

THE SCRIBE



March 2020, Volume II

FROM PASTOR KEN

Lent

We continue our 40 days of Lent.

On Sundays we focus on the theme:

What kind of witness?

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

Join us as we gather for soup and bread supper at 6:00p. Sign-up in the fellowship hall to bring food. Then at 7:00p, our worship is in the context of the peaceful Holden Evening Prayer service. With song, silence and prayer, we will focus on God's message to us about Jesus: Listen to Him. Our meditations focus on my favorite passages from the Gospel of Matthew. Set aside midweek time for Lenten worship.

New Carpet

Check out our new carpet in the fellowship hall. Thank you to one of our Black Forest Lutheran families for this generous donation.

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

CHECK OUT:

-New Men's Bible Study!

-Mom's Group!

-And all the youth activities!

APPALACHIA MISSION TRIP

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! What we raised has been such a blessing to us going on the mission trip. The piggy bank change came to \$1511.53 and the spaghetti luncheon we raised \$769.00. Our goal is to raise around \$10,000. 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.

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, 6:30p 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

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- Wednesdays- Soup Suppers at 6:00p Worship at 7:00p

Choir practices- Choir practice is at 7:50p through Apr. 1. Devotionals are on table in 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.

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. 21 at 4:30p.**

BFLC BOOK GROUP-We will be discussing at 1:00p on Wed., Mar. 18th at the church. All are welcome to join us.

TRAVEL GROUP has scheduled the following two tours for 2020 & 2021. These two trips will be open to our church members as well as your family and friends so feel free to share this information with others. Your first question might be, "When do I need to sign-up?". We will accept sign-ups with your deposit of \$500 (plus \$299 trip insurance), per person, as long as space is still available.

***** COLORS OF NEW ENGLAND featuring COASTAL MAINE *****

Departs - October 16th, 2020 - 8 Days / 10 meals - \$3,599 (Flights Denver - Boston) The tour offers plenty of free time and 3 out of the 4 lodging stops are for a 2-night stay.

***** MARITIMES COASTAL WONDERS *****

Departs - June 20th, 2021 - 11 Days / 16 meals - \$3,999 (Flights Denver - Halifax) This beautiful "scenery tour" will include 5 lodging stops for 2-nights each stop. We will visit HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA, PEGGY'S COVE (one of the most picturesque spots in all of Canada), CAPE BRETON ISLAND & CABOT TRAIL, BEDDECK, NS, CHARLOTTETOWN, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, SAINT JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK and WESTERN SHORE, NS.

If you are interested in either trip please let me know, via e-mail, and I will be sure to place the trip information sheet in your church mailbox as soon as it is available. QUESTIONS: Contact: Donna Ewers

EXTRA COMMENT: COLLETTE TOURS will show their appreciation by issuing a check for 10% of our travel business back to BLACK FOREST LUTHERAN CHURCH. (Pam Wagner suggested that we consider putting that money towards our *Missions Outreach*.)

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.

CORONAVIRUS PRECAUTION-we will not be shaking hands as we greet at the front doors or during the sharing of the peace. We do, encourage a wave.



HOLY WEEK

Palm/Passion Sunday-Apr. 5 at 8:00a/10:30a. We have Palm branches as we hear of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. We will also be filling the Easter bags for La Puente between services, help is needed.

Maundy Thursday-Apr. 9 at 7:00p. In the context of the Holden evening prayers service. Soup dinner at 6:00p.

Good Friday-Apr. 10 at 7:00p. Called 'good' because on this Friday the greatest gift even was given; the life of our Lord for us.

Easter -Apr. 12 come celebrate our Lord's Resurrection

6:00a Sunrise Service-Candlelight 7:00a-Easter Breakfast 8:00a-Worship 9:45a-Egg Hunt 10:30a-Worship

Easter Morning Breakfast at BFLC-Sunday, Apr. 12 at 7:00a. We need your help to bring food items and/or cook breakfast on Easter morning.

Easter Lilies-Sign up for Easter lilies is posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Cost is \$10, put in offering plate or on office desk. Please PRINT name and dedication information on the sign-up sheet.

EASTER BASKET PROJECT-We need help to fill the eggs with candy and to set-up to fill up bags on Apr. 1 at 10:00a, at the church.

INTERGENERATIONAL TRIVIA -Fellowship Activity for April-Trivia night for all generations! April 18, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. Prizes for 3 separate rounds! Get your multi-generational team together and come for the challenge!



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

Lock in Mar. 27 at 4:30p -Mar. 28 at 10:00a! Blessing Bags, Italian Dinner & SLEEP OVER! Bring anything you need to be cozy/clean/awake the next day! Light breakfast provided. Thank you for bringing a few things for blessing bag assembly: List shared upon sign up.

First Communion Retreat will be in Apr. 4 at 10:00a. For 3rd graders and up. Sign-up.

Apr. 4 Baking Event! 4:00p-8:00p Sign up to bring an ingredient as we bake one thing together! Feel FREE to make something on your own to bring to Apr. 5, Palm Sunday Bake Sale in support of the Appalachian Mission Trip!

End of April....Youth Ping Pong Tournament with St. Luke's Youth Group coming up.



Thanks to all who provided food and cookies for Errol Reiner's family and service. It is so wonderful to know there is help when needed from my extended family at Black Forest Lutheran Church. You are so quick to share God's love. With a Grateful heart, Donna Reiner

Dear Church Friends, Thank you for your nice cards. I am doing better and starting to walk again with a cane for part of the day. Thank you for all your prayers. God Bless you all, Betty Thomas

THANK YOU to the BFLC congregation for your constant love and support of our neighbors in the San Luis Valley! Your generosity has allowed us to prepare another 40 hygiene bags for LaPuente this spring, for a total of 80 for the past year! May our blessings continue to rain down on these people in need!

Dear BFLC, As the new president of the North American Lutheran Seminary I want to thank you for your gift of \$255 in support to the NALS. Sincerely Yours in Christ, Rev. Dr. Eric Riesen



OUR STAFF

Pastor - Kenneth D. Hohag
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Organist - Barbara Gurnett
Choir Director - Melanie Hohag
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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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