your fall 2026 glacier camp & conference center newsletter



Campers enjoy an outbound trip to Rocky Point on Glacier National Park's Lake McDonald, July 2026.

looking back & looking ahead

Summer 2026 brought highs and lows that could never have been imagined or foreseen. A hugely successful summer camp season and dozens of wonderful guest group visits took place as we navigated Tim's tragic passing, a farewell to Terri, Jena's promotion to hospitality manager, and Risa's arrival as executive director. Through it all, God remains rock-solidly faithful, and He continues to change lives in this sacred space.

Now, momentum is building here at Glacier Camp and Conference Center. There is much to look forward to, and much to participate in, during the months to come.



The incomparable beauty of a fall wedding on misty Flathead Lake at Glacier Camp, October 2026.

mark your calendars

Celebration Dinner ▪ November 22nd ▪ 4pm
Don't miss out: see next page for an invitation from Risa!

Advent Study ▪ Advent Sundays ▪ 4pm ▪ Hybrid
Join us on Zoom or in-person for learning & community.
Full details at glaciercamp.org/adult-programs

Winterfest ▪ January 15-17
Kids *and* adults are invited to Winterfest this year!
Find out more at glaciercamp.org/winterfest

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November 22nd Celebration Dinner

The Thin Place Called Glacier Camp

An invitation from Executive Director Rev. Risa Paul

Do you know about the part of Celtic spirituality known as “thin places?” Thin places are locations or moments where the physical world and the spiritual realm feel close enough to touch. The concept comes from Celtic mythology and spirituality, describing places where the "veil" between heaven and earth is very narrow. An old saying notes that heaven and earth are usually three feet apart, but in thin places, that distance shrinks to almost nothing.

For 95 years, this space on the west shore of Flathead Lake, known as Glacier Camp and Conference Center, has been a thin space for many. Some have been people of faith, some have been people of no faith, and some have been people of not yet faith; and yet all have found something in this space that made them aware of the narrowness of the divide between heaven and earth, between God and humanity.

And it is time to celebrate that!
Please join us on the evening of Sunday, November 22, here at the camp, for an evening of celebration.

We will celebrate the past with memories, the present with plans, and the future with dreams, beginning about 4 pm, when we will celebrate the impact and rejoice in God’s faithfulness in both the highs and the lows through the years, but especially in the 2026 season. **There is no charge** for our wonderful farm to table meal featuring local beef and prepared by our chef Jena.

Traditionally this has been a donor appreciation dinner where we appreciated our donors by asking them for more - of course there will be opportunity to have an impact on the scholarships we want to be able to give in 2027 so every kid that wants to can experience camp -- but mostly we want to appreciate you who have played such a huge role in making this place the blessing that it is to so many.

Join us as we celebrate!

See you on November 22!

For the evening meal and program, just show up at 4pm on November 22nd!

For rooms, call 406 - 844-2114 or email info@glaciercamp.org

Find more information at glaciercamp.org/dinner or feel free to contact us with any questions.

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introducing our

2027 program theme

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the

light of the world

whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."—John 8:12

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"Exciting, isn't it? A little bit of darkness..."

Those exact words ring out at my local movie theater before every showing, instructing the audience to switch off their cell phones. The darkness of the auditorium is exciting, reminds the narrator—*so don't undermine it with glimmers of bright light.*

Often, we convince ourselves that this statement applies in real life and not just at the movies: we fall for the lie that a little bit of darkness can be exciting. Just a little bit. A second of self-indulgence, a flash of pride, a moment of trying out that temptation... exciting, isn't it? A little bit of darkness?

I know that I've been there: engaging with and indulging in darkness, just to see if it really is as exciting as the whispering voice in my ear seems to say. And I know that the world has been there—is there right now, in fact—dressing up darkness as liberation, marketing rejection of God as freedom of self, offering golden calves left and right. And I know that it's a lie: that the quiet voices in our heads, and the loud voices in our culture, do not offer truth or sustenance. Hindsight makes it painfully apparent that what darkness presents as exciting becomes engulfing; appealing becomes all-consuming, tempting becomes terrible.

But I wonder, could we stop needing that hindsight? Could we become so familiar with **light** that darkness is exposed for what it is before it lures us in? Could Jesus' words that "those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God" (John 3:21) apply to us, today? I think they can—and that's why our program theme for 2027 is Jesus' own statement that he is the **light of the world!** This theme represents an invitation to meet with the **light** that is Jesus Christ, to walk in his **light**, and to share his **light** with others.

Because it sure is easy to be downcast when we look around at the state of the world, and our own errors and mistakes, and we get the feeling that things are, on balance... dark. Yet that's not the end of the story. There may be darkness... but just like those disobedient moviegoers on their cell phones, *we're going to undermine it with glimmers of bright light.*

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