

FLBC Update

FALL 2024 NEWSLETTER

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*Summer 2025
Brochure*

Join us for the FLBC Home Show Fundraiser

Help us raise funds for "home improvements" & camperships at camp!

Saturday, October 12, 2024

Home Show 2-5 PM; Reception 4-6 PM

Join us for a fundraising event to visit 5 beautiful homes near FLBC. Then return "home" to FLBC's Cockrell Center for food, fun & music by the Kenny James Miller Band.

- "Raffle" items / donations welcome!!
- \$100/person (full event); \$50/person (Reception only); Kids under 18 FREE!
- Kids activities at camp during the home show

Ticket prices are suggested donation only. Questions? Give us a call.

Buy your ticket here or contact
office@flbc.net or call (406) 752-6602



Amphitheatre Remodel Update

We thank the ELCA Mission Builders who were at FLBC Aug 18 - Sept 2 to re-build the benches in the Amphitheatre!



As of this writing, **34 benches have been adopted** and only 24 benches still need to be adopted. A \$750 gift will secure "your" bench with a plaque engraved for you!

Prayerfully consider a bench in your name!

Annual Meeting & Delegate Retreat

October 11 - 12, 2024

Delegates are invited to join us for our Delegate Retreat to learn the ins and outs of being an advocate for camp in their congregations and communities.

Each of our 55 association churches may send 2 lay persons and 1 pastoral representative as voting members for our annual meeting; delegates are also asked to continue sharing about camp throughout the year. However, anyone who is interested in learning more about how to support FLBC and be an ambassador for camp is welcome to join the delegate retreat!

The delegate retreat begins with Friday dinner @ 6:15 PM. We'll dive into "sessions" on being an ambassador for camp, and learn more about FLBC. Join us for Friday evening, or come to camp on Saturday (breakfast at 8:15 AM, first session begins at 9 AM) and stay for the annual meeting. Lunch at 12:15 PM, 1:00 PM Annual Meeting, Fund raising event 2:00-6:00 PM

Annual Meeting Notice

**FLBC Annual Meeting
Saturday, October 12, 2025
1:00 PM - Cockrell Center FLBC**

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Call 406-752-6602 to Register



Summer 2024 in Review!

THANK YOU for making us feel so comfortable for our girls first ever sleep away camp. They had the best time and we are so appreciative for this positive experience. WE were very nervous about leaving them for the first time but felt they were in great hands! When we picked them up both girls said "this place is SO much fun, and we can't wait to come back next year." They loved their counselors, the food, the lake, making new friends, doing fun camp games, and trying some new exciting activities. FLBC is a special place in a beautiful setting. Thank you!

~ Katie & Mookie

"Camp is the place I feel closest to God. It's my Holy ground, and being able to have fun there makes it that much more special... I feel most at peace there."

~ Katrina

Summer 2024 by the Numbers!

697 Youth campers, Glacier Wilderness, on site day campers and offsite/adventure campers

334 campers in partnership weeks with 'Grief Camp' and MT Youth Diabetes Association.

172 week-long family camp; ½ week and full week Grandparent/Grandchild camp & FLBC Family Weekend campers

17 Day camps in congregations with over **400** campers

1094 Summer retreat guests – (includes Boy Scouts each week (June-July-August))

Total summer campers/guests 2024 = **2,758**

61 Incredible adult volunteers

42 Summer staff from **9** different states and **4** countries joined our **14** year-round staff = **1 AWESOME TEAM!**

Thank you!

DAY CAMP REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER 2025 OPENS OCTOBER 15, 2024!

Thank you for an awesome week at our VBS/Day camp. I am hoping my daughter will be ready to attend on-site camp next year, like I did as a child!

~ Christina



Thank You to our 2024 summer staff!



BACK ROW L TO R: Kiersten Schaeffer, Brynn Kosters, Ryan Karlsgodt, Ethan Kunka, Alanah Barnes, Logan Haugesten, Courtney Tooley, Alex Tooley, Isaac Penner, Maddie Holtz, Chris Lynn, Charlie Weber, Elizabeth Faircloth, Karen Ramage

MIDDLE ROW L TO R: Riley Doman, Aidan Link, Joao Fabio Costa, Justin Shaffer, Josh Lee, Suvi Swenson, Mackenzie Mueller, Eherd Wentworth, Stella Overstreet, Andy Castro Quispe, Solveig Senf, Mallory Popp

FRONT ROW L TO R: Margie Fiedler, Grace Johnson, Piper Mans, Sarah Kimmel, Paula Miranda Suazo, Aubrey Kosters, Luke Mendenall, Emma Hochhalter, Emma Gulleon, Neeve McCarthy, Lily Krogstad, Meghan Schaeffer, Grace Ryden, Sophie Bishop

NOT PICTURED: Mica Riendeau, Marion Kresslein, Mari Wiersma, Zaden Stout, Kendra Schmidt, Baird Linke, Dennis Lewellen, Vicky Lewis, Christopher Miller

**WANT A 2024 STAFF POSTER?
CONTACT THE OFFICE AT 406-752-6602!**

The Borge Family and Their Long Rich History with FLBC

Pastor Mike Borge who has served on the camp board, (and as past president of the board) and on two call committees for Executive Directors. (Gary Cockrell and Margie Fiedler) remembers camp as a child, when he came to camp with his dad Pastor Olaf Borge.

“My dad knew the importance of camping and what it could do for the life of the congregation. In those days the conference ran the camp, with a lead pastor. As a kid, I worked as a box boy in a grocery store, but each year I would ask for the week off to go to Bible Camp. I took the lead from my dad, and continued to make camp a priority in the congregations I served.” ~ Pr. Mike

To celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in 2019, Pr. Mike and Dorothy Borge invited their family to attend week long family camp at FLBC. Son, Dr Karl Borge and family Robyn, Kolter, and Kaitlyn came from WI. Daughter Dr. Sarah, Christen Orrego, and children Emilia and Matias, from Missoula, had a great week together... playing, worshiping, visiting, and connecting with other families. Grandson Kolter was not too sure about camp and if he would like it... but went on to making a stole for his confirmation a year later, and shared that FLBC had inspired him in his faith life.

Pastor Mike loves that anyone can go to camp, that the cost should never be a concern. *“It is a core value of FLBC that ‘no one is ever turned away from camp because of finances.’* Pastor Mike made sure people in his congregations he served in Conrad and Butte knew this. Mike’s passion for camp has led him to serve on the FLBC Endowment committee. The endowment makes distributions each year for children of all ages and families to be able to attend camp. At every chance he gets, Pr. Mike encourages people to leave a gift in their estate plan for camperships, staff scholarships, or the general endowment.

The congregations Pastor Mike served were also some of the early congregations that held a day camp, as an evangelism tool for their community.

Dorothy has fond memories of helping to lead and plan the “pastors’ wives” retreats at FLBC. Carol Cockrell, Sharon Eng and Dorothy worked hard to support these partners in ministry.



Mike and Dorothy were so proud of their daughter Sarah, who not only was a camp counselor, and wilderness director at FLBC, but also served 6 years on the FLBC board of Directors, and as Board chair, leading the camp through the pandemic.

We thank and praise God for the Borge family and their care and passion for FLBC.

Mike and Dorothy Borge with their Grandchildren at camp – *lovin’ that Camp ice cream!*



Rev Mike and Dorothy Borge

2025 Summer Volunteers / Pastors

Thank you! We couldn’t do it without you!

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| Alyssa Cliver | Pr. Molly Sasser-Goehner |
| Howard Cliver | Dr. Hans Wiersma* |
| Pr. Melanie Martin-Dent | Kirsten Wiersma |
| Erin Beven | Pr. Eric Finsand |
| Dinah Helgeson | Pr. Chris Finsand |
| Stephanie Richardson | Tonya Griffieth |
| (2 weeks)* | Krystle Salzer |
| Gretchen Munding | Pr. Annela Rova |
| Maureen Moore | Terah Henry |
| Pr. Brad Ulgenes | Marissa Walker |
| Elaine Ulgenes | Nancy Simmes |
| Jacoby Holte* | Sharon Berthelote |
| Barbara Liss | Elizabeth Sillerud |
| Stella Overstreet | Halvar Olstead |
| Haley Milton* | Pr. Alvina Olstead |
| Julianna DeMontigny* | Hanna Nagy* |
| Sherry Svennungsen | Pr. Doug Peterson |
| Pr. Kevin Beebe | Connie Himlie |
| Pr. Kelsey Beebe | Dr. Jonathan Hobbs |
| Pr. Ann Rosendahl* | Nils Henriksen |
| Philip Sauer | Mark Buck |
| David Lynn* | Michelle Henriksen |
| Ross Chamberlain | Kathy Olson |
| Pr. Megan Hoewisch | Linda Coty |
| Sue Furey | Sarah Vatne* |
| Tim Furey | Pr. Barb Gwynn |
| Colter Murphy* | Leslie Moody* |
| Steve Erickson | Alan Sasser-Goehner |
| Claire Schwarting* | John Munding |
| Pr. Seth Nelson | Doug MacCallum |

****Thanks to all of the FLBC alumni staff who spent time at camp this summer!*** From leading worship, to dishes, to helping with day camp and going backpacking, we are so grateful that you came and shared your gifts. **YOU ROCK!**



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Journeys of Paul and The Greek Islands

Plan to join us next year for the FLBC "Journey with Paul"! **June 17-28, 2025**

What is included in the tour:
Airfare from Seattle, WA, or Chicago (ORD) (Other cities are available) • 10 nights in 4-star hotels (double occupancy) • 4-day cruise • Patmos and Ephesus Excursion • Breakfast and dinner daily • Lunch on the boat • Entrance fee to all sites • All ground transportation in a private tour bus



Grow in Faith ~ Fun ~ Excitement

Young Adult Retreat with Pr. Baird Linke

Dec 27-29, 2024

Cost: \$100 (ages 18-35); Free (for FLBC Alumni Staff)

A time for young adults to share a rest in the wilderness of our lives and listen to God in the winter quiet. This retreat will be an opportunity to share our stories, enjoy God's creation on the ski hill, and learn about spiritual practices for wandering.

With a focus on the wilderness narratives in scripture and highlighting that transformation is a process and not a single flash of insight. Discussing how spirituality for young adults often feels wandering and uncertain, we will honor that reality and open some space for the practices that help young people while they're in spiritual wildernesses.

Come for fun, great food, spiritual growth, relaxation, meeting new friends... a great way to start the new year!



2024 UPCOMING RETREATS

- Oct 12** Annual Meeting & Delegate Retreat and FLBC Home Show Event
- Oct 25-26** CAMPfirmation - Part 1
- Nov 3-5** Lectionary Retreat with Karoline M. Lewis
- Nov 7-10** Quilting & Crafts Retreat
- Dec 27-29** Young Adult Retreat with Baird Linke
- Dec 29** Chili Dip @ Noon!

We hope to see you soon!

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

Watch for updates on the FLBC Master Plan & Fund Development Appeal

Email office@flbc.net for a copy.