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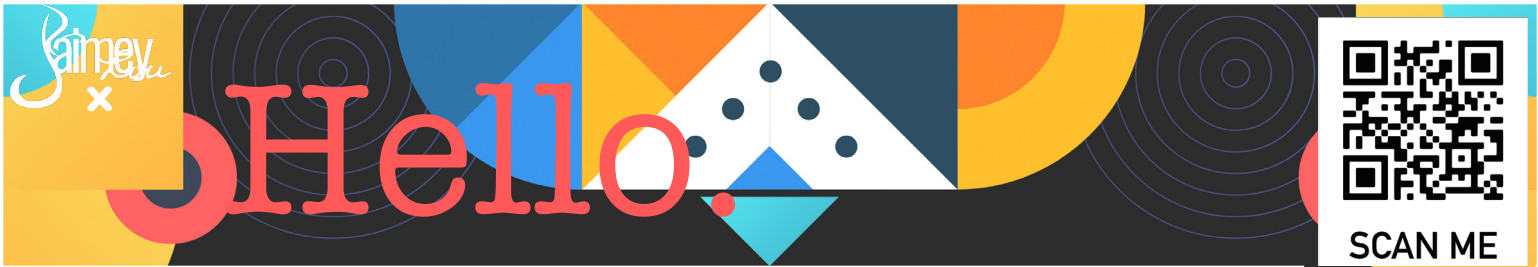
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SCAN ME

CAMP DAZE

By Rev. Natalie Faust

On June 15th, seven of our youth, along with Pastor Natalie, her two boys and husband left Superior excited to head to Camp Horizon in Arkansas City, Kansas. For one of our youth it was his 3rd year to go to camp, and for two others it was their 2nd, and the other four were experiencing camp for the first time! We stopped in Chester and added 13 more youth and 3 more adults to our group. It was very much a Superior vs. Thayer Central van thing going on.

When we got to camp the kids unloaded their stuff and made their bunks and began wandering the amazing camp facilities. Chloe Drake was heard saying, "I wish I could live here forever!" We regathered and the boys all quickly began playing card games and the girls began a dance party in the living room of our lodge. We cooked a meal of roasted hot dogs over a campfire, and then began a game of Human Fozzball and the two different schools were completely different. We had become one group and finished the evening with s'mores!

The next day they woke up bright and early and crammed a full week of camp

into one day, as they did a mystery trail, prayer garden and devotions, choice time, swimming and water games.

On the way home I asked the kids to share their "Happys, Crappies and where they saw God." All of the kids who went for the first time, (which was the majority) said they were happy they made new friends, the weather and bugs were not fun and they saw God in the Prayer Garden or Inspiration Point. The three that had been before said they were glad they got to go again, one day wasn't enough and added onto the Prayer Garden and Inspiration Point.

Thank you all for your donations to help cut the cost for these kids to be able to have this experience! It's a proven fact that more kids learn more about God and a relationship with Jesus in one week of camp than they do in fifty-two weeks of Sunday School. Granted this was only one day, but watching these two groups of youth merge into one was a spectacular sight to see and I can't wait to see how many go next year!



PICTURES



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Natalie's Notes

So on the first night of a new Bible Study, The Wesleyan Way, many years ago the leaders guide told me to be prepared to answer the following questions: Why are you a Christian? What does being a Christian mean to you?

I began thinking about those questions a lot over the next couple of days and at the end of the class I realized that the class didn’t even ask me the questions! But I told them about the questions anyway. So then they asked me why I am a Christian. My answer, after prayer and after discernment, comes down to this: Because I know I am loved by God. But then I began to think about why I know I am loved by God, and what it does mean to me. The conclusion I’ve come to, (and this is a process, because all of being a Christian is a process) I can tell that God is taking care of me, and I praise and thank him for that. But what about when things in our lives are bad, when things are awful?

I realized that 9 years ago, when my life was falling apart in the midst of a failed marriage, and then again when my family was going through a traumatic event 6 years ago, that I turned to the only thing I knew I could possible count on without fail, God. That’s how I know I’m a Christian. Even in the midst of pain and suffering, I sought help from the only person who could help. And God did what God does and comforted me.

Did God take the pain away, or change the fact that my marriage was over, or the traumatic event happened? No, but he eased the pain and gave me peace. When we are in the midst of tragedy, how do we seek solace? Who, or maybe what, do we turn to? David, in the Psalms cried out to God over and over again in his anguish and pain.

I’m reminded of the song by Casting Crowns, “And I’ll praise You in this storm and I will lift my hands. For You are who You are, no matter where I am. And every tear I’ve cried you hold in Your hand. You never left my side and

though my heart is torn, I will praise You in this storm.” I often tell people to have an elevator story ready, to be able to tell that story in an elevator ride. Well this is my elevator story of why I am a Christian, why I praise God, and what it means to me.

I encouraged my class then, and now I encourage you now , to think about that question: Why are you a Christian? You may surprise yourself...I certainly did.

Blessings,

Pastor Natalie



July 8 (Thur):
Worship (Kingswood Court)..... 4:00p.m.
July 9 (Fri):
Volunteer at the Crest Theater 6:30p.m.
July 11 (Sun):
Worship (Good Sam)2:00 p.m.
July 26-28 (Mon-Wed):
Vacation Bible School (SFUMC)5:30-8:00p.m.

Weekly Groups

Mondays-Thursdays
Devotions and Coffee LIVE on Church Facebook Page 7:00 a.m.
Mondays
Women’s Bible Study via Zoom (<https://zoom.us/j/93828672777>)..... 7:00 p.m.
Wednesdays
Stich and Chat9:00-11:00 a.m.
Confirmation..... 6:00 p.m.

Dear Ladies & Gentlemen:

On behalf of the Simic Recreation Association and the children they entertain, THANK You for your recent donation of \$1000.00.

Community dedication to the roller skating rink has helped make it what it is today – a fun place for family and our youth. With your help, we will be able to pay our recurring bills until we can safely open again.

Your generous support and promotion of Superior is very much appreciated. No goods or services were provided to you as a result of your donation.

Sincerely,

Simic Recreation Board Members

Steve Hiatt, President

Brian & Melissa Bargaen, Doug & Lou Hiatt, Britni Lovegrove, Becky Fullerton, Sylvia Korb, Ashlei Roesti

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Sound Tech Assistants

July

4 Marsha Ray

11 Sandy Borden

18 Angela Garver

25 Beverly Beavers

August

1 Marsha Ray

8 Jeff Guilkey

15 Beverly Beavers

22 Sandy Borden

29 Angela Garver

Happy Birthday

1 Sierra Kile

2 Margaret Breen

3 Beverly Beavers, Ty Young

5 Charlotte Bryan

7 Jana Marr

8 Jack Ray, John Ray

10 Lorna Wilton

13 Kendra Baker

15 Stuart Tietjen

16 Stephanie Shaw-Gates

18 Aubree Scott, Margie Alexander

23 Annie Baker, Cody Mohler

24 Becky Scott, MacKenna Peterson

25 Rebecca Corman

26 Anders Webber, Walker Cool

29 Donnetta Clark

31 Brett Ross

Anniversaries

1 Chad & Katrina Hansen

5 Jahn & Shelly Kile

12 Phil & Mary Ann Dean

15 Jeff & Sue Guilkey

18 Larry & Beverly Beavers

24 Bryan & Alicea Gentry

26 Bill & Mary Hamilton

29 Randy & Susan Williams

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