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Last night, a friend asked me to critique a talk that he was giving this morning. I read through his work and caught a couple of word choice awkwardnesses and tried to encourage and edify him as he prayed and prepared himself to speak life into some children. Mostly, I was moved by this man’s ability to see God in his own experiences. This morning, it was a devotional sent to my phone by another friend that spoke truth with love on a sensitive issue that I was dealing with in my private space. The issue deals directly with my reliance on my own abilities and failings that I attribute to myself. God is shaking the aluminum foil bars that I erect around myself for protection. I see God working and I see myself not quite in lock step with him. I know that God is waiting to display his power and wonder, because he is a God who loves us enough to wait until we humble ourselves to the point where we can receive from him all that he wants to give. I have been reading quite a lot lately and II Chronicles 33 really jumped out at me, specifically verses 10-13. Our God is a God of immeasurable mercy. The vat from which he dispenses grace is unfathomably huge. He slathers us with comfort and I am the fool who thinks that if I just dip my big toe in the shallow end, that I will be satisfied.

I know that the devotional was sent by divine messenger. I called the sender and he acknowledged that he had not intended it for me. Like my friend, I want to always look for God in my daily experiences. I feel that I do this best when I am reading consistently. I want to encourage you to read a couple of chapters from the bible daily. Then notice where God is revealing himself to you and share those revelations with your family. Happy Thanksgiving ~ Jerry

# Worship Center

Work continues on the Worship Center. This addition to the main camp building will include a worship center, a dining hall, camp business offices and a shelter for incimate weather. The exterior shell is complete. Windows will be delivered within a few weeks. And, some of the insulation has been done. We are about as far along as I expected. We have no debt, but the funds are running low.

Now, the project will likely slow down with winter approaching. There is sheet rocking and a few other things that I can do without special licenses that don’t cost a lot. These are areas where I could really use some help. As I alluded to in the devotional piece above, I generally feel that I can do more than I actually can do and it is hard to ask for help.

This addition will serve the youth that come during the summer who have been taxing our existing dining space. It will also serve many of our adult ministry groups that are currently using the entire camp about eight to ten weekends during the fall and winter months. My hope is that this space will be used for the next sixty years like the current dining hall which was built in 1967. We want many people to experience the love of God that we felt when we first came to camp.



Recent visitors to camp

Giving

I want to encourage you to consider SLCC as part of your charitable giving.

- Required Minimum Distributions
- Estate planning
- One time financial gifts for specific projects (estimate to complete the worship center is \$2.4 million )
- Giving towards camper scholarships
- Support for summer staffers
- “Just because” giving
- Gifts of equipment, tools or furniture (larger skid steer)

I want to thank each of who have given. Your stories of changed lives are more precious than any monetary gift. However the financial gifts are appreciated.

Piano Night

January 26, 2025

6:00 pm

Pianist: Karen Unruh

From Hesston, Kansas

Duets with son, Austin Unruh, Freeman, SD

And grandson Ezekiel

Cost is a free will donation

Reservations required

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2025 Winter Retreat Dates



Eighth - Twelfth Grade

January 10- 12

Fifth - Eighth Grade

January 17 - 19

Eighth graders may choose to attend either weekend.

Register at [myslcc.com](http://myslcc.com)

