

Camp Luther Beacon

Celebrating 65 years!

Friday, June 26, 2009

Love to Serve

"For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."
(Mark 10:45)

Director's Message:

I get chills each time I hear the trumpets from this morning's worship blowing in my mind. Being outside for our beginning and listening to God's creation was an awesome experience with the sounds of the trumpets gathering us to one place for worship. Thank you to our trumpet players and all our worship leaders.

It has been a great week and I feel very humble due to everyone's compassion and dedication for Camp Luther. The acts of service that I have seen this week from campers and staff helps me realize that the Holy Spirit is definitely present at Camp Luther.

I will miss you next year, but I know you will be in capable hands with the great leadership from Mike Propst. I will continue to pray for all of you and I wish you lots of happiness and success in the years to come.

Hugs & Love,

Key Bible Verse of the Day

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served; he came to serve and to give his life to redeem many people." (Mark 10:45)

Help Area Veterans

Camp Caesar is collecting toiletries (unopened) for our Veterans in this area. If you have items in your suitcases that are unused like soap, deodorant, lotion, razors, shaving cream, shampoo, toothpaste, etc., please bring it to the box across from the Camp Luther office. We love our veterans for all the serving that they have done for us, and this is one small way that we can help!

Tomorrow's Weather Forecast:

Tonight we are expecting thunder storms which should pass through before Saturday morning.

Tomorrow morning we know that there is a 100% chance of tears, but it's been a FUN week!



Update: Tour de Revs



As of 8 am this morning, the riders were in Duluth, Minnesota (N46.74396 W 92.16390).. They recently crossed the Mackinac Bridge in the upper peninsula of Michigan, but they were not allowed to ride "Bob the bike" across. They will continue toward Wisconsin and North Dakota in the next few days. Keep on Biking!!!

Tonight's Activities

Dean Patty says that tonight will be wild with a chance of messy. There is a low chance of wet. Tonight's activity is the Talent Show!

The Intermediates will have vespers at the Bullpen followed by the Directory Signing party.

The Senior Camp will have an evening of Tributes & Legacies followed by a communion service in the Bullpen. The offering from the service will be collected for World Hunger.

New Face in Camp

Ashley Robinson is a "new" staff member, but like many of our staff, she has been here before. She was a camper for 8 years. Her home church is St. Mark Lutheran Church in Wheeling and she is from Welsberg, Ohio. She has one sister, named Kalee. Ashley teaches at a dance studio and she likes to sing, dance and act.

Question of the Day

What a great week! We've all had so much fun seeing our old friends and making new ones. What else have you enjoyed about camp this year?

- KM playing 4 square
- RJ finding my pet rock, Jorge
- PH the Lost and Found concert
- AG the music and the people
- AS Lost and Found and the dance
- CP my friends teaching me to draw
- GS serving the campers
- CT free time
- DC teaching the classes
- KC getting to see ALL ages of campers, welcoming "old" staff back, and witnessing all the fun, fellowship and spiritual growth

Bible Trivia

We hope you have had fun and maybe even learned something while playing Bible Trivia. Thank you to everyone who participated - it was a fun week!

Answers from Thursday: Caleb, Cannan, chariot, cup bearer, Corinthians, Christian

Inspection Winners

For some reason there were no inspections done in intermediate or junior camp today. Maybe the counselors were too tired to make their rounds at the cabins...

Fun Facts (part II)

It was very interesting to see how many staff members have been here practically FOREVER!

over 30 years

Mike Propst
David Alfred
Pastor Seaks
Marcie Woloshan
Pat Schillings
Bishop Duncan
Stephanie Weller

20 to 30 years

Joel Gensler
Kathie Cunningham
Jennifer Hinkle
Jody Burkland
Rob Slusser
Alicha Farley
Cathy Crouse
Rich Moore
Angie Propst
Judy Combs
Anna Gensler
Ginny Snell
Lisa O'Connell

15 to 20 years

Kelly Hamrick
Sharon Bohn
Sarah Welch
Jim Kinsler
Ronnie Bohn
Sara Busse
Tami Corbin
Cindy Richardson
Dawn Barcus
Fritz Christ
Patty Loos
Tim Thompson
Mark Thompson

The Intermediate car wash was a great idea!

Thanks to the following people for helping out:
Ben Jones
Stephanie Cottrell
Susanna Morris
Sarah Gustafson
Ammelin Grosso
Lindsay Klemm
Tim Rice
Kyle Mentink

Meet Mike Propst - Incoming Camp Luther Director

By now, everyone should have noticed that our director, Pat Schillings has turned the responsibility of the mealtime announcements over to "the new guy". Mike Propst is a 39 year camp veteran, and he will be the Camp Luther director starting in 2010. He has served as a counselor in all three camp programs, starting as a Junior counselor in 1981. After working as an Intermediate counselor in 1982, he moved "up the hill" into Senior camp where he has dedicated himself to working with the high school campers. He has had at least five family members involved in camp over the years including his mother, Joyce, and his wife, Kim, and his sons. He is a retired Air Force Colonel and lives in Clarksburg, WV where he works for the FBI.

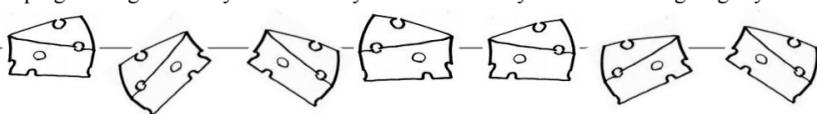
Serving as the Camp Luther Director is a big responsibility, but we are sure that Mike is excited about bringing his experience and love for camp to the job. See you in 2010, Mike!

Quote of the day: "Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous? Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small does not serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone. We are all meant to shine, as children do. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others."

--- Marianne Williamson

Greetings from the Camp Luther Mouse!

I'm so glad the sun came out today- what a beautiful week it has been at Camp Luther! There sure was a lot of action happening in Upper Burton last night. The intermediate staff army did an amazing job and the Senior / Intermediate dance was a blast! I saw CT busting a move! CT is also concerned about the spaghetti being served in a bowl vs a trough. Who were all those intermediate girls having a shaving party outside of Mtn Rest yesterday afternoon? I noticed a large contingent playing Apples to Apples in the field & having a blast! AG & JC's group had a great devotion last night before bed. LF- how was that date for ya??? RS needs new britches... How many times did the intermediate girls trip the electrical breaker yesterday afternoon getting ready for the dance? We are REALLY going to miss Pastor JFK at Camp Luther next year!!! I've been dodging fast cars on the hill all week; I hope everyone slows down so I don't get bowled over! Mudflinger- it's nice to see you use your feet for dancing instead. Will the real V8 please stand up, please stand up, please stand up?!?!?! I swear I saw some Irish dancers at the dance last night... Was that a baby water moccasin in the Gauley River during the river stomp yesterday? I wonder if SB will find the momma in time for camp next year? Has everyone seen the enormous lanyard that JL is working on? It must be 7 yards long!!! I heard that GE ran into a tree while reading - must have been a great book! RS, I loved the "fanny pack" last night! Did you borrow it from GS? I hear LT is getting a new haircut! The dance was great fun...I even danced with Deans Jody and Mike! Who kept telling KC to GET OUT of the cabin last night?? How is it that yard gnomes keeping finding their way to SW? Hey Seniors...Take your candle and go light your world!!!! I'll be watching for you!



2009 Senior Legacies

"Thank you Camp Luther for allowing me to grow as a person. I appreciate the support of friends and family" - Jonathan Propst

"My experiences at Camp have been some of the best of my life and all the friends I have made here I will never forget after all of this" - Abbie Houser

"Every week being here has been the greatest of my life. I've met friends I love and won't forget. I truly love this place" - Dustin Eye

"Camp Luther is a great experience everybody should feel honored and blessed to be here" - Marlena Sell (8 years)