

The Bethlehem Star

July 2025



We are a Christian community rooted in the gospel of Jesus Christ that gathers to worship, learn and share, and reaches out to welcome, witness and serve.

Sausages on the 4th

The Fellowship Committee is calling everyone to help serve sausages on a stick at the 4th of July Parade. The parade starts at 10am. We are looking for volunteers to help serve sausages starting at 9am. If you are interested in helping, please speak to Peggy Aagenes-Janzer or Linda Erfle.



FLBC Summer Family Weekend

July 4-6

Join the fun at FLBC for their designated Family Weekend! All friends and families are welcome. Adventure in the water, through the woods or just to the Art Barn while enjoying time with family and friends. Adult Bible study, Youth activities, worship, and more!



Stewardship Committee

Yea, it's me again, the only one working this summer on Stewardship.

Hope you are having a great summer, but don't forget your church. Summer means reduced attendance and financial support for Bethlehem Lutheran. But you can change that. Keep your offerings coming in: make your online gift recurring... or set up autopay with your bank. It's that easy!

Thank you for your continued support. See you in September!

Stewardship Committee

Note: This monkey is on vacation!



June 2025 Council Notes

Treasurer's Report- Budget Reports/Balance Statement

- Income- \$47,844 Expenses- \$65,749 Ending May- \$37,821

Pastor's Report-

- Flathead Respite Care- still working to get started. Hired Program Director- Kim Grose. Former nursery space will be partially used as office space for FRC.
- AV upgrades are done. Looking for volunteers willing to learn sound or video for help with worship and other events
- Summer Worship with Eidsvold- Aug. 17th at 11am
- Assembly follow up- Bishop Elect: Pastor Ben Quanbeck from Billings. Starts 9/1 Installation 9/20. Elected other Synod positions. Passed 3 Memorials- addressing legacy of Indian boarding schools, addressed the crisis of missing and murdered indigenous people, and addressing Commission of a Social Message on Rural Life and Ministry
- 4th of July Sausages- Contact Peggy AJ to help. Meet at church at 9am to help distribute. Wear yellow God's Work Out Hands t-shirts

Old Business-

Repair update at 632 1st Ave-

- Still getting quotes

New Business

Discuss/Choose devotion format for this season and complete sign ups

- Went through the calendar and chose meals and devotion responsibilities for the coming year

August Blood Drive

Our next blood drive at Bethlehem will be Sunday and Monday Aug 3rd and 4th. Sunday's drawing will be in the Bethlehem basement from 1:30 – 4:30, and Monday's drawing will be in the basement of the First Presbyterian Church across Main Street from Bethlehem at 540 S. Main Street and will be from 10:30 – 2:15. Your donation is needed. Please call either Glenda Skeim at 406-250-1890 or Gary Aasheim at 406-698-4138 for your appointment.



Lutheran Night at the Ballpark

It's baseball season again and we are excited to bring everyone together to enjoy a night at the field! Come out to the ballpark on **August 6th** to watch the game and spend some time in fellowship with other Lutherans. Flathead Valley Lutherans have reserved seats in Section 108. To get tickets, use the QR code below. Game starts at 7:05pm. Feel free to invite a friend.



Business Manager Update, June 2025

If you haven't heard, the BLC Council approved a new part-time position called the Business Manager (about 10 hours per week). The position serves a variety of roles including preparation of monthly and annual financial reports for the Council, assistance with the preparation of the annual Mission Plan (budget), management of the CoRental agreement for our rentals and oversight of non-profit uses of our facilities, contract management as the need arises, liaison with DA Davidson for BLC's investment portfolio, and modernizing our record management system. I was hired into the position effective June 1st. I'll be providing monthly reports going forward (except for July).

Our finances remain healthy with general fund (GF) giving averaging almost \$26,000/month. Our mission plan estimated \$25k/month so we're a little ahead of anticipated giving, THANKS to all for their faithful gifts. Expenses are somewhat higher than last year however, and we are slowly eating into our monthly reserve fund as the year progresses. Our ending fund balance for May 31 was about \$37,800. May was only a 4 Sunday month, so we hope to catch up a little with June giving.

I'm pleased to report that we distributed our annual Mission Partner giving in May, with a total of \$30,000 distributed to 13 mission partners. \$11,000 came from the GF, and \$19,000 was provided from the Mission Endowment Trust fund. What a glorious way to carry out God's mission in our community!

Thanks again for your ongoing financial support for BLC. If you have any questions regarding BLC's business matters, don't hesitate to contact me at duane.a.anderson@outlook.com.

Sincerely, Duane Anderson, BLC Business Manager

FLBC Pack 'N Pray— Adult Backpacking Trip August 17-20th

Embark on a transformative journey with Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp's "Pack 'n Pray" weekend retreat amidst the majestic Swan Mountain Range in Montana, from August 17 to 20. At Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp, we've crafted an experience that goes beyond backpacking; it's a spiritual exploration. Our all-inclusive package provides not only the essentials, such as backpacks, tents, and food but also a deeper connection with nature and fellow participants. This is more than a retreat; it's a chance to adventure in faith, build lasting connections, and be enveloped by the wonders of the Jewel Basin.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer Shawl Ministry has been busy as Summer in the Flathead has arrived! The ladies meet every Thursday from 9am-11am in the Fireside Room. We knit and crochet shawls that are then given out to anyone in need of comfort, hope, love, and the gift of the Holy Spirit at work!



One of the special things we do every year, is give a shawl to all of the boys and girls at the "Good Grief Camp." This is a camp for children ages 6-12 who have lost someone they love during the year. It's a camp that brings "Expression and Healing of Children's Grief".

In the past, we have given as many as 37 shawls. This year 30 shawls have gone to the camp. The camp is held at FLBC and they love the facilities. To provide a scholarship for a camper the cost is \$600.00. For more information you can contact Donna Tice, 406-253-1702. Also, if you need a shawl for someone, you can contact Donna or the church office 406-752-6140.

Benefit Rock and Roll Concert

Camp Ponderosa is hosting an international, award winning, Elvis impersonator to perform a Benefit, Rock and Roll Concert at 6pm on Saturday July 12th and a Gospel Concert at 4pm on Sunday, July 13th. All proceeds generated will go towards helping veterans in need. Both concerts will be held at Lake Ponderosa. For tickets, call 406-754-2552, text 406-210-3681, or call the Veterans Food Pantry at 406-756-7304.



Thank You

Dear Bethlehem Lutheran Family,

From the bottom of my heart I thank you for the love, prayers, cards and the beautiful (and softest ever made!) prayer shawl sent upon the death of my partner, David Nobach. I miss you all terribly and might see you soon.

Love,
Paul Gregory





July Calendar 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Locations: CM-Commons FH -Fellowship Hall FR-Fireside Room HB-Hjortland Bld.		1 <u>10:00am</u> Fellowship Committee	2 <u>6:45am</u> Men's Bible Study, FH <u>10:00am</u> Staff Meeting <u>10:30am</u> Spinners <u>7:00pm</u> Choir Rehearsal	3 <u>9:00am</u> Quilters, FH <u>9:00am</u> Knitters, FR	4 Office Closed <u>9:00am</u> Sausages on the 4th	5
6 <u>9:00am</u> Worship <u>9:00am</u> KOFI <u>10:30am</u> Bell Choir Practice	7 <u>6:00pm</u> FTF, FH	8 <u>9:45am</u> Dorcas Ruth, FH	9 <u>6:45am</u> Men's Bible Study, FH <u>10:00am</u> Staff Meeting	10 <u>9:00am</u> Quilters, FH <u>9:00am</u> Knitters, FR <u>5:30pm</u> Flathead Valley Community Orchestra Practice, FH	11	12
13 <u>9:00am</u> Worship <u>9:00am</u> KOFI <u>10:30am</u> Bell Choir Practice	14 <u>6:00pm</u> FTF, FH <i>Newsletter deadline</i>	15	16 <u>6:45am</u> Men's Bible Study, FH <u>10:00am</u> Staff Meeting <u>10:30am</u> Spinners and Weavers Guild	17 <u>9:00am</u> Quilters, FH <u>9:00am</u> Knitters, FR <u>5:30pm</u> Flathead Valley Community Orchestra Practice, FH	18	19
20 <u>9:00am</u> Worship <u>9:00am</u> KOFI <u>10:30am</u> Bell Choir Practice	21 <u>6:00pm</u> FTF, FH– BLC Serving	22	23 <u>6:45am</u> Men's Bible Study, FH <u>10:00am</u> Staff Meeting <u>10:00am</u> Respite CPR Class, FH	24 <u>9:00am</u> Quilters, FH <u>9:00am</u> Knitters, FR <u>5:30pm</u> Flathead Valley Community Orchestra Practice, FH	25	26
27 Food on the 4th Sunday <u>9:00am</u> Worship <u>9:00am</u> KOFI <u>10:30am</u> Bell Choir Practice	28 <u>12:00pm</u> Women on the Go <u>6:00pm</u> FTF, FH	29	30 <u>6:45am</u> Men's Bible Study, FH <u>10:00am</u> Staff Meeting	31 <u>9:00am</u> Quilters, FH <u>9:00am</u> Knitters, FR <u>5:30pm</u> Flathead Valley Community Orchestra Practice, FH		



Food on the 4th Sunday

On a table in the Commons you will find blue bags which you can take home and/or to the store to fill with food during the month and return to the church on the 4th Sunday of the month and we will take the donated food to the food bank. If you would rather donate money, you will also find "Food on the Fourth Sunday" envelopes on the table to put your donations in and you can place them in the offering plates or take to the church office. Thank you for the unending support you show to our community. **Together we are making a big difference!**



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Jacob	Johnson	7/2
Andrew	Johnson	7/2
Linda	Arlint	7/15
Scott	Thompson	7/15
Georgia	Pris	7/16
David	Ford	7/17
Sonya	Bitterman	7/17
Pauline	Sjordan	7/20
Jana	Pursell	7/22
Rick	Ulvin	7/23
Kent	Gunderson	7/24
Bill	Erickson	7/27
Ross	Johnson	7/28
Judy	Rossow	7/29
Kyle	Lefler	7/29
Christina	Granrud	7/29

**The deadline for
 the August
 newsletter is July
 14th.
 Thank you!**

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