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**Lent at Lakeside:
My Heart as Sanctuary
My Life as Prayer
Devotion for Monday,
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**Where I'm From
By Carol Barker**

I am from: a family of teachers

I am from: learning the importance of having meals together

I am from: learning the importance of simple pleasures such as drive-in movies with homemade snacks in the "way-back" of the family station wagon and a "palette" made of soft blankets & pillows to fall asleep on while Nana & Daddy Jim watched the movie.

I am from: learning to enjoy summer days in & around the pool

I am from: learning the pleasure of summer nights with lightening bugs on our fingers and playing cards "clothes-pinned" to the spokes on our bikes

I am from: learning the "skills" of "wiffle-ball" games in the back yard

I am from learning: the familial importance of large family reunions on a farm and a lake

I am from learning: to look forward to Friday night lights and Saturday tailgates

I am from learning: to cherish beach vacations with boat rides, sandy feet, salty hair, "crabbing" with string, chicken parts and a net

I am from learning: to be thankful for Sunday worship and a roast in the oven for lunch

I am from learning: the joy of books, puppies, kittens, bunnies and birds

I am from learning: a shared word of the day & Sudoku puzzles & the importance of remembering those conversations & the paths they took

I am from learning: that tears over beautiful music and sad movies are ok

I am from learning: the importance of love, compassion, discipline, patience & benevolence

I am from learning: the joys of parenting & grand parenting

I am from learning: the importance of forgiveness

I am from learning: the great privilege of having a Lakeside family

I am from learning: "to love God with all my heart and with all my soul and with all my mind and to love my neighbor as myself"

Thanks be to God!

Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Prayer:

By Christina Rossetti

O God the Holy Ghost
Who art light unto thine elect
Evermore enlighten us.
Thou who art fire of love
Evermore enkindle us.
Thou who art Lord and Giver of Life,
Evermore live in us.
Thou who bestowest sevenfold grace,
Evermore replenish us.
As the wind is thy symbol,
So forward our goings.
As the dove, so launch us heavenwards.
As water, so purify our spirits.
As a cloud, so abate our temptations.
As dew, so revive our languor.
As fire, so purge our dross