

Camp Luther Beacon

Monday, June 16, 2014

Director's Corner

Hmmm, let's see...the day after Father's Day in the hills of West Virginia studying and rejoicing about *Living in God's Time*! Must be the 69th year of Camp Luther!

It was great to see all the new and "experienced" faces arriving the last few days. We've got a great week planned as we explore God's world and our place in it. We'll examine the church year and find out why we as Christians do a lot of the things we do. And, of course, we'll make friends, play games, sing songs, create crafts, and do all the things we do here at camp. It's going to be a fantastic week!

As you walk around camp this week, please accept this challenge: take this opportunity to dive in and *carpe diem* (literally "seize the day" or "seize the moment"). If you see someone you've always wanted to talk to but didn't know how, walk up to them, introduce yourself and start talking. If you see some people playing a game you've always wanted to learn, go join in. Take a chance, go for it and seize the day! Because this coming Saturday all of those things you could've done will be gone...and you'll be left with either memories...or regrets. So, go make some great memories!

**"You've gotta dance like there's nobody watching,
Love like you'll never be hurt,
Sing like there's nobody listening,
And live like it's heaven on earth."**

--- W.W. Purkey

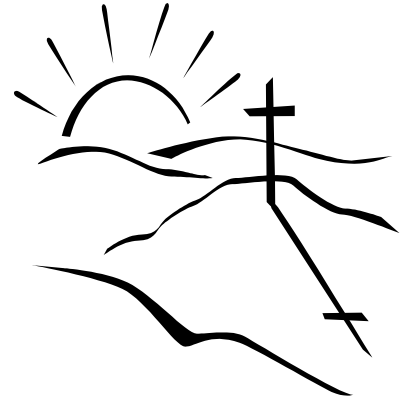
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Living in God's Time

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.

Ecclesiastes 3:1



WHAT'S COOKIN' TONIGHT & TOMORROW?

Dinner:

BBQ Chicken
Potatoes
Vegetables
Ice Cream

Breakfast:

Scrambled Eggs
Bacon
Biscuits
Fresh Fruit

Lunch:

Turkey Wrap
w/Cheese & Lettuce
Potato Chips
Veggies & Dip
Cookies

Living in Advent

Advent is the celebration of Jesus' coming: past, present, and future; it is the declaration that there is no part of human time that is not filled with the presence of God in Jesus. God took on human flesh in Jesus and therefore understands human struggle, pain, and strife. Jesus rose triumphant over the forces of sin, death, and evil that threaten to crush hope, and in anticipation we await Jesus' return to begin God's reign of love, grace, and compassion on the earth. In the meantime, we, through faith, embody this love, grace, and compassion as we wait, offering the world the hope that lives in us. This is why we celebrate Advent.

Christmas

Tomorrow's Color of the Day:

WHITE

Tonight's Activities

All Campers:

Tonight's the Olympics, and as anyone knows,

When it comes to the games, anything goes!

So lace up your shoe strings and wear some old clothes.

Tonight we compete with our friends and our foes!



Tuesday's Weather Outlook

Partly Sunny

87°

Slight Chance of a
Thunderstorm in the
Afternoon

Real Feel: 95°

Accuweather.com

Meet Mark Molter

This is Mark Molter's first year at Camp Luther. Mark is will be serving on the staff this week doing anything and/or everything behind the scenes.

He is a Vicar at Grace Lutheran Church in Petersburg, WV. In the fall, he will be moving back to Columbia, SC to complete his seminary Education. When he grows up, he wants to get one of those "World's Best Pastor" mugs.



Mark loves music and plays several instruments including percussion, piano, guitar and mandolin. He also enjoys watching sci-fi movies and books. He has worked at Camp Caroline Furnace in the past and loves the camp experience.



What's Going on This Afternoon?

Juniors	Creek Stomp 1:30 @ White House
Intermediates	Kickball 1:30 @ Lower Ball Field
	Boating/Fishing 2:15-4:15 @ White House/Lake
Seniors	Open
Staff	Volleyball 1:30-3:30 @ Pool Shelter

Any staff member who would be willing to help out with the newspaper on Thursday and Friday, please see Carrie in the office.

CELEBRATING ADVENT: DID YOU KNOW?

There are many different ways people observe Advent. Some choose to follow a strict diet while others display an Advent calendar in their homes. It's common in Germany to hang a fir wreath that has 24 boxes or bags holding little presents inside. In medieval England, an early form of the Nativity scene was carried from door to door in a box throughout the season of Advent, and it was considered to be very unlucky if you didn't see a box before Christmas Eve.



Meet Laura Holbert

Laura Holbert is a counselor in the Junior program. She attended Camp Luther for 9 years and is very excited to be back at camp! She is an Art Teacher at Weir High School and lives in Follansbee, WV with her boyfriend and her pets (a dog named Finn and a cat named Lilly). She plays bluegrass guitar, enjoys reading and of course loves any art form. You will probably be able to find Laura in the Craft cabin much of the time this week. She's very glad to be back at camp to see long time friends and make new ones!



"You keep us waiting. You, the God of all time, Want us to wait. For the right time in which to discover Who we are, where we are to go, Who will be with us, and what we must do. So thank you ... for the waiting time."

John Bell



Intermediate Scavenger Hunt

The results are in! Craig's group finished in the lead with Rachel's group as a close second. Great job guys! Get ready for the Olympics tonight!





Greetings from the Camp Luther Mouse!

Happy Monday! Can you believe we're already halfway through our first day of camp?! I wandered around through several classes this morning to see what all was happening and enjoyed singing along to "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" in music class. I watched a bit of a kickball game out on the front lawn this morning too. You guys played a great game! Speaking of the front lawn, there were some nice cartwheels on the lawn last night! TN, thanks for warning us about your gas problem. LAM, did you see if your guy is back at camp? Grey hat junior guy is now an intermediate! Hey, what are a bunch of 90s Beanie Babies doing in Senior camp? PS & AS, how cute do you think TD is? SB, how was that night time stroll through the cabin? Wow! That was a HUGE spider in Front View! Thanks girls for taking it safely outside! Which INT girls' cabin room did I sneak into last night? MH—why did you throw DN's dress down at 3 am? I've heard of sleep-walking, but sleep-stealing?? Who in Brookside has a crush on the same boy? And who does CC have a crush on? FM—comment ca va? How many of my mice cousins have been caught so far in Slabsides? And the large mouse in Lower Oaks—could it have been me? Thanks NG for RH's blanket. TT is going to be sleeping with one eye open. RS thanks KM for the use of her camera. BC likes to model footy pajamas. BTW, did you see the giant yellow footy pj's in Senior camp last night? Where do I find some of those?? What late night conversations are going on in DG & KS's cabin? Hey RB—Mr. Burns says we're going to have a great week...together! Who was having "date night" with a chaperone in the Bull Pen last night? Does PC have a kid in Junior camp? GP needs to get away from the fan. Who screamed in their sleep in Whippoorwill last night? Someone called me "Mousey." Does that mean I'm in the "friend zone"?? I hear the Olympics are tonight! Make sure to bring your sneakers and your A-game!

