

FLBC Update

Spring/Summer 2024 Newsletter Honoring 2023 Donors & Volunteers



Karen & Richie are ready for summer!

Summer Is Coming!

by Karen Ramage – Program Director; and
Richie Withycombe – Glacier Wilderness/Environmental Education Director

8 Reasons We Are Beyond Excited for 2024 at FLBC!!

1. Learning That WE'RE CREATED TO BE!

This summer's bible study teaches us that we are fearfully and wonderfully made by God. God created us to be free, authentic, brave, disciples, and so much more! Christ's works are great and we are created to live into that knowledge.



2. Sharing Adventure in God's Creation

From hiking to sunset point to reaching new heights on the climbing wall, from rafting the Flathead River to Sailing on the Lake, from tie-dyeing in the Art Barn to playing Mighty Mighty Scoop Noodle Challenge in the Big Field, we experience such joy in the adventuring with others!

3. Cooking in the Great Outdoors!

S'MORES!!! S'mores for evening snack around the campfire are an incredible treat at camp. Many of our groups learn to make many whole meals over a camp stove.

4. Serving with Purpose

We Learn to care for each other and care for creation at camp. We serve by intentionally sharing kindness with each other, doing service projects around camp, and practicing stewardship of our resources by composting and recycling.



5. Building Meaningful Relationships

The friendships that are built at camp are so full of joy, laughter, and team work. You can truly see Christ at work as guests and campers are getting to know each other. And through relationships we build self-confidence as we grow together in Christ.

6. Playing in the Lake!

SWIMMING, canoeing, kayaking, jumping on the water trampoline... you could truly try a different water activity every day you are at camp!!!



7. Growing and Learning Together

At camp, there are opportunities each day to learn and grow yourself. Through Bible Study, and community building activities. We also offer many different programs to try, i.e. you could sign up for Tree House Camp, Cooking Camp, Wild Water Week, Art Camp, Night Camp, Climbing and Kayaking, Basketball Camp, Choir Camp, Ranch Camp, Sailing Camp, Theater Camp, and so many more! Over 150 programs to choose from for youth and families!

8. Praising God in Community

PRAISING God through songs and actions and joining together in prayer allows us to explore faith in new ways. Worshiping together at camp is a very special experience!



Volunteers 2023

THANK YOU to all who gave of their time and talents in 2023! We also give thanks to the many families and individuals who attended our Memorial Day and Labor day Work Weekends.

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Thanks to our 2023 Retreat/Event Leaders and speakers for our FLBC sponsored retreats! THANKS for sharing your gifts with this ministry!

Pastor Abigal Cress-Orellano (Labor Day) • Ben Haugesteun (Partners Luncheon speaker) • Pastor Carol Seilhymer (Memorial weekend) • Dr Rachel Wren (Bible in 24 Hours) • Dr Micheal Char (Adult Spiritually retreat, Julie Engh-Couples Retreat) • Pastor JP Carlson (Family weekend) • Rev Dr. Meggan Manlove, Bishop (Staff training and Women's retreat) • Ron and Nancy Marks (Grand Camp) • Pastor Keith Weatherford (Grief Retreat) • Pastor Deb and Brad Abbott (Family Camp) • Just Move (80th Celebration)

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Volunteering Opportunities

We hope you will consider spending a week with us this summer as an adult volunteer, resource pastor, camp nurse, etc., helping provide faith-filled, fun, and safe experiences for our campers of all ages.

Visit flbc.net/donate-volunteer/#volunteer to learn more.

Calling for Summer Staff!



At the time of this writing (March 2024), we still need staff! 18 years old and up!

Scan the QR Code to apply, email Karen at Karen@flbc.net or visit to our website for the application.



FLBC is such an amazing place and it spreads God's love to so many people who might not have another chance to experience it.

Working at FLBC has blessed me in more ways than I can count; developing relations with staff and guest, and strengthening my faith, learning new skill and so much more.

~ Summer Staff Member

2024 Board of Directors

Moving Forward On Faith on the Strategic & Master Plan

The FLBC board of directors adopted the Strategic plan for FLBC in October 2022. Since then, groups have been working to fulfill the plan. The Master planning committee, under the direction of Wade Bitz, have put a plan together that will help the camp be more accessible, be able to accommodate more guest housing for couples, and families, and make the camp more welcoming to all. At the January 2024 board meeting the board voted to move forward with a feasibility study to 'test the waters' of how people feel about the plan. FLBC hired GSB, a well-known firm who led let the last capital campaign "Firm Foundations." God has entrusted this ministry this land to us, and we as caretakers and stewards of this Holy Ground, are excited to move forward in faith with the plan. Watch for more information and a report this summer.

*I wish it was longer!
I love it so much, I wish it
lasted forever.*

See you this summer!

*~ E.O.
Advent Retreat*



2024 FLBC Board of Directors gather in Great Falls for the first meeting of the year. THANKS so Bishop Jungling who led the board in worship and installed the board for their year of service.

Left to Right: Pastor Wendy McAlpine – Golden Triangle Cluster Rep • Mike Wallewein – Golden Triangle Cluster • Wade Bitz – Master Plan Committee Chair • Dan Richardson – Great Divide Cluster • Jay Bates – Member at Large • Margie Fiedler – Executive Director • Lynn Steinmetz – Bear Paw Cluster • Dennis Trotter – Strategic Planning Consultant • Colter McCarty – Russell Country Cluster • Bing Crosby – Great Divide Cluster • Mark Grotbo – Five Valley Cluster • Trudi Schmidt – Russell Country Cluster • **And those on zoom:** Tim Weirsum – Five Valley Cluster • Samantha Schurke – Member at Large • Pastor Scott Thompson – Flathead Cluster • Cindy s – Flathead Cluster • Paul Marsh – Consultant with GSB/Retreat Leader.



FLBC year-round staff



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2023 Thrivent Action Teams:

Thanks to all who contributed to FLBC with a Thrivent Action Grants!!

So much was accomplished....from bear proof trash cans, to new doors on the canteen, to lots of painting. Looking for a project for 2024?

Please contact the office!!

2024 Thrivent Choice funds will help us with:

- Camperships • Finishing/Completing Sauna
- Off-site Equipment • Day Camp Vehicle/Car
- Dining Room Chairs

Action Team Ideas

- Small Green House
- Trail Signs
- Prayer Trail Boxes Up-graded
- Kitchen Equipment
- Deck Furniture
- Building/repair/paint picnic table & benches
- *Plus many more!!*

Have an idea? Let us know!!



Happy Halloween

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Thank you for all the holy and hard work that so graciously hosts campers so they can experience joy and grace. Enclosed is my check. It is a delight to partner with you.

~ A Faithful Donor

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THANK YOU to all who have supported the ministry of Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp this past year. We are full of gratitude for each individual, family, congregation, and organization who have supported FLBC since 1943 with such faithfulness, love, and care!

A NOTE TO OUR SUPPORTERS: We appreciate your generous donations to FLBC, and we want to recognize everyone accordingly with 100% accuracy. If we have inadvertently made an error, please contact the office at 406-752-6602 or office@flbc.net with concerns or corrections.

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Thank You, Summer 2023 Campers!

This summer campers raised over \$6,000 for the Haitian RUBY Project, a program that our Haitian counselor, Jovenel Pierre, started with his friends in Haiti. This program is designed to help the people of Haiti redefine community through Christ by actions of care for others. They have helped in orphanages, cleaning/stewardship projects and much more! THANKS to all who raised money and/or gave the remainder of their canteen money to this project.



For 2024...

Offering for Summer 2024 will focus on the FLBC Campership program to ensure that all can go to camp. There will also be an "In-Kind" offering for our local food bank. Non-perishable food items, as well as TP, paper towels, and diapers are all welcome gifts to those in need in the Flathead Valley. Thank you for your kind generosity to help meet these needs for camp and our community.

Thanks be to God for our wonderful staff members from Haiti: David Jean, Jovenel Pierre, and Murielle Valme, who have taught us so much!

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If you could make a gift that would impact the future of campers for generations to come, would you consider this? I have had several people say to me... "well I have children, or I don't have much of an estate.... how could I make a difference?" But think about it... FLBC was 80 years old in 2023. Can you imagine what our endowment would be, and how much money would be funneled into the camp, if everyone had left just 1-5% of their estate to the camp? (I bet no one would be paying to come to camp or a retreat!!) Well, we can start now!

Prayerfully consider a gift in your will, or including FLBC as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy, your home, land, your IRA, or another estate planning tool. Your gift will reach beyond your lifetime and ensure that the gospel will continue to be shared through this ministry for generations to come.

Questions on how to do this?

Call our office at 406-752-6602 for our Legacy brochure and/or talk to Grace Schroeder Scott or Margie Fiedler about how to make this happen. We are happy to talk to your advisors also. If you have already included FLBC in your will/estate plan, let us know so we can list you as a Legacy Partner!

THANK YOU!



We are very happy to contribute to the outdoor chapel memorial benches. Our parents, Roald & Shirley Kindem, gave us many happy memories by bringing our family there for many years in the 1960's.

~Randi S.

Legacy Partners

Legacy Partners are those who are giving in their estate plan. A cross (†) represents the person has gone onto glory and their gifts are already at work at the Camp. Our Legacy Partners are a **permanent** part of the ministry of Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp. A courtyard brick paver is made for each Legacy Partner who has passed on.

Please let us know of any corrections.

If you have included FLBC in your estate plans... please let us know!
THANK YOU!

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It Was Meant To Be!

It was the summer of 1965 when Joanne Petaja met Dave Stein while they were working at FLBC.

Dave said, *"It was a fluke that I ended up at FLBC that summer... my brother-in-law had backed out of working and Pr. Len Erickson at Eidsvold Lutheran who was putting the staff together called me. I believe God had decided we should meet."*

Dave was a student at PLU, and Joanne was at Concordia. *"We visited each other that year, and in 1966 we were married. Pastor Len officiated at our wedding. We have been married 58 years."*

During the summer of 2020, (the Covid summer) FLBC was only holding family camp, and Jay Bates, Board Member, was able to get a number of people from his congregation, Pilgrim Lutheran in Puyallup, WA to make the trek to FLBC for a few days of family camp. Dave and Joanne were two of the people who came, having not been back to stay at FLBC since 1965! Their granddaughter Victora Trivitt worked at FLBC for the summer of 2023.

The next time the Steins come back to FLBC they will get to see their name on a new chapel bench. Dave also said when they die, they hope to have their ashes at FLBC... and with our new "Doves Rest" memorial garden being built, this will be able to be a reality.

It is all meant to be...



TOP: Joanne & Dave Stein on a recent trip to Norway, 2023.

Bottom: Dave Stein & Joanne Petaja working in the FLBC kitchen, 1965.

Update on Chapel & Amphitheatre Benches

What's the old saying?? When it rains it pours?? Just as we had finished raising the funds for the outdoor chapel benches... When we realized the amphitheater benches also needed replacing.

Architect Gretchen Krumm has designed the 'new' amphitheater with an aisle down the middle for safety and ease. We are currently raising funds for this project, at \$750 per bench, with 58 benches needed. Each bench, like the chapel benches, will have a plaque designed by the donor.

Thanks to a wonderful grant from the Weekes Family Foundation, we are well on our way. The plan is to dedicate the chapel benches at our 2024, June 8th Partners Luncheon. The Amphitheater benches will be dedicated when the funds are raised to install them.



Judy & Harold Spelde

Some Things Just Get Better With Age!!

Harold and Judy have a history of funding Gift Annuities.

Gift annuities pay you and another person (if you choose), income for life. Gift annuity rates just went up! Ask your advisor, and or check out the ELCA for current gift annuity rates. Currently for a two-life gift annuity (i.e. you and a survivor) and you are 63 and 66 years old, you would have a return of 5% for both of your lives! If you are both 84 years old you would receive 7.8% (at the time of this printing)!!

Questions?? Contact Margie@flbc.net 406-890-0662 or contact Grace@flbc.net. Learn how you can benefit yourself and FLBC and other ministries you care about.

Some things DO get better with age!!



2023 FLBC Year-round Staff, celebrate Christmas.

Left to Right: Grace Schroeder Scott – Development; Doug Scott – Honorary Staff; Richie Withycombe – Glacier Wilderness/Environmental Education Director; Tom Carlisle – Office Assistant; Elizabeth Faircloth – Community Staff; Nancy Smith – Cook; David Doney – Maintenance Coordinator; Charlyn Anderson – Community Staff; Jessica Eroh – Food Service Director; Renda Doney – Administrative Assistant; Jan Greenwald – Registrar; Don Stadler – Maintenance Assistant/Volunteer; Pastor Amanda Applehans – Co Associate Director

Front, Left to Right: Karen Rumage – Program Director; Margie Fiedler – Executive Director; Pastor Grant Applehans – Co Associate Director



Left to Right, Pastor Gary and Carol Cockrell, Margie Fiedler, and Mary Pat Murphy, enjoying the Advent Friends & Neighbors Christmas party at FLBC.

I overheard one camper say to another... 'This has been the best week of my entire life.'

The other camper responded, 'This has been the best week for me because I met you as a friend.'

~ 2023 Volunteer



Musings from Margie

Margie Fiedler, Executive Director



Let's have FUN at camp and retreats!

I remember when I first became a Camp Director at Lutheran Memorial Camp in Ohio in 1977! I remember the goal we set to share the gospel and grace of Jesus with all! I also remember thinking that when I would ask a camper how they liked camp... and they would say, "oh, it was so much fun"... that somehow, I thought we had failed, if they did not share how they had learned more about Jesus, and grew in their faith... did they? A few years later I attended a national camp directors conference, and Jerry Manlove, the national camping director of the ALC at the time said to us: "If children and youth say they had FUN at camp... and you have shared the love of Christ with them through Bible study, activities, food, games, and worship... then you know you have done your job." He went on to say how children cannot often put into words what they learned at camp, but if they say they had FUN... celebrate!

When Bishop Laurie Jungling installed the FLBC board of Directors for their year of service on Jan 19, 2024, she spoke on Romans 12- and the variety of gifts that have been given to us carry out this ministry of the church. She also said how the unique gift of camping and retreat is the FUN way camps share the gospel message. Her good words reminded me of my early years as a camp director.

In her recent book *The Power of Fun*, Catherine Price writes that "True Fun" is the "feeling of being fully present and engaged, free from self-criticism and judgment. It is the thrill of losing ourselves in what we're doing and not caring about the outcome. It is laughter. It is playful rebellion. It is the euphoric connection. It is the bliss that comes from letting go. When we are truly having fun, we are not lonely. We are not anxious or stressed. We are not consumed by self-doubt or existential malaise. There is a reason that our moments of True Fun stand out in our memories; True Fun makes us feel alive."

The word "fun" doesn't appear in the Bible, but the word "joy" shows up 269 times. One of the fruits of the Spirit is JOY. Jesus said, "I have said these things to you so that my JOY may be in you and that your JOY may be complete." ~ John 15:11.

Whether it's summer camp, family camp, or retreat time with your congregation, or friends, fun is definitely on the agenda. So, let's go have some FUN! Celebrating God's love! Being silly at FLBC as we play in the snow on retreats, jump on the water trampoline, soak in the sauna, take a polar bear plunge, and hike in the woods. Join us at camp and retreats; all ages all year long — so that our JOY may be complete.

In Christ's service, *Margie*

Advent Appeal 2023

THANK YOU to all who gave to help with camperships, facilities, staff scholarships, and the Shalom Home.

Your gifts In Honor and In Memory of loved ones help the camp in so many ways. Together we raised \$53,500 and met our matching goal!

THANKS For making a difference in the lives of campers and staff!





Grace Schroeder-Scott

Abundant Blessings and Compassion

Haiku poem written by Grace Schroeder Scott © 2024

Lent draws our focus
To Jesus, Our Redeemer.
He died to save us!

Jesus loved and saved
Us from our sins through His death
And resurrection.

We are reminded
To give thanks and share our gifts;
Helping those in need.

Abundant blessings
Guide us on God's caring path;
Showing compassion.

We are blessed to bless
Others with kindness and care;
Generosity!

Gifts of love abound;
We are called to serve others.
Gratitude matters.

God so loved the world,
Giving His only begotten
Son to believers.

Those who believe in
Christ Jesus shall not perish.
Life everlasting!

Bible reference: John 3:16

Abundant Blessings Bring Transformational Gifts

By Grace Schroeder Scott, Senior Development Consultant for FLBC

2023 marked the 80th anniversary of Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp (FLBC). Donors, churches, families and friends, staff (summer and year-round) and campers celebrated with joy and generosity. Looking forward, we encourage you to join us in sharing our abundant gifts of time, talent and treasures to bless and help support the year round and summer staff as well as programs, capital projects, buildings and grounds, maintenance and campers. Gifts given generously with unconditional love are transformational. We give thanks for your blessings!

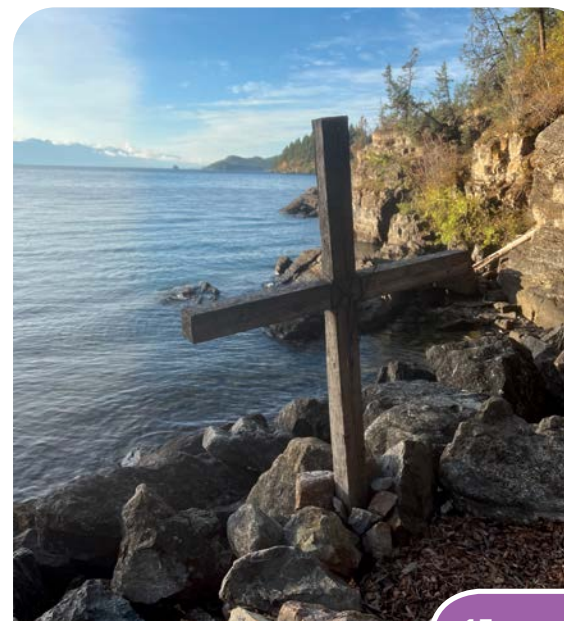
In 2024, thank you for renewing and increasing your charitable gift plans for FLBC. In addition to making gifts of cash, you may want to consider other giving options with tax advantages. We are prepared to assist you in establishing endowment fund gift plans, sharing appreciated securities, making charitable gifts from retirement accounts, sharing gifts from donor advised funds (DAF's) and including FLBC in your Will and estate plans. If you would like to designate FLBC as a percentage recipient of your life insurance, individual retirement account (IRA), or your real estate (land and/or house), we will be happy to help you.

One of our key fundraising goals is to assist donors in establishing named endowment funds with individual gifts and pledges of \$125,000 or more to provide support for our summer and year-round staff. Once in place, a \$125,000 endowment fund will generate approximately 4% annually to support the FLBC staff. Additional earnings and growth in the endowment funds over the years will continue to expand the benefits. These named endowment funds can be given over one to five years; and, they will bless and benefit FLBC in perpetuity.

There are other planned giving options available to produce supplemental life income and provide ultimate support for FLBC. Income-producing charitable trusts can be established with initial gifts of \$100,000 or more. Charitable gift annuities (CGA's) can be funded with \$10,000 or more to provide fixed supplemental life income for one or two lives of beneficiaries with the charitable remainder interest for FLBC. All the rates for newly-funded CGA's increased significantly on January 1, 2024.

This summer and fall, my husband (Doug Scott) will join me in leading charitable planned giving seminars at FLBC and in several churches in Helena, Missoula and Hamilton, Montana. Doug and I have extensive vocational backgrounds in philanthropy and we value assisting donors in charitable giving to support Christian missions.

You are welcome to contact me for confidential and complimentary gift planning assistance. Email grace@flbc.net or call my cell phone (612-743-7035) and please leave a message with your name, preferred phone number and your FLBC gift planning inquiry.





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Needs List 2024

A few of the items that are needed! Gifts-in-kind or Financial gifts towards these items are so appreciated!

- Embroidery floss
- Cotton white pillow cases
- Brooms & dustpans
- Hand tools
- Postage stamps
- Staplers
- Pedal boats
- Snowshoes
- Soft play balls for GAGA
- Golf cart
- 4-wheel drive truck
- Cars and mini vans
- Band-Aids
- Electric fans
- Clorox wipes
- TP!

Visit flbc.net/donate-volunteer to see camp's full list of needs.

We are always grateful for your in-kind donations!

Upcoming Retreats & Events 2024

- Apr 14-16 **Called to Be Disciples**
with Rev. Jeff Barrow
- May 12 **Mother's Day Brunch**
- May 24-27 **Memorial Weekend Work & Family Retreat - FREE!**
- June 7-9 **Women's Retreat**
with Pastor Julia Seymour
- June 8 **Partners Luncheon**
- June 9 **Neighbors & Friends Dinner**
- Aug 30-Sept 2 **Labor Day Family & Work Retreat - FREE!**
- Aug 30-Sept 2 **"Pack & Pray" Adult Backpacking Trip**
- Oct 11-12 **Delegate/Ambassador Training**
- Oct 12 **Fund Raising Event!!**
- Oct 12 **Annual Meeting**
- Nov 3-5 **Pastors/LPA's/Deacons - Lectionary Retreat**
with Rev. Karoline M. Lewis, Ph.D.- Luther Seminary
- Nov 7-10 **Quilting/Crafts Retreat**
- Dec 27-29 **Staff Alumni & Young Adult's Retreat**
- Dec 29 **Chili Dip @ Noon!**
Community invited to take a dip in the lake & eat chili!

We hope to see you soon!

Mark your calendar and register soon for these upcoming events & retreats!

Summer Staff Testimonial

My summers at FLBC on staff and as a camper have been the most impactful and incredible experiences of my life and I'm so grateful to have grown up at such a special place. When I was a camper, I wanted nothing more than to be a counselor at FLBC and my counselors were some of my biggest role models. Working on staff for the last three summers has been everything I ever hoped for it to be and more, and I've grown and developed so much thanks to those summers; as well as made lifelong friends and created unforgettable memories. Thank you for all you've done for me and all you've done for FLBC.

~ **ELLA KRUMM**

Camp Staff 2021-2023

