

THE SCRIBE



January 2020, Volume I

Enjoy The Scribe's new format!

This allows us to continue to provide a hard copy to those who prefer one, while making it easier to upload to our web-site (available at www.bflchurch.org under the Church Media tab.)

Either way, we hope to continue keeping our members and guests up-to-date on the latest happenings at Black Forest Lutheran church.



FROM PASTOR KEN

The Real Work of Christmas

When the song of angels is stilled, When the star in the sky is gone, When the kings and princes are home, When the shepherds are back with their flock, The real work of Christmas begins...

To find the lost, To heal the broken, To feed the hungry, To release the prisoner, To rebuild nations, To bring peace among brothers, To make music in the heart.

Sunday, Jan. 5 The visit of the wise men.

Sunday, Jan. 12 New Member Class begins.

BOOK STEW 2020

The Book Stew is scheduled for Jan. 5, 12, and 19, 2020. We will be accepting any books you would like to donate in the fellowship hall. This year's proceeds will be donated to the Salvation Army's Support for Veterans. Thank you for your continued support and donations.

NEW LECTURE SERIES

Please join us for our new Lunch and Lecture series "The History of Christian Theology" starting Tue. Jan. 7 from 11:30 to 1 weekly in the Fellowship hall. Through this course you will gain thought-provoking insights into a set of teachings that changed the world and discover how, by learning about the diverse beliefs and practices within the wider Christian community, you can enrich your own experience of our faith.

SENIOR SOCIAL

Starts up on Jan. 22 at 1:00p in the fellowship hall.

Join us for our monthly get together to social, 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.

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, Jan. 26 at 12:00p. Potluck, bring a dish to share!

Committees don't forget to turn your Annual Reports into the office or email to bfic@bflchurch.org by Friday, Jan. 3.

START-UP DATES

- All Sunday Classes Jan. 5
- Monday Women's Bible Study Jan. 6
- Handbell Practice Jan. 7
- Lecture Series Jan. 7
- Summit & Confirmation Jan. 8
- Choir Practice Jan. 8
- Thursday Women's Bible Study Jan. 9
- New Member Class Jan. 12

THANK YOU

Each of us on staff would like to express our gratitude for your generous gifts during this Christmas Season. It is comforting to know we are surrounded by such a caring church community. Thank you!

Thank you to Melanie and the choir for beautiful Cantata.

Black Forest Cares says a hearty thank you for generously donating food, hams and monetary donations for our families this Christmas!

THANK YOU to our dedicated group of volunteers, who decorated our church for Christmas:

Jon & Lisa Fountain, Steve & Nancy Lord, Bill & Mary Montie, Diane Riggerbach and Michele Robinson.

2020 FLOWER CHART is up on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Flowers are \$18, when signing up please print.

WOMEN'S THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

Women's Thursday night Bible study group is resuming on Jan. 9 at 6:30p, and will continue the "War Room" study and then after that they will begin the Book of Esther.

WOMEN'S MONDAY BIBLE STUDY

Women's Monday Bible study group is resuming on Jan. 6 at 1:00p at Donna Wesley's home, and will continue with Max Lucado's book on The Psalms.

MILITARY CARE BOXES

We will be **sending out Military boxes in February**, so if you would like to help, you may bring in any of the following:

Comics	Chapstick	Peanuts	Flavored Water Enhancers (Like the Mio ones)	
Spices to flavor food	Gum	Snack pac of cookies	Sm. Hygiene products	Cracker
Snacks	Protein bars	Trail Mix	Lifesavers	Slim Jims (ind.)

Please mark them 'military' and put them in the laundry cart in the narthex.

Thanks for supporting our military in this way! Deadline: Jan. 15, 2020

**If there is someone in your family serving away from home, please share their address with the office, so we can bless them, with a care package!*

BFCL BOOK GROUP'S FIRST TITLE FOR 2020 We will be discussing at 1:00p on Wed., Jan. 15th at the church.

The Elegance of the Hedgehog by Muriel Barbery

Life, art, literature, philosophy, culture, class, privilege and power are seen through the eyes of a 54-year old French concierge and a precocious but troubled 12-year-old girl. Renee Michel is the 54-year-old concierge of a luxury Paris apartment building. Her exterior ("short, ugly, and plump") and demeanor ("poor, discreet, and insignificant") belie her keen, questing mind and profound erudition. Paloma Josse is a 12-year-old genius who behaves as everyone expects her to behave: a mediocre pre-teen high on adolescent subculture, a good but not outstanding student, an obedient if obstinate daughter. She plans to kill herself on the sixteenth of June, her thirteenth birthday. Both Renee and Paloma hide their true talents and finest qualities from the bourgeois families around them, until a wealthy Japanese gentleman named Ozu moves into building. Only he sees through them, perceiving the secret that haunts Renee, winning Paloma's trust, and helping the two discover their kindred souls. Barbery's 2008 novel exalts the quiet victories of the inconspicuous among us.

JANUARY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Kent & Janeen Anderson	5	Ken & Melanie Hohag	7
Arnie & Luanne Spencer	22	Al & Lora Kobilan	27
Jay & Courtneyanne Kvale	30	Robin & Janet Masek	30

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Steve Marlow	2	Tom Passarelli	2	Ginger Gale	3
Gary Wurster	4	Ed Pforr	5	Evelyn Wilhelm	5
Jay Kvale	6	Tom Paulsen	6	Kiara Bohn	7
Alex Woods	7	Winston Churchill	8	Steve Gurnett	9
Michael Decker	10	Kirsten Bush	10	Wendy Crist	11
Cita Helseth	12	Nancy Lord	12	Marcia Johnson	13
Bob Zancanella	14	Lisa Fountain	15	Thomas Pratt	15
Cody Hoelscher	18	Jacob Cook	19	McKenzie Petch	19
Lori West	19	Todd Cook	20	Ethel Cleis	22
Don Vigil	22	Debbie Kent	23	Kris Partridge	23
Penelope Cole	24	Donna Yonce	24	Kyle Dirks	25
Vern Regennitter	25	Kathleen Fitzpatrick	26	Terryl Jensen	27
Robert Owens	28	Kerrie Petch	28	Jean Keenan	29
Lola Allred	30	Ray Sherrier	30	Lora Hahn	31
Eleanor Makowsky	31	Carina Passarelli	31		

POINSETTIA LIST

In Memory Of

Jim Hidy
Fred Fry & Kenneth Wagner

From

LaVonne Hidy
Duane & Pam Wagner

Dedicated To

Cynthia & Gerald Hammer

Jim & Martha JohnstoN

Happy Birthday Jesus!

George & Chris Cooper	Woody & Nadine Duffin
Tom & Linda Pratt	Kathy Schwindt
Duane & Kathy Steinke	John Poss & Kathleen Fitzpatrick
Hannah Cavanaugh	Kathy Schwindt

COFFEE CLEAN-UP AND SET-UP-Black Forest members love fellowship hour, but this popular time really requires more volunteers to make coffee and clean up the kitchen. Even if for only one Sunday per year, help would be appreciated. Those wanting to help may call the office or sign-up in the kitchen.

RECYCLE YOUR CARDS-What do you do with all those beautiful Christmas cards sent to you? What about all the sample cards from organizations wanting a donation? Do you feel sad throwing out lovely birthday and anniversary cards you've received? Well, they can be recycled. BFLC will be collecting them (look for the basket in the fellowship hall) and sending them to St. Jude's Ranch for Children for its Recycled Card Program. St. Jude's turns the cards into "new" cards and sells them in packets. All occasion cards are accepted; birthday, anniversary, thank you, get well, holiday, etc.



Dear Parish Members, On behalf of the Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation, I wish to extend to you our deepest gratitude for your donation of \$81 to the HCEF fund. From: Rateb Rabie/President CEO

Dear BFLC, Thank you for your gift of \$565 in of the North American Lutheran Seminary.
Blessings in Christ, Rev. Dr. Amy Schifrin President/NALS

Dear BFLC, Thank you so much for your recent gift of \$106 to Rainbow Trail's Annual Fund.
Yours in Christ, Dave Jarvis, Executive Director

Dear BFLC, I am grateful for your support and upholding the worthiness of those we serve.
Blessings, Lance from LaPuente



MS/HS YOUTH GROUP

Confirmation & Summit! Next class is January 8th. Study hard for finals/games/concerts & STAY HEALTHY!

COMPASS-January 12 at 9:30am in Fellowship Basement!

Jan. 5 & 19 Sweetheart Dinner Planning after worship! All interested MS/HS invited. Adult helpers needed as well! . Save the date FEBRUARY 8th!

INTERGENERATIONAL

Christmas Program 2019 was a success! Thank you to all participants, helpers, parents, etc!

Sunday, Jan. 5: Ice Skating at the Poss Pond! 1-6pm Potluck and a day of fun outside in the Forest! Wear lots of layers, bring something to share and of course, a friend or neighbor! Ice/Hockey skates available in many sizes. Contact Rebecca for more info/Kathleen Fitzpatrick for driving details. Weather/temperature dependant.

YOUTH FAMILIES-Did you know the donations for coffee and donuts are given to the youth? Let's help support this effort by volunteering to set-up or clean-up the kitchen one Sunday.

PLEASE CHECK WEBSITE FOR UPDATES! <https://www.bflchurch.org/grow-your-faith/youth-family/>

PRIME TIMERS-Please let Pam Wagner if you would like to join them.

Jan. 18, 2020 – 6:00 p.m. – Meet at Fuji Mountain in Monument for a fun Japanese Hibachi dinner experience – 16064 Jackson Creek Parkway, Monument, CO 80132 – located next door to PetSmart. If you google their name and click on the 80+ pictures icon, it shows their menu, etc. and meals appear to be in the \$12.00 range.

Feb. 22, 2020 – 6:30 p.m. – Game Night at Paige and John Summerfield's home! Bring a snack to share.



OUR STAFF

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

OUR MISSION

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

CONTACT US

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OFFICE HOURS

Weekday Hours

9:00am-2:00 pm Tuesday-Friday
(Closed Mondays)

Sunday Worship 8:00 & 10:30 am

Sunday School Classes 9:30am

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Street Address

City, ST ZIP Code