

THE SCRIBE

July~2020



**We are worshipping
outside at 9:00a on
Sundays!**

SUMMER WORSHIP

I am thankful we can worship outside this summer. I know of a Colorado Springs church that won't be worshipping until August. As thankful as I am for our outdoor worship area, I miss greeting each of you face to face and don't feel as connected with you as I usually do.

If the weather is too cool or wet we will worship inside with over flow seating in the fellowship hall.

For those uncomfortable with either option, remember you can also worship in your car in the church parking lot, tuning in with your FM radio.

Many of you are worshipping online. In April and May we were recording on Saturdays and uploading worship for Sunday morning. Now that we are gathering for worship on Sundays, we can't upload the service before midafternoon. (Black Forest has very slow internet.) Thank you for your patience and understanding.

We continue to do all we can to provide meaningful worship at this unusual time.

SABBATICAL

I am scheduled for a 6-week sabbatical this year. Because this is such an unusual time, I will take 4-weeks this summer beginning July 7 and the other 2 later this fall.

Several pastors will be filling in on Sundays and available for pastoral care. Maureen Lang will be leading worship. I encourage you to be faithful in worship even as I am gone from you.

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Sunday Themes: July	5	Come to me all who are weary
	12	The sower and the seed
	19	The wheat and the weeds
	26	Parables of the Kingdom
Aug.	2	Feeding the 5000
	9	Peter walking on water

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 who submitted their application through NALC.



2020 MISSION CONVOCATION-The North American Lutheran Church (NALC) is hosting its first ever Virtual Mission Convocation. Friday, August 7, 4:00p-7:00p and Saturday, Aug. 8, 12:00p-4:00p. This is a great opportunity to meet my friend, Bishop Dan Selbo and hear about the 2020 vision, hear from missionaries like our own Didi Panzo, and see what our national church body is all about. We are Christ Centered, Mission Driven, Traditionally Grounded and Congregationally Focused.

The cost is free, but register on line at thenalc.org to receive schedule and other materials.

OFFICE CLOSING at noon on Fridays in July and August.

AARP SHREDDING-has been cancelled this year.

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!!!

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Chris Freeman	1	Jason Yonce	1	Andrea Syverson	2
Greg Wurster	2	Tammy Klein	3	Jacob Westphal	3
Karen Ketels	5	Nate Kieffer	5	Don Cress	6
John Gale	6	Francesca Wahlborg	6	Karen Pforr	7
Donna Wesley	7	Zachary Kvale	9	Karen Gourley	11

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Jo Dieckhoff	12	Joe Dowdy	12	Shari Draeger	12
Joshua Kleine	12	Kyle Harris	13	Travis Olson	14
Duane Wagner	14	David Williams	14	Sharon Cress	15
Mary Montie	15	Candice McNany	22	Noelle Decker	24
Bill Fitzpatrick	24	Christine Makowsky	25	Alexandra Cullen	26
Ashley Bush	27	Lauren Kleine	27	Ivy Hite	29
James Olson	30	Anita Wolfe	30	Bart Denney	31
Karen Jackson	31				

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

John & Suzana Lacomia	1	Michael & Landra Decker	7	John & Donna Hartley	8
David & Rosalind Williams	12	JC & Kelsey Mobley	17	Scott & Ann Buttermore	19
Eugene & Alexandra Cullen	22	Mike & Debbie Woods	23	Tom & Karen Jackson	24
Monty & Jackie Sappenfield	27	Greg & Maren Wurster	28	Brian & Karina Isley	30

Lutheran Family Service Rocky Mountain 2020 School Supply Drive is happening!

Gift cards of any amount are needed to fill backpacks with supplies for foster and refugee children. The backpacks have been donated by a generous member of our congregation. LFSRM suggest cards from Target or Walmart. Please drop them by the church office by July 26th. Please write the amount on the card or an envelope.

Does anyone remember the thrill of opening new school supplies at the beginning of the school year? These are difficult times and foster and refugee children have gone through unimaginable trauma. Little joys do help. Thank you and blessings.

SOCIAL MINISTRY-This Sunday! 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. They will be providing pre-wrapped goodies to celebrate. Donations will go to Fisher House.

REVIVE RECAP-The Women's Ministries virtual REVIVE Day in June was a big success! Thirty-two women joined on-line to pray, hear Patsy Wurster share her story, and ask questions. It was amazing to see so many faces together. While there were some technical obstacles to overcome for some of us, we hope to be able have another on-line get together this summer.

SPRING WORKDAY-THANK YOU!-Thank you to all those who came out to our Spring Work Day last month. In an effort to keep our outdoor spaces looking nice, weeds were pulled, pine needles raked, and gravel was spread, among other chores. We are thankful for the many helping hands and for our beautiful outdoor worship area where we are able to worship each Sunday!



Hello all, Jacob here!

As youth and family ministries director this has turned out to be one of my most busy months yet. On Tuesday, the 23rd, Pastor Ken and I, as well as some amazing volunteers, got to lead some of our students in a confirmation retreat. This was a ten-hour retreat where we had the opportunity to hike, do Bible studies, build a cross, do a couple of service projects, have fun, and so much more. I am grateful to the students, the parents, and all those who helped out in making it a great day for all. I am already looking forward to and planning next year's!

As many of you also know the week of the 29th is our VBS week. This, as with most things at this time, looks very different than it has in the past. This will be our first at-home, digital VBS. I am thankful for all those who have signed up, who have helped out, and of course for Rainbow Trail who has almost completely redesigned their summer day camps in just a few short months. Although this is different I also know that this is already turning out to be a very powerful outreach to families in our community. My prayer is that each and every home becomes a beacon of light in such a dark time and that every child that is connected to this church comes closer to understanding who Christ is and His overwhelming love for us. I look forward to this week of VBS and know that although we are limited, God is not.

We also did a drive-in style movie with the youth and their families on Wednesday, July 1.

Lastly, we can look ahead to the month of July. There are many great events just over the horizon and I look forward to sharing them all with my Black Forest Lutheran Family. I pray that you are blessed and that you are a blessing to another at this time!



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



OUR MISSION

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

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OUR STAFF

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Ministry Coordinator - Jeanette Gould

Youth/Family Ministries Director – Jacob Oglesby

Administrative Assistant - Lisa Regennitter

Organist - Barbara Gurnett

Choir Director - Melanie Hohag

Handbell Choir Director - Bill Fitzpatrick

Keyboard – Landra Decker

Ministers - All Members

OFFICE HOURS

Weekday Hours

9:00am-2:00 pm Tuesday-Thursday

9:00am-12:00pm Friday

(Closed Mondays)

Sunday Worship 9:00am Outside

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