

Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp

2025 Annual Report



Dear Friends of Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp,

The story of Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp in 2025 is, at its heart, a story of God’s faithfulness.

Throughout the year, children, youth, families, and adults gathered along the shores of Flathead Lake to worship, learn, rest, and grow. In worship spaces both formal and spontaneous—around campfires and picnic tables—God’s grace was shared and received.

This ministry continues because of your partnership—your prayers, your generosity, and your belief in the power of camp to shape faith for a lifetime. Thank you for walking alongside Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp in 2025.

With gratitude,

Jason Asselstine
Executive Director

2025 By the Numbers

765

Summer Youth Campers

43

Summer Staff

185

Glacier Wilderness Campers

275

FLBC-Led Retreat Guests

389

Day Campers

3,122

Retreat Guests

110

Outreach Event Participants

85

Volunteers



SUMMER MINISTRY: FAITH TAKES ROOT

Summer is the heartbeat of Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp. In 2025, campers arrived with excitement and questions—and left with deeper faith, new friendships, and a strong sense of belonging.

Each week of camp included:

- Daily worship centered in Scripture
- Small group Bible study and faith conversation
- Outdoor adventure—swimming, boating, hiking, games, and campfires
- Caring leaders who modeled faith, curiosity, and compassion

Campers learned that faith is not something reserved for Sunday mornings, but something lived daily—through kindness, forgiveness, courage, and trust in God.

“At camp, I learned that God loves me just the way I am—and that I belong.”
— Camper Reflection

FORMING LEADERS & NURTURING COMMUNITY

A vital part of camp ministry is leadership development. In 2025, counselors and staff were formed through intentional training, mentoring, and hands-on leadership in worship, small groups, and service. Many named their summer at camp as a defining experience—shaping their faith, confidence, and sense of vocation.

Beyond summer, Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp remained a year-round ministry, welcoming congregations, youth groups, families, leaders, and community partners. These retreats and gatherings provided sacred space to rest, reconnect, and renew faith amid the beauty of creation.

CREATION PROCLAIMS THE GOSPEL

The natural setting of Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp is not simply a backdrop—it is a partner in ministry. Worship by the lake, prayer under open skies, and moments of quiet reflection reminded participants that creation itself proclaims God’s glory, inviting all to slow down and remember they are part of something larger than themselves.



GRATITUDE FOR PARTNERSHIP

This ministry is sustained through shared commitment and generous support. We give thanks for:

- Congregations who send campers
- Families who entrust their children and youth to camp
- Volunteers and board members who lead with wisdom and care
- Staff and summer leaders who live out the mission daily
- Donors and partners whose generosity makes camp accessible
- Community organization who partner in year-round activities

Because of you, Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp continues to be a place where faith is nurtured and lives are changed.

LOOKING AHEAD WITH HOPE

As we look to the future, we do so with gratitude and confidence. In 2025, we began the first phase of our capital campaign, **Waves of Grace**, led by **Margie Fiedler**, in partnership with **Kim and Ben Haugestuen** and the steering committee.

The goal of this first phase is to raise \$2.8 million to:

- Improve accessibility for individuals with limited physical abilities
- Build volunteer and guest housing
- Improved guest bathroom facilities
- Grow the camp's endowment by **\$1 million**, strengthening long-term sustainability

Thank you for being part of this story.
Thank you for believing in this ministry.
Thank you for partnering in God's work.

God's work. Our hands. Together.

