

The Bethlehem Star

January 2021

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.



Thank you for your gift of \$2500 to the Flathead Warming Center. Your gift will go towards our 20-21 Season project of saving lives by providing a warm safe place for people who would otherwise be forced to sleep outside or in a place not meant for human habitation. Providing the critical warm and safe place for people in need first would not be possible without you. Thank you for making a difference for people in our community who have nowhere else to turn.

Tonya Horn

Flathead Warming Center.



Thank you very much for your very generous gift to Sparrow's Nest of NW MT. We are extremely grateful for your support. Through your help we will continue to reach the youth in need in our community. Thank you again for helping make our mission possible! Be An Ally! Sparrow's Nest Family



On behalf of the Community Kitchen—Feeding the Flathead board and guests, I would like to thank you for your generous gift and encouraging words. Your current and past support has been and is essential to our feeding program. May God bless you and each of your church members, as you have certainly blessed us.

Beverly O'Brien
CKFF Treasurer



We are endlessly grateful for your support of our organization, our work, and the brave and vulnerable people that we serve. We are blessed with your generosity and the love of our community.

Abbie Shelter

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OUR THOUGHTS *and* PRAYERS *are with* YOU

Louise Gullick, Beverly Hubbard, Sandy Kacarka, Ari, Justin Goulet, Aaron Spotts, Darlene, Claudette, Kathy Yonge, Bill Noud, Peter Burkett, Donna and Pack Tice.



My Christmas tree seems to know that the year is 2020. I remember noting while storing it away in the crawl space (yes, I have an artificial tree) that one string of lights had quit working last year. "I'll worry about that next year," I told myself as I wasn't eager to solve a problem that could be put off for 11 months.

Indeed, the problem was still in force earlier this month as I hauled it out and set it up. And since the lights on these modern, pre-lit, seasonal necessities are inexorably wound into the plastic foliage, my solution was to bypass that string and wrap a fresh, new string the way we used to. "Perfect!" I thought, as we proceeded to hang the ornaments and place the angel in her spot at the very top.

But then, only a day or two later, the bottom string went out. Ugh... but not a huge problem - it's at the bottom, not very noticeable, and it's not like we're entertaining visitors this year. So be it.

Then, another string... and at least one more - also at the bottom of the tree, making it now, quite apparent that only half the tree had lights that functioned as expected.

And then, in a circumstance that seems blatantly apropos of this crazy year, the whole top section of the tree's lights quit working. I believe what is left shining is the single string of new lights that I put on as a fix of last year's vexation. We've been left with a significantly strange looking Christmas tree upon which one small section of lights and the lonely angel at the top continue to blaze forth in defiant glory.

Perhaps, however, my light dilemma is depictive of the "true meaning of Christmas." Much like Linus' insertion of the story of Jesus' birth into a messy and haphazard attempt at celebrating the season, we are meant to recognize that God comes not in the blaze of our own efforts and abilities, but in defiance of our feeble attempts at glory. And like Charlie Brown's Christmas tree, meek and unimpressive as it is, with a little love and a lot of God's grace, we, too, can behold the wonder of the word made flesh. I am blessed not because of the lights on my tree, but of the light that is born in us this season.

And therein resides the lesson of 2020. God's light shines in the darkness of our world even amid COVID and everything else that seems to be slowly extinguishing our strings of lights. When it seems like nothing is going right and "everything I touch gets ruined," and all we can do is shout into the void, "Isn't there anyone who knows what Christmas is all about," God comes. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Blessings and Joy to you.
Pastor Scott



Given By:	In honor/memory of:
Patsy Cloud	In honor of my family
Don and Janan Beller	
Mike and Cindy Galvin	In memory of our parents
Ric and Glenda Skeim	
Linda and John Erfle	In memory of our grandparents- both homesteaded in eastern MT
Delphia Blumenthal	In memory of Dad, John Hewitt. He loved cows!
Janet Veidt	In honor of the staff at Bethlehem Lutheran
Gary and Margarette Dahlgren	In honor of our grandchildren: Adyson, Jaxon, Reiden and Liuuuy.
Larry and Char Kaber	In memory of Lori Kaber and in honor of the Misecko Family.
Rick and Jan Ulvin	In memory of our parents and brother. In honor of our children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.
Donna Tice	In memory of Donald and Shirley Rundell
Larry and Margie Simpson	In memory of our parents
Kellie and Daniel Nelson	In honor of our grandparents, parents, and children.
Chuck McKoy and Bev Taylor	
Cheri Brown	
Peggy and Red Janzer	
Jo Ann Swenson	
Lola Vulles	In memory of mom and dad, Charles and Lattie Stewart.
Margie Fiedler	In honor of Mica and Jesse
Maggie Mohl	In loving memory of my husband Arnie
Helen Dollan	In memory of Jack M. Dollan, husband, and Ricci Kathryn Olsen, sister
Kelly and Brenda Bernard and Debbie Snyder and family	In memory of Vernon and Thelma Johnson
Sheryl and Wayne Saverud	In memory of our parents and brothers, John and Ken
Donna and Grady Evans	In memory of Earl Holst
The Fisher Family	In memory of Merle Baldwin
Jeannie Baldwin	In memory of Merle Baldwin

Dale and Georgia Saverud	In honor of our grandchildren Jackson, Jace, Brooks, and Lily.
Roe and Bev Hatlen	In honor of Bev's father: The Reverend Conrad Thompson
Jeff, Brooke, Calvin, and Emmery Schmidt	
Marsha Solak	In memory of Walter Solak, Buzz and Jane Minter and Walter and Millie Solak. In honor of Meghan Solak McKeirnan and Ashleigh Solak
Anne Taylor and family	In loving memory of Ben Taylor and Joy Taylor. In honor of my grandchildren: Jaden, Chloe, Kendall, Brody, Jason, and Izabella
Jack and Sharon Hagel Family	In memory of Vernon and Marva Schmid
Miriam, Clayton, and Eleanor Mauritzen	In honor of my mom- Elsie Todd.
Linda Fredenberg	In memory of Jerry A. Kasala Sr.

December, 2020, and February, 2021, BLC Blood Drives

Thanks to all 20+ of you who volunteered to donate blood at the Vitalant blood drive at BLC on December 8. Each of you who made a successful donation had your blood tested for Covid antibodies. If you haven't gotten online to get your test results yet, here's how to do it:

www.bloodhero.com

Select: Home

Login. If you don't already have a Vitalant online account, now is the time to set one up.

Select: Wellness

Select: Wellness Summary. Your Covid test results will be at the bottom of the page.

Our next blood drive will be Tuesday, February 2, again in the BLC basement from 1:15 to 5:30. 14 individuals have already signed up for the 30 available slots. Please consider joining this group. You can do that by either calling me at 406-698-4138 or by going online to the Vitalant web site (www.bloodhero.com;

click on: HOME

click on: Locate a Blood Drive

Search by ZIP Code: 59901 and Starting Date of: 2/2/2021

Select: BLC Blood Drive

Choose the time that best works for you.

Gary Aasheim
BLC Vitalant Blood Drive Coordinator
(M) 406-698-4138



Blood Drive

Because of you, life doesn't stop.
#VitalToLife

Kalispell Community Blood Drive Sponsored by Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Date: Tuesday, February 2nd

Time: 1:15pm - 5:30pm

**Location: Bethlehem Lutheran Church
603 S Main St Kalispell, MT**

Vitalant is now testing blood donations for COVID-19 antibodies.

*Appointments are strongly recommended

*Do not donate if you are sick

*This antibody test does not test for the presence of COVID-19 disease

*All successful donations will be tested for antibodies to SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19

*Donors can view results in your online donor account 2 weeks after you donate

*Make an appointment with Gary Aasheim @406-698-4138 or use information below



For more information or to schedule a donation,
call **877.258.4825** or visit **vitalant.org**

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Winter Environmental Education Field Day

at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp

550 Lutheran Camp Rd., Lakeside MT 59922

Saturday January 23rd, 2021 || 10am - 4pm

Great for ages 8-16

\$25 / student (includes all materials, crafts, & lunch)

Teachers & Parents are welcome too!

\$12 / non-participating adult (includes lunch)

Saturday's Schedule:

9:30-10:00 Check-in

10:15-11:15 Class

11:15-12:15 Class

12:15 Lunch (provided)

12:45-1:45 Class

1:45-3:30 Recreation Choice Time
(Crafts, Games)

3:30-4:00 Closing Circle & Games

4:00 See ya later!

Register by January 16th!

What to bring: warm and comfortable clothes & shoes, water bottle, mask

2021 REGISTRATION

Winter Science Field Trip @ FLBC // January 23rd, 2021

Name(s) & Age(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please list any dietary restrictions or severe allergies: _____

3 ways to register:

1. Register online at www.flbc.net/field-trip
2. Send this form & payment to FLBC 603 S Main St., Kalispell, MT 59901 or office@flbc.net
3. Call us at 406-752-6602

Visit our website or call our office for COVID-19 related information.



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January Calendar 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 <u>9:00am</u> Worship N-Z <u>9:00am</u> KOFI	4	5 <u>4:30pm</u> Hymn Histories with Marshall via Zoom <u>6:30pm</u> Committee Directors, TBD <u>7:00pm</u> Committees, TBD <u>8:00</u> Executive Committee, TBD	6 <u>7:00am</u> Men's Bible Study via Zoom <u>9:00</u> Coffee with Pastor Scott via Zoom <u>10:00am</u> Staff	7 <u>7:00pm</u> Bible Study with Pastor Scott via Zoom	8 FLBC Ski Retreat	9 FLBC Ski Retreat
10 <u>9:00am</u> Worship A-M <u>9:00am</u> KOFI FLBC Ski Retreat	11	12 <u>4:30pm</u> Hymn Histories with Marshall via Zoom <u>5:30pm</u> Council, TBD	13 <u>7:00am</u> Men's Bible Study via Zoom <u>9:00</u> Coffee with Pastor Scott via Zoom <u>10:00am</u> Staff	14 <u>7:00pm</u> Bible Study with Pastor Scott via Zoom	15	16
17 <u>9:00am</u> Worship N-Z <u>9:00am</u> KOFI	18 <i>Newsletter deadline</i>	19 <u>4:30pm</u> Hymn Histories with Marshall via Zoom	20 <u>7:00am</u> Men's Bible Study via Zoom <u>9:00</u> Coffee with Pastor Scott via Zoom <u>10:00am</u> Staff	21 <u>7:00pm</u> Bible Study with Pastor Scott via Zoom	22	23
24 <u>9:00am</u> Worship A-M <u>9:00am</u> KOFI	25 <u>1:00pm</u> Women on the Go via Zoom	26 <u>4:30pm</u> Hymn Histories with Marshall via Zoom	27 <u>7:00am</u> Men's Bible Study via Zoom <u>9:00</u> Coffee with Pastor Scott via Zoom <u>10:00am</u> Staff	28 <u>7:00pm</u> Bible Study with Pastor Scott via Zoom	29	30
31 <u>9:00am</u> Worship N-Z <u>9:00am</u> KOFI					<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: #e0f2f1;"> Locations: CM-Commons FH -Fellowship Hall FR-Fireside Room HB-Hjortland Bld. KB- Kalispell Brewing </div>	



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Electronic service requested



Ashley Alvord	1/1	Ella Gerbozy	1/30
Steven Matkovich	1/1	Don Herman	1/30
Danielle Matkovich	1/1	Margaret Mohl	1/31
Karen Nichol	1/3	Jennifer Fisher	1/31
Wilson Higgs	1/5	Sylvia Olson	1/31
Jan Whitcraft	1/6	Laura Meskis	1/31
Marcia Siblerud	1/7		
Oscar Jones	1/8		
Brian Croucher	1/9		
Paul Wachholz	1/9		
Dorothy Alstad	1/13		
Zachary Bunten	1/14		
Nancy Helland	1/14		
David Jaumotte	1/15		
Marianne Gielow	1/17		
Sarah Thompson	1/18		
Rebecca Marshall	1/21		
Brock Adkins	1/26		
Kellie Nelson	1/27		
Emmery Schmidt	1/29		

**The deadline for
 the January
 newsletter is
 January 18th.
 Thank you!**

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