

FLBC Update

SPRING / SUMMER 2022 NEWSLETTER HONORING 2021 DONORS

FLBC's Best Kept Secret: Holy Ground Campaign Supporting Camp's Future

Have you heard about Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp's capital campaign? Don't be surprised if you haven't... we haven't officially launched it yet! But **we've reached our goal** and we have raised the funds needed for this first phase of vital projects, even without a big announcement.

Last year, the FLBC Board of Directors authorized a multi-year campaign to raise funds that will assure the future of the camp, increase safety, and enhance programs and facilities for campers and guests. The campaign, called "Holy Ground," began with a first-phase goal of \$235,000, which would provide funding for some immediate financial and infrastructure needs:

- Paying off the Hughes Bay land purchased in October of 2020
- Replacing the swim dock and installing a lift chair
- Putting electric wires to upper bath house underground
- Removing diseased/dangerous trees and planting new trees in the main area of camp
- Adding an entrance and new element to the High Ropes Course
- Installing a watering system and making needed improvements to the garden
- Adding additional storage, a new transformer and electricity to our upper parking lot

"God has provided this amazing land, which has developed over the years into a Christ-centered, faith-filled adventure program. This land is holy ground – that's how we chose the name of the campaign. The seeds we sow now with this new funding will enable FLBC to grow, help protect the resources entrusted to us, and have even more positive impact on the youth and adults who participate in our programs. We are grateful for the support we have received so far in the campaign."

~ Margie Fiedler, FLBC Executive Director

Fiedler noted that thanks to a number of supporters of FLBC, the first-phase goal of \$235,000 has been reached! St Luke's Lutheran Church in Shelby, MT, kicked off the campaign with a \$100,000 gift from their endowment. *"We wanted to put our money to good use, the whole congregation voted to support the endowments distribution to the camp. We cannot think of a better place to make a difference in the faith and life of God's children,"* said Louise Aegerter, Endowment chair.

Marj Nelson has a long history with FLBC. Her children and grandchildren have both attended camp programs and she has been a strong supporter of the ministry, including making a contribution to the first phase of the "Holy Ground" campaign.

Summer is Coming!

Look inside for
a quick
summer preview.



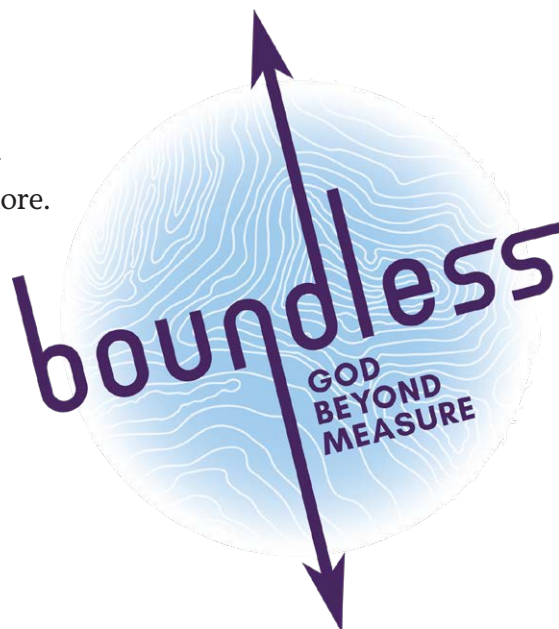
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Summer 2022

Summer is just around the corner! The FLBC year-round staff are busy preparing for a summer full of faith-formation, community building, connecting to God's awesome creation, and so much more.

"Our theme for this coming summer is Boundless: God beyond measure taken from Ephesians 3:18-19. Christ's love is more welcoming, loving, generous, and forgiving than we can imagine. We are beyond excited to explore that concept in every one of our programs from Cooking Camp and Wild Water Week, to Family Camp and On-site Youth Camps, and everything in between. God's boundless love surrounds us as we sing songs with new friends, courageously try new games, explore our faith, and so much more this summer!"

- Karen Hesser, Program Director



New at Camp this Summer!

- Disc Golf
- Escape Room
- 9 Square in the Air



Early Bird Gets the Worm... and a Camp Store Credit!

APRIL 1ST EARLY REGISTRATION SPECIAL:

Youth campers who are paid in full and have all paperwork completed and turned in by April 1st will receive a \$25.00 Canteen credit* to use during their camp session!

Please Note: These will be mailed to your camper as a coupon in April or May after 4/1; your camper will need to bring this coupon with them to FLBC to redeem at camp! Youth camps do not include our family camp programs. Youth campers refer to participants in programs such as traditional on-site, basketball camp, etc.



FLBC'S Best Kept Secret Continued

"In today's society, young families are not inclined to attend mainstream churches," Nelson said. "FLBC offers a peaceful and spectacular setting and many diverse activities. I firmly believe that young campers and families can learn about the unconditional love of Jesus by attending FLBC. I firmly support fundraising for camperships and the general support of FLBC."

Another donor, who asked to remain anonymous, also has a long history with FLBC. As someone who

managed facilities during his career, he is aware of the struggles that non-profit organizations have with infrastructure. *"These projects aren't considered 'glamorous,' and may not be of interest to some donors, but are vital to the camp's ability to provide a safe and nurturing environment," he said. "My family and I are proud of the camp. And we are proud that we are able to provide support for the future of FLBC."*

More details on the "Holy Ground" campaign will be provided to the FLBC family going forward. If you have questions about projects and initiatives that the campaign funds will make possible or how you can make a gift to Holy Ground Phase 2, please contact us at: 406-752-6602 or office@flbc.net.

By volunteer David Dalton



Volunteers 2021

THANK YOU to all who gave of their time and talents in 2021! We also give thanks to the many families and individuals who attended our Memorial Day and Labor day Work Weekends.

VOLUNTEERS: Summer + Year Round!

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2021 Retreat Leaders

Ski & Snowboard Retreat worship leader: Pastor Seth Nelson • Memorial Day Work Weekend Bible Study Leader: Pastor Sean Janssen • Adult Spirituality Retreat: Pastor Brenda Satrum • Women's Retreat: Pastor Miriam Schmidt • Summer Family Weekend 1: Pastor Barb Gwyn & Pastor Scott Hedegaard • Summer Family Weekend 2: Pastor John Lund • Labor Day Work Weekend Bible Study leader: Pastor Amanda Applehans • Grief Retreat team: Kiersten Alton, Jo Graves-Gill, Pat Morgan, Pastor Paul Rowold, Rosella Thompson • Advent Retreat craft leaders: the Murrillo-Farrenburg Family

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- **Development Team**
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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.

Financial Update

For the first time, the FLBC board of directors adopted a budget that was not balanced for the year 2021... in fact it looked like it would be a deficit of -\$322,300. The board was acting in good faith, but had no idea what Covid would do in 2021 with camp operations.

But God had other ideas! Even though numbers were down—we only booked 50% of normal of summer numbers and many retreats canceled—thanks to faithful donors, the camp came out in the black at year end, with a net of \$77,481.40!

With all thanks and praise to God, and for staff who worked hard to cut expenses and often did 2–3 jobs, we are on our way to a good start in 2022!

THANK you all for your amazing support of FLBC!!!

Strategic Planning Update

Our last strategic plan took us through 2021, with a timeline to begin a new planning process in 2020... but how do you make plans in the middle of a pandemic?!

Thanks to an awesome team of people and a wonderful leader, the Strategic Plan is in progress and will be presented at the annual meeting in October 2022. The process has included looking at trends, statistics, camper surveys, retreat guests evaluations, and donor feedback.

Some of the initiatives being considered are:

- Restructure/rename/rebrand
- Expand programs
- Develop property and facilities
- Launch comprehensive campaign "Holy Ground" phase 2
- Activate partnership with Association Congregations.

Watch for more details soon!

Strategic Planning Committee

Thanks to our tirelessly working committee:

Jay Bates • Wade Bitz • Cindy Pokorny
• Brenda Satrum • Doug Scott • Jason Shearer • Dennis Trotter, Facilitator
• Aaron Weaver

Backpacking with Bishop Laurie Jungling, Aug 2021 ▶



2022 Board of Directors

January 2022 Hybrid Meeting – in person & online!



▲ Fun at FLBC's Tea Party, February 2022



◀ In-person Back Row L to R: Jay Bates, Cindy Pokorny, Dennis Trotter (Strategic Planning Facilitator), Wendy McAlpine, Trudi Schmidt

Front Row L to R: Lynn Steimetz, Colter McCarty, Chamene Plum, Mike Wallewein

Online: Bing Crosby, Sarah Borge, Dan Richardson, Dave Dickman, Scott Thompson



Thank you to all who designated Thrivent Choice dollars to Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp. You have until March 31st, 2022, to direct 2021 funds to ministries you care about!

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2021 Thrivent Choice funds will help us with:

Camperships • New bunk beds & mattresses • Printers • Shop tools, including a table saw • Window blinds • 9 square in the air • Escape room (a new team building activity for campers)

2021 Thrivent Action Teams:

Dorothy & Mike Borge Shelves for Nature Center
Sarah Borge Cabin Renovations
David Doney Kitchen loft storage & safety
Renda Doney Storage for kitchen loft & pavilion loft
Merv & Tolly Eriksson Non-skid solution for staircases, ramps around camp

Margie Fiedler Paint for cabins
Ron & Nancy Marks Apple cider fundraiser for new lift chair for the swim dock
Cristian Orrego New fire pit & outdoor gathering improvements for front of Cockrell Center

Marge Samsoe Fabric for Bitterroot Cabin curtains
Carlee Wood Harvest Festival Supplies

Action team Ideas

- Cubbies for outside of the pavilion bathrooms for off-site group storage
- Roof for staff summer bathhouse
- Art Barn roof painted-supplies needed, paint, rollers, brushes, etc.
- Plus many more!!

Have an idea? Let us know!!

Thank you Ron & Nancy Marks for your fun apple-picking Thrivent Action Project to raise funds for the new Lift Chair for the dock! ▼

My heart is at FLBC.... I still can't quite believe my daughter is old enough to drive across the state by herself and start her first real job! She is super excited to be there and we are thrilled for her. I hope she turns out to be a good fit for your mission!

~ A staff member's mom



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We couldn't do it without YOU!

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, **recurring monthly donor**(*) 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.

*Margie and staff...
thank you for your donation
to our Emmaus auction,
and thank you for your ongoing
partnership in ministry to
youth and young adult in the
ELCA and beyond!*

~ Pr. Lund

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Thank you for all you do for the kids. Our daughter has a great time at camp and as a family we had a terrific time during the family camp weekend.

~ The Esposito family

Making wreaths at the Advent Retreat



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2021 HARVEST FESTIVAL RECAP

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you for your great support of this year's Fall Harvest Festival &

Auction! Together we raised around \$45,000 to ensure that no one is turned away due to inability to pay. Thank you to everyone who donated an item to our auction, everyone who made a financial gift, and to all who bid generously in our in-person silent, dessert, and live auctions, and online.



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2021 GRANTS

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2021 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Elk Cabin (aka Cabin 14) renovation & new deck • Bitterroot Cabin remodel • Widening the sidewalk to Lakeview for increased access • Landscaping along the sidewalk



Superstar volunteers Eric (left) & Don (above) working on the Bitterroot Cabin remodel, made possible thanks to the Treacy Foundation, Weekes Family Foundation, & many others!

Are You Willing?

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 will be 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, Carlee Wood, or Margie Fiedler about how to make this happen! We are happy to talk to your advisors with you too! If you have already included FLBC in your will/estate plan, let us know so we can list you as a Legacy Partner!



*The camp is beautiful, and
the people wonderful....
I am not sure if we are here
to serve them or them us.*

*~ Adult from a
Youth Mission trip*

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.

Thank you faithful stewards!

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Les McKean

"You may have to use a winnowing fork, to pick out some of the stories I have for you," was Les McKean's comment when I asked him to share some memories from his time at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp! Les served as Site Manager, from 1995–2000. *"I learned quick that the title Site Manager was just a fancy name for keeping the toilets flushed and the doors on the hinges,"* Les said with a twinkle in his eye.

Les and Shirley's memories at camp date back long before they moved on site as the first residents of the OC Johnson house. Shirley first went to Leadership camp as a teenager, and Les helped start the Labor Day work retreat camp in the early '60s. *"At first the Labor Day retreat was only for men and boys and we would have over 100 people attend. Then we started an April work retreat too! At the end of the retreats, we would auction off the left-over food to help the camp! A head of lettuce went for \$3.00! That was a lot of money in those days."*

"We moved into the OC Johnson house, I had to finish it, like light switches, door knobs, etc. I also built the storage shed in the back of the house, and the doors on that shed were from the old dining hall."

Over the years, Les worked hard to make improvements. He tore apart the old army bunks and made new beds from them. *"When Gary Cockrell came as director, he did not like the white buildings, so a crew of us from Libby started painting them brown,"* said Les. (The Norwegians liked the white buildings!)

"I could tell you lots of stories of summer camp staff... like when they were taking the food to the ball field for a picnic, and slammed on the breaks, and the food went flying everywhere... And when they were driving out of the Bob Marshall, and rode the brakes the whole way, causing the vehicle to cease up. One of my favorite worships was in the ARK... when the campers would come walking in the dark or with dim flashlights, and then the Bible Verse would blast from the speakers... 'Let there be light' and the generator would come on with lights everywhere!"

"Being the site manager was a privilege, but it also scared the day light out of me, because it was such a huge responsibly. When I was offered the job, I was in AK. We went to church and I heard the song 'Here I am Lord... is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night' It was the first time I had heard this song, and I felt God was using it to call me to be the Site director of FLBC. I loved my time at camp! Shirley



Les (88) is pictured here with his daughter Karen, and her daughter Bethany. They were deciding where to put a tree in honor of Shirley, who died in 2020 at 85.

always said I was 3 lists behind, as the work at camp can never be finished. Shirley helped with communications, ordering food and planning the menus. She was also the retreat host. Sony Boon, a former camp manager, was a big help to me. We didn't allow any dead trees to stay around, they came down and were cleaned up right away. When we put in the high ropes course, Brad Abbott told me we needed to go cut a tree down at the site...when we were done, we had cut 40 trees down, and we skidded the trees down with horses, and took them to the mill."

"I was not baptized until I was an adult. When I turned my life over to God, it changed everything. God does not want us to coast through life, but God wants us to go out and kick the devil in the butt! We must be a living Christ to others in all we do." A favorite scripture for Les in the story of Lazarus. "I understand what it means to be unbound, as Lazarus was."

Les summed up all his stories, by saying... *"you know the lake and the land are great at camp, but it all comes down to the people, and the relationships built. We received much more than we ever gave to the camp. We were truly blessed."*

Thank you to our Year Round Staff!



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: A. Dave Doney, Interim Maintenance Coordinator; B. Renda Doney, Administrative Assistant; C. Nell Johnson, Food Service Coordinator; D. Jesse Christensen, Community Staff; E. Karen Hesel, Program Director; F. Grace Schroeder Scott, Senior Development Consultant; G. Richie Withycombe, Wilderness & Environmental Education Director; H. Carlee Wood, Development Director; I. Margie Fiedler, Executive Director; J. Amari Chenault, Community Staff. Missing: Jan Greenwald, Office Assistant/Registrar

*Thank you so much for
giving me the opportunity
to work at FLBC!*

*Being able to work at
a place my grandpa helped
start was a dream
come true.*

*The experiences and
friendships are something
I can take with me forever,
and for that I will always
be grateful.*

*It is a tough job, but your
support, understating and
compassion made the
toughest days' worth it.*

~ Lauren
Camp Counselor 2021

FLBC Needs List

Gifts-in-kind or Financial gifts towards these items are so appreciated!

- Standing freezer
- Scissors
- Pottery Wheel
- Postage stamps
- Locking filing cabinets
- GaGa Balls (soft play balls)
- Volleyballs
- Basketballs
- Snow Sleds & Snow Shoes
- Cross Country Skis & Boots
- Cars & Minivans for year-round staff & day camp teams
- Portable air compressor
- Postage stamps
- Garden tools

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

***We are always grateful for your
in-kind donations!***



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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.'

~ 2021 Volunteer

Upcoming Retreats & Events

- Apr 1-2 **Peer Ministry Leadership Training**
with Lyle Griner
- Apr 17 **Easter Sunrise Community Service**
6:00 AM
- May 1-3 **Adult Educational Retreat**
with Dr Andrew Root
- May 8 **Mother's Day Brunch**
- May 27-30 **Memorial Weekend Work Retreat**
- June 11 **Partners/Volunteers Luncheon**
- June 20-29 **Holy Land Journey**
- July 1-3 **Family Camp Weekend**
- July 3-8 **Week Long Family Camp**
- July 17-22 **Custom Family/Small Group Week & Grand Camp**
- Sept 2-5 **Labor Day Work Weekend & End of Summer Celebration**
- Sept 23-25 **Women's Retreat**
with pastor Peggy Paugh Leuzinger
- Oct 7-8 **Delegate Training Retreat**
- Oct 7 **FLBC Golf Classic**
- Oct 8 **Annual Meeting**
- Nov 4-6 **Father/Son Retreat**
- Nov 10-13 **Quilt & Craft Retreat**
- Dec 2-4 **Advent Retreat**
- Dec 29-Jan 1 **Youth Retreat (3rd-6th graders)**

We hope to see you soon!

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

Summer Staff Testimonial

I've never felt more present and at peace than my summers spent in Montana. While my body may have felt physically exhausted many days, my soul has never felt so alive. There was a flame that had been lit, and that spark was only just beginning to spread its light.

Throughout my summers at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp I gained courage, confidence, and lifelong friendships.

I developed my leadership, communication, and wilderness skills. I found adventure. Joy. Peace. Contentment. A sense of fulfillment. And most importantly, I again found a real relationship with Jesus that was nurtured by a community of believers.

These skills, perspectives, and relationships have propelled me into new seasons of my life. For one, I don't believe I would have become Miss North Dakota without my camp background, and for that I am eternally grateful.

~ Reyna Bergstrom

Miss North Dakota 2021

FLBC Summer Staff 2015-18

