

## Missionary Highlight



### Nathan Enns – Camp of the Woods

Camp is officially in full-swing and I am happy to report the first week of camp was awesome! It was not without some struggles with difficult campers, working out kinks in games and some very tired staff.

In staff training this year we really emphasized being intentional in everything that we do here at camp. That is the reason why we are here – to share the love of Christ and to amaze them with God’s love.

I have one story I would like to tell. I had one camper who didn’t want to stay at first and had a hard time adjusting to the rules. At the end of the second day, he had enough and was adamant to go home. But it’s funny how camp changes people. By the end of the last day, he had memorized the second most verses in the cabin and was asking when he could come back. It is amazing how the love of God put on display can change even the toughest cases.

During the first week I was in the Beaver Cabin, our youngest boys group during teen camps. Now I have been moved to the Wolves cabin (oldest Junior boys cabin). They change us around so we all get experience with all different age groups.

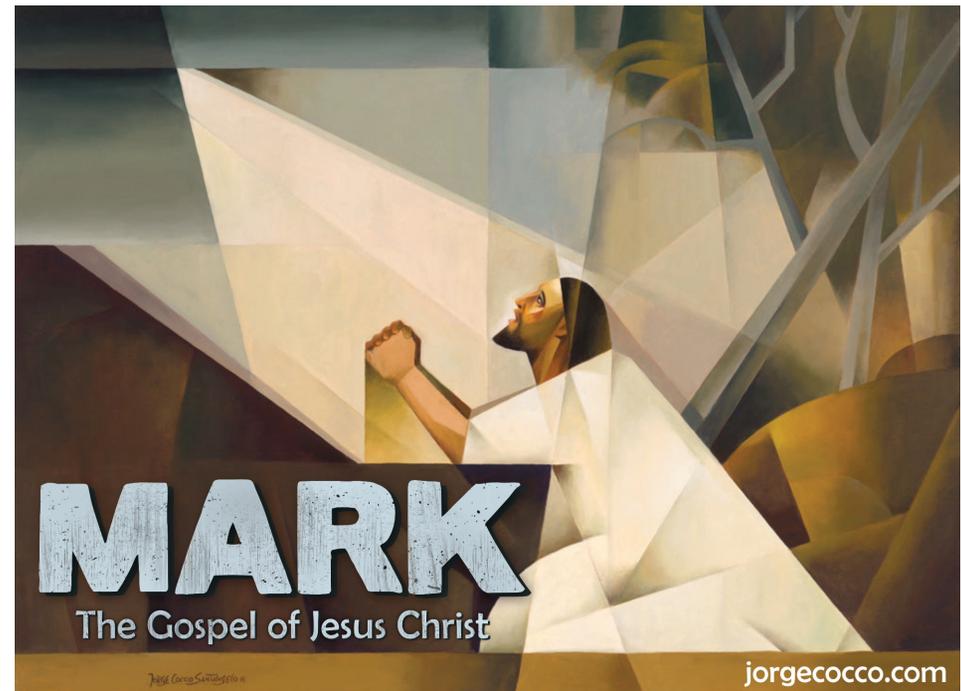
### Prayer Requests:

1. That I would have patience; would be intentional and always seek the Lord for strength.
2. Safety for everyone at camp.
3. My need for more financial support.



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## Weekly Events & Opportunities

- A Mother's Room (back of the sanctuary) and Nursery (downstairs) are available for **families with young children**.
- **Welcome to new members** Corin & Katie Wenger!
- **Congregational Meeting** – today, following the service; pot-luck lunch. We will be discussing & correcting the budget.
- **Prayer Walk** – There will be a prayer walk on Monday, July 25, at 6:30pm, starting at the flag pole between City Hall & public library. Please join us as we pray for our communities, state, country & world.
- **Kid's Club at South Falls Apartments** – Wednesdays from 2-3:30pm; If you would like to help please contact Lynn Peterson.
- **Root Beer Float Opportunity** – We would like to bless our community by providing free root beer floats (6:30-8:30pm) at the Wednesday night Concerts in the Park. Please sign-up today, so we can serve our community this Wednesday.
- **Family Vacation Bible School** – Mark your calendars now for August 1-4 for a Rainforest Quest. Supper will be served from 5:15-5:45; activities from 6-7:30pm.
- **Menard's Rebates** – If you have Menard's 11% Rebate slips that you aren't planning on sending in, you can turn them into the office or giving box. The church will send them in & use the rebates towards future purchases.
- **Smile.Amazon.com purchases** – If you purchase items through Smile.Amazon, you can designate our church to receive a small donation for qualifying purchases. Click on the 'supporting' button and you can choose to support the Evangelical Covenant Church International Falls MN as your charity.

## Journey to the Cross

Mark 8.31-9.1

<sup>31</sup> And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

<sup>34</sup> And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. <sup>36</sup> For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? <sup>37</sup> For what can a man give in return for his soul? <sup>38</sup> For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

**9** And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God after it has come with power."