

THE SCRIBE



APRIL-2021

From Pastor Ken

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Palm Passion Sunday, March 28 – We hear of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Later, the once joyful crowd turns angry and cries out for his death on a cross.

Maundy Thursday, April 1– Maundy is Latin for mandate or command. Jesus washes the disciples' feet and gives a new command: to love one another as he loved us. Through his presence we become servants to each other. Our worship ends with the dramatic stripping of the altar, preparing us for the stark reality of Good Friday.

Good Friday, April 2 – Called "good" because on this Friday the greatest gift was given: the life of our Lord for us. In the service of Tenebrae (darkness), readings are interspersed with music, so we hear the story of our Lord's passion in the gradual darkening of the sanctuary.

Easter Sunday. Come celebrate our Lord's Resurrection, April 4 – In the darkness of grief, Jesus' followers come to the tomb only to find the stone rolled away and to hear the news: "He is Risen!" Jesus' light scatters our darkness. His presence transforms life itself.

6:00a – Sunrise Service

No breakfast this year.

8:00 – Worship

9:45 – Easter Egg Hunt

10:30 – Worship

Reservations can be made starting Thursday, March 25.

Joining Jesus on His Mission

It's our theme for 2021.

You'll hear it in the sermons.

You'll hear it in adult classes.

Jesus is on the loose.

He's in our neighborhoods.

He's working in people who don't even know him.

He's working to give life and hope and healing.

It's what he does. It's his mission. And he invites us to join him on his mission.

Join me for our ongoing class "Joining Jesus on His Mission", **beginning Sunday, April 11 at 9:30a.**

It features a video by Greg Finke, the author of the book with the same title.

Then on Tuesday, May 11, in the evening, we will meet with Greg Finke over a Zoom call. Mark your calendars!

Announcements

Women's Bible Study will begin on Thursday, April 8 at 6:30p. The topic will be the Josea Study on "Unfailing Love Changes Everything" by Jennifer Rothschild. Contact: Paige Summerfield

"Joining Jesus on His Mission" Class. Starting **Sunday, April 11 at 9:30a**, we are going to begin again, at the beginning, the series on *"Joining Jesus on His Mission"* by Pastor Greg Finke that we had started just before the COVID restrictions were put in place. We plan to integrate the lecture series with our congregational 50th year anniversary celebration theme of "Remember, Rejoice and Renew". This lecture series will be one of the first steps of the "Renew" in that theme. As part of the celebration Pastor Ken has been in discussions with Greg Finke to have a follow-on meeting with our church to strengthen our commitment to our call to follow Jesus in our daily lives in our homes and community.

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

Appalachian Mission Trip. Jacob, our Youth and Family Ministries Director, has been in contact with a church in Denver as well as RTL, about the possibility of doing a mission trip this year. If we were to be able to go it would be from June 13-19, 2021. What we need from you is to know who would be interested in attending this year. This invitation is extended to anyone 9th grade and over. If you are interested and questions, please let either Jacob or Lisa know!

The Prime Timers (50+) would like to have a meeting in April to come up with some monthly outings. Please let Lisa know if you would like to be a part of this group. Some previous events were bowling, potlucks at homes, outings for dinner, movies, hikes, picnics, and so on! And yes, we understand COVID will change some events, but we also think we could manage some of these activities.

Ukrainian Egg – You are invited to join us in the Ukrainian egg decorating tradition known as **Pysanka** on **Sunday, April 25th at Noon**, led by Laura Gohlke. Pysanka is the art of decorating a hollowed-out eggshell. Traditionally made at Easter time with gorgeous resurrection symbols. 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 and unique one-of-a-kind heirloom. It is the tradition to give Ukrainian eggs as a gift. We will decorate directly after the second service in the fellowship hall. This activity is intended for those 12 years and older. Requested donation of \$5/family. There are 30 slots available.

Please be sure to bring a snack lunch. Please note COVID guidelines will be followed. Sign-up in Fellowship Hall. If you signed up last year you will have to sign up again!

Coming in May!

BINGO is Back!

Graduation Sunday, May 9

Zoom Meeting with Greg Finke, *Joining Jesus on His Mission*

50th Anniversary Year for Black Forest Lutheran Church

1971 - 2021

A Little Bit of History

Following the Service of Organization, the congregation adjourned for an Organizational Business meeting. First, was the election of the church council. Clarence Brees was elected as Vice Chairman, and among the first council members, was Steve Decker, Mike Decker's brother.

What was Council's first order of business? Calling a Pastor. They recommended George Jacobson, and the new congregation voted affirmative. Pastor Jacobson stepped down as a missionary Pastor and accepted the call to be BFLC's first Pastor on March 7, 1971.

Following the official recognition as a congregation, a new vision was formed – a church building. Five acres of land was purchased next to the Black Forest Community Church. To accomplish this, the congregation voted to borrow \$7,800 from the Board of American Missions – its first mortgage. In conjunction with the purchase, a covenant agreement was established with the Community Church to develop a shared facility arrangement between the two congregations.

At the end of the first year, BFLC had 179 baptized members, finished in the black with a \$20,000 budget, a \$7,800 mortgage and received a \$5,000 grant. It is important to note that we sent 10% of our budget to Synod, setting precedence.

In February 1972 we held a Fund Drive and \$8,000 was raised for the construction of Luther Hall. The groundbreaking was May 1972 and building began in August 1972.

The Service of Dedication of Luther Hall was on October 31, 1973. The Reciprocal Agreement with the Community Church stated worship services would be held at the Community Church with education, fellowship and administrative activities being conducted in Luther Hall.

While the building was going on outside, milestones of faith were going on inside – the first wedding, Roger Schutte and Margaret McCreight; first confirmation class, which included Mike Decker and Dave & Mary's Campbell's children, Chris and Linda. The first funeral was for Leo Gray.

God was watching over this young congregation and led strong leaders to its doors. During the 70's BFLC welcomed these families who continue worshipping here: George, Ginny & Ken West, Lydia Zelones, Duane & Kathy Steinke, Andi Lockwood, and George & Norine Kerstein.

The earthly element for baptism is water, which is good. However, when water started dripping on heads and it wasn't a baptism, it wasn't so good! To be continued . . .

THE BLACK FOREST WOMEN'S CLUB

By Cindy Winford

The Black Forest Ladies Club, later called Black Forest Homemaker's Club, as well as other names over the years, began in 1921 as a sewing circle with five members. As time passed, membership grew and so did its focus, changing to demonstrating and learning homemaking skills and involvement in community affairs. On February 7, 1946, the BF Lutheran Church with the BF Ladies Club and the BF Community Club held a dinner to honor war veterans. In 1950, BF had a forest fire which covered 200 acres of timber and threatened homes. The ladies came to the aid of the BF Volunteer Fire Dept. working to prepare and transport food to the men. The fire lasted four days and nights.

The club first held its monthly meetings at various facilities and finally at the BFCLC, serving the community, as well as BF Cares for over 30 years. The membership grew to 60 ladies between the ages of 40-85.

In January 2021, the club turned 100 years old. Due to the membership getting older, and many unable to serve due to illness and age, the officers voted to dissolve the club. Memorabilia, such as photo albums and records dating back many years, were archived for viewing at the Old Log School, kitchen supplies were donated to the BFCLC, and remaining funds were distributed to four Black Forest charities.

The members of the Black Forest Women's Club want to thank the BFCLC for its years of allowing its use of the Fellowship Hall for meetings. May God bless you all.

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Didi in the Congo

Didi and Serafina are settling into their home in Boma. They have had some trouble with both their generator and the electricity for the computer. It sounds like these are getting resolved. Their church has not been able to meet, due to COVID. WMPL and NALC have both provided some support for the pastor during this time of not collections. The seminary at Tshela is in their school year. They are also suffering with financial difficulties, especially for the wages for the professors.

We have not had an update as to when Didi's cargo container will arrive, but it should be soon. In addition to a vehicle there will be many boxes of donated items.

One of the orphans that was in Didi's care when he left did not survive until their return. As far as we know, there have been no COVID vaccinations and there is no organized data on the rate of COVID infections or where they are occurring.

Please pray for Didi and all of the DRC as they suffer under a poor government and no social support.

Rewards Programs

- **King Soopers** offers a rewards program for non-profits. BFLC is registered as one of the participating organizations. If you shop at King Soopers and have a loyalty card, we invite you to register with BFLC. Just go to www.kingsoopers.com/communityrewards and go to Enroll. Once sales have reached \$5,000 from all the cards registered with BFLC, 5% is sent to Black Forest Cares. The last check we received showed only 19 households from BFLC are participating. Surely, we can do better! Black Forest Cares uses this money for purchasing meat and the items necessary for balanced diets for the families using the pantry.
- If you shop **Safeway**, they also have a similar program, only you must purchase a "**gift card**" from BFLC, **\$10**. The gift card must be used to purchase groceries for it to be linked to BFLC. You can charge on your Visa or Master Card to load to the gift card. If you have questions on either of these programs, please contact Mary Montie. **Mary also has Safeway gift cards on hand.**
- No need to weight down those purses or pockets with heavy change - **quarters** in the offering plate go to **Food for the Poor**. Pennies in the offering plate go to **Mosaic** - which is a program that helps the developmentally disabled be the best they can be.
- **Amazon Smiles**. This does not fall under the Social Ministry umbrella but remember BFLC is also linked to **Amazon**. When shopping on Amazon, sign up to link to BFLC and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice, and BFLC is a choice for the designated charity. These are very simple ways you can participate in enhanced ministry at BFLC. Please consider doing so.

Social Ministry

Marian House Kitchen. With the everchanging COVID regulations and loss of donations from area restaurants and grocery stores, the staff and volunteers from Marian House never missed a meal since the pandemic started. From dining in, to all 'to-go' meals, to a combination of both. And as of August 1, all meals are back to being served in the dining room. It's taken creativity and a can-do attitude to keep food on the table for the needy in our community. BFLC has provided volunteers every month and helped financially with paper products for 'to go' meals. **The BFLC Council has designated a sponsor day on April 29th**, which means we are donating the complete funding of that day's meal. We are blessed to be a blessing to others.

BFLC Social Ministry in Action! One of the new global outreach efforts recently approved by the Social Ministry Committee is [El Porvenir](#), an organization in action in Nicaragua to improve the lives of people in the second poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. [El Porvenir](#) has four primary mission goals of providing clean water, sanitation, reforestation, and fuel-efficient, vented stoves.

With the recently approved gift from BFLC, our church will be sponsoring 6 new stoves for 6 families! This new project will be in a community named El Rincon, Nicaragua. The stoves use 60% less firewood and vent harmful smoke out of homes. The World Health Organization says that breathing in the smoke from cookstoves is like smoking two packs of cigarettes per day, so these vented stoves make a HUGE difference in families' health AND use much less firewood which reduces deforestation. At present, many of the women develop lung diseases by age 30 and an overwhelming majority of children develop asthma due to breathing all the smoke in their homes.

One of [El Porvenir's](#) primary offices is located in Broomfield, Colorado, and our church contact person is a very personable Jenna Saldana, who has promised to send pictures of the stoves sponsored by BFLC! Watch the bulletin board for these in the near future, as the project is due to begin in April! *-Social Ministry Committee*



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Brian & Sondra Evans	4
Michael & Denise DeBlois	11
Larry & Andi Lockwood	16
Bob & Lora Hahn	21
Aric & Holly Hanson	24
Kent & Debbie Stalnaker	25
Jon & Lisa Fountain	26
Keith & Shari Kraus	27
Duane & Kathy Steinke	30



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Denise DeBlois	1	James Leitte	18
Brian Gould	1	Kent Anderson	19
Joe Ricci	2	Michael Wolfe	19
Scott Buttermore	3	Mike Regennitter	20
Brian Green	3	Jack Yonce	21
Mary Nifong	5	Misty Hopp	23
Cindy Bannister	8	Christina Collier	24
Freda Fry	9	Kori Woods	24
Rob Pratt	11	Avelyn Green	26
Kathy Schwindt	14	Ethan Olson	26
Kim Stephens	14	Jacob Wolfe	26
Stan Beckner	15	Tracy Kosman	27
Debbie Dorn	15	Monika Klimas	28
Kayla Hoelscher	16	Jerry Johnson	30
Lane Swenson	17		



Please take the time to connect with someone today. Your phone call could put a smile on their face. Or it could put a smile on your face!

- Share what your devotional was about.
- Encourage each other to take advantage of the warmer Spring days and sunshine.
- Ask if they need help with grocery shopping.
- Share a recipe.
- What book are you reading?
- Have you watched any good movies?
- Do you know any good card games?
- What crafts can you do at home?
- Pray together.

We have a strong community at BFLC. Let's continue to grow in and through Christ in these challenging times.



Hygiene Bags for La Puente: Wow! Once again, the generosity of this congregation has been overwhelming! And THANK YOU! We have collected 166 pairs of women's underpants and 52 bras! If you are thinking of adding to this effort, you might consider new men's underwear as well. Everything is much appreciated by our friends in the San Luis Valley! Also, we have enough empty prescription bottles to last us the next 10 years, so no longer need those until further notice.

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"Dear BFLC Family,

I am sitting by the fire with a hot cup of tea on this blustery afternoon. I recently pulled my new prayer shawl out of the dryer, that Lisa handed me this morning at church. The shawl made me pray and cry, not just for the loss of my mother, but for the overwhelming love I felt from God and my church family. So incredibly humbling. I am not sure who to thank, but I know Lisa will. ❤️ I will treasure it always, it's so cozy.

Thank you so much, Tracy Kleine"

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From the "**Ronald McDonald House of Charities of Southern Colorado**": "Please accept our deepest thanks for your donation of \$450.00 to the RMHC of Southern Colorado and choosing to support the mission of keeping families close."

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From the "**Spiritual Orphans Network**": "Thank you for your recent gift of \$350.00 in your ongoing support of the Spiritual Orphans Network ministries. Your congregation is the generation of faith to these spiritual orphans, and we praise God for your continued partnership."

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From the "**Good Samaritan Society**": "Behind every senior on a Good Samaritan Society campus, there is an army of people dedicated to his or her well-being of body, mind and spirit. And because of your recent donation of \$459.99, you are among our most generous partners. Thank you for caring for those who rely on the Good Samaritan Society for health, healing, and comfort!"

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From the "**Heifer International**": "Heifer families thrive because they have you by their side. That's why I want to take a moment to thank you for your support as a compassionate member of the Heifer community. Your recent gift of \$1,310.00 to Heifer is already giving so many a brighter path forward. You're doing your part to make the world a better place. Thank you!"

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Greetings all Jacob here,

As March comes to a close, I have a greater understanding of why they call it **March Madness**.

Even in all the madness there are some great things that we have been able to do and excited to announce. This was the first month since Covid that our meetings were not mostly online! It may seem like a small victory, but I am so excited for the victory, nonetheless. We have been able to meet in person for most events and services and we are so excited to be able to do so. These have been great times of talking and teaching. I am looking forward to continuing to meet with students for one-on-ones. As a reminder if you would like some one-on-one time to meet all you have to do is ask and we can schedule something out. These are times that I have come to greatly enjoy in the life of the church.

As we continue into the season of Lent, we will continue to **meet with the youth in person every Wednesday at 6:30p** and then continue into the Lent service as part of the confirmation class. After Easter we will be going back to 6:00p youth group meetings and then proceed into confirmation class from 7-8p.

Regarding student engagement, I am still having check-in times with the students to be available if they need to chat, catch up, or if they have any questions or issues that they need to be addressed. These chats have continued to be valuable to me as I get to know the students better and love giving to the students as well. Since we have begun hosting youth group sessions on Wednesdays before confirmation class, I can honestly say that I very much enjoy spending time with the students and growing closer with them as we grow closer to God.

As far as events are concerned, we are having our continued **Young Adult meeting after Easter instead of at the end of this month, likely on Saturday the 10th**. Be on the lookout for that announcement. We will continue to be safe and distanced while also playing games, having the opportunity to chat with one another, and getting into the Word together as well.

We also have scheduled an **egg stuff and movie night on March 26th from 5-6:30p** to prepare for Easter and spend some quality time together as well. Following that event is Holy week where we will have a full schedule of activities. Included in these are Maundy Thursday service, Good Friday service, and Easter (including Easter sunrise and an Easter egg hunt). We are also looking to have our graduation Sunday May the 9th as well.

Although current events have still limited our meetings, events, and activities, we are still offering Sunday school and Wiggle worship. The attendance of these groups has varied anywhere from 2 to 12 in both classes, but regardless of the numbers on any given Sunday we have enjoyed the time we have had to spend with the students.

For His glory,

Jacob Oglesby



Check out Kids Corner on the website! Some fun interactive videos!

2021 BFLC Directory. Do you need to update your information? Below is the information we need:

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone: Name & Number _____

Name & Number _____

Email: Name & Email _____

Name & Email _____

Children's Names _____

Pictures - Do you want your self/family picture in the Directory? Yes No

You may send a picture digitally to bflc@bflchurch.org. If you opt out of a picture, a Bear will take your place.

Check a date for your picture to be taken:

Apr. 11 Between services

Apr. 13 6:00p-8:00p

Apr. 18 Between services

I'm sending in a picture ***No later than Apr. 18.***

Business Directory

Member Name: _____

Type of Service: _____

Company Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Website: _____

Email Address: _____

When filled out, put your completed form in the basket on the table in the narthex and email picture to Lisa at bflc@bflchurch.org **NO LATER THAN APRIL 8!**



April 2021 SCRIBE

OUR STAFF

Pastor – Kenneth D. Hohag
Youth/Family Ministries Director – Jacob Oglesby
Director of Ministries – Lisa Regennitter
Administrative Assistant – Michelle Madison
Organist – Barbara Gurnett
Choir Director – Melanie Hohag
Handbell Choir Director – Bill Fitzpatrick
Keyboard – Landra Decker/Alexandra Cullen
Ministers – All Members

OUR MISSION

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

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

Sunday Worship 8:00a & 10:30a (Mask required.)

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