



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.

## Family Fun Day

Aug. 24th

Family Fun Day is happening at The Amazing Fun Center in Coram! **Set aside Sunday, Aug 24, 1-5pm.** Youth, Kids, Parents, and anyone else who loves having FUN... They have mini-golf, bumper boats, go carts, something called bank-shot basketball, and of course, that huge MAZE!!! We'll provide a pass to do one round of mini-golf, the maze and basketball... if you want to do more, that's up to you! And we'll have food to share, so don't miss out. More details to come - **mark your calendars for August 24!**



## Church at Eidsvold

August 17th



On August 17th, we'll gather with our partners at Eidsvold Lutheran Church for **church together** - worshiping, 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!

## FLBC Labor Day Family & Work Retreat



Aug 29-Sept 1st

Enjoy all that FLBC has to offer during this great family retreat: swimming, stand up paddle boarding, crafts, sailing, and much more! Come to help us with some work projects or join us for a weekend of relaxation, or both!

FROM  
THE  
PASTOR



It may seem like summer is almost over... but there's still plenty of ministry – and fun, too!

We've got a busy August coming up – it starts off with a **Blood Drive** - **August 3-4** – at BLC on Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup> and at 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian on Monday the 4<sup>th</sup>. If you still want to sign up, please contact Gary Aasheim at (406) 698-4138. And don't forget the **Lutheran Night at the Baseball Park – August 6<sup>th</sup>**. Almost all the tickets we had reserved are sold, but if you want to get tickets anywhere in or near section 108, I'm sure you can enjoy the fun with us. See you there!

You've heard me talking about **Flathead Respite Care** all year long.... Well, it's about to start! On **Monday, August 11 at 10am we'll invite in our first guests**. Sessions will run 10am-2pm and will happen every Monday and Wednesday. If you'd still like to volunteer, there are spots available – either hands-on or behind the scenes. And of course, if you have a loved one who is in need of care while you take a break, consider giving this opportunity a try. It will be a blessing to many, I'm sure!

On August 17<sup>th</sup> we'll be skipping church here at Bethlehem but joining our partners at Eidsvold for **Church Together at 11am**.

And to round out the month, we'll be hosting a **Kids and Youth Family Fun Day, August 24<sup>th</sup> at The Amazing Fun Center in Coram**. Kids and Youth – plus parents and family members, friends and everyone is invited to come out and enjoy the end of summer! We'll pay for a pass that gives you one round of Mini-Golf, a journey through the Maze, and something called Bank-Shot Basketball. Watch for details to come!

Don't forget, we do **Food Bank Donations on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday** of every month (but you can bring donations anytime!). And look for sign-up sheets for Feed the Flathead and Warming Center Meals in the Commons.

I encourage everyone to **try something new this Summer/Fall...** try being an usher or greeter... try being a reader on a Sunday morning... Wanna help with property maintenance or congregational life events? Consider the Property or Fellowship Committees. Or join the choir or bells. Plus, there are dozens of other ways to be involved. Let's see some activity, people!!!

Finally, let me invite you to **attend worship at Eidsvold once in a while**. They are a partner to us and a congregation rich in the proclamation of the Gospel. It benefits all of us to become acquainted with one another for the sake of the ministry we share.

**Thank you for your commitment** to the ministry and life of both Bethlehem and Eidsvold. Together we are making a difference in the lives of our neighbors.

Blessings! - Pastor Scott

### **Business Manager Update, July 2025**

Our finances remain as of the end of June with 3 months remaining in our fiscal year. Our ending fund balance for June 30 was \$40,200 up from \$37,800 at the end of May. May was only a 4 Sunday month, so we hope to catch up a little with June giving. Our year-to-date general fund giving is tracking well with last year (only about \$250 less).

As most of you know, there was a car accident in July resulting in a vehicle hitting the Sanctuary building on the NW corner. Damages appear to be minimal, but we are working with the driver's insurance company to assess the damage and get a claim in for repairs to them.

I am working with the Executive Committee on some updates to the Church By-laws which are quite dated in some areas. We will probably do these updates in phases over the next year or so. We are also reviewing the Church Constitution which is also quite dated. Stay tuned for updates!

If you have any questions regarding BLC's business matters, don't hesitate to contact me at [duane.a.anderson@outlook.com](mailto:duane.a.anderson@outlook.com).

Sincerely, Duane Anderson, BLC Business Manager

### **Help Kids Around the World with School Supplies!!**

It's that time of year when school supplies are on sale for great prices. As you are shopping please consider picking up supplies for Lutheran World Relief school kits. Items needed are:



- 70 page count spiral notebooks
- pencil sharpeners
- blunt tip scissors, unsharpened
- black or blue ballpoint pens
- Donations are always welcome to buy any needed supplies as well.

A collection box will be in the Commons or bring your donation to the church office.



## Rally Day is Coming...!

**September 14th**



First day back to Sunday

School will be Sunday September 14th!

Our yearly tradition of a marshmallow fight will be happening for the first day.

We will also be doing an ice cream social and registration on June 7th. New end time for Sunday School is 10:15am. Parents please enjoy a bit of fellowship time before coming to get your kids so they get an hour of fun.

## 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. Flat-head Valley Lutherans will be seated in Section 108 so try to buy tickets in that section. Game starts at 7:05pm. Feel free to invite a friend.



## Cotton Fabric and Sheets Needed

The quilters are in need of cotton fabric and cotton sheets to use for the quilts they make and donate to Lutheran World Relief. If you have a minute, please take a look and see if you have anything you think might be usable and bring to the church office or drop off when you come to church so they can continue their wonderful works.



## Valley Neighbors Summer Film Festival Fundraiser

**Northridge Lutheran Church- August 22nd**

### THE LONG WALK OF CARLOS GUERRERO

Directed by Joseph Matthew, 2024. 107 minutes.

This is a fictional film based on the reality of what migrants go through on their journeys through the Southern Arizona desert. (A good follow-up to the journey we heard from Dora Rodriguez last summer.) Accomplished New York City chef and undocumented immigrant, Carlos Guerrero, risks everything to return to Mexico to see his ailing mother one last time ... and then he has to come home. Q & A, and discussion to follow the film showing. More info at <https://thelongwalkmovie.tv/> International appetizers and desserts will be served. **This is a fundraiser, so to obtain your ticket, please give a donation of your choice.** This helps us support our immigrant neighbors through this difficult time.



## **Stewardship Committee August 2025**

**I've said before, if you take the word Stewardship and flip it, you get 2 words,**

### **“Ship Steward”**

**We, the Congregation, are all Stewards of this great Ship we call Bethlehem Lutheran Church.**

**Each of us contributes our time, talents and money to support this Ship/Church.**

**The biggest problem our Ship faces is not wind or rain or storms, or even blizzards. It's summer! Over the past 4 years the attendance and offerings drop an average of 25% during the summer months. To overcome this 3 month decline we feature**

### **“Catch Up Sunday”**

**A Sunday in September where we can catch up on the financial support missed during the summer.**

**“Catch Up Sunday” will be September 14<sup>th</sup>**

**We thank each of you for your continued support of our Church/Ship!**



# Summer Word Search

S F L I P F L O P S I S L E P  
 S U N S C R E E N A N U O S I  
 A U N G U E S T H D O N V W C  
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AUGUST  
 BARBECUE  
 BEACH  
 BUNNY  
 FAMILY  
 FLIP FLOPS  
 FUN  
 HOT

ICE CREAM  
 ICE POP  
 JULY  
 JUNE  
 OCEAN  
 PICNIC  
 POOL  
 RELAX

SHORTS  
 SPRINKLER  
 SUMMER  
 SUNGLASSES  
 SUNSCREEN  
 SUNSHINE  
 SWIMSUIT  
 VACATION





# August Calendar 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 <u>9:00am</u> Worship <u>9:00am</u> KOFI	4 <u>10:00am</u> Respite Care, FH <u>6:00pm</u> FTF, FH	5 <u>10:00pm</u> Fellowship Committee, FH	6 <u>6:45am</u> Men's Bible Study, FH <u>10:00am</u> Staff Meeting <u>10:00am</u> Respite Care, FH	7 <u>9:00am</u> Quilters, FH <u>9:00am</u> Knitters, FR <u>5:30pm</u> Flathead Community Orchestra Practice, FH	8	9
10 <u>9:00am</u> Worship <u>9:00am</u> KOFI	11 <u>10:00am</u> Respite Care, FH <u>6:00pm</u> FTF, FH	12 <u>9:45am</u> Dorcas Ruth, FH <u>5:30pm</u> Council, FH	13 <u>6:45am</u> Men's Bible Study, FH <u>10:00am</u> Staff Meeting <u>10:00am</u> Respite Care, FH	14 <u>9:00am</u> Quilters, FH <u>9:00am</u> Knitters, FR <u>5:30pm</u> Flathead Community Orchestra Practice, FH	15	16
17 <u>11:00am</u> Joint Worship with Eidsvold, ELC	18 <u>10:00am</u> Respite Care, FH <u>6:00pm</u> FTF, FH— <b>BLC Serving</b>  <i>Newsletter deadline</i>	19	20 <u>6:45am</u> Men's Bible Study, FH <u>10:00am</u> Staff Meeting <u>10:00am</u> Respite Care, FH	21 <u>9:00am</u> Quilters, FH <u>9:00am</u> Knitters, FR <u>5:30pm</u> Flathead Community Orchestra Practice, FH	22	23
24 <b>Food on the 4th Sunday</b> <u>9:00am</u> Worship <u>9:00am</u> KOFI	25 <u>10:00am</u> Respite Care, FH <u>12:00pm</u> Women on the Go <u>6:00pm</u> FTF, FH	26	27 <u>6:45am</u> Men's Bible Study, FH <u>10:00am</u> Staff Meeting <u>10:00am</u> Respite Care, FH	28 <u>9:00am</u> Quilters, FH <u>9:00am</u> Knitters, FR <u>5:30pm</u> Flathead Community Orchestra Practice, FH	29	30
31 <u>9:00am</u> Worship <u>9:00am</u> KOFI					<b>Locations:</b> CM-Commons FH -Fellowship Hall FR-Fireside Room HB-Hjortland Bld.	



## 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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The deadline for  
 the September  
 newsletter is  
 August 18th.  
 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
Evelyn	Davlin	8/25
Debbie	Snyder	8/27
Barry	Grace	8/29
Mica	Riendeau	8/30
Terry	Brosten	8/30
Jeannie	Baldwin	8/31
Cheryl	Keith	8/31



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