

69th Year

Living in God's Time

# Camp Luther Beacon

Tuesday, June 17, 2014

## Merry Christmas!

### Director's Corner

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

Okay, maybe not so much. But that's what today's lessons are all about, and that rocks! Christmas is all about the birth of our Savior. Decorations, presents, special food, candles—yep, sounds like a birthday party to me! 😊

But, in about six months you will be experiencing the "Christmas season" as brought to you by the world-wide business conglomerate. You be bombarded with advertisements enticing you to buy whatever product the media determines is "hot"—a new gaming system, a new toy, a new phone, and the list goes on. When you see all of that, I ask that you take a deep breath and reflect on the true "reason for the season": the birth of small child whose life, crucifixion, and resurrection will provide salvation for all mankind and conquer death itself.

So, when you see all of the commercials, specials, billboards, etc. that try to tell you that Christmas is about getting presents or a talking snowman or flying reindeer, remember the words of Linus in A Charlie Brown Christmas: "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord". And that's what Christmas is all about, Charlie Brown.

Mizpah

Mike

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

Ecclesiastes 3:1



## Living in Christmas

In their Advent observance, Christians hope and long for the coming of Jesus to illumine the shadows of the world. At Christmas, the light of God shines brightly in Jesus. Though in this world the shadows never recede fully, Christians understand that Jesus is the light no darkness can overcome. Through Jesus, Christians live in the light.

## Meet Sisters Rachel Hall & Sarah Bell

After a six-year leave of absence, Rachel Gensler Hall is reprising her roll as an Intermediate counselor. Rachel lives in Charleston with her husband of six years, Charlie, and their two daughters, Faithanna, 5, and Lily, 3. She previously served as an Intermediate Counselor for seven years and was a camper for 11 years. She attends Trinity Lutheran in Charleston and leads the Children's Ministry Program. Rachel is thankful to be serving God through this ministry, and she is really looking forward to finally catching the Camp Mouse.



Intermediate Camp also welcomes new counselor Sarah Gensler Bell! Before taking a break from camp to raise her children, Sarah served as a senior camp counselor for four years; she was also a camper for all 10 years! Sarah was able to return to camp this year as her youngest child, Abby, is finally a first year junior! Her daughter, Katie, is a third year junior, and her son Trey is a senior camper. Sarah has been married for 16 years, and her family lives in Huntington. She is excited to pass "IT" on to a new generation of campers.



Looks like Mark Molter's car got a makeover yesterday afternoon!



Can you spot any familiar faces from 2008?

## Christmas Traditions Around the World

### Venezuela:



Families in Caracas roller-skate to Christmas mass every year because the city is closed to cars! On Christmas Eve, children in this country place a piece of straw beside their bed, and when they wake up, they see that it was replaced with gifts from the Magi. Then upon looking into the mirror, they see a black smudge on their cheek letting them know that Balthazar has kissed them while they slept.

### Costa Rica:

For the nine days before Christmas, groups of neighbors get together at different houses and act out the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem for a celebration called Posada. These nine days are supposed to represent the nine months of Mary's pregnancy with Jesus.

## Intermediate Olympic Results

For the 2nd year in a row, our Intermediate Olympic Champ is Anna's Team! Thank you to all the volunteers—we love you!

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| 1. Anna's Mundane Pickles | 6. Amanda—Dream Team      |
| 2. Sara J—Young Gun's     | 7. Rick—#Team             |
| 3. Gabe—IBTWWW            | 8. Sarah—Cheetah Girlzzzz |
| 4. Dana—Elite Rebels      | 9. AJ—Flint Tropics       |
| 5. Robbie—Iggy            | 10. Craig—Team Bae        |
|                           | 11. Tom Thom—Neon Knights |
|                           | 12. Rachel—Rangers        |

## ATTENTION: MAIL CALL!



All campers and staff: A letter or postcard with valid postage is required to be admitted to dinner tonight! Don't be left out in the cold begging for food. Write home and let everyone know what a great time you're having this week! Stamps, postcards, and envelopes are available in the office.

### Stamps for Sale

Postcard: \$0.40 Letter: \$0.50

### ALL CAMPERS

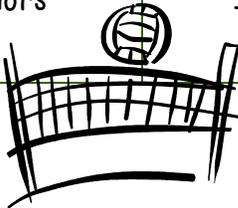
Make sure you apply LOTS of sunscreen this week!

Reapply at least every two hours.

Visit the White House for sunscreen if you forgot yours at home.

### What's Going on This Afternoon?

Open to All	Badminton Tourney Cornhole Tourney
Juniors	Boating/Fishing 2:15-4:15 @ White House/Lake
Intermediates	Creek Stomp 1:30 @ White House Archery 2:30-3:30 @ White House
Seniors	Volleyball 1:30-3:30 @ Pool Shelter



## Word on the Street about Christmas

A big THANKS to our Newspaper Reporters!

When polled yesterday, two campers identified their favorite Christmas traditions as opening a surprise in a box every day during the season of Advent and decorating with their family. Other favorite ways of celebrating Christmas include hanging out with family (Joshua Harlan, Intermediate), seeing family that lives far away (Luke Lovejoy, Junior), and celebrating Jesus' birth (Makinzie Lyons, Junior).

### Favorite Christmas Songs

Jingle Bells—Bryanna Nally, Junior

Good King Wenceslas—Claire Walker, Intermediate

Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer—Paige Shaffer, Intermediate

Jingle Bell Rock—Ashlynn Baker, Intermediate

### CHOIR

Any camper or staff member interested in singing in the choir should report to Upper Burton for practice this afternoon and tomorrow at 2 pm.



### Tonight's Activities

Juniors:

Junior's Got Talent!



Intermediates:  
Pool Party!

Seniors:

Senior Program  
Challenge



## Wednesday's Weather Outlook

89°

Real Feel: 94°

Partly cloudy and very warm! Slight chance of a thunderstorm in the afternoon.

Accuweather.com

**Lent**

**Tomorrow's Color of the Day:**

**PURPLE**

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

### WHAT'S COOKIN' TONIGHT & TOMORROW?

Dinner:

Ham  
Seasoned Potatoes  
California Veggies  
Hot Rolls  
Fruit Cocktail

Breakfast:

French Toast Sticks  
Bacon & Sausage  
Fruit or Yogurt

Lunch:

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

## Greetings from the Camp Luther Mouse!



Merrrrrryyyy Christmas! I could hardly believe my eyes when I woke up this morning! Camp magically turned into a Christmas wonderland overnight! I've always wanted to celebrate Christmas with my Camp Luther family! Speaking of the Christmas spirit, I heard that Clark Griswold was in town last night. Those intermediate girls sure did a great job of going with the flow & getting ready this morning. Electricity is so overrated anyway! (But we'll try our best to have it back before the dance!) Do some intermediate girls have dates to the dance already?? LM and CM? I'm excited to go swimming tonight with the intermediate pool party! They were a blast to run around and slip & slide with last night on the lower ball field. What a cute couple QM & KS make! Just HOW many braids does WB have to do each day?!? Hey GC, how exactly do you get dressed again? GR really likes that bug zapper—don't get me! Who fell out of their bed in lower Mountain Rest last night? TT & RS—Belly flop! Good luck with your doctor visit today, TB! JM had a hard time popping that balloon at the Olympics last night. The Senior Seniors did a great job planning the Senior Olympics this year! Tug of War can be a little tough when you're playing against your brother! JD has a mean serve! SW, EB thinks you're cute? Pastors IR & NC—did you *really* leave pastor RB back on campus when you went to the custard stand?? Sleep with one eye open! Why did Taylor & Kristen's girls look so tired today? I could hear them up talking, and I was all the way down in Burton Hall! The odd couple at camp? RS is soooooo fancy! If you're a Bae instead of a Babe, is that a friend zone too??? Hey 'copters—back up!! Btw, I hear even Santa Claus poops. Remember, eat those fruits & yogurt. Happy Tuesday, everyone!

Warmly,  
The Camp Mouse

