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Dear Friends,

“Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee.” – Isaiah 26:3

To be honest, my mind has not been at perfect peace this past month. I have been fretting over the details of the many items yet to be done:

- Lutz Lodge Funding – still need to raise about \$100,000.
- Lutz Lodge Construction – need to complete building by June 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Summer Program Revisions – details still need to be worked out.
- Key summer staff leadership positions – hiring and recruiting the right team.
- Summer volunteers – cooks, nurses, counselors, lifeguards, etc.
- Work Projects – bathroom renovation, campfire platform, tent platforms, new heaters and a/c units, grounds keeping, and equipment maintenance.
- And so on ...

You know, God knows all about my list. He knows what needs to be done and when. He is just asking me to have my mind focused on Him. But oh how easily I get distracted: the money does not come in when needed; the rain cancels a much needed work day; a key volunteer can not return this year; summer camper numbers are not where we wish they would be for teen camp; and this is not right, and that is not ready, ...

Then as if on cue, the leadership team comes together, the 8<sup>th</sup> nurse fills in the last open spot, a donor puts up a \$10,000 matching challenge for Lutz Lodge, the kitchen volunteers and CIT spots are all filled, an unexpected work group gets a bunch of little things done, overall camper numbers are higher than last year, and the Lord just checks off the boxes on my list.

So, are you like me this month? Are you fretting over the list? Does it look like you run out of money before you run out of month? Is the task list too big for you to finish? Well, stop. Refocus. Let the Lord restore “perfect peace” in your soul as you “set your mind on Him.”

Your gift this month helped to remind me once again that God is in control. This is His camp and He will provide for all our needs. My role is to remain focused on Him. So, thank you for your contribution to this ministry. Thank you for your encouragement to me.

Serving with you,

Michael R. Gehlert  
Executive Director

“for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ.”  
Ephesians 4:12