

FLBC Update

FALL 2023 NEWSLETTER

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COME CELEBRATE 80 YEARS!



Fall Harvest Festival & Auction: Oct 14, 2023

It continues to be our joy and privilege to uphold our core value of never turning anyone away due to an inability to pay. This year we have been blessed to welcome campers from the foster care system, kids from inner city Atlanta, Georgia, and many other youth, adults, and families in need. It is only because of the generosity of our community that we are able to ensure that finances are not the barrier keeping campers from experiencing God's love at FLBC.

We are able to do this through our annual fundraiser for camperships (camp scholarships). This year, we are excited to have our fifth biennial Harvest Festival & Auction! **We'd be delighted to have you join us on October 14!** We'll have a live & silent auction, as well as a delicious dinner & a fun evening! You can purchase your tickets at <https://one.bidpal.net/flbcauction>. If you cannot join us for the evening, don't worry, you can still participate in our online auction! Bidding for our **online auction will start October 1 and go through October 15, 2023**. You can use the QR Code below to start browsing. New items are being added every week!

Individual Tickets: \$50 each • Table Package (8 tickets): \$350

• **Kids 16 & under are free**, and will have their own menu and activities in Hagen Hall during the dinner and auction. Weekend housing is available on a first-come, first-served basis! To register contact Registration@flbc.net.

Another way you can help with camperships is by donating to our auction! Do you own a business, know of someone who owns a business, or work for a company that would be willing to donate an item, service, or

experience to our auction? Will your church, or you as a family, prayerfully consider donating an item? Contact Kellie with donations at Events@flbc.net.

We hope you can come enjoy camp in all its fall glory & help someone experience all FLBC has to offer!

TICKETS & INFO



Annual Meeting Notice!

Oct 14th, 2023 • 2:30 PM

Before the Annual Meeting, join us for the "Generosity with Gratitude" Seminar with Grace Schroeder Scott & Doug Scott from 1:15 - 2:15 PM

All are welcome!

Please join us for the FLBC annual meeting, celebrating 80 years of ministry! Each of our 55 association churches are encouraged to 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 FLBC is welcome to attend!

At this meeting, Pastors Amanda and Grant Applehans will be installed as the Associate Directors. Grant and Amanda have been working at camp since 2020, and are now official! Pastors are encouraged to vest and process!

After the meeting, stay for the Harvest Festival and auction beginning at 4:00 PM. You are invited to stay for free over-night Saturday with a continental breakfast and worship on Sunday morning.

Don't forget to buy your tickets for the dinner!



Summer 2023 in Review!

What an awesome summer 2023 was! The theme *Holy Trinity. Wholly Love!* was lived out by staff and campers of all ages, as they explored the Father, Son and Holy Spirit through Bible study, worship, activities and fun! We thank and praise God for amazing campers, staff, and a safe, faith-filled summer!

Thanks to everyone who helped support the summer staff with your extra gift. We raised the wages for the staff, to better enable them to minister at camp. Your direct support raised over **\$9,000!**
Thank you!

We are working to build an endowment for staff wages. Would you consider a named endowment to ensure staff are supported while serving the Lord at FLBC? Please contact Grace Schroeder Scott (grace@flbc.net), FLBC's Sr. Development officer, to learn how you can join her and her husband Doug and others by setting up a named endowment for staff scholarships.

Summer 2023 by the Numbers!*

7 weeks of regular FLBC Summer Camp for youth, families, and groups + **2** additional weeks of serving Intermountain Residential and Montana Youth Diabetes Alliance!

815 Youth, on site campers (weeklong, day campers and partial week campers)

191 Glacier Wilderness campers

154 Week-Long Family campers & Grand campers

1065 Summer Retreat guests (June, July and August)

18 weeks of Day Camps in congregations, with over **380** campers!

50 Incredible adult volunteers

58 Summer staff from **13** different states and **3** countries joined our **12** year-round staff to make **1 AWESOME TEAM!**

**Numbers are estimates at the time of writing*

Help Us Build Our Summer 2024 Staff

Applications will open Nov 1, 2023. Spread the word to young adults looking for an amazing summer!



BACK ROW L TO R: Gabriel Lugo, Zach Riley, Brynn Feyereisen, Ryan Herschman, Tore Michaelson, Mark Bedsaul, Paula Miranda Suazo, Teagan Shumaker, Mari Shumaker, Ella Krumm, Brittney Shipman, Aiden Link, Hannah McLaughlin, Murielle Valme, Skyler Earle

ROW 4 L TO R: Clay Wilking, Riley Doman, Alanah Barnes, Claire Schwarting, Alden Wright, Kwe Knyaw, Brooke Hetfeld, Rachel Brendefur, David Lynn

ROW 3 L TO R: Amanda Applehans, Bianca Johnston, Cecilia Kivell, Emily Weaver, Kirsten Hansen, Victoria Trivitt, Julianna Demontigny, Aubrey Kusters, Kyah Olson-Sola, Sarah Kimmel, Maddie Holtz, Jovie Pierre

ROW 2 L TO R: Natalie Taylor, David Jean, Alex Tooley, Frank Castro, Jin Dara, Erik Armstrong, Eli Shubbatt, Neeve McCarthy, Raven Parson

FRONT ROW L TO R: Karen Hesar, Richie Withycombe, Margie Fiedler

NOT PICTURED: Savannah Frei, Chelsea Helland, Aimsley Shearer, Marielle Wiersma

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CONTACT THE OFFICE AT 406-752-6602!**

Legacy Partners!

Yesterday “Bill and Susan” added a gift to FLBC to their will.

Today they will know it will help children grow in their faith, by helping to provide awesome programs, staff and facilities for the next 10 decades!

It is easy to name FLBC as a beneficiary of a retirement account, life-insurance policy or other financial account. These gifts:

- Cost you nothing now;
- Enable you to change your beneficiaries at any time, for any reason;
- Require no minimum contribution.

How to say it:

I bequeath _____ (dollar amount or % of estate) to Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp, a nonprofit association 501-C-3 in the state of MT., with offices located at 603 S. Main Street, Kalispell, MT 59901. Tax ID #81-6013705.

Call our office and visit with Grace, Margie, or Grant about gifting outright or in your estate plan to FLBC!

Outdoor Chapel Benches Update

THANKS to all who contributed to our Outdoor Chapel Bench Project!

All 28 benches have been adopted! We hope to start on the construction this fall, and finish in the spring of 2024! Our next project will be re-doing the amphitheater, which will include an aisle down the middle for easier access. 55 Benches for amphitheatre are needed! \$750/bench, up to 40 character inscription included.

More Updates

Watch for updates on the SHALOM home building project, the master plan, and updates on the strategic plan! FLBC is excited as we move into the future, following God’s call... as we live out our mission:

“To Experience Christ’s Grace through meaningful relationships, shared adventures and purposeful service!”



Needs List!

- Sport balls
- Craft supplies:
 - embroidery thread
 - cotton white bandana
 - pillow cases
- Batteries (AA & AAA)
- Pickle ball net & paddles
- White boards
- Vans
- Cars
- Golf carts
- Paddle boards
- Paddle boats





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Thank you notes from our campers!



Year Round Staff Update

THANKS to Nell Johnson, who has served as our year-round Food Service Director the past 5 years has decided to retire. Nell's caring ways and her missionary heart, helped us serve meals in new ways through Covid! No easy task! THANK YOU, Nell, for your amazing service of cooking, hiring staff, ordering and menu planning... all done with a servant's heart.

After a national search, and many interviews, we are incredibly excited to welcome **Jessica Eroh**, as our new Food Service Director. Jess began July 16th, during our busiest week of the summer! (That's called "baptism by fire!!") Jessica has most recently served with Morrison Healthcare in a variety of Safety and food service areas. THANKS, Jess, for joining our year-round team ~ Jess and her family reside in Polson.



2023 UPCOMING RETREATS

- Oct 20-22 **Grief Retreat**
with Pastor Keith Weatherford
- Oct 29-31 **"The Bible in 24 hours"**
with Rev. Dr. Rachel Wren (Sun-Tues)
- Nov 9-12 **Crazy About Quilting & Crafts Retreat**
- Dec 8-10 **Family Advent Retreat**
- Dec 27-29 **Young Adult Retreat & Alumni Staff Reunion**
with Baird Linke (Alumni staff come free!) (Wed-Fri)

We hope to see you soon! Mark your calendar and register soon for these upcoming events & retreats!

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