

The Lakeside



Message in a bottle

Verse of the day for Monday August 12, 2024 - Romans 15: 13

13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Read Romans 15 for meditation and inspiration.



GOD IS FUN!!

Dear Lakesiders and friends,

"...he preached Good News to the people" (Luke 3:18)

There is a bumper-sticker you might have seen that reads, simply, "God is fun." Not many of us, perhaps, are accustomed to thinking of God in this way. Yet, God is a God of Love, and a God of peace, and a God of joy. And isn't that an accurate description of a God who is simply "fun?"

In times like ours, it is so easy to get bogged down in a mood of despair. Problems all around us are so great. Man's inhumanity to man is so shocking that it is easy to see only the bad side of things and be pulled down into a whirlpool of complaints, grief, hopelessness and despair. We look at what is called the "Holy Land" and it looks anything but "Holy" for we see war, destruction and death all around. In Europe, it was said that World War I was known as "the war to end all wars", BUT then was World War II and today there is the Ukraine vs. Russia war raging. Around the world so much crime and corruption that is seen clearly in our own country. The divisions of political polarization are seemingly so deep that constructive solutions and enlightened decision making appear to be far beyond reach.

People are complaining that the world is not only losing its health and prosperity -- but is losing its mind! We struggled with the Pandemic and global weather disasters. We face massive social problems, including, violence, equal justice, and economic pressures. Political infighting has neighbor pitted against neighbor. "What's wrong with us?" people are asking. Almost every conversation.

But as the sun rises each morning and seasons fold into each other we know that we serve a faithful God. It is a God who loves us like his children. Maybe we take ourselves too seriously and don't take God seriously enough! In the beginning God designed a garden for us to enjoy and have time to play and have fun. God is fun, enjoyable, and encourages for us to have a spirit cleansing good laugh. So, have fun, and enjoy today for you will never have another one like it.

With that in mind let me send you some Bulletin Bloopers (some you may have seen before).

CHURCH BULLETIN BLOOPERS

Part 1

~ Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa will be speaking tonight at Calvary Memorial Church in Racine. Come tonight and hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.

~ Announcement in the church bulletin for a National PRAYER & FASTING Conference: "The cost for attending the Fasting and Prayer conference includes meals."

~ Our youth basketball team is back in action Wednesday at 8 pm in the recreation hall. Come out and watch us kill Christ the King.

~ Miss Charlene Mason sang "I will not pass this way again" giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

~ "Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands."

~ Next Sunday is the family hayride and bonfire at the Fowlers'. Bring your own hot dogs and guns. Friends are welcome! Everyone come for a fun time.

~ The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been cancelled due to a conflict.

~ The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water" The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus"

~ Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

~ Barbara remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Roger's sermons.

~ The Rector will preach his farewell message after which the choir will sing "Break Forth into Joy."

~ Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community.

~ Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say "hell" to someone who doesn't care much about you.

~ Don't let worry kill you off --let the Church help.

~ Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

~ The service will close with "Little Drops of Water." One of the ladies will start quietly and the rest of the congregation will join in.

~ Next Sunday a special collection will be taken to defray the cost of the new carpet. All those wishing to do something on the new carpet will come forward and do so.

~ The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind and they may be seen in the church basement Friday.

~ A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

In the Joy of Jesus,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Roger".

Roger