

The Scribe



*Black Forest Lutheran Church
October, 2019 Vol. II*

Sharing Our Gifts

How varied are our God given gifts. We saw this at our Called to Serve fair, Sunday, Oct. 6. We can also see it in each other.

Ric Maxson, a stone mason, just finished an addition to our Columbarium. Check it out next to the out door worship area. He finished this on Tuesday, Oct. 8. Then, the very next day, he left for Canada to serve a small Lutheran congregation in Granum, Alberta as their part-time pastor.

God gifts each of us in unique ways. He gives us these gifts so we can share them with others. How will you share the gifts God has given you?

Commitment Sunday is Nov. 3. See pg. 11.

Homeless Simulation

For Middle and High School Students
Wednesday, Oct. 16

What's it like to be homeless, to sleep on the street? Our youth group will become aware of people's plight through a number of 'hands on' experiences. And it will happen right here at BFLC.

Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, Oct. 20 at 10:30a

Come encourage our students as they affirm their baptism and commit themselves to its promises. Reception is at 9:30a.

Reformation Sunday

Returning from our trip to Germany gives new perspectives on the Reformation.

What did God accomplish through this Catholic monk turned reformer?

How did Martin Luther's work reshape the church?

How are our lives better because of him?

Our worship and adult class will focus on the Reformation. Adult class will feature pictures from our trip of important reformation places.

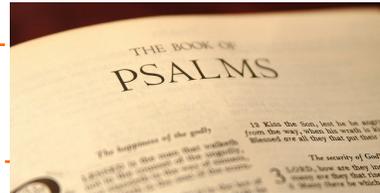
Remember to wear red as we celebrate Reformation Sunday, Oct. 27.

Sundays in October

October 20—Confirmation Sunday second service.
*Being confirmed are Dylan Gould,
Shea Schmidt, Shannon Kosman,
Andrew & Michael Carlson*

October 27—Reformation Sunday wear red.

Ladies Monday Bible Study at
Donna Wesley's Home has
resumed on Mondays at 1:00p.



**BFLC BOOK GROUP TITLE FOR
OCTOBER**
***I Was Anastasia* by Ariel Lawhon**

This novel is a dual narrative exploring the mystery surrounding the death of Anastasia Romanov and the claims of Anna Anderson, the woman long-believed to be the young Grand Duchess' most famous imposter.

We will be discussing at 1:00p on Wed., Oct. 16th at the church. All are welcome to join us. Copies of the book from the Pikes Peak Library Book Collection are available to borrow in the church office. Call Nancy Lord at 495-8075 with any questions.

Cantata

It's that time of year again! Choir is starting to rehearse this year's Cantata for December. Consider joining us Wednesday evenings at 7:00p if you are not a regular member. Come sing a new song to the Lord for Advent season.



Prime Timers

Saturday, October 19

Dinner at 5:00p and bowling at either Bass Pro "Fish Bowl" or "Summit".

Let Pam Wagner know if you would like to join them!



DIDI NEWS

Didi has just finished an eye clinic at 3 sites (Tshela, Kinzau-Vuete and Boma) in the Congo. Over 1100 people were treated, including 40 people who had cataract surgery or treatment for conjunctiva. For many it was their first contact ever with medical help for their eyes. There are more yet to be treated, as funding allows. Didi and Serafina are both now in North Carolina, with their son, for glaucoma treatment. The glasses that were collected at BFLC will be sent to Didi for him to take back to the DRC. Dr. Obaga from WMPL and Gloria Sauk, a WMPL missionary in Kenya both came to the DRC to help with the clinic. Didi asked us to pray for those not yet treated, that it will become possible.

William Obaga and Didi also interacted with the students at Tshela Seminary and local church leaders. They were counseled about how to become effective leaders in their churches and about developing relationships with churches in the west. Leadership skills learned can also be applied in their communities to better the relationships among their neighbors.

Pray for the Panzos as they deal with health issues of their own. The Congo is a tough environment for anyone and there are many maladies not present in the US.



Pumpkin Carving and Chili!

This is for all ages! Bring your favorite chili and bread to share!

Pumpkins will be provided, sign-up so we know how many to get.

Sunday, October 27 at 5:00p.



Addition to the Columbarium Nears Completion

The new addition to the Columbarium is almost complete. Thanks to the efforts of the Columbarium committee, this new structure will double the number of niches and bring it to a total of 96. You are invited to reverently visit this beautiful outdoor space as they put the finishing touches on it.



Open House Bridal Shower for Kirsten Regennitter!

Saturday, October 19 from 1:00p-3:00p

At Holly Hanson's Home

RSVP to Holly at 719-491-1135

Kirsten and Carson are registered at Target, and would also like gift cards to Kirklands and Hobby Lobby.

Senior Social

Oct. 23 at 1:00p
in the fellowship hall!

Join us for our monthly get together to socialize, play dominoes, or do crafts. There is no obligation to participate in the games. Individuals bring their own crafts to work on. Others use the opportunity to just sit and talk. Light snacks are provided.



AARP Safe Driver-class Wednesday, Oct. 17, 11:45a-4:00p.
Receive a discount on your car insurance and pick up a few pointers about driving habits. \$15 for AARP members...\$20 non-members. The class will be held in the fellowship hall. Call 719-597-5683 to register.

Finance Committee Current Income Status Report

As of Sept. 30, 2019, Current contributions to the operating fund of BFLC have been \$321,920. The approved annual budget for 2019 is for contributions of \$343, 662 through the 3rd quarter of the year. The Current contribution difference is \$21,742 as of Sept. 30.

Mom's Group

Our Mom's group outreach has been growing leaps and bounds! We now have 16 mommas from our church, and the community, joining us! We have new moms with babies only a few weeks old to more experienced moms with teenagers. We welcome you to join us and feel free to bring a friend.

Oct 24th 4-6pm (Painting with Lisa Romans;) Nov 11th 9-11am (Fall floral arrangements with Emily Wolfe); and, December 9th 9-11am (jewelry making with Misty Hopp).

We would like to thank Roxie Larson, Jutta Romans, and Steve and Nancy Lord for being our dedicated childcare team.



For more information, to volunteer, or to RSVP for a meeting, please reach out to Misty Hopp.

'Called to Serve' Fair Sponsored by Stewardship

How can you use your unique gifts in feeding the world with His love?

Last weekend you had a chance to learn more about the different ministries here at BFLC during our 'Called to Serve' Fair. The Stewardship Committee asked us to prayerfully consider how we might be able to use our gifts/talents to serve God and our community as we visited each table. If you missed it or would like to know how you may be able to help us, here are just a few of our current needs:

Sunday School Teachers
Assisting Ministers
Ushers
Readers
Handbell Ringers

Please, contact Jeanette or Lisa with any questions about opportunities to serve.

Intergenerational Event: Craft Project and Pot Luck – November 2, 4:00p

A craft project using power tools and duct tape?! Come by yourself or as a family to put together a framed lighted nativity scene picture to have for Christmas season. Bring a pot-luck dish to share, as Paige Summerfield leads this activity for young and old to enjoy. Please, sign up for this activity so that we can ensure enough supplies for everyone. There is a minimal cost of \$15 for supplies, but you will be able to take home a completed 16 x 20" lighted nativity picture ready to display for this Christmas!



Senior Travel Group-Gathering

SATURDAY - OCTOBER 26th @ 2:00 p.m.
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GROUP GATHERING hosted by BART & DONNA EWERS

If your LAST NAME starts with "N" through "Z"
please bring a snack to share

2020 Council Nominees

Fall is here and with it the annual Church Council effort to find the best possible future leaders for our church. I am leading this year's council nomination committee and look forward to hearing from you. We are seeking volunteers and recommendations for positions on the 2020 Council. Membership on council is both fun and rewarding, providing the opportunity to shape both the present and future ministry of our church.

If you are interested in this important leadership role or would like to recommend someone for council, please contact Mike Regennitter.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Wednesday, Nov. 27 at 7:00p

Thanksgiving Food Drive
We will have our traditional food offering for Black Forest Cares. All items are appreciated for a turkey dinner



The office will be closed Nov. 28 & 29.

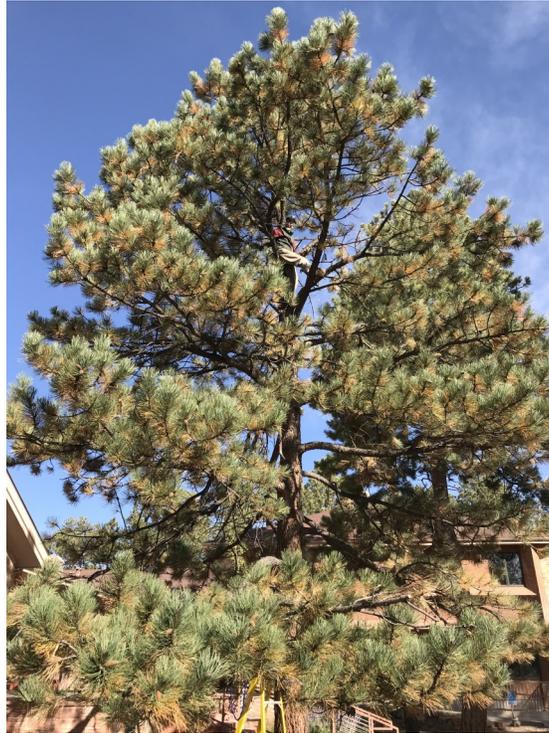
Put Your Faith Into Action ***Stewardship Drive 2020***

As St. Paul says in Romans 12:6, "We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us." All of us have a gift we can share in doing God's work on earth. One may have the gift of time, talent, or treasure. How can you use your unique gifts in feeding the world with his love? As we pray the offering prayer today, let each of us contemplate which of our gifts we are excited to use in showing the testimony of God's love and goodness. "Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness, you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions." As we are reminded to think about what stewardship means with our relationship to God, how might you **"put your faith into action."**

Over the coming weeks, we ask you to prayerfully consider what talent, time, treasure, and/or testimony you might be willing to share by increasing and/or initiating one or more of these gifts given to you by God. Today, we focus on our *prayerful* commitment.

You will have a chance to share your gifts and to put your faith into action by placing your "Estimate of Giving" and updated "time/talent" sheets in a basket during worship on Commitment_Sunday, November 3rd.





**Where's Pastor
Ken!?!?!?!?**

Fall Work Day Success

Thank you to all the folks who came out to clean up the church property last weekend. We were able to complete many outdoor projects, as we prepare for cooler temperatures and snow.





Women's RETREATS



RTLTC provided various opportunities to connect with God and each other!



RTLTC Senior High Retreat

November 22-24, 2019

RETREAT THEME – 2019 - Fully Known

RETREAT FEES

\$135/youth (non-refundable)

\$100/adult (non-refundable)

Contact: Rebecca Hohag

The Social Ministry introduces a new project under the auspices of the Samaritan's Purse Ministry "Operation Christmas Child"



From children to seniors, people pack shoebox gifts each year to bless children in need around the world. Children who participate, learn about giving.

Thousands of volunteers serve annually inspecting and preparing shoeboxes for international shipping. Every hour, work stops for a few minutes to pray for the children who will receive the boxes.

Long before shoeboxes arrive in more than 100 countries, volunteer National Leadership Teams train pastors and community leaders who want to share the message of the Gospel and bless children. The leaders learn how to host child-friendly outreach events, and how to implement "The Greatest Journey" follow-up discipleship program.

Pastors around the world host outreach events in places where people may not know Christ and invite them to follow Him. In many places, they also offer "The Greatest Gift", a Gospel story booklet Samaritan's Purse developed for shoebox recipients. As a result of what they learn in "The Greatest Journey", boys and girls grow in Christ and share with friends and family. The students also invite others to their graduations where the Gospel is shared. This often brings parents, siblings, and friends to accept Christ and become active members in the local church. Families are reached, churches grow, new churches are started, and communities are transformed.

Each child of Black Forest Lutheran Church is asked to fill a shoebox, which will be provided, with a medium sized toy, a few extra smaller toys and toiletries. Instructions and suggestions are provided with each box. A sheet is provided to state whether the box is for a boy or a girl and the age. It should be put into the box. If the donor would like, a letter may be inserted into the box sharing a message and an email address. Shipping will be donated by a member of the congregation.

Chris Cooper will have the shoe boxes and instructions at a table in the Fellowship Hall , along with a sample box, on Sunday, October 13th and Sunday, October 20th.

PLEASE DO NOT TAPE THE BOX SHUT. BOXES MUST BE BROUGHT BACK TO THE CHURCH NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 17, 2019.

OUR STAFF

Pastor	-	Kenneth D. Hohag
Ministry Coordinator	-	Jeanette Gould
Interim Youth & Ed Director	-	Rebecca Hohag
Administrative Assistant	-	Lisa Regennitter
Organist	-	Barbara Gurnett
Choir Director	-	Melanie Hohag
Handbell Choir Director	-	Bill Fitzpatrick
Ministers	-	All Members

OUR HOURS

Weekday Hours

9:00am-2:00pm

Tuesday-Friday (Closed Mondays)

Phone: 495-2221 + Fax: 495-2222

e-mail: bfic@bfchurch.org

Web site: bfchurch.org

Sunday Hours

SUNDAY WORSHIP	8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
SUNDAY SCHOOL	9:30 am (September - May)
SUMMER WORSHIP	9:00 am (June – August)

OUR MISSION

Black Forest Lutheran Church glorifies God through worship, prayer, education and service as ambassadors of Christ.

