

Camp Luther Beacon

Celebrating 65 years!

Keeping the Earth

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called Children of God."

(1 John 3:1)

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Director's Message:

What an amazing day the Lord had made! Last night the Juniors visited Caesar Lake (yes, that's its official name), the Intermediates showed that, as one staff person said, "Camp Luther DOES have talent!" (maybe we'll all get to see some of that talent later this week!) and the Seniors stretched their legs and their brains a little and found something that they'll be sharing with the rest of the camp later today. I'm really looking forward to it.

And speaking of looking forward, don't forget that tonight is the first ever Camp Luther All-Camp PJ vespers at 9:15 out in front of the gazebo. And a good time will be had by all!

Did you know....construction on the first pool for Camp Caesar was started in 1932 and completed two years later. Why so long? Because they had to hand-dig the hole! Look at the pool today and figure how long it would take you to move that much dirt using just a shovel. Very impressive!

Just wonderin'....why are the English words "tomb", "comb" and "bomb" spelled similarly but pronounced completely different?

Mizpah,
Mike

Key Bible Verse of the Day

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

John 15:5

What do the Seniors do in the morning?

In class, the Seniors are learning about covenants – with each other, with the Earth, and with God. The discussions have been deep, and it's been joyful to hear thoughtful and kind debate. Pastor Randy and Pastor Linda are great teachers!

Video clips, slide shows and music have all been interspersed in the lessons, with lots of time for small group discussion, so the energy is high as we learn how to become better citizens of God's world.

It was interesting to hear about how many of our pastors (including Bishop Dunkin, Pastor Randy, Seminarian Jason and future Seminarian Josh) came to their call to be ministers in the Lutheran church.

Tomorrow's Weather Forecast:

Tomorrow we are expecting a high of 83 with a chance of storms throughout the day.

Meet Barb Schuler

Barb, one of the Camp's nurses, is back to camp for the first time since she was a camper in the Junior program. She is from Wheeling, WV and has been an emergency room nurse for 25 years. At Christ Lutheran among other things, she volunteers her time with the kids and also serves on church council. She has had 4 siblings and 2 children attend Camp Luther. Barb says she is pleased to serve God using her medical skills at camp. She loves the kids. (Let's hope she's not TOO busy this year at camp!) Welcome to Camp, Barb!

Inspection Winners

Junior Camp Frontview (Michelle & Lisa)
Intermediate Camp Emily, Alisha & Rick

LAST NIGHT'S ACTIVITIES

The Juniors campers attended vespers at the lake and made a crepe paper cross which can be seen in Upper Burton. After a Bible scavenger hunt they were treated by their teachers and counselors to a pizza party. Everyone had a great time!

The Intermediate talent show (Camp Luther's Got Talent) in the Bullpen was fantastic! Kyle, the hilarious host, opened the show & got the crowd rolling. He was followed by Robbie with a rousing rendition of "Every Rose Has its Thorn" by Robbie. Several intermediates displayed their talents: Michael McEwen as MC, Kalee Robinson, Kelsie Stewart, Samira Shahbandy, Helen Reed, Riley McNemar, Ruby Haynes, Sabriyah Shahbandy, Matt Snell, Hunter Davis, Emily Snell, Hannah Rice, Heather Schoolcraft and Beth Zirkle. Everyone did a wonderful job.

The Seniors were all over Camp last night playing a scavenger hunt/game created by the Deans and Director Mike. Divided into groups, they followed clues that took them to the upper ballfield, Vesper Knoll, the dinner bell, and everywhere in-between. Clues tested musical skills, math knowledge, pop culture awareness and teamwork was the key to success.

The best clue of the night was, "Patience is a virtue." They learned that they had to wait for every group to finish before they could figure out the last clue, which led them to the lake. Unfortunately, thunderclouds prevented them from reaching their final destination, but fun was had by all.

Tonight is the all camp cookout. The Juniors and Seniors are having dinner together so the Seniors are all cleaning their cabins today (haha) in anticipation of their Junior visitors. Let's see how they do! During one of the morning talks, many Seniors raised their hands when asked if they remember who was their "Senior buddy" when they were in Junior Camp. They are looking forward to making new Junior friends!

After the cookout, the Intermediates will take a trip to the lake.

This evening Camp Luther will have its first All Camp Pajama vesper service.

AFTERNOON SPORTS FOR THURSDAY:

Juniors	Flag Football (front lawn)
Intermediates	Kickball (lower ballfield)
Seniors vs Staff	Basketball Challenge

The Intermediate vs Staff volleyball game was held this afternoon. It was a lot of fun for everyone and the Staff proved that they still have what it takes to play with the big dogs. The Staff won 2 straight games.

Wow! What a soccer game! The Juniors v Seniors soccer game is still going on, but check back tomorrow for more information.

The Senior vs Staff flag football game yesterday was awesome! It's nice to know that our staff isn't just young at heart and they can still take on the Seniors. The Staff pulled off a 28 to 22 win with an exciting finish to a hard fought game. With a minute left to play, the staff had the ball and only needed to hold the ball long enough to run out the clock. An errant pass was intercepted, giving the seniors new life. It took only three quick plays to move the ball to the goal line and to the brink of tying the game. The staff were clearly showing their age, and the seniors had momentum with just enough time for one more play. The seniors snapped the ball, and threw into the end zone, but an interception by the staff sealed the first ever Camp Luther Flag Football game for the staff. The game ball was presented to the seniors for their great sportsmanship. We are all looking forward to next year's game.

Giggle Corner

A country preacher decided to skip services one Sunday to spend the day hiking in the wilderness. Rounding a sharp bend in the trail, he collided with a bear and was sent tumbling down a steep grade. He landed on a rock and broke both legs. With the ferocious bear charging at him from a distance, the preacher prayed, "O Lord, I'm so sorry for skipping services today. Please forgive me and grant me just one wish—make a Christian out of that bear that's coming at me!" At that very instant, the bear skidded to a halt, fell to his knees, clasped his paws together, and began to pray aloud at the preacher's feet: "Dear God, please bless this food I am about to receive."

A pastor's wife was preparing pancakes for her young sons. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their Mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, "Let my brother have the first pancake. I can wait." The oldest boy turned to his younger brother and said, "You be Jesus."

Knock, knock!

Who's there?

Moses.
Moses who?

He "Moses" grass once a week.

Greetings from the Camp Luther Mouse!

Do I smell grilled food up at Whipoorwhil? ES (aka Wabbit) is faster than Lightning!!! Is DJ the fourth Jonas Brother? Is "Mgawah" a way to call sheep? The boys in junior camp prefer to sleep on the floor than in their beds. Will we see Mustard Boy & Ketchup Man this week? RB continues to be a mama's boy - it's nice to see that they are so close! MS, I like the way you speak to GS when you see her - thanks, MZ! I hear that some of the Junior boys aren't very fond of the morning chicken. JY thinks it should be put away. I scurried into the bullpen last night and really enjoyed all of the intermediate talent! Some funky dancing, baton twirling, horn blowing, keyboard playing, joke telling, recorder tooting, lovely singing, guitar jamming & lively fiddling was enjoyed by all. BM even made an appearance to serenade JRC. KM, is it like time to like do something or something? KS- nose jousting anyone? EF, did CS say yes or no?!?!?! TS did you get shot down by KT? That's alright, there's more mice in the field! I saw all the intermediate girls get a little wet at devotions last night while they were sitting on the hill in front of Mtn Rest. Obbie, get in the Ca! Who caught the biggest crawdad in the creek? Intermediates, remember your own cheer and u-s-e-s-o-a-p! Junior staff, the intermediate staff loved the pizza last night – thanks for sharing! SENIORS! IT'S A BEAR! RUN! KM- I knew you were a funny guy but didn't realize we might be seeing you on "The Last Comic Standing". JV, how big was the spider next to your bed last night? I was really moved by the Tuesday 5 o'clock news skit put on by St Timothys. Great job guys & gals. Anyone else kind of glad that tonight is "early to bed"? I need a little extra sleep to make it through the rest of the week's fun! Does MZ want to take counselor SJ to the dance? EJ- how is the milk army coming along? What is the smell in KS's cabin and is it related to the milk army? Was AT trying to bribe someone to mop the floor and clean PC's cabin? JAC, I'm so happy the penguin can see again! Did everyone in camp know Bret Michaels made a pit stop from his recovery to grace Camp Luther with his talents last evening? EA sure was playing a mean air guitar! BA nice lumberjack moves. Why were the intermediate counselors huddled on the porch of Oriole this morning? A little bit of rain was refreshing today but I hope the sunshine comes back to stay this week! JC's girls are soooooo famous! I was dodging the soccer ball on the lower ball field all afternoon- great game! Oh man- I tried to hang out in front of Mtn Rest last night, but I was too scared by JG's epic tale! KC, have you finally figured out why your shoulder hurts and you have bruises on your arms? What's the deal with the blowpops in the Camp Luther office? For some reason everyone has trouble opening them, especially MM! The huge moths in lower Burton this morning were really cool! Maybe there will be more tomorrow morning... I had an opportunity to explore around Senior camp recently. It's quite an interesting place. To start with, I want to say "Welcome!" to my cousins, the Melon-Flavored Badgeroos! Happy Hump Day, TC! GB, glad you listen to Shakira on your ipod...Trail's End girls, shut those windows if you don't want to hear the growls tonight! Speaking of growls, what is the deal? I heard a bunch of Intermediate girls saying Grrr, too! KC makes the funniest faces while telling her stories on the road late at night. I heard that AM and HS scared each other while brushing their teeth. The Global Geckos took the scenic route to Covenant Hollow last night during the senior scavenger hunt. TG, I want to live on a desert island with you. CT, got cereal? Did LT get to shave HIS legs after the senior/staff flag football game? Who won the senior Olympics? Whoever got the wettest wearing those JUMBO t-shirts and tossing those sponges! Be on the lookout for me, your furry friend... I'll be looking for things to report tomorrow!

