



We are called by God to follow Christ in love and service to all.

Worship as One-Church at Eidsvold **August 16th**

On August 16th, we'll gather with our partners at Eidsvold Lutheran Church for **church together** - worshipping, sharing, and having lots of fun! **No services at Bethlehem** that day, but drive on down the road a little further and let's all celebrate together **starting at 11AM. What a wonderful opportunity** for us to spend time getting to know our church partners. Mark the date on your calendars and plan to join in the fun!



Lutheran Night at the Ballpark **August 5th**

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 5th** to watch the game and spend some time in fellowship with other Lutherans. Flathead Valley Lutherans will be seated in Section 106 so try to buy tickets in that section. Game starts at 6:35pm. Feel free to invite a friend.



Flathead Valley Community Orchestra Concert **August 30th 3:00pm**

Join us for an afternoon of beautiful music in The Sanctuary provided by the Flathead Valley Community Orchestra. The concert begins at 3pm. Bring your friends and neighbors. All are welcome!



Business Manager Update, July 2026

We are in the middle of summer in the Flathead and many of us are enjoying vacations, family get togethers, and the multitude of outdoor activities available to us in beautiful NW Montana. We continue to observe the season of Pentecost and have had a nice variety of leaders and speakers at Church, while Pastor Scott is away on sabbatical. Many thanks to all who are helping out in keeping our worship services going through the summer!

June was a relatively low-giving month with general fund offerings of about \$20,200. Since we do not have a Council meeting in July, we don't have the full financial picture available yet, but this will likely reduce our month end balance to around \$40,000. Lower offerings are typical in the summer, and we are still maintaining a reasonable balance but if you're a little behind in your planned offerings, please consider catching up in August.

The committee chairs have completed their first pass at reviewing and updating their duties as outlined in the current Bylaws. The Executive Committee is consolidating the comments and will work with Council starting in August to review these changes and work on formulating an updated 'job description' for each Committee for possible inclusion in a Bylaw update.

The 'Mission Partner Highlights' section this month will be the last one in this year's series. Thanks again to your generous financial contributions and stewardship that make our Mission Partner plan such a success.

If you have any questions or comments regarding BLC's business matters, please contact me at duane.a.anderson@outlook.com.

Sincerely, Duane Anderson, BLC Business Manager



2026 Mission Partner Highlights

BLC has a long tradition and strong reputation for being a generous giver to mission programs outside of its walls. In addition to a regular tithe that is devoted to the Montana Synod of the ELCA, BLC supports local and state mission partners that are supported annually with cash gifts. The local and state mission partner donations total \$30,000 allocated across 14 groups. Funding for the local/state partners in 2026 is \$5,000 from the general fund and \$25,000 from the Bethlehem Mission Endowment Fund (managed by the Trust Committee). This is the final installment of our Mission Partner series.

- Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp (FLBC)** - \$3,000 was provided to FLBC which is a long and faithful partner of BLC. In addition to their youth summer camp activities for grades 1-12, FLBC also hosts retreats at the camp (year around), environmental education, and customized wilderness experiences. In 2023 FLBC celebrated its 80th Anniversary and has served over 80,000 youth over those 8 decades! In addition to the cash donations to the camp, BLC also provides free office space in the Hjortland Building for FLBC staff. To learn more or explore other ways you can support this mission, please visit <https://flbc.net/>.
 
- Flathead Respite Care** – \$750 was provided to the Respite Care program, a new mission program which is hosted at BLC. Flathead Respite Care is a respite ministry designed to provide a place of love and community for people living with all types of memory loss, including Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, stroke, age-related and other dementias. Along with a trained group of generous, caring and capable volunteers, we experience the deep joy of creating a community where people living with memory loss are valued for who they are today. To learn more or explore other ways you can support this mission, please visit <https://flatheadrespite.org/>.
 
- Campus Ministries** - \$500 each was provided to the UM and MSU Lutheran Campus ministries. These ministry groups provide a welcoming space for students to gather for meals, fellowship, and sharing of faith. The UM ministry is known as the Emmaus Ministry, and you can learn more or contribute at <https://www.emmausmontana.org/>. The Table & Grace Ministry at MSU (formerly Lutheran Campus Ministry) is a combination of 4 traditions: the ELCA, the Presbyterian Church, the United Methodist Church and the Episcopal Church. You can learn more or contribute at <https://www.tableandgrace.org/>.
 


FLBC Labor Day Family & Work Retreat Sept. 4th-6th

Join us this Labor Day weekend for one last summer celebration with your family! Enjoy all that FLBC has to offer during this great family retreat: swimming, stand up paddle boarding, crafts in the Art Barn, sailing, and much more! Come to help us with some work projects or join us for a weekend of relaxation, or both! Either way, there will be fun, worship, and more for all. There will be Bible Study for adults and camp staff will lead children and youth in classic camp activities such as Bible study, worship, games, hikes and more. All join together for worship, fellowship, and games! Contact FLBC for more details.



FLBC Young Adult Backpacking Trip

August 27-30th

Ready to explore the beautiful Rocky Mountains of Montana in intentional community with young adults? Check out our young adult backpacking trip August 27th-30th. Spend three days and two nights hiking and camping in the Jewel Basin of Montana's Northwestern Rockies. No experience or gear required. Ages 21-35.



FLBC Women's Retreat

Sept. 11th-13th

Join us for a weekend of fun and relaxation! Enjoy a weekend at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp full of fellowship, fun, great food, and relaxation. Experience insightful sessions with our speaker and enjoy time for worship, pottery, nature walks, yoga on the docks, and more. Contact FLBC for more details.



Like to Bake?

Share the calories with Sunday Coffee Hour!



Bake a loaf or two of your favorite quick bread and share at Sunday coffee hour. Call Peggy by Saturday afternoon. Thanks to all that have helped and will.



Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for volunteers to help with cooking, serving, cleaning up, and baking for Feeding the Flathead on August 17. No previous experience is necessary! During the summer months, we serve approximately 70 hot meals to our guests, so we welcome as many helping hands as possible. You can sign up in the Commons or contact Julie Miller at (703) 862-3490 for more information.



Lutheran Night

at the
Glacier Range Riders



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

FIRST PITCH: 6:35 PM

HOW TO PURCHASE TICKETS

SCAN THE QR CODE below with your mobile camera.

SELECT your desired seats from the 'Section 106' grid.

(Green dots are available seats)

FOLLOW the prompts to check out.



Section 106



Proceed to checkout

RESERVE YOUR SEATS NOW!

Thank You

Dear Bethlehem Lutheran Church,

Thank you for welcoming me so warmly as your guest on Sunday July 12th. It was a joy to be with you and it is obvious that you all care about this community that we live in. Quite a few of you asked how you all can help our program do the work that we do. First off, thank you for asking. We can't do the work we do without community support.

Here are some specific ways to help the HEART program:

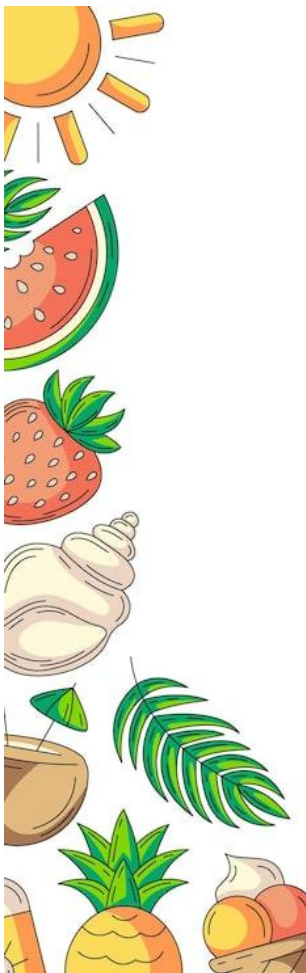
*Host a drive/Collect items for us in the fall. I am happy to come pick up items. (We don't operate in the summer so the fall would be better). We always need new underwear (adult and children), new socks (adult and children), winter gear and hygiene products.

*Donate financially (online or send a check)

*Volunteer as one of our donation sorters

Please check out our website for more information.

<https://www.kalispellheartprogram.org/donate> If you have any questions please don't hesitate to reach out to me. Janelle Willett 406-871-5661



AUGUST Word Search



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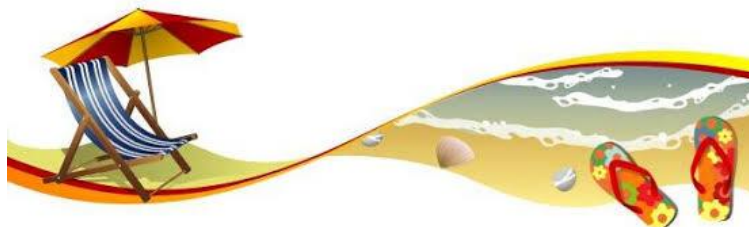
August
Back to School
Corn on the Cob
State Fair
Summer
Sunflowers
Campfire
Sunshine
Ice Cream
Grilling
Hot
Beach
Watermelon
Bike Rides
Swimming



August Calendar 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 <u>9:00am</u> Worship <u>9:00am</u> KOFI <u>10:30am</u> Bell Choir Practice	3 <u>10:00am</u> Respite Care, FH <u>6:00pm</u> FTF, FH	4 <u>10:00pm</u> Fellowship Committee, FH	5 <u>6:45am</u> Men's Bible Study, FH <u>10:00am</u> Respite Care, FH <u>6:30pm</u> Lutheran Night at the Ballpark	6 <u>9:00am</u> Quilters, FH <u>9:00am</u> Knitters, FR <u>12:30pm</u> Ukelele Practice, FH <u>5:30pm</u> Flathead Valley Community Orchestra Practice, FH	7	8
9 <u>9:00am</u> Worship <u>9:00am</u> KOFI <u>10:30am</u> Bell Choir Practice	10 <u>10:00am</u> Respite Care, FH <u>6:00pm</u> FTF, FH	11 <u>5:30pm</u> Council, FH	12 <u>6:45am</u> Men's Bible Study, FH <u>10:00am</u> Respite Care, FH	13 <u>5:30pm</u> Flathead Valley Community Orchestra Practice, FH	14	15
16 <u>11:00am</u> Worship As One, Eidsvold	17 <u>10:00am</u> Respite Care, FH <u>6:00pm</u> FTF, FH Newsletter Deadline	18	19 <u>6:45am</u> Men's Bible Study, FH <u>10:00am</u> Respite Care, FH	20 <u>9:00am</u> Quilters, FH <u>9:00am</u> Knitters, FR <u>5:30pm</u> Flathead Valley Community Orchestra Practice, FH	21	22
23 Food on the 4th Sunday <u>9:00am</u> Worship <u>9:00am</u> KOFI <u>10:30am</u> Bell Choir Practice	24 <u>10:00am</u> Respite Care, FH <u>6:00pm</u> FTF, FH	25 <u>12:00pm</u> Women on the Go, FH	26 <u>6:45am</u> Men's Bible Study, FH <u>10:00am</u> Respite Care, FH	27 <u>9:00am</u> Quilters, FH <u>9:00am</u> Knitters, FR <u>5:30pm</u> Flathead Valley Community Orchestra Practice, FH	28	29
30 <u>9:00am</u> Worship <u>9:00am</u> KOFI <u>10:30am</u> Bell Choir Practice <u>3:00pm</u> Flathead Valley Community Orchestra Concert	31 <u>10:00am</u> Respite Care, FH <u>6:00pm</u> FTF, FH				Locations: CM-Commons FH -Fellowship Hall FR-Fireside Room HB-Hjortland Bld.	





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**The deadline for
 the September
 newsletter is
 August 17th.
 Thank you!**



Wayne	Pris	8/6
Dave	Ebert	8/6
Anita	Gilbertson	8/10
Beverly	Hatlen	8/11
Lu Ann	Borgen	8/12
Dolores	Lynch	8/15
Ellie	Wangerin	8/24
Evelyn	Davlin	8/25
Debbie	Snyder	8/27
Barry	Grace	8/29
Nathan	Bengtson	8/29
Mica	Riendeau	8/30
Terry	Brosten	8/30
Jeannie	Baldwin	8/31
Cheryl	Keith	8/31

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