

THE SCRIBE



June 2020, Volume I

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

**-We are worshipping
outside!**

-VBS details are inside.

**-Revive is happening on
Saturday!**

How good and pleasant it is for God's people to be together in unity.
Psalm 133

It was indeed good to gather together for worship last Sunday, June 7. We are blessed to have our outdoor worship area especially to have room to spread out in this time of social distancing. Outside we can accommodate 3 to 4 times as many members for worship as are now allowed in our sanctuary.

To all who were here for worship Sunday I thank you for wearing a mask, keeping 6 feet apart, not congregating, or even hugging. We'd all rather not be in this situation, but your action shows your care for each other.

We are working hard to expand our indoor seating for wet or cold Sundays. Bringing sound and video into the fellowship hall would allow us to double our indoor seating capacity from our current limit of 50 in the sanctuary. Overflow seating in the fellowship hall is not anyone's first choice but it is our best option when the weather doesn't cooperate.

Thank you for your patience during this challenging time. We plan on worshipping in our outdoor worship area in the coming weeks.

SABBATICAL

Our congregation graciously encourages me to take 3-month sabbatical every seven years. I have chosen to divide this time over two consecutive years. This summer is the second part of last year's sabbatical. Given this challenging time, I plan on making sure things are in good order during June, then take time away in July and early August. Thank you for your continued and sustaining prayers.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR -Thank you for your continued prayers for the ongoing process for calling an associate pastor. At the annual meeting we had 3 strong candidates. At this point we are continuing discernment conversations with one of those three as the other two have taken other calls. Conversations slowed a bit with Covid 19 challenges faced by all. While we continue conversations with this candidate, we are also talking with other candidates that submit their application through NALC.

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

REVIVE! You're invited to join us at the inaugural BFLC Women's Ministry event called REVIVE!. The Women's Ministry and the REVIVE! 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. Initially, the event was planned for in-person sessions and even though this first session will be virtual, we hope to eventually transition to a combination of virtual and in-person sessions in the fall.

REVIVE! sessions will provide space and time to connect with Jesus and other women of faith to support our mental, physical and spiritual well-being.

The Christ-centered and interactive virtual event, REVIVE! will be online Saturday, June 13 from 10:00 - 11:00a.

This first one-hour online session will be led by the newly formed BFLC Women's Ministry team - Jeanette Gould, Rebecca Hohag and Patsy Wurster. Jeanette will serve as the emcee for the event. Rebecca will lead us in a time of reflection, prayer and connection and Patsy Wurster will be our first guest speaker.

Patsy is a long-time member of BFLC, has been a Council member for several years and has served on numerous committees, as well as leading the LifeKeys program since 2008. Patsy is the author of [My Million-Mile Journey](#) and is a certified Stonecroft Ministries speaker.

Patsy will share her story of her perilous journey from deep adversity and toxic stress as a child to living a joyous life of faith and gratitude today. You will hear first-hand how God protected her through highly tumultuous times and situations and healed her deepest scars through His loving grace and mercy.

Please join us! And ask a friend to join! To register call Jeanette in the church office.

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

AARP SHREDDING-has been cancelled this year.

SPRING WORKDAY, June 20-Our Spring workday will occur on June 20, 8:30am-12:30. We will have a list of indoor & outdoor projects which can be completed individually or in small teams. Please, bring gloves, rakes, and a mask. Plan on joining us and staying for a pizza lunch at noon.

SUNDAY FLOWERS-we will be starting Sunday flowers back up, please sign-up! Cost: \$18

BLACK FOREST CARES is in need of cereal this week. Thanks again!!!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Al Alberg	1	Sophia Beckman	1	Jan Duncan	2
Shirley Hoffman	4	Vanessa Corpus	5	Kamdyn Hinderberger	5
Bryan Petch	6	Heather Hite	7	Shannon Kosman	7
Nadya Hildebrandt	9	Emma Beckman	10	Susan Harrison	10
Bob Hahn	13	Heidi Mellon	13	Dean Syverson	13
Haldis VanBuskirk	13	Ian Wilhelm	14	Tyler Kvale	15
Patrick Turechek	15	Katie Callantine	18	Connie Schmeisser	18
Debbie Stepp	18	Clara Makowsky	19	Dorothy Marlow	19
Jennifer Reily	19	Robin Dirks	20	Mickey Bannister	22
Del Lang	22	Stephanie Maxson	23	Landon Toelle	24
Bill Willis	24	Natalie Cole	26	Sean Dirks	26
John Rutherford	27	Electa Beckner	28	Braidon Coughlin	28
Jenna Yonce	29	Naomi Mobley	30		

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Todd & Jeanette Gould	3	Steve & Linda Langlais	3	Wolf & Rachael Thielmann	3
Jim & Sandy Fariss	5	Ric & Stephanie Maxson	6	Gary & Patsy Wurster	7
Rob & Shelly Pratt	8	John & Ginger Gale	10	Kevin & Melissa Devolve	11
Steve & Nancy Lord	11	Tom & Linda Pratt	11	George & Ginny West	11
Ramiro Ocampo & Cindy Bohn	12	Don & Karen Ketels	14	Steve & Dorothy Marlow	14
Bill & Karen Moreau	16	Mark & Michele Robinson	17	James & Kristina Mahurin	18
Dave & Mary Campbell	20	Winston & Amy Churchill	20	Josh & Jessica Roe	20
Ed & Nancy Storey	20	James & Karla Olson	22	Jim & Deanna Hormann	25
Dick & Avelyn Ullom	26	Bob & Cindy Winford	26	Bill & Mary Montie	27
Matt & Trina Seebach	27	George & Norine Kerstein	28		



Thank you for sharing your gift of craft with us! It has been such a blessing for our staff. (masks)
Liberty Heights

Dear BFLC, Thank you so much for your recent gift of \$78.00 to Rainbow Trail Annual Fund. Please pray for our summer staff.
Yours in Christ, Dave Jarvis RTLC

Dear BFLC, Thank you for your gift of \$655 in support of the North American Lutheran Seminary.
Sincerely Yours in Christ, Rev. Dr. Eric Riesen

Dear BFLC, Thank you for your gift and support of our efforts; you help us do incredible things!
All the best, Megan Slifer LaPuente

Dear BFLC Community, Thank you so very much for your generous gift. Words can never tell you what your congratulations and generous heart has meant to me. The senior celebration and gift of the blanket is reassured and appreciated! Thank you so much for thinking of me. I am looking forward to this next stage in my life. Love, Kirsten Hinderberger (Graduate)

BFLC, There are not enough words to properly express how thankful I am for each of you. Your phone calls, text messages, cards and emails have offered me comfort during this very difficult time in my life. I was so touched by those of you who "joined" me at Rich's funeral service. My mind is in a fog and I am feeling alone and completely overwhelmed with all the decisions that need to be made. You all are such good friends. I know that from Heaven he's aware of your kindness and is looking down on all of us with love. Thank you again for everything. You are so incredible. My heart is filled with gratitude. Carolyn Byrnes

This month Social Ministry is highlighting Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountain. LFS walks with the vulnerable through services that heal, strengthen and provide hope. Inspired by the love of Christ, some of the many programs include KPC Respite Center, providing a safe place for children who's families are in crisis, needed at this time more than ever. Safe Care, supporting at-risk families in their homes. Parenting Education and Care House, providing supervised visitation. Foster Care and Refugee Foster Care. Older Adults and their families are not forgotten. The Social Ministry committee appreciates the generous response from our congregation and will keep everyone apprised of the potential backpack drive in July. These are challenging times and there are many unknowns about this coming school year. Blessings, Gale Banda



SOCIAL MINISTRY-Annually, the Social Ministry hosts a celebration of the 4th of July and birthday anniversaries of BFLC members by serving cake after an outdoor service near the date of July 4th. This year that would be July 5th. Donations will go to Fisher House. However, not knowing just how Covid-19 restrictions may limit events, we are taking it one day at a time in deciding whether such an event may occur. We shall keep you posted. Thank you for your patience.

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.



Hello all, Jacob here again!

As many of you know we had our graduation honoring service on May 31. We are so appreciative of the hard work and dedication that goes into every single senior who graduates. Parents, teachers, and obviously the seniors themselves pour themselves into school, sports, and extra-curriculars and we wanted to not only offer the graduates a gift, but also the recognition they deserve. I also want to say a special thank you to everyone who worked on making the service possible, from knitting the blankets, making masks, cleaning and disinfecting the sanctuary, making the senior slideshow and everything in between. You are loved and appreciated. If you haven't checked out the service you should jump online and check it out now!

Although we are still practicing safe distancing, I want to let everyone know that we are still providing services and resources online. On our website you have our Sunday morning worship services, youth Bible studies, and children's sermons that are available for your viewing pleasure. We are working on and updating the website every week with great content, you should check it all out and let your friends and family know as well.

Finally, we are looking ahead to some exciting events taking place this month that you'll have to keep your eyes out for, included in these events are confirmation camp, outdoor movie and VBS. Although these will look different from what they have in the past, our prayers are that in all we do we continue to give God glory and better further His kingdom.

I am reminded of Paul's works in Philippians 3 when he says that when we have Christ we have everything we need. We can also hold to the truths of Matthew 28:20 when our Lord promised that he will be with us always. No matter what we are going through and experiencing during this time, no matter what events and unrest may be occurring in the world or in our own households, let us continually look to the cross for our answers.



A NOTE FROM RAINBOW TRAIL LUTHERAN CAMP-A note from Dave Jarvis, Executive Director at camp. The 2020 summer is here! There were days that I wondered if we would get here. Together, this staff ministry team will serve over 3,000 people in the next three months, whether it is online or on-site. With the summer looking so differently and with staff not able to come down the mountain during the summer.

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One thing we can do as a church body is pray for Zach and Cam Regennitter weekly, this is hard work and we trust that the spirit will use us as we serve, and to consider sending supportive letters and care packages as well.

Our Bible Studies for 2020 are based on the theme "2020 Vision: Seeing Ourselves and Others as God Does." Our study centers on scripture from 1 Peter 4:10 – "Each one should use whatever gift they have received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." This study will dig into helping us see other people and even ourselves as God sees us – gifted and unconditionally loved children of God. We will have a chance to explore our own gifts and how they can be used to serve the world.

VBS AT HOME WITH RAINBOW TRAIL

After long prayerful consideration RTLC has made the tough decision to only provide digital at home day camps with congregations during the summer of 2020. This decision was made for the safety of summer staff and as well as those serving. As is the case of many of our ministries they will look different this summer. So for our June 29- July 3 VBS for those want to participate will be doing them from their homes. BFLC will provide care packages for each family participating that week with craft supplies, song lyrics, and the curriculum for the week.

RTLC Day Camp (VBS) at Home

Day Camp at home will be a 2-hour program with 30-minute time blocks. We hope this will be enough time to create meaningful programming and form relationships with campers and still respect the attention spans and 'screen time' of young ones. Schedule is as follows: 9:00-Sondance 9:30-Bible Study 10:00-Sing/Dance Along/Game Time 10:30 -Closing Worship

Sondance and Closing Worship- RTLC staff will prepare worship beforehand and share worship live on Zoom. In goofy "The Wiggles" or "Dora" inspired interactive style, we will incorporate song, skit, and storytelling. Breaks throughout worship will be made for campers to read the verse of the day, or a small group to present a skit or story of their own.

Bible Study Small Group Breakouts-In each breakout group campers will have more time to get to know campers their age, their counselor, and dig into the stories and the theme of the day.

Sing/Dance Along/Game Time- Counselors will be leading fun interactive songs, dances, and games for the campers to play.

Crafts-Parents will be sent "Craft Kits" home. RTLC Craft Coordinators have made "How To" videos to show how to do the craft. Then kids can watch, rewatch, rewind, and pause as they create their craft.

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION!



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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