

CAMP LUTHER BEACON

Monday, June 17, 2013

Director's Message:

And it begins.....

Well, the 68th edition of Camp Luther is now underway and I believe a good, although slightly wet, time is being had by all. It was great to see this week's theme, *Faith Alive*, in action in last night's service and today's Morning Worship (but seriously Pastor Sean, texting during the service?!?)

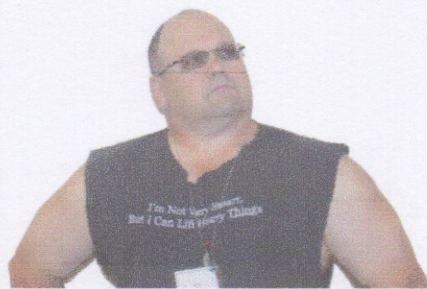
As you are well aware, today's theme is the Bible. From the time I entered first grade until now I have loved to read. My loving wife just bought me a Kindle so I can carry multiple books with me and at any one time I am in the process of reading between three and five books.

And yet, I am loathe to admit that I have never read the bible. But after hearing Pastor Sean's inspirational talk this morning that will soon change. I have decided that before next year's camp I will read the bible cover to cover. Thank

you, Pastor Sean!
Anyone else care to
join me?

Mizpah

Mike



The Nitty-Gritty Numbers:

The hot question of the day has been "How many people are here at Camp Luther?" Well, here are the details:

Juniors	47 girls + 31 boys =	78 campers
Intermediates	60 girls + 46 boys =	106 campers
Seniors	69 girls + 40 boys =	109 campers
Staff	89 wonderful, hardworking people	

Faith Alive!

Let all that you do
be done in love.

1 Corinthians 16:14

Daily Bible Text

Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch
Acts 8:26-40

26 Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." 27 So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians. This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, 28 and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the book of Isaiah the prophet. 29 The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it." 30 Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked. 31 "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. 32 The eunuch was reading this passage of Scripture: "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before the shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. 33 In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth." 34 The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" 35 Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. 36 As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. Why shouldn't I be baptized?" 38 And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. 39 When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. 40 Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

Weather Forecast:

We're expecting to have a very
pleasant afternoon today.



Enjoy it while you can because the rain is
coming tomorrow!

What's Cookin' in the Dining Hall?

tonight's dinner - ham, hash brown casserole, veggies, rolls

breakfast tomorrow - scrambled eggs, bacon, biscuits, yogurt

lunch tomorrow - turkey wrap, tater tots, veggies & dip

TODAY'S AFTERNOON SPORTS ACTIVITIES:



There are lots of things going on at Camp Luther this afternoon! Junior & Senior campers who want to go boating & fishing should meet at 2:30pm at the gazebo.

There is a guys vs girls volleyball game scheduled at 2:30 on the volleyball courts just past the pool - everyone is invited to participate or cheer on their team.

A senior/intermediate cornhole tournament will start on the lower ballfield at 3:30. Sign up after lunch if you are interested!

If you get caught in any rain come to Upper Burton to participate in Ga-Ga or Cornhole!

Rules to Remember!

Stay out of the creek - unless you are with Nature Lady.
You must wear shoes at all times and no running!
When the hand goes up, the mouth goes shut.
Respect each other.
Stay within the boundaries set by your deans.

Tonight's Activities



It's Olympic Night for everyone!
All campers should plan to wear their old clothes and expect to have lots of fun.

News from the CRAFT CABIN

Hello from the Craft Cabin everyone! This week we have a lot of exciting crafts and activities for you to complete. Be sure to come in and check it all out!

Giggles & Groans

Q Why did the clown visit the doctor's office?

A: He felt funny!

Q: Why shouldn't you try to tell a joke to a snake?

A: Because you can't pull its leg!

Q: What do you call a man wearing earmuffs?

A: Anything you like because he can't hear you!

Q: If an athlete gets athlete's foot, what does an astronaut get?

A: Missile toe!

Come join the Camp Luther Choir!

The choir will sing during evening vespers on Wednesday. Anyone who is interested in participating should attend at least one of the rehearsals Monday or Tuesday, and also the Wednesday rehearsal.

Monday 2:00 pm

Monday 2:30 pm

Tuesday 2:00 pm

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Wednesday - afternoon (specific time to be announced soon)

Notes from the Deans

Welcome to Junior Camp! There is no place like home; there is no place like home; there is no place like home.

After 51 weeks, Junior Camp has been clicking our heels in anticipation of the 68th annual Camp Luther week! We have an amazing week of activities planned for our little munchkins. Between Olympics, a trip to the lake, the WV All-camp Event, Junior's Got Talent, and a splash in the pool, Junior campers will be able to keep the Wicked Witch at bay. Throw in a soccer game, a kickball match, and some boating and fishing and our Emerald City will be sparkling with joy! Remember that if you meet a horse of a different color throughout the week, "it" is just the Spirit reminding us to look into each other's hearts and welcome the warmth and love as the Tin Man did! The Cowardly Lion may creep up on you, but his medal of courage allows you to bring in the new campers with confidence and grace. With a little of the Scarecrow's brains, your classes will be filled with intelligent discussions and enlightening talk about keeping our "Faith Alive." So when you see a glimmering bubble in the distance, start clicking your heels and saying, There's no place like Junior Camp; there's no place like Junior Camp; there's no place like Junior Camp...

Welcome Campers and Greetings from the Intermediate Program!

We are excited to see familiar faces back to experience "IT" on the hillsides of Camp Luther. We are especially proud to say that we have 20 first time campers in Intermediate Camp. Welcome to what we hope you will find to be a new home in the mountains of West Virginia.

This week's theme of *Faith Alive* is so fitting for our camp. The Holy Spirit is here and is ready to help guide you in your faith life, so open your heart and let the spirit in. We have a great week planned so we hope that you have a good time and experience God's Love in a beautiful natural setting and let your faith come alive.

WELCOME TO CAMP LUTHER 2013 AND SENIOR CAMP! WE ARE VERY EXCITED ABOUT OUR WEEK ON "THE HILL." IT'S GOING TO BE AN AMAZING ADVENTURE. IF YOU'VE NEVER BEEN TO SENIOR CAMP BEFORE, WE'RE REALLY GLAD TO MEET YOU. IF YOU ARE A RETURNING SENIOR CAMPER, WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU BACK. GET READY TO GROW CLOSER IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST AND HAVE THE TIME OF YOUR LIFE!

NEED AN EXTRA SHIRT? 2011 CAMP LUTHER SHIRTS ARE AVAILABLE AT REDUCED PRICES! WE WILL BE AT THE PICNIC TABLE IN FRONT OF THE DINING HALL FROM 2-3 EACH AFTERNOON. 2013 SHIRTS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR \$12 EACH.



Birthdays in Intermediate Camp!

Shannon Werntz and Kelly Noll both celebrated their birthdays yesterday and Myah Hunt is having her birthday today.

Be sure to pass along Happy Birthday wishes when you see them!



Campers and Staff members, we are having Camp Luther's first ever "Faith Run" 5k on Friday afternoon. By keeping healthy, we are able to keep faith A.L.I.V.E = Always Living In View of Eternity. Also, walkers are welcome too. Prizes will be given to each program for finishing first.

Get Healthy in the "Spirit"!!! (More details to follow)

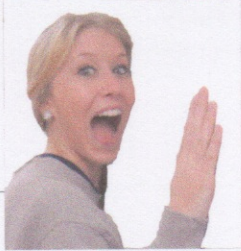
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New Faces in the Nurse's Cabin! (Amberly & Lorrie)

Dr. Lorrie Downs is a former camper who is returning to Camp Luther as a staff member in the Nurse's Cabin. Lorrie grew up in Wheeling, WV and attended Camp Luther for 4 years as a camper. She and her husband, Matt, are both pediatricians in Elkins, WV. Their children, Josh and Anna, are first-time campers in Junior Camp. Lorrie is very excited to finally return to camp and can't wait for her kids to learn what "it" is and how they can Pass It On!



A note from Amberly: My name is Amberly Lewis and I am extremely excited about serving on the medical staff at Camp Luther this week. I was a camper for ten straight years, and I looked forward to it throughout the entire year - camp was always my favorite place! It was definitely my home away from home and a place where I truly nurtured God's love, grew, learned, and formed lasting life-long friendships. My hometown of Oakland, Maryland is a quaint and cozy little town and I attend Loch Lynn Church of God, which is a truly amazing place with generous people pursuing a life of God with hearts thirsty for Him. My real world job is being an RN. I love being in the operating room and seeing surgeries and blood and guts - nothing is too gross for me! Being able to give care and help those in need is something that God helped to give me. I struggled with what I was supposed to do for a while, until God made it happen and I just knew that I needed to be a nurse - it was my calling. My family includes my mom, dad, brother and sister in law, and my wonderful nephew who is 21 months now. He is the light of my life and continually makes me smile. My immediate family may be small, but my church and friends are also in my heart as my family. I am so glad to be back at Camp Luther! I feel that God has placed me here this week. Camp Luther is not just a place, is it a state of mind, emotion, and love.



Greetings from the Camp Luther Mouse!

Did I spy sweet 1st year senior TS helping a junior camper carry his luggage to his cabin—that's what It's all about! Hey- Int girls- let DB teach you a trick for silence! Who was talking in their sleep in MW & AG's cabin last night? About wolves??? Intermediates- don't forget to see counselor EO to sign up for Tuesday night's talent show! Happy birthday to Myah Hunt! Happy belated birthdays to Shannon Werntz, Olivia Seacrest, Kelly Noll. JD is crushin' on AH. I heard my slithery friend came to visit lower Mountain Rest last night, CG was to the rescue. May that snake Rest In Pieces. That wasn't what you were supposed to CHOP IT UP. Did all the Int pastor teachers really need earplugs due to SS's snoring? Is that a new electric badminton racket that CG is carrying around? Was JR wearing a skirt? What's with all the matchy matchy shirt twins in camp? Do the INT counselors know how to be quiet? ;) I hear everyone should prepare to get a little soaked at INT Olympics (whether it rains or not!)... Those intermediates sure were working hard last night. They were running all over the place! Sara's group won 1st place, followed by Dawn's group and then Robby's group. Thanks RW for bringing a hippo for me to cuddle with all week!!! Those girls in Wendy & Kristen's room played musical beds last night! BRBB 20 year reunion is off to a great start! Eli Pappa, or is it really Elizabeth? Was there a chicken in Frontview this morning? Is SE staying with Uncle Mark? The boys in brookside talk, talk, talk, all night long! What's the deal with the ladies in the Camp Luther office? I saw them all glitzed out this morning! Those junior campers had such a great time last night! The visit from the Wizard of Oz characters was amazing. I had such a fun time watching! Can't wait to see what everyone is going to do today!!!

