



**A place of grace...  
Fortune Lake  
Lutheran Camp**

*He said therefore, "What is the kingdom of God like? And to what should I compare it? It is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in the garden; it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches." (Luke 13:18-19)*

From the tiniest of seeds, grows a grand tree. This is unexpected, hard to understand, and remarkable to you and I! And yet it IS the kingdom of God and it IS the mission of Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp.

**Camp plants seeds of faith in youth, adults, and families.** Seeds are planted at camp all year round for campers, volunteers, staff, and retreat guests. Seeds are planted off-site at congregations through Day Camp. Sometimes camp is the first introduction to the Holy Gospel, the first place of feeling support, the first place of encouragement, or the first place of total acceptance. **Camp is a place where gifts are identified, explored, and nurtured.**

Jesus teaches us that the kingdom of God is ruled by grace and mercy. God's Kingdom is ruled by a servant who came to serve those in need. It is resourced by stewards who share what has been given to them. The kingdom of God is about WHOSE we are, rather than who we are. **Camp strives to live into the teachings of Jesus, as a place for all to experience God's grace.**

The mustard seed is, indeed, a small seed. At the time of Jesus, mustard trees would have been as popular and invasive as dandelions – in fact during the time of Jesus there were even rules against planting mustard seeds. And so, the kingdom of God is like planting mustard seeds. Once planted, the Good News of God's grace that Jesus came to teach us, grows. It takes root in tiny little things – sometimes in the smallest of places and with the most unlikely people - sometimes around the campfire, sitting together with a cabin group at a picnic table or on a walk in God's creation. **Camp plants seeds of faith, impacting the lives of not only those who attend camp, but also extending to family members, communities of faith, and neighbors at home.**

This Christmas, **please consider including Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp in your giving.** Your gift will plant seeds of faith for generations of youth and families to come. Your gift will help to sustain, nurture, and grow the ministry at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp.

Please prayerfully consider sending your gift by the end of the year and send your check, made out to Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp, along with the enclosed envelope. You can also go online at [www.fortunelake.org](http://www.fortunelake.org) and click on Donate at the top of the page to give your gift online.

Thank you for supporting Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp and our mission to welcome all people to experience God's grace while growing in faith, hope, and love!

Grace & Peace –

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