

# Camp Luther Beacon

Jesus Chooses Us

"You did not choose me but I chose you."

(John 15:16)

Wednesday, June 22, 2011

## Director's Message:

I'd like to make a pitch today for one thing that keeps so many of us coming back to Camp Luther year after year--friendship. I'm sure you find this hard to believe but I actually have friends from many facets of my life: my time in school, my time in the military, and my time here at camp to name just a few. And I have a unique rating system for people based on the military concept of a horizontal clock face. In the Air Force, the place directly in front of a pilot is known as the "12 o'clock" position with "3 o'clock" being directly to the pilot's right and "9 o'clock" being directly to the left. But it is the "6 o'clock" position that is most important because that is the one position where a pilot cannot see. It's his blind spot and the only people that should be back there are ones the pilot can totally and completely trust.

So, when I think of someone who's an acquaintance but that I really don't trust very well, I consider them a "1"—I want them out of my way and just off to my right where I can keep an eye on them. Many people are 3's—I enjoy walking with them through life but I also want them in my peripheral vision. My friends are the 4's in my life and my 'close' friends are the 5's. But the title of a "6" is reserved for only the best—those very special people you can completely and totally trust with anything. Absolutely anything! In my life I've only known maybe a total of a handful of 6's—and I'm fortunate to be married to one of them. They come into your life very rarely so treasure them while you can.

So, why am I saying all of this? To encourage you to go out and work on making friends and building friendships this week! They'll definitely be the most valuable thing you leave this camp with, I can assure you. And besides—who knows? Maybe someday you'll be somebody's '6' - and that would rock!

Mizpah

Mike



## Lost & Found

(sorry, not the music group!)

Do you think you are missing something? Check in Upper Burton to see if "Not Me" has it!



## Daily Bible Text

Luke 10:38-42 (NIV 1984)

### At the Home of Martha and Mary

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

### What's Cookin' in the Dining Hall?

tonight's dinner - COOKOUT ON THE FRONT LAWN!  
hotdogs, chips, baked beans & brownies

breakfast tomorrow - breakfast pizza, muffins, fruit

lunch tomorrow - McCaesar sandwich chips, veggies & dip

## Weather Forecast:

Today we will have a high of 80 degrees with a chance of rain in the late afternoon.

## AFTERNOON SPORTS ACTIVITIES:

This afternoon is the highly anticipated Senior vs Junior soccer match on the front lawn. After a surprising loss to the Juniors last year, the Seniors are looking to regain the beloved title. Bring your cleats and shin guards and join in the fun! The game starts at 2:45 pm. See you there!



Intermediates can join Sharon the Nature Lady for boating & fishing at the lake. Meet at 2:00 pm in front of the White House.

## Giggles

*bwahaha!*

A ten-year old, under the tutelage of her grandmother, was becoming quite knowledgeable about the Bible. Then one day she floored her grandmother by asking, "Which Virgin was the mother of Jesus? The Virgin Mary or the King James Virgin?"

## Camp Luther Super Bowl II

With titles so frequently changing hands in sports, at camp, and in government, we at Camp Luther look no further than the staff vs seniors flag football game for consistency. After the mud, sweat and tears cleared, the staff scored 14 hard fought points. On the other side of the ball, the seniors scored 42 points (or something like that) leaving many staff to fonder memories of years past. Congrats to all who played - and if you see a staff member limping up the hill today, give 'em a hand!

## Robin Hood & His Merry Men

While the staff and seniors were battling for supremacy on the gridiron, the juniors and intermediates were slinging arrows on the archery range. An awesome time was had by all and there was no harm done to any animals that passed by. Kyle was able to safely bring back everyone who went to the range. He later topped that feat by doing the 5 o'clock news sports report solo. Great job, Kyle!

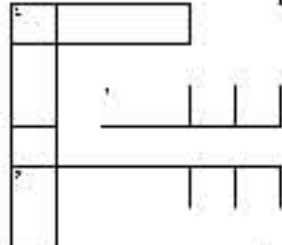
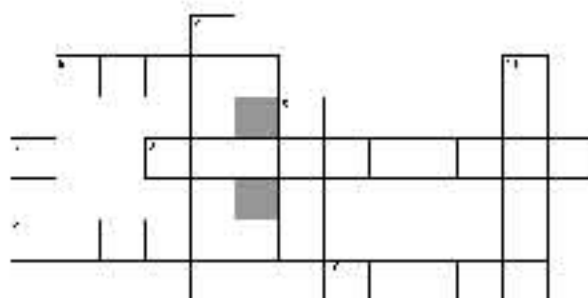


## Across

1. The person who baptized Jesus
2. The person who approved the crucifixion
4. Three in one
5. The blood of Jesus
6. He saved the Hebrews from Egyptian rule
8. The last Book of the Bible
10. Disciple who betrayed Jesus

## Down

1. Saved Egypt from famine
3. First of the four Gospels
7. First book in the Bible
9. First person to see Jesus after the resurrection
11. The story of Moses can be found in this book



crossword created by A. Mirelin, Senior Counselor

## Last Night's Activities

Half way there, Juniors - let's make "IT" count!!! Last night we had a wonderful walk to the lake with the intermediates. Bug spray filled the air as we trekked through the mud to come out by the beautiful lake. Pastor Craig did a fantastic job leading the evening worship. Water balloons shot through the sky to aid in his message. MUCH FUN!!! Next, we walked back to Burton Hall to participate in Junior camp's first ever "Juniors got Talent", followed by personal pizza's as our snack. Whew, we had a busy night!!! =>

Intermediates had a grand time hiking to the lake with the juniors for a moving (& sometimes a bit wet) Vespers service. Next the intermediates hiked back to the bullpen for popcorn, sno-cones & Bible Trivia. The seniors surprised all the intermediate campers and invited them up to Senior Camp for a spontaneous costume block party dance extravaganza!!! Thanks for inviting us seniors; we had a blast!!!

The very first Showcase of Senior Talent showed that it only takes 15 minutes to come up with some pretty inventive performances. From Ke\$ha to Journey, from the Big Top to Camp Luther's Got Talent (and with Christian Calain running and running and running and running), we saw that these seniors really have talent! It was scary good fun up after the Senior Talent show as the seniors (and their guests, the intermediates) enjoyed a thriller of a masquerade ball, complete with monstrously good music and dancing. Masks and hats and some wicked costumes made for a wonderful night! They even danced to Ghostbusters!

A big SHOUT OUT from Pastor Craig to all the folks who made Tuesday's morning worship so special. Thanks for the help!

## Congratulations to the Junior Camp Beach Carnival King & Queen!



King Isaac Popp  
Queen Megan Fowler

In class, the Seniors have been tackling some pretty tough issues... we're looking deeply into our hearts to discern what crosses we all bear, and how we can best be Christ for our neighbors. We're creating Stations of the Cross icons to be used throughout the week in worship. The Pastors have brought film clips, music and scripture together to create an inviting, comforting atmosphere where we're expanding our minds, our hearts and our spirits.

## Meet Wendy Noonan & Steve Gabbert!

Wendy, a senior counselor, has returned to camp for the first time since the early 1990's. She was a senior camper for 4 years and served as an intermediate counselor for 5 years. She lives in Charlotte, NC with her husband, John, and daughters Kelsey (Senior Camp) & Mackenzie (Intermediate Camp). She is a Real Estate broker and owner of Noonan Appraisal Services. She says that it warms her heart to be back at such a special place and be able to share it with her girls.

Steve is also a counselor in senior camp. When he came to Camp Luther as a first year camper in 1977 he had the best counselor in the camp - Our Esteemed Director! After that week he knew that NOTHING would keep him from coming back year after year! He is celebrating his 20th year as a staff member. He missed 2006-2010, but we'll forgive him for his absence. He has served in many different positions over the years -Junior counselor, Intermediate counselor & Senior counselor. He was even a teacher for a year! Steve's daughter, Sierra, is here for the first time. If you see her in Junior camp be sure to say "hello"! Steve and Sierra live in Morgantown where they attend St. Paul Lutheran Church. He says that it is awesome to be back at Camp Luther after missing the last 4 years and he is very happy to be among old friends and making new friends. This is truly an amazing place!



## Greetings from the Camp Luther Mouse!

The kids at Camp Luther are really keeping me busy! There is so much going on all the time! It seems like the porch of the White House is the place to be in lower camp. They have snakes salamanders and enormous beetles to go with the popsicles. Yum! I saw the Bishop attempting to re-baptize Pastor Craig last night. What was up with that? Isn't once enough? Also, I was very impressed to see how good Pastor SS's aim was with the water bucket. Pastor PS, thanks for filling in for Pastor SS in the boat. HR, sorry you hurt yourself - hope you have a speedy recovery! I think I scared Intermediate Dean RR last night in her cabin. She stuffed me in a Doritos bag, but I escaped. She was quite surprised to find me on top of the microwave munching on a Dorito. It's hard work checking out all the activity in camp - thanks for the snack, Dean! KR sings like a pro!!! Thanks Nature Teacher for helping in the Junior activity. Who is Kessler?!? Cain Club member? Did Stuff break his foot? Noah is super knowledgeable in American History. WOW, that Junior boy can twist his arm 360 degrees. Did the Junior staff have a pool party???? Thanks Juniors for the Snow Cones!!! Hey, "Bob," when did you get so much heart (and soul)? How many girls in AG & JR's cabin were up until the wee hours of the morning congregating on the floor? I sure did see a lot of impressive intermediates doing good deeds without prompting- even giving their own good deed recognition bracelets to deserving friends!!! Way to go intermediates!!! Here's a horoscope for BMW: it is gonna' be an AWESOME week at Camp Luther!!! MV: have a nice slip Monday night?! Must have been overcome with the Spirit- swept off your feet! What is the funky smell in the front left room of upper Mtn Rest?! I heard several sleep talkers in AF & MK's group & JR & AG's room. JH: are your knees okay?! TS, MJ, SP, JM: we ARE watching you! HR, is your finger okay? Ouch! I've been smelling lots of Febreze in the middle of the night in Mtn Rest! Who drank 11 Mountain Dews last night?!? AH's girls are absolute angels this year! Hey staff tables- you sure are awfully loud cleaning tables when "the hand goes up"!!!! SHHHH!!!!!!!!!!!! LF, do you have a crush on counselor SJ? DB's group has attitude: CHILL! EF <3's KM; like, times 1000! DB, step off!!!! How many intermediate girls can 1 tiny snake freak out?! It is Camp people!!! Intermediate boys: are you already worried about dates for the Thursday night dance? Don't worry boys, the girls outnumber you- plenty of ladies to go around! How many intermediate girls have a crush on camper SP? Did anyone hit a bulls eye yesterday at the archery range? CS sure got close! I was scampering around trying to avoid being trampled by a bunch of masked campers last night in Senior Camp... it was a Thriller! Is EO's group in love with counselor JC? Who in intermediate camp has eaten nothing but PBJ sandwiches all week? I can't wait to trek back up to the lake for boating & fishing with the intermediates this afternoon... I overheard Bishop Dunkin talking about the efforts of the counselors and staff. He was saying that he was very impressed with all the work they are doing. They give sooo much to the kids. Way to go guys! Hope everyone has a wonderful afternoon and evening. I'll see you around camp!

