

THE SCRIBE



JULY-2021

From Pastor Ken

Summer Worship Schedule One Service – 9:00am

July 4 Outside	August 1 Outside
July 11 Inside	August 8 Inside
July 18 Outside	August 15 Outside
July 25 Inside	August 22 Inside
	August 29 Outside

Welcome to Pastor John

On Sunday, June 13, our congregation voted to call John Graham as our Associate Pastor of Discipleship.

Pastor John will be helping to equip us all to follow Jesus Christ and make him known to others. Fifty percent of his time will be focused on congregation support (worship, visits, pastoral calls, etc.), and the other fifty percent will be helping us all reach out to our neighbors (whoever God brings across our path).

Pastor John and his wife, Amanda, have two children – Adeline (13) and William (10). Please reach out and get to know them. Pastor John will be installed at our worship service Sunday, July 11. See page 3 for Pastor John's greeting.

Joining Jesus

The risen Christ is alive and on the loose in the world. Across the hall, across the street, he is working to heal and restore the lives of people. The amazing thing is this: He invites us to join him. He doesn't send us out to do his work. He invites us to join him in what he's already doing. The pressure is off of us. He does all the hard work. Preparing hearts, bringing people across our path at just the right place and time. Every day someone is in need of a little grace, a little encouragement. How might you join Jesus in what he's doing today? It's what we're all about, all the time.

- Joining Jesus class resumes Sunday, July 4 after worship. Come join Steve Lord, Pastor Ken, and Pastor John in the Fellowship Hall.
- Greg Finke, author of the book "Joining Jesus on His Mission", will be joining us via Zoom, Tuesday, July 13 @ 7:00p. I urge you to tune in. *Look for additional Zoom call information from Lisa soon.*

Didi

It was great to see Didi & Serafina Panzo, our missionaries to the Congo, and their daughters, Nicole and Sara, on June 18-20. They spoke of the Lord's goodness as he is giving them opportunities to reach out to orphans, women in abusive relationships, and families struggling to have enough to eat. Didi is serving as president of a small seminary, preparing students to be pastors in the area. It is a privilege to know such people of faith, such servants of our God.

Announcements

Joining Jesus on His Mission Class- We will resume July 4 for the month, after 9:00am worship in the Fellowship Hall.



Rocky Mountain Fisher House-BFLC will be celebrating all birthdays of its members and the United States of America on **Sunday, July 4**, by offering birthday cake and lemonade following worship. We invite the congregation to give a coin for every birthday they have celebrated, and those donations will be given to the Fisher House in Denver.

Mom's Group-The next event is scheduled for Monday, July 19 @ 6:00p in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Karina Isley for additional information.

Fellowship Activity-Look forward to joining family and friends for an evening out-of-doors on Tuesday, July 27, beginning at 6:00 pm! Hamburgers and hot dogs for the grill, and cold drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share and lawn chairs if you wish. Have fun playing outdoor games of volleyball, cornhole, ladder golf, or any others that you may have at home and are willing to share for the evening, or just come to visit and watch! Bring the entire family and friends! Sign-up!!

Senior Social – Every 4th Wednesday of the month from 1:00-4:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us for our monthly get-together to socialize, play dominoes, or do crafts. Individuals bring their own crafts to work on. Others use the opportunity to just sit and talk. Currently, upcoming dates are **July 28**, August 25, September 22, October 27, November 24, and December 22. Contact: Lavonne Hidy.

We need your help! We are in need for Sunday Helpers. if you can help out, please let Lisa know. All the jobs have trainers, so you will be well equipped!

- Altar Guild
- Record Worship
- Upload Service
- Bring & put out carpet squares and then after worship pick up and put back carpet squares



Wednesday Summer Youth Group! This means more events, more meals, and more FUN! This also means that we will be meeting every Wednesday evening from 6-7:30p for games, check in times, and a Bible lesson. All youth are invited out, it is going to be a great time! If you have any questions, contact Jacob at 719-822-4610.

Nursery is open! The nursery is open. We are taking the ages of 6 weeks to 3 years old. **We need adult help.** Please see Lisa if interested.

Office Closures-The office will be closing at Noon on Fridays in July and August.

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

- **Pastor John** will be installed at our worship service Sunday, July 11.
- **Lemonade and Gingersnap Sunday!** The Social Ministry Committee will host its annual Lemonade and Gingersnap Sunday following outdoor worship on Sunday, August 15. More information to follow. Contact is Mary Montie.
- **Black Forest Lutheran Church Women's Ministry** will be hosting a fall **REVIVE!** Event on September 11, 2021, from 9:00a - 12:00p. Watch your email and the Sunday Bulletin for additional details. **START INVITING YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS!**
- **Book Stew-**The scheduled dates for the 2022 Book Stew are January 2, 9, 16, and 23, 2022. We will begin accepting book donations December 13, 2021. There will be drop off boxes available in the Fellowship Hall for your donations on that date until the last week of December. The proceeds will be donated again to the Salvation Army's Support for Veterans. Your support, donations, and cooperation during this time is very much appreciated. Contact is Joyce Donicht.

A Greeting from Pastor John

"Dear Black Forest Lutheran Church, my brothers and sisters in Christ,

Thank you for this warm continuous welcome. You have treated me like family, which is golden.

A little bit about your new associate pastor...

I was born in Edmonton Alberta Canada and grew up a few hours away in the city of Calgary (that is a ways north of Colorado Springs). What I'm telling you is that it is true I am a confessed Canadian. Sometimes I will say the word "eh" and I do love my queen, her majesty Queen Elizabeth II ('God bless her'). I grew up right beside the Canadian Rockies, and so Colorado Springs seems to me a familiar setting. Wilderness camping is a love of mine, but so is having a good conversation about Jesus Christ at a coffee shop, in a person's home, or at the church office. Family is everything to me, with my own wife and children not having yet arrived at the writing of this note. I believe they will love BFLC as quickly as I have and appreciate the familial welcome I have experienced. I will play a game of chess, a computer game, BBQ as much as possible, enjoy a drive, learn something new... but really I am more interested in Jesus and yourselves than a little paragraph about myself.

It is my honor and joy to be called as a pastor to you. I really want to get to know you individually. Drop by my office at the church or call to say hello or set a time to meet with me. Pastor Ken and all the staff have been good to me. It is going to be great having such a pastor for myself and working with all of them and you as a church family.

I am looking forward to getting to know and minister with all of you here at Black Forest Lutheran Church. Thanks again for welcoming me in the name of Christ."

-Pastor John Graham

Stuff the Truck – We Did it!!!

"*Why does God allow disasters to happen?*" That's a question most often asked by people who have lost everything due to a fire, hurricane, tornado or any kind of disaster. As we know, God isn't responsible for the devastation, we live in a world of sin. God is responsible and active in the rebuilding following a disaster! One of the ways He works is through the NALC Disaster Response Team, and He has used the hearts and hands of BFLC members these past couple months. With the assistance of five other congregations, a 12-foot truck was filled with supplies for future disasters. This truck is going to a warehouse in Tyler, Texas in preparation for a possible hurricane building up on the coast. They are already experiencing flooding. The supplies many of you prepared for this truck are items that become very scarce following a disaster once clean-up begins. That's when the NALC Disaster team sends in their trucks and hands out flood buckets or health kits. There is never a charge.

As BFLC volunteers listened to a presentation before we started stuffing the truck, we all were amazed at what our church at large is accomplishing with over 450 congregations donating time and talent and funds. Once Fema and insurance is maxed out for families, the NALC Disaster Team finishes the job, no matter what tasks remain. A box truck, a 28' trailer, 2 pick-up trucks, 3 tool trailers and 2 shower trailers are available to NALC congregations when disasters strike. Within three days after the condo collapsed in Surfside, FL, the Disaster team was there. Not only do they offer the above-mentioned services, they also provide spiritual Christian care.

The following is what members of BFLC "stuffed" into the truck: 46 flood buckets; 61 quilts/new afghans; 86 health kits; 85 backpacks; 45 Bibles; 8 boxes of diapers; 11 shovels; 12 rakes; 18 brooms and \$125 in gift cards!

We have been blessed to be a blessing to others.

Didi in the Congo

We were thankful to have Didi, Serafina and two of their daughters (Nicole and Sarah) with us. Nicole, married, lives in Syracuse, New York, and the family is staying with them until they leave for the Congo on July 1.

At long last, the vehicle and the donations from Black Forest and many other churches arrived in Boma. The container changed ships and there was a 3-week delay for customs. The donations and vehicle are stored at the Panzo's house until they return. The seminary is going well but is struggling with funding. The instructors have not been properly paid and they have family expenses. The seminary is important to ensure Lutheran church leaders are properly trained to lead their congregations.

Please pray for their safe return to Boma. It involves about 3 flights and a long journey by land. Didi would also like to receive emails to know he is supported, and we are praying for him.

50th Anniversary Year for Black Forest Lutheran Church

1971 - 2021

A Little Bit of History

January 1981 brought us into our 10th year! The theme for the celebration was "Declare His Glory". The ladies from Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Church prepared the meal for the evening celebration. Duane Steinke was our Master of Ceremonies. Our little church in the forest continued to grow in membership and programs in the eighties. Howard Fischer became our first head shepherd to run the shepherding program. This was an extension of pastoral ministry helping meet the needs of our members. This program continues to this day.

In August 1982 Pastor Jacobson accepted a call to Trinity Lutheran in Spencer, Iowa. Pastor Jim Austin served as Vice Pastor through December. In October, a call was extended to an Associate Pastor at Holy Trinity Lutheran in Littleton, CO, Mark Peterson. He envisioned two churches - Black Forest Lutheran and the mission congregation in Monument - emerging, both strong in numbers and, most certainly strong in spirit and faith. Pastor Peterson was installed on January 2, 1983, at both congregations. His employment began in early December 1982, and that Christmas Eve turned out to be very memorable for everyone – services were cancelled due to snow.

BFLC with worship centers in Black Forest and Tri-Lakes was a testament to the fact that our Mission Statement was not just words. Pastor Peterson said he was amazed at the amount of commitment from the members. He said they take seriously the call to be a Priesthood of Believers. "As I look at our programs in worship, education and our outreach in service and witness, I think we are fulfilling our mission as God's Church."

In 1984 Long Range Planning did an analysis of the demographics of both the Black Forest and Tri-Lakes areas. Both worship areas were outgrowing their space. In 1985 the congregation voted to start the design process for both worship centers and authorized operational funding. Two design subcommittees were formed with Duane Steinke in charge of Black Forest and John Butler at Monument. Movement to construct a first unit at Tri-Lakes was spurred on by a donation of land by Alfred and Frances Wahlborg. On November 10, 1985, there was a short service of dedication on the property.

Another significant event occurred in 1985 when we began to organize with three other churches a Care and Share program which came into fruition the following year. Black Forest Lutheran would eventually house the pantry. Kathy Steinke and Lydia Zelones were head coordinators, and they continued in that position for many, many years. In this the year of our 50th, Lydia continues to manage Black Forest Cares.

During this time our outdoor worship area was built. Little did those folks know what a gift that would be in the year 2020 with the arrival of COVID! As a result of their foresight, we were able to worship in person much sooner than most congregations.

In September 1986, the congregation voted to proceed with the Tri-Lakes building. The design process was underway, now time to face up to the other part of the project – raising money. At Tri-Lakes a fund-raising goal of \$25,000 began. At Black Forest, while the fund raising wasn't scheduled to begin yet, an anonymous member came forth with a \$20,000 gift and challenged the members to match it by years end, and that challenge was met along with 75% of Tri-Lakes goal. Music is an integral part of worship, and we had the talent. By 1986 we had four choirs: Sandy Nutter directed the adult choir, Beverly Decker directed the youth choir at Black Forest, and Jenny Kissinger directed the adult choir and Vicky Schroeder led the youth choir at Tri-Lakes.

In January 1988, a new Lutheran Church was formed with the merging of the Lutheran Church of America, the American Lutheran Church and the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches. Black Forest Lutheran was now part of a 5.3 million-member Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

50th Anniversary Banner

Save the Date!!

As you know, this is Black Forest Lutheran Church's 50th Anniversary year. Our big celebration is going to be **Sunday, April 24, 2022**, so SAVE THE DATE! Due to COVID it was necessary to postpone our in-person celebration. We hope you are reading our history/memory articles in the Scribe. The latest addition to commemorate our 50th is the banner that has been hung in the narthex. We thank Donna Reiner for her design and beautiful work in creating it. As you enter church the remainder of this year, notice the banner and give a silent prayer of thanks to our awesome God for this place of worship in the forest. Not only is this where trees grow, but also a place for our faith to grow.

LFS Backpacks

The Social Ministry Committee supports a wide variety of causes both locally, nationally and internationally. Sometimes additional opportunities are presented if individuals wish to supplement the monies already being used for a particular project. The committee does not expect additional support but want to make members aware of needs in our community and world. With that being said, here is one more opportunity if you are so inclined to support it.

Lutheran Family Services provides backpacks for foster and refugee children as they begin the school year. The backpack is filled with school supplies and is supplemented with a \$20 gift card to Target or Walmart to purchase items not included in the backpack. The school supplies will be provided this year by a group called *COS/LoveYou*. Some students need specific items requested by a teacher that are not included in the backpack. Students may also use the card to pick out shoes or new clothes for that first day of school (Some have never had a new outfit!)

The committee will use the monies allocated to this project to purchase gift cards. If you feel called to donate a gift card or money toward one, please drop the card or money in the offering box (checks made out to BFLC) with a notation for LFS Backpacks or bring the card/money to the church office by July 12. If you have questions regarding this project, please contact Marcia Johnson.

Again, the Social Ministry Committee thanks this congregation for their generous support for all the projects that are being funded again this year. Your love and support have impacted many lives!!



From Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation, Inc.: "Our deepest gratitude for your donation of \$180 to HCEF programs."

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From Orphan Grain Train: "Thank you for your huge gift of love – the awesome box of children clothing, pillowcase dresses, children shorts and shirts. We cannot imagine the number of hours of unselfish labor generously given by each of you. God bless each of you!"

From Kami Hinderberger: "Thank you so much for the blanket that you gave me. I will always have it on my bed to remind me that God is always with me alongside my journey. Again, thank you for your generous gift."



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

John & Suzana Lacomia	1
Michael & Landra Decker	7
John & Donna Hartley	8
David & Rosalind Williams	12
Joseph & 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

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Chris Freeman	1	Kyle Harris	13
Jason Yonce	1	Travis Olson	14
Andrea Syverson	2	Duane Wagner	14
Greg Wurster	2	David Williams	14
Tammy Klein	3	Sharon Cress	15
Jacob Westphal	3	Mary Montie	15
Karen Ketels	5	Candice McNany	22
Nate Kieffer	5	Noelle Decker	24
Don Cress	6	Bill Fitzpatrick	24
John Gale	6	Christine Makowsky	25
Francesca Wahlborg	6	Alexandra Cullen	26
Karen Pforr	7	Ashley Bush	27
Donna Wesley	7	Lauren Klein	27
Zachary Kvale	9	Ivy Hite	29
Karen Gourley	11	Emma Jackson	30
Jo Dieckhoff	12	James Olson	30
Joe Dowdy	12	Bart Denney	31
Shari Draeger	12	Karen Jackson	31
Joshua Klein	12	Everett Learned	31





Greetings all Jacob here,

Greetings all,

As June concludes, I am so thankful for how we are able to meet in person and worship together. Getting to see everyone's smiling face after over a year of being unable to has filled me with such joy.

As a society, we have begun to open back up and are able to meet in person, have activities, meetings, and do fun events together as well. These have continued to be great times of talking, teaching, check-ins, and engagement with the students. As is true of the last few months I have continued to contact students, young adults, and parents that we have not heard from recently.

Regarding student engagement, I am still having weekly check-in times with the students and am available if they need to chat, catch up, or if they have any questions or issues that they need to work through. Students, and parents are under enormous pressure, and I have noticed that there is now a mad dash for time, energy, and effort in the lives of the students. As we continue to meet this remains a valuable time to me as I get to know the students and their families better. These have included late night messages and calls with students who are in crisis but also others who are wanting to catch up.

We are also continuing to host youth group classes on Wednesday evenings from 6-7:30. We meet, play some fun, interactive games together, have a short snack, then have a check in time and Bible study as well. These have been great times for both myself and the students, and I have been told that it is constantly the best part of the week in the lives of several students. This is not a closed group and participants are welcome to invite their family and friends to participate as well.

On June 15th of this month, we also had the opportunity to have our annual confirmation camp from 8AM-7pm. This is always an event that we look forward too and having a full day with the students is the highlight of my month. We had a good group of students attend this camp. We also had the opportunity to get to know Paster John as he accompanied us on our camp adventures.

As far as future events are concerned, we are looking forward to some amazing times in July, including **VBS** the first week of July, a table tennis tournament on the 18th and weekly youth group meetings continuing as well. We are also going to be having Night Camp from July 4th-7th beginning at 6:15pm. We will play games, have a bonfire, eat snacks, get to know each other, and do a quick Bible study as well. All students from the age of 13-18 are invited.

We remember that we do these things not for our own sake but all for His glory and His glory alone.

Jacob Oglesby
Youth and Family Ministries Director



July

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9:00a Quilters 9:30 Staff Mtg.	2	3 7:00a Men's Bible Study
4 9:00a Outdoor Worship 10:30a Joining Jesus on his Mission Class 5:00p Potluck w/ Volunteers and Day Camp Counselors	5 9:00a VBS 6:15p MS/HS Night Camp	6 9:00a VBS 6:15p MS/HS Night Camp	7 9:00a VBS 6:15p MS/HS Night Camp	8 9:00 VBS 9:00a Quilters 9:30 Staff Mtg. 6:00p VBS Ice Cream Social	9 9:00a VBS 12:00p Executive Council Mtg.	10
11 9:00a Indoor Worship 10:30a Joining Jesus on his Mission Class	12	13 7:00p Greg Finke Zoom Call "Joining Jesus on His Mission"	14 6:00p Youth Group 7:00 Cont. Worship Prac.	15 9:00a Quilters 9:30 Staff Mtg. 7:00p Council Mtg.	16	17 7:00a Men's Bible Study
18 9:00a Outside Worship 10:30a Joining Jesus on his Mission Class Youth Event	19 6:00p Mom's Group	20	21 6:00p Youth Group	22 9:00a Quilters 9:30 Staff Mtg.	23	24
25 9:00a Inside Worship 10:30a Joining Jesus on his Mission Class	26	27 6:00p Cookout/Games	28 1:00p Senior Social 6:00 Youth Group 7:00 Cont. Worship Prac.	29 9:00a Quilters 9:30 Staff Mtg. 6:30p Worship Committee Mtg.	30	31



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OUR MISSION

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

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Handbell Choir Director – Bill Fitzpatrick

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Ministers – All Members

OFFICE HOURS

Weekday Hours

9:00am-2:00 pm Tuesday-Thursday / 9:00am-12:00pm Friday

Sunday Worship 9:00a

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