so much fun to have them join us out at Swan Lake this fall. Our hope and goal is that each of the many groups that use this camp come to know Jesus better through having been here.</p>	<p>We have decided to postpone Piano Night this fall. Because Jerry and Judi are preoccupied with her father's health, the decision was made to reschedule this enjoyable fundraiser. This is a trying year as each of us having dealt with uncertainty and cancellations. It would have been wonderful to see all of you eating a Mary cooked meal, visiting around candle lit tables and listening to great music. With of the virus interrupting many of our summer weekend groups and the shower house project, we would very much appreciate your year-end financial support. We serve a very good God who continues to amaze us with this ministry. If you feel God nudging you to give in faith, we promise to stretch those funds as far as possible and to proclaim God's love and redemption to all who use our facilities. It is because of our love of God that we do the tasks set before us. We want to thank you in advance for your financial assistance. We believe in a God that is bigger than our circumstances.</p> <p>Perhaps we will be able to reschedule this event in the spring. It began as something of a lark that first year during the construction of Still Waters Retreat Center with the unfinished walls. But, it has become something we look forward to seeing many of our friends and enjoying the wonderful talents of our musicians.</p>

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