

Camp Luther Beacon

Jesus Chooses Us

"You did not choose me but I chose you."
(John 15:16)

Tuesday, June 21, 2011

Director's Message:

Greetings and felicitations! I would like you all to meet Mongo, my pet stuffed gorilla. I always thought it would be neat to have a gorilla for a pet but Kimmie, my wife, said, "I don't want some loud, uncouth, foul-smelling, beast running around my house!" --- but she married me anyway. And after we were married I received Mongo as a gift from a friend who told me she thought I needed protecting---and that Mongo was just the gorilla to do it.

But I knew that today's theme, Jesus Protects Us, was true and that I was already being protected by the greatest power ever, the love of Jesus Christ. So I graciously accepted the gift and Mongo has lived a life of leisure ever since. He rests most of the day, gets all the bananas he can eat, doesn't take up much room but has a tendency to snore when he sleeps on his back (and he's LOUD!!!). As for the job of protection? Mongo and I know that Jesus has our back---and we're good with that!

Have a great rest of the day and I can't wait 'til tomorrow-- 'cause things just keeps gettin' better every day!

Mizpah

Mike



Tonight **you will need a postcard or letter** to get into the dining hall for dinner. Make sure it has a complete address and a stamp!

This is how it should look:

Daily Bible Text

Mark 4:35-41 (NIV 1984)

Jesus Calms the Storm

That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"

He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

Weather Forecast:

High of 85 degrees with potential rain.

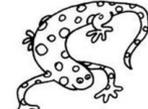


What's Cookin' in the Dining Hall?

tonight's dinner - ham, macaroni & cheese, steamed veggies

breakfast tomorrow - pancakes, sausage & bacon

lunch tomorrow - chicken nuggets, tater tots, veggies & dip



Creek Stomp for Junior campers today! Meet Sharon, the Nature Lady, at 2pm in front of the White House.

AFTERNOON SPORTS

ACTIVITIES:

Juniors & Intermediates can go to the archery range this afternoon. The sign up sheet is outside the dining hall doors. Everyone is meeting at 3pm in front of the White House.

The Seniors vs Staff flag football challenge will be held at 2:45 on the Upper Ballfield. See you there!



THE SURF & TURF RECAP

The Surf News: Kyle and crew (Seniors & Juniors) survived an awesome afternoon up at the lake. There were plenty of bites from the fish and the bugs! In the end the fish were the victors.

On the Turf side: Lacrosse was introduced to the Intermediates who were kind enough to include interested Juniors and Seniors. It was so much fun that even the heavy rains didn't stop the highly competitive match.

Random Acts of Kindness:

There have been some wonderful things happening around Camp Luther already. Senior counselor Sara Busse said she was very impressed to see the seniors helping each other around the big puddles on their walk to the lake. It's also nice to see how everyone joins together during the Morning Worship songs. The Seniors Campers have also been kind enough to wipe down the tables after our meals and set up for the next meal. Thanks guys!

GREAT NEWS!

The campers have found the "missing" little boy! Apparently the Nature Lady has an old photo of her son, **Ronnie Bohn**, and she didn't realize that **20+ years have passed!** Ronnie was such a cute little boy - no wonder she held on to the photo!

What's Happening Tonight?

The Senior Campers will be participating in a Senior Program Showcase titled "Bring IT". The Intermediates will compete in an evening of Bible Trivia (snacks will be provided - yum!) and the Junior campers will entertain each other with their own version of "Camp Luther's Got Talent".

It will definitely be a fun evening at Camp Luther!

Giggles & Groans

Q: Who designed Noah's ark?
A: An ark-itect!

Q: Who was the best actor in The Bible
A: Samson, he brought the house down!

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News From Senior Camp:

The Seniors are learning a lot this week. On Monday we "followed" the teachers to the lake for a moving and meaningful class. We learned what it means to be called through the eyes of many of our teachers. Thank you for sharing!

We continued our theme during evening worship with a little bit of John Denver, and although it was West Virginia Day, it wasn't even "Country Roads!"



A belated Camp Luther **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Joshua Bream, Kyle Lee and Erin Smith!

Hope you all had a wonderful day yesterday!

BTW - Happy 1st Day of Summer!

Quote of the Day:

"Heaven is full of answers to prayers for which no one ever bothered to ask."
- Billy Graham

Deep Thoughts from the Sports Guys

Take me fishing, we'll have fun.
Teach me how to fish, and I'll learn.
Involve me, and I'll never forget.

Last Night's Activities

Juniors Rock!!! Last night we enjoyed a fantastic carnival full of games and snacks!!! The snow cones and pop corn were delicious....next we took a dip in the pool, we had a blast!!! Thanks, Pastor Craig, for a great Vespers in Gregory Hall too!

Monday Fun-day was had by all on the lower ball field last night during the Intermediate program's Olympic games. When all was said and done, however, one team rose above the pack. They mastered the art of stillness in "Dead Fish", thawed frozen clothes to dress their counselor faster than a speeding bullet, dizzy-bat-slip-in-slide-dumping-water-into-buckets raced it with graceful sideways gait and rounded out all 7 games with the highest point total. Congratulations goes to the INTERMEDIATE PROGRAM 2011 OLYMPIC CHAMPIONS: Erin's Hot Pink Rugrats! Way to go! Rick's Team LOL tied with Robbie's Tiger Blood for 2nd place; 4th: Mary's The Rusty Nails; 5th: Anna's Yo Mama; 6th: Sara's I have a Big Head & Little Arms; 7th: Matthew's Fluffer Nuggets; 8th: Allcha's Baby Guppies; Tied for 9th: Jamie's Somethings & Amy's In The Hood; 11th: Jared's Cat Daddy; 12th: Kyle's and Elizabeth who is too little for camp... GREAT JOB Y'ALL!!!! And a HUGE thanks to all the top bunk members who helped judge the games- we could NOT have had such a blast without ya!!!!

The Seniors had a big night of Olympics - from wet t-shirts (size XXX-large) to chewing-gum flavored marshmallows. It was a HUGE HIT! Team 3 came out on top but everyone was a winner when Fox's pizza appeared as the "Snack Attack" surprise!

Meet Pastor Karen Erskine-Valentine, Jess Hamme & Johanna Miesner

Pastor Karen has been to lots of camps but this is her first week at Camp Luther. PK lives in Hedgesville near Martinsburg, WV with her husband Eric and 2 of the family's five children... The big ones are grown up and out of the house and the younger ones are Jacob (a junior) and Elizabeth who is too little for camp... PK is teaching Bible this week to juniors and is very excited to be at Camp Luther because, in her opinion, camp rocks!

Jess Hamme is at Camp Luther for her first summer. She grew up attending and working at a Lutheran camp in Pennsylvania. She is getting ready to marry "Camp Luther Minister" Jason Felici on August 6th! She currently lives in Franklin, WV while she finishes up her internship with South Fork Lutheran Ministries and the Mountain Lutheran Parish with her beagle puppy, Tucker. Jess says, "I've heard so many wonderful stories about the people and adventures in Camp Luther. I can't wait to get to know everyone!"

Johanna Miesner spent the past 10 years as a camper and is returning as a Junior Teacher. She attends St. Timothys in Charleston, WV and will be a sophomore at SMU in Dallas, TX. She has two younger siblings in Intermediate and Senior camp. She is so excited to be returning to Camp this year!



Pastor Karen, Jess & Johanna

Greetings from the Camp Luther Mouse!

I have been hanging out in Upper Burton during the morning and evening worship services and I have really enjoyed the music. Very impressive to see CT helping to lead the music. Way to get involved! Which Junior camper is competing for the most mosquito bites-"Stuff," you're 'way head of everyone else with 12 bites so far! SB working the Flava Flaw look. Those senior counselors are a tough party! Apparently Lower did a great job, DM! Keep up the JD's exercise bootcamp. He had DM doing sets of pushups yesterday! You did a great job, DM! Keep up the good work! MN & MG need to brush up on their UNO skills. Does DB's intermediate group have cooties at their dining hall table? MM in EO's group: are you the spider queen?! WC- I saw you trying to get into the top bunk Sunday night, what up with that? I noticed the kitchen is rationing fruit; saving some more for me no doubt!! JB: Team in training with crutches! What's up with Cookie Monster & Kermit the Frog around camp? LF & CR- do you wear your sunglasses at night cause your future's so bright?! HR & DD: will you teach me your handshakes tomorrow morning? BA- what Richter scale intensity does it take to get you outta' bed in the morning? AT- how's that name tag taste?! Smooth until the last drop! Did you save any for later? KM- did you hear any drowning badgers again last night?! RK- how was the fish tank? Thanks for taking road kill duty Pastor Rich! Who in Sr camp misses his dog more than his wife? So nice of the seniors to show up bright and early for Monday morning worship. Glad the Director helped the Dean get it straight! Are the girls in AG, JR & AH's cabins having to wake up their counselors in the morning? CB- thank you for the delish gummi treats your spreading around camp! What in the world were those animal noises coming from MK & AF's room during free time yesterday?! Who has the missing hairspray from Upper Mtn Rest? Exactly how many intermediate girls are "in love" with KM? From what I observed, at least 56 or so!!! I really enjoyed MV's very sharing testimony at Vesper Knoll last night. It was very cool to hear how God chose him & called him to the ministry; especially cool to hear how Camp Luther played a part in that calling! It sure did get a bit wet, muddy & shaving creamy on the lower ball field last night. It looked like EO, JC, & MV's groups got a little extra rowdy- I'm sure getting egged on by the Olympic "judges" had nothing to do with it, of course! I was glad to see that there were no casualties from the dizzy bat slip-n-slide combo game: extra water, mud, shaving cream and all!!!! How many guys from Casualties does it take to screw in a light bulb? This may be one of life's unanswering mysteries! JR-how many "check ins" can one have with no social media available while at Camp, lol! DA, you looked great covered in shaving cream last night - I'm glad you were able to get all cleaned up before you had to help with morning worship! Is MA the new SG? That slip on the stage was a bit scary! NT-get some cough drops! JY guessed 8 out of 8 in "Guess that Smell". DJ likes coonuts. Which junior girl had spiked hair? Swarm like bees I say - SWARM! Junior boys: DM (aka Ginger)frontview cabin looks great! Winkyface and D.A.R. caught me in Room 3 of Trail's End. The put me in a big ol' box and I thought I was safe, but then they put me out in the rain! I'll be baaaaaack! DM (aka Ginger)has no soul. WN looks good in a tube top! TT, love that "Jello Hips" dance! MH, is the floor more comfortable than your bed? By the way, Junior camp was THE PLACE TO BE last night! What a blast! Juniors Rock!

