

Week one of Camp Promise ended on Saturday with our morning carnival and afternoon closing program with the parents. I'll tell more details about them when they come up again next week. I will say that Lily did a great job with the end of the week video wrap-up, which had us all laughing and enjoying some of the highlights of the week. It was also the premier of the video I worked with the campers to create on Psalm 139. It was well received, and I think impactful for the campers and their parents. I will be making a new version with this week's campers and I hope to post them online sometime soon.

Saturday evening through Monday afternoon was a break to rest, rejuvenate, and enjoy each other and God's creation. Saturday evening some of us went to Glacier National Park. We got to spend some time on the shore of Lake McDonald collecting rocks and enjoying the lake, followed by a wonderful meal with one of the best burgers I ever had at McDonald's (no, not that McDonalds, the Lake McDonald Lodge. We then began the hour long drive up through the mountains marveling at the majesty and beauty of God's creation in the snow-covered peaks, the many waterfalls from the melting snow, the spring flowers, and just the indescribable depth and beauty of nature all around us on every side! At the top we got to walk around some, and the kids got to climb up and slide down some the snow banks that blocked the trail. As we were descending the mountain around 10pm we got to see the sun setting over Lake McDonald.

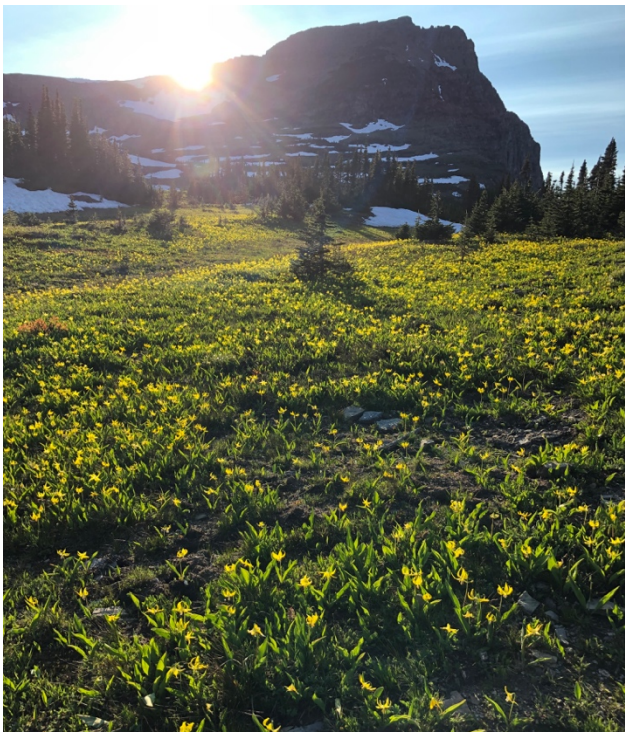
Sunday, we woke up early to watch / listen to a facetime broadcast of the worship service back home at Grace, complete with a great sermon by Steven Seal, a young man from our church who is in Bible School and was preaching for the first time at our church. He had an encouraging and challenging message from James. Sunday evening all the counselors and camp staff got together at the Wiegand's home for a cookout and fun, relaxing evening together. Mike and Beth have a great porch and yard for hosting people, and we all had a wonderful evening together. Some of the kids stayed overnight with the Wiegand's, which gave some of the rest of us an opportunity to take a quite morning stroll through the village of Big Fork before all returning to camp this evening to prepare for week 2 of camp. Campers arrive tomorrow!



Lake McDonald ... and the kids discovering a phone both for the first time ☺



Glacier
National Park





Top: Logan Pass – highest point you can drive to at 6646 feet
Bottom: Relaxing at the Wiegand's house!