

Yesterday close to 50 campers arrived for the first week of Camp Promise. Sue and I were busy doing medical check-ins, including setting up each camper's medications for the week. Tom joined the work crew and was busy converting the camp into a place more easily accessible to those in wheelchairs and walkers, including making a wooden ramp down to the lake. Mark helped with cleaning the camp store and greeting campers as they arrived. Each of the kids got to meet the campers they will be with for the week and helped them get settled into their dorms (Elizabeth, Haley and Tim are each counselors with their own campers for the first time, Hannah is also in the dorms as an extra helper).

Yesterday was our first chapel. Beth Wiegand is leading / teaching at chapel. Our main passage for the week is Psalm 139, and our theme verse is "Praise the Lord for you are fearfully and wonderfully made". Our opening lesson was the account of Moses' life, looking at how people around him did not really know who he was, and he did not know what God had planned for him, and did not believe he was capable to do what God called him to. But God knew him, even better than he knew himself, because God had made him who he was from before he was born. And God had been preparing to use him all these years. The same is true for each camper and for each of us – God knows us, he made us just as we are from before we were born, and he wants to use each of us, often in ways we do not understand or think we are able. It was a great lesson to start the week and I am looking forward to what's next!

After dinner each night we have a review time led by Maggie Henry. Last night she set up a giant tic-tac-toe board and played guys against girls – whoever got the right answer got to place an X or an O. We played four games, and each team won two!

One other fun note – our Monday night staff game was Archery Tag – basically dodge ball with arrows! (don't worry, no sharp tips, just giant cushions on the end of the arrows – but the goal is to use your bow to shoot them at people on the other team!)

On the next page are a few photos from check-in as well as from the Archery Tag. One exciting thing for me was seeing some of the campers I got to meet 2 years ago. The camper pictured with me is Shon, who I spent the week with last time. Mike Wiegand is actually his counselor this week. You can see more photos from our camp photographers (including Lily Henry) on the "Camp Promise Ministries" page on facebook and Instagram.



