



Raquette Lake Chapel Sunday Blast

August 25, 2024

"Becoming Like a Child"

*"Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.
(Mark 13:14)*

Jesus and Children: A common, modern depiction of Jesus shows Him surrounded by children as he talks to them. The brief scene depicted by the quotation in Mark is also found in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Jesus has a special relationship with children, and his message to those listening to him in Mark 10:13-16 are to learn from this.



Jesus' teaching at this point encourages his followers to be "like a child": to have the simple faith of a child, to become dependent like a child, and to receive the Gospel as a gift from God, not as something earned.

Karl Barth was one of the great theologians of the twentieth century. Towards the end of his life, Barth was asked for the greatest insight he had ever gained throughout his long years of study and scholarship. Everyone leaned in to listen to what pearl of wisdom he might share. His reply was beautifully simple: "Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so." To finish the verse of the song, "Little ones to him belong, they are weak but he is strong."

Let us become like little children in God's eyes. Climb up on Jesus' lap. And receive the blessing of eternal life. May it be so. Amen.



Raquette Lake Chapel "Modern" History: The parking area behind the Chapel has a formidable barrier to keep people from driving down what looks like an inviting trail into the woods. But it is NOT a nice trail into the woods as snow mobile drivers have found out! Several years ago at least one unlucky winter snowmobiler found out that the trail abruptly ends with a 20 foot drop off! If you try to avoid the drop-off at the end of the trail your choice is to run into trees! So, a few years ago, after many unpleasant incidents, Dean Pohl moved these boulders to the back of the parking lot to prevent any motorized vehicles from going down that deceptive path!

Prayer Box: *pray for the soul of David and comfort for his grieving family; pray for healing and comfort for Margo and Bill, Justin and his family, Danielle, Debbie, John C, Joe, Holland, Steve, Gail, John H, Mia, Patti, Florence, and Dawn; pray for all those suffering from severe weather; pray for first responders; pray for an end to the divisiveness our country; pray for peace in the Middle East, Ukraine, Bangladesh, and Sudan.*

Lord, hear our prayers!