

THE SCRIBE



March 2020, Volume I

FROM PASTOR KEN

Lent

The season of Lent began as 40 days of instruction for those being baptized in the early church. It is still a time for reflection and learning.

This Lent, our Sunday messages will focus on the theme:

What kind of witness?

March 1	Jesus' Temptation	More to life than me?
March 8	Nicodemus's Question	Hesitant or Wholehearted?
March 15	Woman at the Well	Come and see if He's the One?
March 22	Man Born Blind	Do <u>You</u> want to be His Disciple?
March 29	Lazarus Raised	Is it safe to follow Jesus?

Join me as we reflect on what kind of witnesses we are.

Wednesdays

We gather for mid-week worship at 7:00p each Wednesday beginning March 4. The peaceful and prayerful Holden Evening service is the context for our worship. We will reflect on the words from the Mount of Transfiguration-Listen to him. How do we listen to Jesus through scripture, prayer, worship and meditation?

Lenten soup suppers are at 6:00p beginning one week later, March 11, due to the recarpeting of the fellowship hall. Sign-up to bring soup or bread.

NEW STUDY FOR MEN'S BIBLE STUDY-Saturday, Mar. 7 & 21 at 7:00a, upstairs. *Palm Sunday to Easter*-Map and Timeline of Holy Week, Key Events, and Jesus' Hours on the Cross

REMINDER-DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME -Move your clocks forward 1 hour. Sunday, March 8.

CHECK OUT:

- What is all happening March 8 at church!
- New Men's Bible Study!
- Hygiene Bags!
- Mom's Group!
- And all the youth activities!

MARCH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Ron & Ashley Bush	5	Emory & Sue Clark	9	Michael & Heather Hite	12
Steve & Barb Gurnett	15	Terry & Susan Harrison	16	Chris & Shauna Hassa	16
Whitney & Georgia Otis	22	Bill & Sherry Sieg	24	Don & Sharon Cress	26
Dennis & Bridget Toelle	27				

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Barry Cavanaugh	1	Madison Hanson	4	Marty Phillips	4
Ann Buttermore	6	Dave Henderson	6	Jennifer Rutherford	7
Jim Fariss	8	Bill Moreau	8	Janna Flanders	9
Sean Kosman	9	Marj Denney	11	Kevin Mellon	11
Jan Veuthey	11	Amy White	11	Ryan Green	12
Brendan Gould	14	Jennifer Hoffman	14	Lydia Zelones	14
Kaylie Herrin	16	Dave Pfeil	16	Bill Sessoms	16
Tiffany Brooks	17	Nancy Storey	17	Suzana Lacomia	18
Kameron Fallang	21	Jutta Romans	25	Barbara Speir	25
Betsy Wintermute	25	Debbie Woods	25	Bridget Toelle	26
Pastor Ken	30	Erin Lammers	30	Wesley Lammers	31
Amelia Makowsky	31	Ken Palmen	31	Annegret Sessoms	31

EASTER BASKET PROJECT-Social Ministry Comm. - It is time to begin preparations for the annual Easter Basket Project. Workshops will be held on the following Wednesday mornings: Mar. 4 and 18 and Apr. 1. Time: 9 a.m. until 12 noon. Home of Lavonne Hidy. Please bring paper cutting scissors. Call Lavonne with questions.



APPALACHIA MISSION TRIP-

On Mar. 8 we will be having a Spaghetti Luncheon fundraiser after second service, free will donation, sign-up. Cam Regennitter will join us and talk about the mission trip and summer camps at Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp. And we will announce how much spare change we have in the piggy bank.

We would love for you to join us, there is still room on the mission trip, dates are July 5-12, 2020.

Check out the website at: <https://mlreggi1.wixsite.com/bflcappalachia> Contact: Lisa in church office.

DESIGNATION FOR OUR LENTEN OFFERINGS

This year, our offerings at the Wednesday Lenten services are designated for two of our mission churches. Those are the Oromo Congregation in Denver (Pastor Gudeta Burka) & the San Pedro Congregation in Miami (Pastor Eddie Perez).

NEW CARPET-As you may have heard we are replacing the carpet in the Fellowship Hall. This is scheduled for the week of Mar. 2-6. Please, be aware that any regularly scheduled meetings may have to meet upstairs or in the basement. This will also postpone the start of our Lenten Soup Suppers until Mar. 11. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may create. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

REFLECTING THE LIGHT OF JESUS WITH FOSTERING HOPE!

Have you been thinking how you can reflect the light of Jesus to neighbors in our community? There's a small group of households in our congregation working on that by supporting a foster family. Foster families are faced with difficult challenges handling legal, emotional, and psychological issues. And when there is very little support from neighbors, their foster kids often suffer. Picture helping a foster family with small chores so they can smoothly navigate the foster and foster-to-adopt pathways. Helping with babysitting, household chores, errand running, providing meals, mentoring/tutoring, and simple "honey-do's" in the yard are examples of reflecting the light of Christ. Want to know more about this opportunity? Just talk to the office or contact the Lords, Monties, Reilys, Kosmans, or Buttermores on what we've been doing.

PRIMETIMERS

March 14-The movie *I Still Believe*, the story of Jeremy Camp's journey of love and loss. 3:00p at Interquest Regal theater (you can purchase your tickets/seats online). Dinner afterwards at Colorado Mountain Brewery. If interested, RSVP with Paige Summerfield.

April 18-Join the Intergenerational Trivia Night, 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall!

May 16-Bowling, 5:00p at Harmony Bowl, 3845 N Academy Blvd. If interested, RSVP with Pam Wagner, pamwagner1@yahoo.com

LA PUENTE HYGINE BAGS-It's time to collect items for La Puente Hygiene Bags once again! These bags go to support workers and people in need who live in the San Luis Valley twice each year during planting time in the spring and for harvest in the fall. You will find a shopping list of items needed on the bulletin board in fellowship hall. We are especially in need of cloth shopping bags and new or used (but clean) bath towels. Any donations of items are greatly appreciated! Please place items in the cart in fellowship hall.

UKRAINIAN EGG -You are invited to join us in the Ukrainian egg decorating tradition known as Pysanka. Pysanka is the art of decorating a hollowed out eggshell. Traditionally made at Easter time with gorgeous resurrection symbols. Look for a display in the fellowship hall. Come share in creating this great tradition together with your BFLC family. Pysanka are simple and easily created with just four materials: a hollowed egg, a pencil, beeswax, and dye. At the end, you will have instantly created a rare unique one-of-a-kind heirloom. It is the tradition to give Ukrainian eggs as a gift. We will decorate March 22 directly after the second service in the fellowship hall. This activity is intended for those 12 years and older. Sign-up is on bulletin board and display is on the table in the fellowship hall.

SENIOR SOCIAL

Mar. 25, Apr. 22 & May 27 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.

LENTEN SERVICES start Mar. 4- 7:00p-Worship **Soup Suppers begin Mar. 11 6:00p-Soup**

Choir practices- Beginning Mar. 4 through Apr. 1, choir practice is at 7:50p. Lent Devotionals are on the table in the narthex.

AARP DRIVER SAFETY CLASS, Wednesday, March 18, 11:45-4:00p. All are welcome. Learn about changes in the driving environment, some new regulations and get a discount on your auto insurance. AARP members' fee is \$15.00, Non-members \$20.00. Call 719-597-5683 for reservations.

CONGRATULATIONS ON NEW GRANDBABY-Bob & Sherri Brown welcomed the arrival of their new grandson **Griffin Grey** on February 18, 2020. He weighed 8.9 lbs and 22" long.

INTERGENERATIONAL EVENT TRIVIA NIGHT- Saturday, April 18 at 6:30p in the fellowship hall. Sign-up on bulletin board or RSVP to Pam Wagner.

KING SOOPERS COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

King Soopers offers a rewards program for non-profits. Black Forest Lutheran Church is registered as one of the participating organizations. The money we receive is currently going to Black Forest Cares, a community food pantry housed in our basement. This pantry serves people in specific zip codes, including Black Forest.

If you shop at King Soopers and have a loyalty card, we invite you to register with BFLC. It's so easy:

Enroll your King Soopers loyalty card as follows:

Go www.Kingsoopers.com/communityrewards

Go to *Enroll* (in blue)

Sign in (If your card is not registered, you will need to do so to participate)

Type in Black Forest Lutheran Church or WJ002

If you have questions, please contact Mary Montie. This is such a simple way to help people needing a hand up in our community. Please take a moment to register with Black Forest Lutheran or another charity that you wish to support.

THE BLACK FOREST MOM'S GROUP- will continue meeting twice per month with meeting times varying between morning, afternoon and evening. As always, childcare is provided for every meeting. There will be a variety of activities from Holiday crafts to jewelry-making, and painting to yoga. It is a wonderful fellowship opportunity with other moms in church and the community. Please contact Misty Hopp with questions, or to RSVP for a meeting. Also, contact her if you would like to help with childcare or leading an activity. Meeting date: Mar. 12 at 9:30a and Mar. 21 at 4:30p.



SIGN-UPS ARE ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

ELEMENTARY Ranch Trip: Mar. 21 meet at 10:30a at church.

MS/HS

Movie Night Mar. 7 at 5:00p-9:30p **FREEDOM WRITERS** and dinner!

Lock in Mar. 27 at 5:00p -Mar. 28 at 9:00a! Blessing Bags, Italian Dinner and **SLEEP OVER!** Bring anything you need to be cozy/clean/awake the next day!

Stay tuned for Spring/Summer plans!

FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT will be in April 4 at 10:00a. For 3rd graders and up. Sign-up.

Annual Meeting Highlights

January 26, 2020

Black Forest Lutheran Church Council President called the Annual Meeting to order after determining the 75 congregants present more than met the Constitutional requirement of 63 for a quorum. Pastor Ken led the attendees in prayer.

The minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting were unanimously approved.

Pastor's report stated we are not the savers or healers. Our job is simply to keep our eyes and ears open to how he is working in people's lives, and join him with a kind word, a caring question, a little hope, a cup of cold water. That's being everyday missionaries. Thanks to Laura Cavanaugh and the call committee, we are well on our way to calling an associate pastor who will help us be disciples of Jesus. He is thankful to our staff who do so much to support our ministry together – Lisa, Jeanette and Rebecca. We should give thanks to Ric Maxson and Joe Dowdy for completing our columbarium addition; Landra Decker, John Poss and Patrick Turechek for updating our sanctuary sound system and Kathy Schwindt for serving as council president for the past 2 years. He has been privileged to serve BFLC for 29 years and in December Aromo Evangelical Lutheran Church gave us an award for supporting them for 7 memorable years.

The Financial Secretary reported that 87 pledges, or 38% of the total number of contributors for 2018, have been received for a total of \$322,680 for 2020. The total contribution income projections for 2020 is slightly more than the actual contributions for 2019.

The 2020 Budget, 2019 overage and disbursement of unallocated funds from 2019 was presented and unanimously approved by the attendees.

Income below budget	\$6,203
Expenses below budget	<u>\$95,473</u>
	\$89,270
Undistributed Benevolence	(\$ 9,553)
Carry Forward	<u>(\$32,732)</u>
Unallocated funds to be disbursed	\$46,985

\$9,464 will go to Benevolence and \$36,521 to Associate Pastor reserves for 2020.

New carpeting for the Fellowship Hall is being donated by an anonymous member.

Two nominees for the council vacancies were introduced and elected by a unanimous vote. A current council member was elected to a second term.

The various committees gave short reports highlighting their work.

The leader of the call committee reported that they are down to 2 amazing candidates and they hope to bring the final candidate here in a couple of months.

After a closing prayer the annual Meeting was adjourned.



Dear BFLC, Thank you so much for your recent gift of \$258.00 to Rainbow Trail's Annual Fund. We had a great recruiting trip. And the Bristlecone remodel is underway! Dave Jarvis, Executive Director

BFLC BOOK GROUP TITLE FOR MARCH

Moloka'i by Alan Brennert -Brennert tells the story of Rachel Kalama, a seven-year-old Hawaiian girl who contracts leprosy and is quarantined on the island of Moloka'i during the 1890s. Separated from her family and forced to grow up in the leper colony of Kalaupapa, Rachel experiences intense isolation. But she remains strong, finding moments of joy, and even love.

We will be discussing at 1 PM on Wed., Mar. 18th 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.



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

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

OUR MISSION

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

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