



Your Pastor's Ponderings

*(Please read to the tune of "Camp Grenada" - original tune and lyrics
by Alan Sherman)*

Hello Samuels, Hello Messi-ah
Here I am at Sequano-ta
Camp is very entertaining
and they say I'll have some fun if it stops raining

I went hiking with Ann Ferry
She got bitten by a bear – eh
You know Laura Waltermi-er
She got food poisoning last night after dinner

All the campers hate the waiters
And the pool has aligators
and the director here wants no rivals
so he reads to us from something called the Bible

Hey I don't wanna be a fraidy pants
but our cabin's got some big ants.
You remember Angela Illar
her morning assemblies are a killer

Take me home, Oh St. Pauls; Messi-ah
Take me home from Sequanota
Don't leave me out by the large pavilion
where I might get burned from the hot sun
Take me home - I promise not to give long sermons
Or forget to put my robes on
Oh please don't make stay
I've been here but one whole day

Dearest Samuels, darling St. Pauls
How are my precious little worship halls

Let me come home if you miss me
I would even let Pastor George hug and kiss me
Wait a minute ... people singing
Girls are hiking, Guys are swimming
Slip and sliding, gee that's better
St. Paul's, Samuel's and Messiah, kindly disregard this letter.

Truthfully, having a good week here at Camp Sequanota learning about keeping the earth and teaching the kids things like how we are all made in God's image, how we can keep God's promise to care for all creation, how connecting to the vine of Jesus Christ gives us abundant life, how we are all part of God's creation choir and we each have a song to sing, and how we all are called to give a voice to the good news that God gives us in creation and in Jesus Christ by sharing with others.

Gotta go, it's FOB time (flat on your backs) and the counselors are coming. See ya soon.

Pastor Will



Entertaining Angels in the Great Outdoors: Outdoors Worship & Parish Picnic

Our 8th annual Parish Outdoor Worship Service and Picnic is July 18th @ Samuel's Pavilion. As Abraham entertained three strangers under the Oaks of Mamre and received good news, so let us gather under the oaks of our pavilion and in the sun to celebrate the good news of Jesus Christ in worship and in fellowship.

Our service and meal will be held at Samuel's Picnic Pavilion. Worship begins at 10:30am. The space is handicap accessible and for those who prefer not to soak up so much sunshine, there is space aplenty in the shade.

Please remember this is the ONLY worship service on that Sunday. Members of all congregations are invited to come worship as one in the Lord together.

Chicken wings and chicken will be provided. Hamburgers and hot dogs will also be available. Please bring your favorite covered

dish item to share. Also, bring your own picnicing items (drinks, dishes, utensils, napkins, etc.) Pray for good weather and see you there.



**Look What God's Doing Now –
Summer Saturday Evening Worship and Campfire
@Huston's Hollow**

Later this summer, in an effort to reach out to strangers in our midst, to enjoy God's creation, and to worship together differently, we will be hosting an occasional Summer Saturday Worship and Campfire @Huston's Hollow.

The worship style will be informal and casual including a bible study talk type sermon followed by a lite meal – hamburgers and hot dogs on the grill. These worship opportunities will take place on **Saturday, July 31st at 5pm, Saturday, August 21st at 5pm, and Saturday, September 18th at 5pm.**

If you are interested in helping out with this worship, please let Pastor Will know.



Joint Council Reminder

The Joint Council of the NCLP meets on Tuesday, July 6th at St. Paul's.



Becoming the Parent You Want to Be – Family Time and Bible Study

Our Parenting Bible Study continues this month on Saturday, July 31st at Messiah from 1pm to 3pm. Last month, we examined the traits of being affirming, attentive, and connecting as ways to help ground our children, bolster their self-confidence, and let them know that they are cared for and loved. We discovered that God uses similar

ideas in affirming and connecting with us. Through baptism, God affirms us (calls us special), through being called his children and made part of his family, God says we are valued and belong.

This month will look at two of the traits that the Drs. Parrot feel are essential in helping us discipline our children in a loving and biblical manner.

The study is open to parents who have young children to care for. Children are welcome as well. Each session opens with a brief time of worship for the whole family. Then the children spend time playing under adult supervision while Pastors Will and Elisa lead a Parenting Bible Study. At the conclusion of our time, we get together for an activity and a snack. Please join us.

It's only one Saturday a month.



VBS Meeting

Speaking of Vacation Bible School, there will be a final planning meeting on Thursday, July 15th at 7pm @Mt. Calvary. We hope to wrap up all the details and answer any questions about our big week.

Please Note: previously, we had scheduled this meeting for that Wednesday (the 14th), but due to Barbara Hinderlie's upcoming visit, we have rescheduled the VBS meeting for Thursday, July 15th.



The Service Committee has decided to kick off the summer by collecting items for the Health Care Kits. We will put a box in the Narthex for your donations

All items must be in original wrapper. Items we are collecting:

Regular Bath Towels and Hand Towels (prefer dark)

Soap (bath size bars) any brand
Toothbrushes / Combs (wide tooth preferred)
Metal Nail Files
Metal Nail Clippers w/file / Band-Aids (1/2" x 3/4")
No Toothpaste

The committee will also be collecting items for the School Kits this fall. A list will follow at a later time. All items are greatly appreciated.



There's Wisdom in the Word – Parish Bible Study

All are invited to come, pray and study scripture as we continue to explore God's Word. This month we continue our exploration of Keep Climbing: Why God Doesn't Give Us Everything We Want.

Session 3 focuses on Climbing in Silence. We explore how that even though at times it may seem like God is absent during our trials, God is present with us, in the silence and seeing us through.

This month, our Bible Study will meet on Tuesday, July 20th at 7pm @M. PLEASE NOTE: this is a week earlier than normal due to VBS being scheduled for the last week of the month.



A Peek at Summer

Here's are some things to put on your summer calendar –

- 1) Parish Picnic – July 18th
- 2) Vacation Bible School – July 26 – 30
- 3) Joint Parish Worship/VBS Wrap Up – August 1st
(Bakersville Grove)
- 4) Music in the Mountains @Camp Sequanota – August 21st



SUMMERFEST!

Look What God's Doing Now

SUMMER SATURDAY'S EVENING WORSHIP &
CAMPFIRE @ HUSTON'S HOLLOW

On this last Saturday of this month, we will be hosting a Summer Saturday Worship service at the pavilion in Huston's Hollow followed by a campfire and cookout. We hope to take the good news and good welcome of God to our brothers and sisters summering in the park there.

Worship will be informal, attire casual. We will have a lite meal of hot dogs, hamburgers and chips.

We will have three of these Worship Services. The first is Saturday, July 31st. Then Saturday, August 21st, and finally, Saturday, September 18th. The evening begins at 5pm.

An Egyptian Extravaganza: Joint Parish Worship: August 1st

To wrap up a great week of Vacation Bible School learning about the Journeys of Jospheh from Canaan to Cairo, the New Centerville Lutheran Parish and the Lavansville-Bakersville Lutheran Parish will celebrate worship together on Sunday, August 1st at the Bakersville Grove in Bakersville (signs will be posted). Come hear our VBS kids sing songs and learn some of the tales they heard about as they followed Jospheh from rags to riches.

We will gather for worship followed by a potluck picnic. Please bring your favorite dish to share. Worship begins at 10:30am.

This will be the only worship service that day for either parish, so please plan accordingly.

The Journeys of Joseph: From Canaan to Cairo

Our Joint Parish Vacation Bible School 2010

Come with us on a journey through the lands of Israel and Egypt as we travel the same road that Joseph walked – with his family in Canaan, to prison, then to the Pharaoh's Palace. Come travel more roads of the Bible as we journey with Joseph on his walk of faith from slave to Pharaoh's advisor.

As with last year, we will be taking a similar journey in our VBS adventure. Each night of VBS will be held at a different location (one night at Mt. Calvary, one at Mt. Zion, one at Samuels, one at Messiah, and another night at Mt. Calvary). Each of these places will be transformed into one of Joseph's stops throughout the Bible lands. In each of these places, we will spend time in a different part of Joseph's story, doing a Bible craft and singing Bible songs.

The Journeys of Joseph will begin at Mt. Calvary on July 26th through July 30th. We will conclude our Journey with a trip to the Bakersville Grove on August 1st for a Joint Parish Worship Service. Worship starts at 10:30am followed by a pot luck picnic for all.

The fun begins each evening at 5:30pm with Food for the Journey (in other words – dinner). Then at 6pm, the activities kick off with a large gathering time followed by our workshops – Music, Crafts, Games, and Stories.

Transportation can be made available for those who request OR you may drop your child off at each location. Directions will be available. To sign up, please call the church office at 926-215 or fill out the enclosed registration form by July 15th.



Missionary Support Sunday (July 11th)

In honor of our upcoming visit from Barbara Hinderlie (our missionary in Madagascar) and in honor of the work these Good Samaritans do, we will have an opportunity to remember them in worship through a time of prayer and a special offering.

Any loose offering from that day (July 11th) will go towards supporting Barbara and her family in the good works they do in Africa. You may designate a portion of your envelope offering by indicating on the other line – Missionary Support and the amount.

Also, if you'd like to hear first hand about some of Barbara's experiences in Africa while working as a missionary, please join us and her this Wednesday, July 14th @Messiah for a presentation and a potluck.



MEET OUR MISSIONARY – Potluck Dinner and Presentation

Barbara Hinderlie and her family (Andrew and the boys) are on home assignment this summer. During this “vacation time”, the Hinderlie's are trying to visit as many supporting congregations as possible. Luckily,

we are one of the congregations that Barbara will be able to visit.

She will be in Somerset County the week of July 11th and visiting Messiah on Wednesday evening, July 14th. Please join us for a **potluck meal and presentation beginning at 6pm on the 14th.** Please bring any questions that you might like to ask her about the work that she does. Hopefully, she can provide some insight as to how worship is different in Africa and how it might be the same.



On the Horizon: Worship Happenings in July:

July 4th – Building God's Kingdom Sunday (Independence Day)

In our text today, we hear Jesus commission harvesters and laborers to go where he would go and do what he would do. Risking hardship in exchange for great joy, they offer peace and healing as signs that the kingdom of God is near. The kingdom manifests itself in daily life. It becomes visible where the most difficult conversations about life and death occur, in homes and around tables. In these conversations we discover that Christ in the midst of our daily lives as well. *(See Luke 10:1-11, 16-20)*

July 11th – Good Samaritan Sunday (Missionary Support Sunday)

To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind is to reflect God's mercy in responding to one's neighbor. That mercy becomes abundantly clear in the familiar tale of the Good Samaritan – a tale full of surprises, where those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give unexpected and lavish mercy. *(See Luke 10:25-37)*

Today, we also have an opportunity to give and to lavish mercy upon our neighbor – namely our missionary and all those who carry God's good deeds to the far corners of creation. Our loose offering today will go towards helping our missionary (Barbara Hinderlie and family) and the work of the ELCA's Global missionaries.

July 18th – Entertaining Angels Sunday (Parish Picnic)

Under the Oaks of Mamre, the Lord visits Abraham and Sarah in the guides of three strangers to bring them good news of an unexpected birth and to share in their fellowship. Today we gather under the pavilion of Samuels, to share good news in our outdoor worship and to share in our fellowship through a time of picnic and potluck. *(See Genesis 18:1-10a)*

July 25th – Our Daily Bread Sunday

The life of the baptized – to be grounded and built up in Jesus Christ – is to be rooted in prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God's own. Jesus encourages his disciples to child-like trust in God and to persistence in prayers, particularly through the parable of the persistent friend knocking at the door seeking bread. *(See Luke 11:1-13)*