

Camp
Luther

Beacon
2015

*A Love That
Never Ends*

70th
year!

*You shall love the Lord your God with all
your heart, and with all your soul, and with
all your might.
-Deuteronomy 6:5*

Tuesday, June 23rd

Director's Digest

In today's classes we looked at Israel. Despite being God's chosen people, they were subject to many trials and tribulations. But through it all, despite many of them abandoning God, He never abandoned them.

And that's how it is even in today's world. Some people think that because we are Christians we should be given a "special pass" and that everything in our lives should be perfect. And then, when things don't go right, some people begin to question God. But God's promise to us is that He will always love us, not that He will remove all the obstacles from our lives.

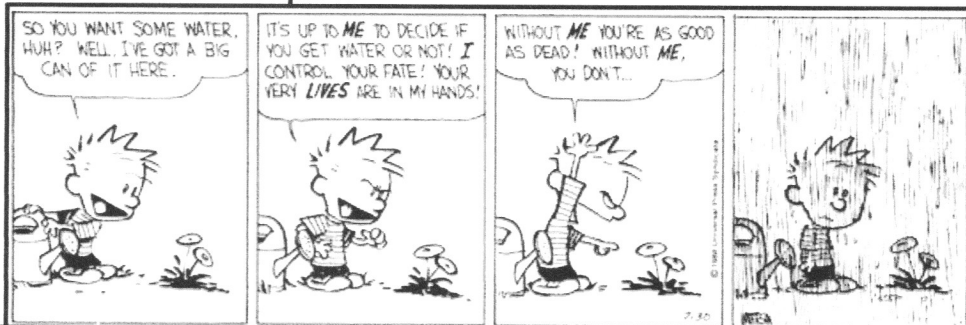
Here at camp we will make friends, enjoy activities and, generally, have a great time. But we also might have to experience cold showers, rough weather, or spiders (especially in places we'd rather not see spiders). And yet through it all, we can be assured of God's presence in our lives, through the good and the bad. For as Carl Jung called on us to remember: "Bidden or unbidden, God is present."

Mizpah,
Mike
(aka Calvin)

Today's Theme: Israel

Exodus 17: 1-7

1 The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. 2 So they quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the Lord to the test?" 3 But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?" 4 Then Moses cried out to the Lord, "What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me." 5 The Lord answered Moses, "Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. 6 I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink." So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. 7 And he called the place Massah[a] and Meribah[b] because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the Lord saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"



Weather Outlook

Wednesday:

High Temperature: 81

Partly cloudy in the morning giving way to sunshine in the afternoon

Chance of rain 10%

You **MUST** have a post card or letter to mail to get into dinner tonight!

The Office has envelopes and stamps for sale – and postcards are **FREE!**

Intermediate Olympic Results:

Congratulations to Erin's "Mac'n'Cheese Bites" on winning! Coming in 2nd place was Anna's "The Winning Team." 3rd place was Dawn's "The Paper Clips." A great time was had by all!!! Special, Special, SPECIAL thanks to all the staff members who helped out setting up, running the games, judging, and cleaning up to make this happen!

Archery · Soccer ·

Cornhole · Swimming · Gaga · Kickball · Badminton · Soccer

Sports'

CORNER

Swimming · Badminton · Archery

Special Events!

Juniors & Seniors:

Archery – meet at the 4H Building at 2pm

Intermediates:

Creekstomp – meet at the Gazebo at 1:45pm

Archery – meet at the 4H Building at 3:30pm

Seniors & Staff:

Badminton – starts at 2:30pm sign up in Lower Burton **BEFORE**

Intermediate & Seniors:

Cornhole Tournament – continues at 2:30pm; see bracket for more information

Boating & Fishing · Cornhole · Gaga

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Challenge Finishers:

Andrew Miser – 2m50sec

Rachel Sampson – 3m18sec

Burke Glover – 3m22sec

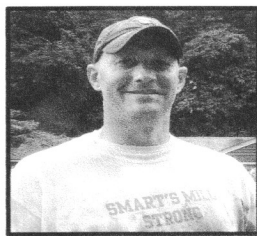


Camp Luther Choir!

The Camp Luther Choir will practice at 2:30pm in Upper Burton on Tuesday and Wednesday.

See the Music Team if you have any questions!

Brian DeVault



Brian DeVault is returning to staff as an Intermediate Counselor after a 9 year hiatus. This is Brian's 15th year at Camp Luther – 8 years as a camper and 7th year on staff. Brian, along with wife Ashley and children Marya (a first year camper!), Kate, and Blake, lives in Leesburg, VA. When not at camp, Brian is a middle school PE teacher and football coach. He is an avid Pittsburgh Pirates fan. Let's Go Bucs!



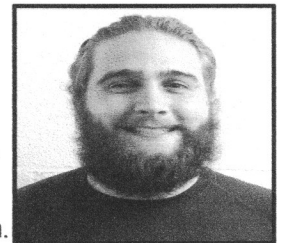
Izabel Dorst

Izabel Dorst is a former Camp Luther camper of nine years, and has come back this year to participate in more fun as a Junior Counselor. Izabel just finished her first year at Coastal Carolina University, where she plans on getting a B.F.A in Musical Theatre. She is really excited to be back at camp this year, along with her brother Jacob in Senior Camp and her sister Zoe in Intermediates. Let's make this week A Love That Never Ends!

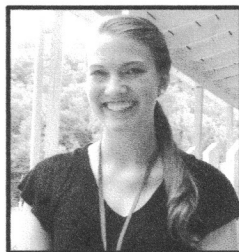
Nathaniel Ellis

I am from the tiny town of Princeton, WV, and currently enrolled at WVU as an English major with a focus on Creative Writing. While I've always been interested in reading, I'm now pursuing something I've always struggled in – writing. It's my goal to be able to inspire and teach through writing as many authors have inspired me. I intend to pursue

a doctorate in English and one day teach at a college level. Camp Luther shaped my life in many ways. I've met some of my best friends here at camp. After nine years as a camper, it's wonderful to be back and participating in the Sports' Program.



Katie Davis



After five years as a camper, Katie Davis is excited to be returning this year as a part of the Media & Publishing Team. Born and raised in Clarksburg, WV, she is now a sophomore at Fairmont State University where she is studying Elementary Education. Katie has two younger brothers who are both in Senior Camp this year, and she looks forward to taking pictures as campers return to their home away from home.



Karen Harr

This is Karen Harr's first trip to Camp Luther as a counselor in Senior Camp. She lives in Cheyenne, WY and is a medic in the Air Force. She is married to Joel Harr who has been coming here for many years as a camper and counselor. They have 3 children together. Brayden is attending his second year here and Evelyn her first. Jack will come when he is old enough. She is very excited to be on staff this year for the first time and is looking forward to experiencing everything she has heard so much about.

What's Cooking?

Tuesday Dinner:

salisbury steak, potatoes,
corn, rolls

Wednesday Breakfast:

waffle sticks, sausage links,
fruit, yogurt, juice, milk

Wednesday Lunch:

turkey wrap, cheese, lettuce,
potato chips, salad

Tonight!

Juniors:

Camp Luther's
Got Talent:
Junior Edition!

Tonight!

Intermediates:

It's a surprise!

Seniors:

Senior Challenge



Camp Luther Mouse

Man, was it hard to get up this morning! I was so busy trying to keep up with everything yesterday afternoon. I scurried into one of the boats the lake – can you believe those juniors and seniors caught 6 fish?!? Who would have thought that boatloads of campers and staff could be quiet enough to attract some fish? I almost got stepped on during that conga line at 5 o'clock news! IS and CG, we know who Barbara is..."She's a bright one." The chicken has reappeared in Oaks! Hopefully it can help kill those ants. RB wore more shaving cream than clothes at Olympics last night. Team 5 in the juniors was awesome in the water relays! AC is Mr. Hollywood in his cool shades. MM, VR wants to know if you like canollis. Two words: Uncle Mark. Who had on that nice belly shirt at Intermediate Olympics? LW, what were SG and AT giggling about on the Mountain Rest porch last night? AJB – do you have a son in GR's group? I almost got smashed in that awesome ball pit – the campers threw me back, because a mouse was worth 0 points. Dub Smash! Who in AG's group got asked by several guys to the dance already? (HY?) Not only are all of DB's girl in love with DB, but so is DB! HB is all about that SW. LW has eyes as blue as the Jamaican Ocean. Pastor IR is taking good care of the baby Jesus. Where did the ghost riders on horseback come from, and where did they go last night? IR, where did you get that deer head? DB loved it in the shower! The seniors tug-o-war gets more and more intense each year. AS – do you need to borrow some pants from me? I can't believe Jennifer Anniston is spending the week with us this year! Why does AJB smell like menthol? Are you sending smoke signals? JD & JH, sorry I was taking a nap in your shower. Some of the seniors saw the Bishop walk to camp this year. He magically appeared from the woods! ND, do you know anything about a beat boxing bat? Seniors – watch out for some on edge people tonight, I heard there's a BIG rivalry being followed!

