

# The Lakeside



## Message in a bottle

**Verse of the day for Monday July 1, 2024 - Isaiah 61:1**

**1 The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners,**

**Read Isaiah 61 for meditation and inspiration.**



# Magna Cum Pellidentium

Dear Lakesiders and Friends,

During the Pandemic, we were all confronted with many challenges, including re-imagining the classroom. While some students adapted well, others did not. In that connection, I know there are parents here today who will relate to the following story.

At a large university commencement exercise, the School's President rose to address the graduates and confer their degrees. He began by explaining the meaning of the traditional Latin phrases used to rank their performance. For example, if a student graduates "Cum Laude," it means "With Honors." Next, he explained that "Magna Cum Laude" translates "With High Honors." And if a student graduates "Summa Cum Laude," it designates "With Supreme Honors." "But," he continued, "there's a new honor I plan to use in the future to be called 'Magna Cum Pellidentium,' which means 'By the skin of your teeth.'"

Living as we do, in this complex world of ours, we sometimes feel that in so many ways, we're holding on by the skin of our teeth. So much going on, around the world with wars and rumors of war; an election that seems to add to our divisions; and the Florida insurance industry out of control; housing prices have priced many out of the market and inflation continues to take its toll. On top of it all is our everyday struggles in relationships, in health concerns, family issues and therefore at times we are just trying to hold on for dear life! When this happens, I suggest that you take a deep breath and read Psalm 23 and know that God is there at your side. Add to your reading Romans chapter 8 a reading that has given so many a sense of profound hope and help.

I saw a sign the other day that read, "Good Morning! This is God, I will be handling all of your problems today and will not be needing your help. So relax and enjoy your day." Now that is a great and reassuring thought to hold on to and truly ENJOY YOUR DAY!

Blessings and Peace,



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