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RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

One of the finest indicators that summer is just around the corner is the first mosquito bite of the year which happened to me at 6:10 this morning, May 24th, about a half hour ago as I begin to write this letter. Despite the clouds and temperatures in the low 40's, this lovely time of the year has come our way and before you know it, it will turn to fall. "Where does the time go?!!!" We often lament when the first snow dusts the ground, five or six months from now.

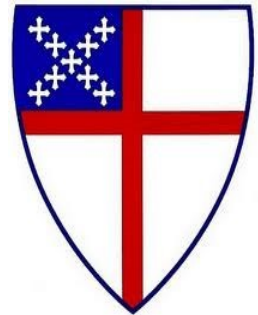
This year, if you begin to see time travel too quickly, vow to do something about it. Simply slow down and keep focused on what God has given you, right now. Of course, that is often easier said than done. For example, some of us, when we hit a golf ball, want to watch where it will be flying prior to the club face actually striking the ball. And so, we "look up" which 99 times out of a 100 will result in our topping the ball, followed by our watching in disgust as it rolls maybe five feet away from the tee. So it is with spring and summer. We begin to anticipate where we want to be some time in the future and miss what is there for the taking right now.

There is a whole theological mind set for appreciating the here and now and it centers itself around the incarnation of God in Jesus. At Christmas, we obviously think of Jesus as God taking on flesh. And that makes sense because the very word, "incarnation," means just that. But as my friend, David Gunderson, the soon to be retired Rector of St. Andrew's parish in Livingston, often points out, this incarnate God also appeared not just in the flesh but in our time. And as you look at the Gospels and the life of Jesus, you see that here was someone who was present to the moment and as a result, similarly present to all who came to him. With the exception of visiting Lazarus, when word arrived to Jesus and the disciples that he was deathly ill, he really didn't put off until next Thursday at 3:00 in the afternoon, he always was focused on those who came his way. (And in the case of Lazarus, there was a good reason to delay his arrival, hard as it was to believe at the time.)

Simply being present to the moment and those around him was one of the greatest gifts given us by our Lord during his earthly ministry. Of course, in our time today, Christ being with us in prayer still is that which makes a decisive difference in life. We can return the favor to God in thanksgiving by simply noticing and embracing life available to us right now in the gift of creation.

Maybe this morning, as I was worrying about all that needed to be done during the day, distracted by this and that, the mosquito who visited me was simply telling me to slow down and notice the world as the gift is was to me at 6:10. Had I been listening, maybe I could have heard her say, "It is a beautiful morning. You are walking the dogs. You are one fortunate guy!"

Faithfully yours, Bradley



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SUMMER DAY CAMP

Our free two-week-long summer day camp will be held July 31 through August 4 and August 7 through August 11. The times are 8:00 am to 5 pm daily.

For information and registration please see our day camp page on the Camp Marshall website or you may click on this link to be directed to registration:

<https://diomontana.com/camp-marshall/all-saints-cf-day-camp/>



Photos from previous
day camps



HOUSING REQUEST FOR OUR CAMP COUNSELORS

By Cynthia Benkelman

We have been very fortunate to have had a guest apartment for our counselors who come to work at All Saints' Day camp over the years, and are looking for something similar for them this summer. The counselors work the day camp from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm Monday - Friday, and then are hosted at dinner each evening by someone in the parish. We would like to offer them accommodations so they have a comfortable place to sleep before the next day of camp!

There are four counselors each week, and we are looking for at least two bedrooms and a bath, with a private entrance so that they do not disturb the family they are staying with when they leave early and return late. Ideally, there would be some sort of common space and a small kitchen, but that is not mandatory. It does not have to be fancy, we just want them to have room to rest up, keep their belongings, and be able to have showers each day. A guest house or small apartment would work really well.

Another option would be to have them house sit if a family is going to be gone during the camp time.

They are all fine young men and women, who have been thoroughly vetted and trained by Camp Marshall. They will be running our day camps for us after working the summer season at Camp Marshall.

They will need the accommodations starting the evening of **Sunday, July 30th, through Thursday, August 11th**. We could also put them up in one place the first week, and somewhere else the second week, if that works out better. They can find other lodging, if necessary, on the weekend in between the camps (Fri. and Sat., 8/5 and 8/6). The Sunday through Thursdays are the most critical nights.

If you can help us, please let me know as soon as possible! We are expecting record numbers at day camp this year, and we need to accommodate these top notch, experienced staff members coming to run the camp. Please call or email me if you can help, would like more information, or if you might know of something that would work. Thank you for everything you do all year for our youth and children's programs.

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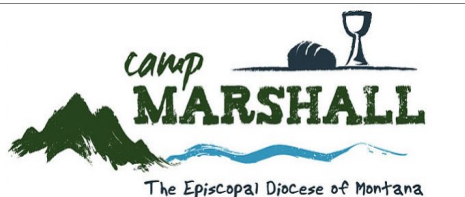
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Our 2017 grads
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QUILTING GATHERING FOR GRACE CAMP AT CAMP MARSHALL



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can ask or imagine: Glory to him
from generation to generation in the
church, and in Christ Jesus forever.*

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