

# THE SCRIBE



May 2020, Volume II

## MAY QUESTIONS

### **Why all the moths?**

We're hosting the miller family at our house. Thousands of them! The Millers are migrating from Kansas to the Rocky Mountains. The moths are definitely a nuisance, but they will be an important protein source for bears-yes bears waking up from their winter hibernation. So, send them outside and on their way, it helps to know they're here for a purpose.

### **How are the congregation's finances?**

Our finance committee tells me that our March and April offerings were similar to the same months last year. Thank you all for your financial faithfulness during this unusual time.

### **When will we gather for worship?**

I believe we'll be able to gather again in June. We may be limited in number and by distance, but we are looking at options to help us do this.

-Our outdoor worship area will allow us greater room and flexibility.

-When we are inside, we'll use every other pew & space by family.

-We can also have people worship in the parking lot in their cars receiving the audio on their FM radio (as we did at Rich Byrne's Funeral)

-We'll also continue our audio/video options.

We'll have many other details, but hold on, and we'll gradually open up and worship together.

## CONGRATULATION GRADUATES

### High School:

Rachel Borden      Brendan Gould      Kaitlyn Gurnett      Maddie Hanson      Kirsten Hinderberger  
Alex Kieffer      Stephany Knox      Bethany Mahurin      Michael McGlothlin      Zach Regennitter  
Josh Westphal      Rosemary Wilson      Honorary Graduate Avory Kvale

College: Aria Laskey (Hanson)      Michael Phillips

**A BIG THANK YOU and SHOUT OUT** once again to you, our giving, generous congregation of BFLC! We were able to prepare and deliver another 40 hygiene bags this spring to La Puente in Alamosa. The bags were delivered on April 20 to the Alamosa Presbyterian Church, where La Puente is providing a shower and hygiene facility during this time of quarantine; thus, making it the perfect place for putting the hygiene bags to good use! This church is also the home of La Puente's PALS Children's program, so the 140 Easter Bags from BFLC were delivered to the same location. The staff of La Puente was very grateful for the generosity of our church during this difficult time!

**BLACK FOREST CARES SAYS THANK YOU!** This week they are in need of: Tomato sauce, diced tomatoes, and tomato paste, small packages of instant potatoes. Please no peanut butter. You can drop off at the church office, Tuesday-Friday from 9:00a-2:00p.

**REVIVE!** We are pleased to announce the inaugural BFLC Women's Ministry event called REVIVE! The Women's Ministry and REVIVE!, born from a seed that God planted in 2018 through the Refresh event, was in the planning stages well before the COVID19 outbreak took hold and has become even more relevant and timely in light of the past few months of social distancing. REVIVE sessions will provide space and time to connect with Jesus and each other to support our mental, physical and spiritual well-being.

**We will be holding the first REVIVE event virtually on Saturday, June 13 from 10:00 - 11:00 AM.** It will be interactive. Initially, the event was planned for in-person sessions and we hope to eventually transition to a combination of virtual and in-person sessions in the fall. Mark Your Calendar - Saturday, June 13 at 10:00 AM to help us launch the first BFLC Women's Ministry event - REVIVE! Details will be following in the next couple of weeks.

**OFFICE CLOSING** at noon on Fridays in June, July, and August. Also, 1 Scribe in June and July.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WITH RAINBOW TRAIL** is still a go June 29-July 3!

**GOING STIR CRAZY here are some things to do...**

-At the church we have puzzles you can take home and do, we also have books out from the Book Stew if you would like to look through them and the church scrapbooks that Mary Montie did!

-Would you like to get out of the house? Would you like to help out while practicing social distancing? Good news! We have a growing "honey-do" list at church.

**Here are just a few of the items on that list:**

Clean out bugs in lights                      Paint Fellowship Hall                      Rake pine needles  
Wipe down pews/door handles

Outdoor worship area: Clean off benches (not onto ground)

Take branches behind the shed to slash

**A big thank you to those of you that have come to help!**

If you want to help with any of these, please contact Lisa in the church office. She can help to identify a good time for you to come help out and provide details on these projects.

**APPALACHIA MISSION TRIP UPDATE**-The overwhelming, positive, and supportive response to the Black Forest Lutheran Church (BFLC) Appalachia Mission Trip has been amazing. The participation and financial support speak volumes in how BFLC responds with doing His work. We are blessed to be part of an awesome church community. Thank you for all of your stewardship.

The pandemic has disrupted the world, and for the safety of mission trip volunteers and families we'd serve, the Appalachia trip is postponed to 2021.

The Appalachia Trip volunteers decided to continue working with Rainbow Trail's Bridging Border to pray, research, and choose the work he has already reserved for us in 2021. The proceeds that have been raised will go towards the 2021 mission trip.

If you are interested in being a part of the BFLC mission trip planning for 2021, please contact Lisa or Mike Regennitter.

*Black Forest Lutheran Church is amazing, and we are blessed to be a part of this family.*

Peace, BFLC Appalachia Mission Group

## **HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST AT WORK DURING PANDEMIC**

Even though we have been encouraged to stay in our homes the last few weeks, there are still ways to express our love of Christ. The Social Ministry Committee was made aware that Mosaic was in need of face masks. That got our sewing community busy! After meeting the needs of Mosaic, we discovered several nursing homes were in need, and then the Children's Hospital put out a plea for children's sizes. Hundreds of masks have been delivered throughout the Colorado Springs area, in addition to supplying many of our members. Thank you to those of you with the gift of needle and thread!

Our BFLC volunteers have donned their face masks and continued serving at the Marian House Soup kitchen. During this time Hot meals cannot be served, so lunch bags are given out each day - 450-500 of them! The Good Samaritan Fund at BFLC designated funds to purchase \$1,000 of the special items needed to serve these revised meals. We are blessed to have these funds available for a crisis such as this.

Our own food pantry continues to serve those in our community and has remained open. The donations of food products by our members are appreciated. Don't forget another way you can help our pantry is making sure your King Soopers card is linked with Black Forest Lutheran Church. If you need information on how to do that, contact Mary Montie.

## **THANK YOU FROM CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL**

On behalf of the children and families here at Children's Hospital Colorado, Colorado Springs, we want to thank you for your recent gift in kind (face masks). We recognize how fortunate we are to have such a thoughtful and giving community. Your kindness and generosity are deeply appreciated.

**TITHING**-Here are some options: 1. we recommend that you either mail your check in directly to church or utilize the resources of your financial institution to donate. 2. Go to <https://www.bflchurch.org/our-church/stewardship/>. At the bottom of the page you'll see a Donate button. This will allow you to make a donation by credit card or PayPal. There is a note section where you will be able to designate where you'd like the donation to go. Please remember to add your member number, if you know it (we do get charged for this). 3. Or you can bring in any donations you may have once we resume a normal schedule.

**LENTEN OFFERINGS**-Despite the virus shutdown, our congregation still generously contributed during the Lenten season. This year, your Social Ministry Committee distributed those offerings of about \$1,400 each to the Oromo Congregation in Denver and the Iglesia Luterano San Pedro congregation in Miami. Our partner congregations will be receiving those donations shortly! God bless our giving congregation.

**"Your Social Ministry Committee supports this charity."**



## The Rocky Mountain Fisher House

Many veterans and active duty military undergo extended medical treatment for several weeks or months, we provide a place to stay at no cost to these families.

The Rocky Mountain Fisher House has nine suites, with private bedrooms and baths. Families share a common kitchen, laundry facility, a warm dining room, and an inviting living room. The Rocky Mountain Fisher House ensures that there is never a lodging fee.

The house is operated by the Denver VA Medical Center and supported by the Rocky Mountain Fisher House Foundation. The VA is responsible for maintenance, operations, upkeep, and staff.

The New Rocky Mountain Fisher House is now open. The Rocky Mountain Fisher House is located behind the Rocky Mountain Regional VA Medical Center on North Wheeling Street between 17th Place and Montview. We are conveniently located near the VA, so our families can easily visit their loved ones.

Our home has 16 suites and can accommodate 16 to 32 family members. It features a large kitchen, laundry facilities, a spacious dining room and an inviting living room with a library. Our new home also has an elevator to easily access the second floor.

Guests are able to stay at the Rocky Mountain Fisher House as long as a veteran or active duty service member is a patient at the hospital. Check out is expected at the time of the patient's discharge.

The foundation's mission is to support the Rocky Mountain Fisher House through awareness and fundraising campaigns. An executive director as well as a board of directors oversee the foundation. Together the foundation, the house manager, and the VA determine how to best serve the house and those who stay there.

Unlike other military non-profits, Rocky Mountain Fisher House Foundation focuses its money on those staying in the house. The donations we receive help provide all the comforts of a real home including transportation to and from the VA hospital, cable TV, newspaper delivery, as well as snacks and bottled water. The Rocky Mountain Fisher House does not provide meals, but the foundation has set-up a 'meal train' app so that those who wish to volunteer and make a meal for the families staying at the house can easily do so.

The Rocky Mountain Fisher House Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit.



**Hello one and all, Jacob here!**

To start us off we had a fun and creative event that took place the 8th and 9th of this month. Families and friends of the church came out and participated in our Parking Lot Chalk Art Contest. You can jump online to our website to see some of the entries, but I was overjoyed to see creativity in action. Hopefully, the beautiful murals will last for weeks to come. If you find yourself around the church, you should stop by and take a look. We had 6 different categories and named a winner for each category. Thank you to all who came out and participated and to those who didn't win a category don't worry we will have plenty more events coming this summer as well!

**The winners for this event are:**

**First Impression: Shannon Kosman**

**Biblical Narrative: The Isley Family**

**Originality: Lily and Michael Carlson**

**Use of Color: Rebekah Hohag and the Young Adult Group**

**Creativity: Brian Gould**

**Complexity: Pam Wagner**

As many of you also know we have switched to a completely online format for doing church services, Bible studies, and wiggle worship, all of which are available online on our website. **Although not ideal I have enjoyed doing the children's sermons as well as youth Bible studies, weekly online check ins, and confirmation classes with the Pastor and the kids.** It is a constant encouragement to know that even in difficult times there is still a passion to both learn and teach the Gospel. I am constantly thankful that I get to be a part of that passion lived out through BFLC every week.

**Also, in looking forward we have some great things on the horizon. The first of which is a Senior Honoring service that we are planning for May 30.** We understand that the seniors have lost some capstone moments and we are wanting to give back in a service that is designed to honor their hard work, dedication, and accomplishments. Be on the lookout for this event as well as other events that will be coming this summer.

**Finally, I was informed that the Girl Scout troop that some of our teens are involved in has chosen Black Forest Cares to be their hometown hero, honoring them with a donation of cookies.** This is yet another reminder than in dark and uncertain times our light can shine that much brighter. So, I want to say a special thank you to those who work diligently in good times and bad to provide for others and for letting your light shine.

-A resource for you <https://www.bflchurch.org/kids-corner/>



### 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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