



GLACIER CAMP NEWS

[Jesus] said to them, "Come away to a secluded place all by yourselves and rest a while." – Mark 6.31

UPCOMING EVENTS:

GLACIER CAMP WORK WEEKEND

When -- June 10-12

Where -- Glacier Camp

Join us for a weekend of cleaning, trimming, painting, and any other chores necessary to get Camp ready for its Summer Season.

Complimentary Accommodations are available in Spruce Lodge. Sign up via info@glacierncamp.org or call 406-844-2114

Counselor Dedication Service/Summer Kick-Off Barbecue

When: Sunday, June 12 starting @ 5.00 pm

Join us on the Lake Lodge lawn for this traditional kick-off to the Summer camping season.

Summer Camp Update

by Megan Newbury and Elijah Ankrom -- Lead Counselors

For the summer season of 2022 our camp program is based around Luke 9:60b, "Go, Proclaim the Kingdom of God." With this we are making our theme Road Trips With Jesus! Our



program will be based around outdoor fun, learning about God and bonding with peers.

Along with our regular program activities we will be including pickleball, giant connect four, giant jenga, and ladder toss. For the waterfront we have a new water pad! Our camping season runs from June 19th to July 30th! Throughout the summer sessions we have camps for children and youth from first grade to seniors in high school. Camps are split into groups of mini's (1st-2nd grade), Juniors (3rd-5th grade), Junior High (6th-8th grade), and Senior High (9th-12th grade). We are excited for what this summer has to offer and we hope to see y'all at camp!



WORK CAMP

June 10-12

by Paul Hayden -- Chair, Camping Committee

Yes, I know, the Glacier Camp Season is only 6 weeks long, June 19th through July 30. Even though that is true, I also know that going to Glacier Camp during one of those 6 weeks can change a young person's life forever.

That should be the focus of our prayers as we move toward the summer camping season.

With this in mind, you are invited to come to Glacier Camp the weekend of June 10-12. Working together, we, the Presbyterian Church family of Glacier Presbytery, are going to get the camp ready for campers. We want the camp to be:

- Clean
- Attractive
- Safe
- Well organized
- And READY!!

for the young people who will be touched with Christ's love this summer.

Soooooo, plan on participating. Bring your work gloves, your rakes and shovels, some sunscreen and some Icy Hot for sore muscles and let's have a GREAT time.

Please let the camp office know that you are planning on coming and how long you will be able to stay. Let the office know you have any specialties you would like

to share or special needs of which we need to be aware. If you need lodging it will be free in Spruce Lodge.



CAMPFIRE AT THE END OF WORK DAY, 2021

One final note: we will conclude the weekend with a B-B-Q and worship beginning at 5.00 pm on Sunday the 12th. During that time we will dedicate the summer staff for the work they are called to do. If you can't make it for anything else, come for this meal and service of dedication.

Paul Hayden -- Chair, Camping Committee

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Meet Your Summer 2022 Camp Staff



For the summer of 2022 at Glacier Camp we have assembled a wonderful group of individuals from across the country to be camp counselors, lifeguards, and kitchen staff! Starting with our lead counselors we have Elijah Ankrom, and Megan Newbury. For our counselors we have Lilly Wall, Aaron Van Brocklin, Bekah Bowman, and Chesney Bullington. Our lifeguard is Haley Brobston. Our photographer is Mariah Lizarraga, and our kitchen staff is Joe Palacios De Hoyos!

Elijah Ankrom is from Yukon, Oklahoma. He has worked in camping

for five years and has been at Glacier Camp for three years. He is a third year Recreational Management major at Oklahoma State University. His favorite camp activity is energizers but specifically Waka Waka.

Megan Newbury is from Sallisaw, Oklahoma, and has worked in a camp atmosphere for six years. She graduated from Northeastern State University on May 7th 2022 with a degree in Health and Human Performance and a concentration in Recreation/Fitness. Her favorite pastime activity is finding new crafts to create.

Our lifeguard this summer is **Haley Brobston**! She is a third year Applied Exercise Science major with a concentration in Athletic Training at Oklahoma State University. She has been lifeguarding for six years and this will be her first year at Glacier Camp! A fun fact about Haley is that she has released baby sea turtles into the Atlantic Ocean, she guarded them from the mean birds.





Lilly Wall will be one of our female counselors! Lilly is from Columbia Tennessee and is taking a gap year in school, but is hoping to return to school this Fall. This is her second year at Glacier Camp. Lilly’s favorite season is Spring because everything turns green and pretty!!

Aaron Van Brocklin will be one of our male counselors this summer! He grew up in Firth, Nebraska. This will be Aaron's second year counseling at Glacier Camp! He graduated from Benedictine College with a degree in Bachelors of Arts in psychology. Aaron’s favorite artist is Vincent VanGogh, loves the flowy nature of his art!



Rebekah (Bekah) Bowman is one of our female counselors. She is from Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. She is a freshman Psychology major with a concentration in Children’s Therapy at Oklahoma State University. This will be Bekah’s first summer at Glacier Camp but she has been involved with camping the majority of her life. Bekah’s favorite book genre is fantasy (Percy Jackson, Harry Potter, etc.) because it makes

magic seem real.

Chesney Bullington is one of our female counselors. She is from Columbia Tennessee and is a third year Speech Language Pathology major at Middle Tennessee State University. This is her first year at Glacier Camp! Currently her favorite snack is chocolate, “Because it’s chocolate and who doesn’t love chocolate!” Also “chicken dumplings, because they’re so cute and yummy!”





Mariah Lizarraga will be our photographer this year. She is from Coachella California. This is Mariah’s second summer at Glacier Camp! She has been involved in camp since 2016 and has a plethora of experiences in camping. Her favorite things to do are learn something new, play board or video games, and enjoy the company of friends.

Joe Palacios De Hoyos will be working in the kitchen! He is from San Antonio Texas and has been working in camp

kitchens for the past six years. This will be Joe’s first summer at Glacier Camp! Some of his favorite things to do are enjoy time with family, draw, and play video games.



Summer Camp Service Opportunities

How would you like to help out at Summer Camp? We are always looking for volunteers to help in a variety of settings. Can you help in the kitchen? Volunteer to help us turn Spruce Lodge around between guest groups? Help with music at worship and around the camp fire? There are lots of opportunities for you to help support our ministry at Glacier Camp. One new volunteer program is chaplain in residence -- where ministers, elders, and commissioned lay pastors are invited to spend a week at Camp, offering spiritual support to our Summer staff. For more information about these service opportunities, check out our website (<https://www.glaciercamp.org/volunteer>) or email timothy@glaciercamp.org.

Mark Your Calendars -- Adult Educational Opportunities (supported in part by the Omaha Presbyterian Seminary foundation):

Summer TIM Talks: July 10–12: “Go, Proclaim the Kingdom of God” -- Following Jesus in Luke’s Gospel

Autumn TIM Talks: September 18–20: Topic TBD

“Come to the Waters” Glacier Camp/San Francisco Theological Seminary partnership returns November 6–8, featuring Professor Wendy Farley, Rice Family Chair of Christian Spirituality

CELEBRATIONS OF LIFE

Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints. -- Psalm 116.15

This Winter and Spring, Glacier Camp was blessed to be chosen as a place where the memories of three saints of the Whitefish Church could be honored and celebrated. Through the month of May we have received gifts in memory of Phyllis Bjorsness, Al Foster, and Allyce Street.



WILL THE TOWER FALL? DAVE ANSON TRIES OUT GIANT JENGA.

In part, these gifts helped us invest in new outdoor games and equipment. Pickle ball, giant Connect-Four, and giant Jenga have been added to our repertoire of games, along with investments in new kickballs and basketballs.



REMEMBERED IN LOVE: PHYLLIS BJORSNESS

The April TIM Talk-ers had a chance to test drive these games and based on their experience, the kids are in for a Summer of fun.

It was great to watch these games get put to use -- to hear the sounds of laughter and fun and imagine how those sounds will echo in younger voices this Summer.



YOUR SERVE! ELROY @ THE READY, WITH HIS PICKLE BALL PADDLE



CAROL GETS THE PRIZE FOR BUILDING THE HIGHEST TOWER

Of these three saints whose mortal lives are honored and celebrated with these gifts, I knew Phyllis the best. On her regular visits



MARSHA MAKES HER MOVE

to Great Falls, she would join us for worship at Sunrise. I can't help but think that she will enjoy having her memory celebrated in the laughter of children as they play. I think maybe Al and Allyce will enjoy that as well.

Deck Construction Wraps Up

The Israelites had done all of the work just as the LORD had commanded Moses. When Moses saw that they had done all the work just as the LORD had commanded, he blessed them. -- Exodus 39.42,43

A little more than three years after work began, the Spruce Lodge Deck reconstruction is finally finished. After a global pandemic, supply chain issues, labor shortages, and other set backs, the finishing touches were put on the project over the course of four days in April. Jobs that needed to be completed included finishing the stairs, pouring concrete, and reattaching downspouts and gutters. If you haven't already, be sure to come and take a look at the completed project.



IT'S PROBABLY STILL A GOOD IDEA TO WATCH YOUR STEP, BUT GUESTS ENTERING THE LOWER LEVEL OF SPRUCE LODGE DON'T HAVE TO CLIMB OVER PARTICLEBOARD ANY MORE!



INCLUDED IN THE PLANS FOR THE ORIGINAL DECK, THE STAIRWAY OFFERS ACCESS TO THE SOUTH LAWN

Summer Camp 2022 Notes:

Here are some important changes for our Summer Camp season this year:

An Extra Day: Camp Runs Sunday

-- Saturday: Perhaps the biggest change this year is adding an extra day to our week-long camps. Starting camp on Sunday afternoon and running it through Saturday morning brings us in line with best practices in the camping industry. It also makes picking up and dropping off kids easier for working families, who used to have to take Friday off from work to pickup their kids.

Activity (Including Meals)

Centered around Lake Lodge:

There is a two fold reason for doing this. In the first place, it allows the kids more time for camp activities. Have you ever tried to organize and lead 25 campers up from their cabins to Spruce Lodge for a meal? At the very best, this is a half hour process. Multiply that by three and we will save an hour and half each day that can be used for Bible study, worship, singing, crafts, and games. Although meals will still be prepared in the Spruce Lodge kitchen and shuttled to lower camp, the Lake Lodge kitchen is being resurrected and will be used to serve campers breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Moving camper activities from Spruce Lodge to Lake Lodge also allows us to host guest groups during the busy Summer season. June and July represent the high season on Flathead Lake and multiple users including family reunions, wedding anniversaries, and other assorted groups are willing to pay a premium price to use Spruce Lodge, which adds to our financial bottom line.

Traditions Return: We are happy to bring back two beloved Glacier Camp traditions this year. Mornings will begin with polar-bear-ing. Nothing wakes you up like a plunge in the lake! Also campers will have a planned midnight refrigerator raid during their stay.



Director's Reflections

Long Day's Journey -- Reflections Appropriate for Holy Saturday

It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments. And on the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.
-- Luke 23.54-56

My thoughts gather, as they always do this time of year, around the unnamed women of Luke 23.56 and that Holy Saturday. What did those faithful women do during the long hours which stretched between Good Friday and the Day of Resurrection? Ever since I could grasp the passion narrative as it comes according to Luke, I have pondered that question.

My attention has been drawn to these faithful women. And also to that day. I think about that longest of days. And I wonder. How did those women journey through that eternity of time which separated the brute enigma of Good Friday from the intimation of resurrection that broke with the dawn on that first day of the week? What happened Saturday?

What happened during that longest of days?

Of course, the single verb in that sentence from Luke 23 provides us with a clue in regards to those women and their actions. Surprisingly most of the translations agree on its meaning. And whether you read the narrative from the venerable King James Version or in tawdry, colloquial renderings of the text, the term (ἠσυχασαν in the Greek) gets translated into English almost uniformly as "rest."

"Rest" implies being still or being quiet. But the term, as it is used elsewhere in Luke, can also mean "to acquiesce" or "to be silenced" – as if in an argument or debate or contest or other sort of striving. It happens at that point where you have given all you possibly can and are unable to prevail. The narrative of Luke 23 takes the women to that place.

"And on the sabbath day they rested, according to the commandment." From that moment until the early dawn of the day of Resurrection, I imagine them as having been silenced -- silenced in accordance with the commandment, most certainly. But also, perhaps, they were silenced on account of their physical, emotional and spiritual exhaustion.

Their energy was spent. Their strength was consumed.

In my mind's eye, I can picture them as the Good Friday sky darkened (this time naturally) and the shadows of the late afternoon turned to twilight. It must have been a struggle to summon enough energy to follow the prescribed rituals. Could they even manage to pray the Sabbath prayers? I wonder.

And I think. Have you ever been there? Have you ever stood where those women stood in that moment of that long ago -- on the threshold of that longest of days, where your energy is spent and you can hardly muster enough strength to strike a match and light a candle in the midst of all these gathering shadows? Have you ever found yourself cordoned off in this place of silence, of imposed rest?

Perhaps this moment in the passion narrative captivates me because I have been to places like it. I have been there many times. I recollect the long hours spent at a hospice bedside or in an emergency trauma room. I remember just sitting in the darkness with a struggling soul and waiting, waiting, waiting for the morning light to dawn. The long day's journey of Holy Saturday is one I know well.

What can a person do at such times? What can anyone possibly say in the face of the world's injustice? Or its interminable suffering? Or love dying, dying by being nailed to a cross? I have struggled with these questions -- perhaps after the manner of those faithful women described by Luke. My guess is that you have struggled with those questions too.

In that struggle, I have come to realize that, like the commanded sabbath rest, this kind of imposed silence is not necessarily a bad thing. Silence, like suffering itself, can be -- as the poet of Lamentations declared -- good in its most basic, biblical sense. Good, not necessarily as in pleasant. But good as in fulfilling a life-furthering purpose. A sudden stillness envelops me.

And in the quiet, I ponder those faithful women and their journey through that longest of days. Of course you and I are blessed with knowing what those women still had yet to discover -- the empty tomb, the two men in dazzling clothes, and most importantly the risen Lord who made himself known in Emmaus through the breaking of the bread.

For those women, as the dusky, darkling shadows were overcome by night, the realized promise of a love which has conquered death remained a long day's journey away. And the only way to get there was to journey through this tenebrous valley of silence. The commandment pointed the way. "And on the sabbath day they rested, according to the commandment."

It points the way for me to go, too.

I cease my restless striving and quietly move through this labyrinth of space and time, trusting in the promise of the resurrected Christ and the dawn which will come to take away all of the world's darkness.



Tim Lanham, Director