

# Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp

## 2024 ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY

### 2024: THE YEAR AT A GLANCE

Started the year with a beautiful winter wedding retreat at camp.

Registration for week long summer family camp opens & filled in 17 minutes!

Board of Directors vote to conduct a feasibility study based on the Master plan; testing 6M for needed improvements.

Super cold weather calls for rebooking January school groups.

Karen Rumage, PD, travels to colleges around the country, recruiting summer staff.

Pastors Grant and Amanda Applehans leave for opportunities/call in WI.

#### JAN '24

#### FEB '24

#### MAR '24

Columbia River Financial Group-Seattle & Northridge Lutheran Men build the new outdoor chapel benches, with gifts from sponsored benches.

SHALOM home completed! Under budget thanks to all donors, and Tim Rogge Construction.

Feasibility study is conducted by GSB.

Chapel Benches and the Shalom Home were dedicated at the Partners luncheon. Nancy Nelson, Partners speaker, thanked all who helped!

We say thanks and good-bye to Richie Withycombe, Wilderness Coordinator

#### APR '24

#### MAY '24

#### JUNE '24

The Board of Directors receives the report from the consulting firm, suggesting the campaign could raise 2.5M. The board will need to decide priorities, and if to proceed with a capital appeal.

Summer camp: Great staff ~ awesome campers ~ safe ~ and many stories of spiritual growth and fun!

Partnership with Montana Youth Diabetes Alliance. Our biggest week of the summer with 256 campers and volunteers. The ropes course was the highlight for these campers, who grew so much!!

#### JUNE '24

#### JUN-JUL '24

#### AUG '24

FLBC Hosts the Lakeside-Somers Chamber. Many said "the best food around!" THANKS Chef Jess!

The Amphitheatre benches are complete... still, some 'benches' to adopt! THANKS to the ELCA Mission Builders who worked so hard to accomplish in less than 2 weeks

Join us for a retreat, invite us to come to your congregation for an outreach program and or camp Sunday or event. We are here to serve your congregations ministry.



#### SEPT '24

#### FALL-WIN '24



#### DID YOU KNOW?

- FLBC is recovering from the pandemic. Numbers are growing again. School groups & retreat guests are coming back to camp to be involved in wonderful programs.
- No one was turned away for financial reasons... thanks to amazing gifts!
- 53% of youth campers listed none or minimal connection with a faith community.
- 88% of youth campers said they grew in their faith at summer camp.
- Over 4600 campers and retreat guests were served in 2024 (still down from 7386 in 2019... but we are coming back!)
- FLBC will launch a campaign for bathroom upgrades, housing needs, & endowment growth in 2025.
- 91% of campers in 2024 said they learned about the Bible (some said they knew it all, already!!)
- 94% of guests in 2024 said they would recommend FLBC to their family and friends.

