

FLBC Update

Spring/Summer 2026 Newsletter Honoring 2025 Donors & Volunteers



The excitement is growing as the steering team for the Capital Campaign “*Waves of Grace*” begins their efforts. Please hold these faithful FLBC volunteers in prayer, who are guiding the effort to make FLBC stronger and better for all.

Ben and Kim Haugestuen serve as the committee chairs, guiding team leaders: Merv and Tolly Eriksson (Leadership); Jay and Krista Bates (Board & Alumni Board); Traci and Bruce Vatni (Staff & Alumni staff); Pastor Carol and Steve Seilheimer (Congregations); with Honorary Chairs, Rev. Mike Borge and Rev. Gary Cockrell.

We praise and thank God for given and pledged leadership gifts:

- \$875,074 towards our \$2.7M goal for housing, bathrooms, accessibility; and
- \$281,991 towards our \$1M goal for the campaign of growing our endowment (for camperships, staff scholarships, and general maintenance)

Thank you for keeping the campaign in your prayers, as we move forward in faith, with the goal of making FLBC accessible to all of God’s children!!

Christ is Risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

In the resurrection, God declares that love is stronger than death and life is stronger than fear.

As the land awakens and creation tells its story once more, we rejoice in the promise of new beginnings—for our world, for our camp, and for each of us. This spring, Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp continues its work of gathering through retreats, programs, and events that nurture faith and community.

Thank you for being part of a ministry where resurrection hope is lived and shared in every season.



Artistic Rendering of Volunteer / Guest Housing.



Where Grace Becomes a Lived Story

by Pr. Jason Asselstine

At Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp, our mission is more than a statement on a page — it is a lived experience, a shared journey, and a sacred rhythm that shapes everything we do: to experience Christ's grace through meaningful relationships, shared adventures, and purposeful service.

Here, grace is not abstract. It is found in laughter echoing across the lake at sunset, in conversations around a campfire, in hands joined in prayer, and in quiet moments where hearts are opened and lives are changed. It is discovered in friendships that cross generations, in stories that shape identity, and in a community where every person is seen, known, and valued.

Our adventures are more than activities — they are holy invitations. Canoes become classrooms, trails become sanctuaries, and cabins become places of transformation. In the shared rhythms of worship, play, service, and rest, faith is not only taught — it is practiced, embodied, and lived.

And our service is never separate from our relationships. It flows naturally from them. We serve because we belong. We give because we are connected. We love because Christ first loved us.

This is the heartbeat of Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp — a place where grace is experienced, faith is formed, community is built, and lives are sent back into the world renewed, restored, and rooted in Christ.

But you already knew that, didn't you? You've experienced the grace and majesty of Jesus at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp for yourself. You've felt it in the stillness of the lake, the warmth of the campfire, the power of worship, and the deep sense of belonging that lives here.

And in so many ways, this sacred story continues because you care enough to make sure this ministry endures. Through your generous gifts of time, prayer, and financial support, you help ensure that no one is left out — that no one who longs to come to camp is denied a bed, a seat at the table, or a place around the fire. Because of you, barriers fall, doors open, and grace becomes accessible to all.

As you read these pages, as you see all of the names of people listed here who are dedicated to Jesus and the work of FLBC, my prayer is that you will see and hear the work of the Holy Spirit alive and moving — in the stories, the faces, the transformations, and the quiet miracles that happen here every day. And, if you have not been to camp, this is your invitation. Come and experience for yourself God working in this place.

Welcome to the story God is writing here.



Volunteers 2025



THANK YOU to all who gave of their time and talents in 2025! We also give thanks to the many families and individuals who attended our Memorial Day and Labor Day Work Weekends.

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2025 RETREAT & EVENT LEADERS

Thank you to our 2025 Retreat/Event Leaders and speakers for our FLBC sponsored retreats! THANKS for sharing your gifts with this ministry!

Pastor Amy Sperline (Quilt and Craft Retreat; Memorial Day Work Weekend) • Pastor Paul Oman (Family Camp) • Pastor Wendy McAlpine (Grandparent/Grandchild weekend) • Pastor Paul Anderson (Grandcamp weekend) • Pastor Baird Linke (Campfirmation Retreat; Partners Lunch Speaker) • Pastor JP Carlson (Family Weekend) • Pastor John Lund (Creation Care Adult Spirituality Retreat) • Pastor Annela Rova (Advent Festival) • Pastor Kelsey Beebe (FLBC Yoga Retreat) • Pastor Brenda Frelsi (Women's Retreat)

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Shout Outs & A Power Clap

To **Margie Fiedler** as she continues her work of connecting with people and promoting the Capital Campaign.

To **Jan Greenwald** for her tireless work of keeping the office organized and clean.

To **New Hope Lutheran** in Great Falls for hosting Pr. Jason's and the Board's Installation.

Calling for Summer Staff!

At the time of this writing (March 2026), we still need staff! 18 years old and up!

Scan the QR Code to apply!

Or visit to our website for the application.

Questions? Send an email to Karen@flbc.net.



Greetings from Your New Board of Directors Chair

by Dan Richardson

I am deeply honored to serve as the new Chair of the Board of Directors. Having served on the board intermittently since 2020, I have witnessed remarkable growth and transformation at the camp. It has been a privilege not only to observe this evolution but also to actively contribute to the momentum that continues to shape our community each year.

Central to our work is the camp's mission: "To experience Christ's grace through meaningful relationships, shared adventures, and purposeful service." This mission is more than a guiding statement—it is the heart of who we are. It informs not only the

summer and year-round experiences offered at camp, but also the way our Board strives to collaborate, serve faithfully, and lead with intention.

I reside in Helena with my wife and our two children, and we are active members of Our Redeemers Lutheran Church. Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp has played a profound role in my life since 2001, when I first served as a counselor. Over three summers working as a camp counselor, I built lasting friendships, deepened my faith, and even met my wife, Steph. We later married at camp on a rainy fall day — a moment that remains one of our most cherished memories. Today, our daughters share that same love for camp through summer programs, church retreats, and service opportunities. Seeing them grow in the same environment that shaped us is one of our greatest blessings.

We are grateful to call Montana home and to enjoy what we fondly think of as God's playground—whether we're adventuring in the mountains, spending time on the water, or exploring new places together. Our home is made even fuller by our yellow lab, two horses, and a lively flock of chickens.

During my board service, I have been closely involved in the Master Plan and am excited to help with the current Capital Campaign. As a Civil Engineer by profession, I am energized by the vision we're pursuing and the tangible opportunities ahead. Witnessing the dedication and creativity of each committee has been inspiring, and it is a testament to how God continues to work through all of us. I am grateful for the opportunity to help lead our team and am humbled by seeing all the love and support for FLBC.

Join Us in Welcoming the New FLBC Board of Directors!

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- Pr. Jason Asselstine (Kalispell, MT)



Dan the Maintenance Man

by Dan Humbert, Maintenance Director

I'm truly grateful to be a part of this wonderful team, community and ministry. Since starting as your Maintenance Director in April 2025, I've had the privilege of working with and learning from our incredible staff and volunteers who make FLBC a special place and ministry.

My amazing wife of 18 years, Nikki, our kids, Brent, Pierce, Aria, and Nora, and I enjoy the outdoors and calling Kalispell home.

Prior to finding my calling at FLBC, I spent 25 years traveling the world as active-duty Air Force. People often ask what I did and my typical response includes aircraft mechanic, maintenance director, facility manager, project manager, operations manager, mentor and advisor. While accurate, all fail to convey the more important Why: to deliver hope. Hope landing where natural disaster, war, and medical emergencies left people hopeless.

At FLBC, I have a similar Why in that my shared goal is to provide hope and inspiration for all who visit or interact with us. Hope and inspiration in a world with strife and distraction. Hope and inspiration so that people find God and themselves.

In Faith & Service,
Dan H.



Best of Egypt: Faith, History & the Nile

It's time for FLBC's 5th International Trip... and we're going to Egypt!

Jan 18–28, 2027!

Join us for a life changing pilgrimage as we explore the great pyramids, float the Nile River, visit the valley of the Gods, an option to climb Mt Sinai, and much more!

Dr. Karoline Lewis, a well-known theologian and scholar, who has accompanied several Egypt tours will be our Biblical study and worship leader, as we learn history, and how it relates to our life in faith today.

There will be an informational Zoom with Elias Tours on Sunday, May 3rd at 5 PM. Send your email address to Margie@flbc.net if you would like to be included on the zoom to learn more about this exciting pilgrimage. Depending on interest, we may add a trip to Jordan at the end of our journey.

Friends of Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp will have the first opportunity to register up **until June 1st** after that it will be open to the general public.

Price: \$4,990

(Plus, airfare to Chicago to join the trip, and your own travel insurance)

Registration Deadline: Sept 20, 2026



SCAN HERE TO REGISTER

or visit www.FLBC.net or by email: registration@flbc.net

Looking for Leaders

If you have the experience and knowledge to share with the FLBC leadership board in one of the following areas, we would love to include you on an advisory group. Call the Office at 406.752.6602 or by email office@flbc.net for more information.

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- Maintenance Advisory Group
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Thrivent Action Donors/Teams 2025

THANK YOU soooo much! In 2025, together you raised **\$25,170.00!** (From 2010 to Jan 2026 = **\$160,944.90!**)

WOW! THANKS be to God!!! You have helped campers attend camp, and have helped with new equipment, and facility improvements.

2025 ACTION TEAMS:

Thanks to all who contributed to FLBC with a Thrivent Action Grants!! So much was accomplished... from solar lights to the Sauna, to a new lifeguard supply shed, to welcome mats for cabins. Looking for a project for 2026? Please contact the office!

Action Team Ideas

- Waterfront renovations
- Art barn updates
- Hammock village infrastructures
- Updating the staff bathroom
- Rugs for the cabins
- Archery equipment
- Supplies for service projects.
- Plus many more!!

Have an idea? Let us know!!

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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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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, Margie Fiedler or Pr Jason Asselstine about how to make this happen. We are also happy to talk to your advisors. 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!



Legacy Partners

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

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J-Term

by Erin Richer, D. Min, Retreat Director

On December 17th, as a windstorm with gusts over 100 miles per hour tore through the valley, the FLBC retreat phone rang even as power and communications were breaking down. It was a displaced professor from Minneapolis. Holden Village, a nearby ECLA Retreat Center, had closed due to severe damage from flooding. Augsburg, Luther, and Augustana Colleges all needed a place to spend their January term, and they needed it within three weeks. Our incredible FLBC team began preparing a temporary home for approximately 45 students and their professors. Beds made, meals planned, spaces opened all in preparation to minister to a group we did not realize would transform us, too.

Not unlike the storm, these remarkable humans brought a fresh wind of life with them. They filled our spaces with joy, laughter, song, and friendship. We had them for almost a month, and it wasn't long enough.

Pr. Jason Executive Director, describes our work as partnering with creation in ministry. This resonates with me. I, too, am passionate about mutuality—the reciprocity of all things. As we welcomed them, we realized their purpose aligned deeply with our own. These professors and their students were there to study and contemplate vocation, and the reciprocity of our place in creation. They came to one of the most undeniably beautiful places to ponder creation and our relationship to it at FLBC. They shared their curriculum with us (I highly recommend one of the assigned readings, *Church of the Wild* by Victoria Looz), and we shared our vocational stories with them.

Our team offered a daily rhythm of optional spiritual practices (yoga, lectio and visio divina, silence and solitude, spiritual walks and runs, polar plunges, and prayer labyrinth) each morning. Our Wilderness Director, Justin, prepared ski and snowshoe outings and organized trips to the local biology station, the bison range, and other outdoor experiences to study the local ecology and the justice issues surrounding it. Jess, Linda, Chris, and Dennis provided delicious meals that became the backdrop for meaningful conversation as students processed what they were learning and how they were growing.

Meanwhile, the students and professors blessed FLBC through generous acts of service. We bonded in the kitchen over dishes, and they cleaned cabins. These ordinary acts became sacred ground for relationship. Our Rock Room is looking as spiffy as ever, thanks to their care and attention. And of course, we solidified our friendships as Karen, Elizabeth, and Riley led afternoon and evening fellowship activities like pottery, karaoke, games, dance parties, and meaningful conversation around the campfire.

I've heard it said that as image bearers, every time we get to know another person, we come to know another facet of God. I believe this is true, and while we expected a quiet month of recovery in January, the unexpected arrival of these students from Iowa, Illinois, and Minnesota blessed us beyond measure. We at FLBC have come to know more about our Creator through the love and friendship of our staff and teammates, as well as these beloved students and faculty. We encountered Christ in one another, and we will carry that with us long after January has passed.





Compost Crew

This January we were blessed to have St. Olaf and Luther College join FLBC for their J-term session.

During their stay, the group of students created new composting bins and signage for FLBC's new revamped composting area. These additions will help FLBC reduce our waste, amend the soils of our garden area, and educate guests on composting.

We are deeply grateful for the many ways St. Olaf and Luther gave to our community.





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- Tie Dye Material
- Clay
- Rototiller
- Work gloves & safety glasses
- Any and all garden tools
- Postage stamps
- Multipurpose Printer Paper
- Fishing poles & lures
- Kayaks, Canoes & Paddles
- Volleyballs / Basketballs
- First Aid Supplies
- Feminine care products
- Paper Towel & Toilet Paper
- Electric Fans & Heaters
- Small 2-wheel or 4-wheel drive trucks



Scan the QR Code to visit our [Amazon Needs List](#) or go to bit.ly/FLBCNeedsList to see the camp's full needs wish list!

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Upcoming Retreats & Events 2026

- Apr 12-14 **Adult Spirituality Retreat**
with Pastor Holly Johnson, Faith and Writing Retreat
- Apr 17-19 **CAMPfirmation Retreat (Part 2)**
- May 10 **Mother's Day Brunch**
- May 22-25 **Memorial Family Work Weekend & Family Retreat**
- June 12-13 **Partners Luncheon, Board Meeting**
- July 24-26 **FLBC Family Weekend**
Summer 2026 staff families come free
- Aug 27-30 **Young Adult Backpacking Trip**
- Sept 4-7 **Labor Day Work Weekend & Family Retreat**
- Sept 18-20 **Women's Retreat**
- Oct 9-10 **Annual Meeting & Fundraiser**
- Oct 29-Nov 1 **Quilting & Crafts Retreat**
- Dec 4-6 **Family Advent Retreat**

We hope to see you soon!

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

Summer Camp 2026

With over 60 different programs to choose from, our year-round program staff are hard at work! Working on curriculum, having the right equipment, planning the best canteen treats, & hiring the BEST summer staff ever!

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