

THE SCRIBE



JUNE-2021

From Pastor Ken

Summer Worship Schedule Starts Sunday June 6 One Service – 9:00am

June 6 Outside
June 13 Outside
June 20 Outside
June 27 Outside

July 4 Outside
July 11 Inside
July 18 Outside
July 25 Inside

August 1 Outside
August 8 Inside
August 15 Outside
August 22 Inside
August 29 Outside

Associate Pastor

Pastor John Graham was with us last weekend, May 21-23, for a series of in-person interviews. Our call committee and council have voted to continue this call process with him.

The next step is to have Pastor John come and preach and have more time to connect with our members. He and his wife, Amanda, will be with us for the weekend of June 4-6. We'll have a 'get to know you' BBQ outside on Saturday, June 5 at 5:00p. Then on Sunday, June 6, Pastor John will preach at our first outdoor worship service and be available for conversation afterwards. You can also go online to hear sermons from his previous congregation through the following link: <https://www.hopelutheranchurch.us/sermons/>.

We will then have a Special Congregational Meeting the following Sunday, June 13, to vote whether to call John as our associate pastor.

Didi

Our missionary to the Congo, Didi Panzo will be with us for the weekend of June 18-20. Don't miss hearing what God is doing among the people of Boma, the orphans, and farmers, as well as at the Bible School where Didi is teaching.

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Announcements

“Joining Jesus on His Mission” class, Sunday, June 6 and 13 at 10:30a in the Fellowship Hall.

Senior Social – Every 4th Wednesday of the month from 1:00-4:00p 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. Contact: Lavonne Hidy.



Vacation Bible School/Rainbow Trail Day Camp July 5-9 (9:00a-12:15p)

- Kindergarten to 6th Grade (grade refers to the grade they will be entering this fall)
- Registration begins June 1
- Middle School and High Schoolers, there will be more details on evening events (songs, bonfires, games & much more!)
- We are also looking for volunteers for:
 - ✓ Craft Coordinator
 - ✓ Snack Coordinator
 - ✓ Help with the kiddos

If interested, please let Jacob know. Signups coming soon!

Also, we will have VBS flyers available to hand-out to neighbors, coworkers, etc., as a way of inviting them to “Join Jesus on His Mission!”

Fellowship Activities-This Summer be watching for more ways to connect with our church community: cookout with lawn games, outdoor movie night, and board games night.

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.



Outdoor Movie Night! Friday, June 11 at 7:30p. Everyone welcome! Please join us for the movie “*Greater*”. Faith and determination transform a talentless football player at the University of Arkansas into an All-American in this inspiring true story. You may want to bring a blanket and chair as it will get cool as the sun goes down. Sign-up on bulletin board.

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

Date Night is coming! Watch for details. Lisa is excited!

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

Congratulations Graduates!

High School

Regan Buttermore Noelle Decker
Ekaterina Dirks Lena Olson
Kamdyn Hinderberger Thomas Pratt

College

Travis Olson
Patrick Turechek



The Rocky Mountain Fisher House



"BFLC will be celebrating all birthdays of its members and the United States of America on **Sunday, July 4th**, by offering cake and lemonade for donations. The donations will be given to Rocky Mountain Fisher House, an organization that honors and cares for military requiring hospitalization and supports family housing during their time of most need. Please see the information below."

Many veterans and active-duty military undergo extended medical treatment for several weeks or months, RMFH provides 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 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 oversees 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.

50th Anniversary Year for Black Forest Lutheran Church
1971 - 2021
A Little Bit of History

Where we left off in the April Scribe . . .

Not only was water coming through the roof at the seams of Luther Hall, but a river also started flowing in front of the building, so Luther Bridge was built over Luther Creek in front of Luther Hall about a year later (1974).

The year 1975 was a lean year – membership and offerings dropped. Even in lean times the congregation never lost sight of its vision for mission. To reach out to the community, we started Noah’s Ark Child Care with Lydia Zelones as director. To face up to the financial situation, the Cottage Meeting concept, along with an Every Member Response, was presented as the Stewardship program. The results were only short of amazing! Ron & Marlene Abel coordinated this effort. Pastor Jacobson had this to say in his end of year report: *"Don't ask me how, just accept the fact that it happened.* More than anything else, such a positive response indicates growth on the part of the little Lutheran Church in America out in the Black Forest. Something is happening in the heart of each believer who is a part of this worshipping community that indicates growth – growth in faith and growth in love to God and their fellow man. Such growth on the part of the entire congregation made it possible for us to participate in the planting of a new mission somewhere else in the country, for in Faith we are saying thanks to the Division of Missions of the LCA for their offer of continued support, but, no thanks! We believe that as a congregation we can support our own program. Black Forest Lutheran Church has come of age, thanks to Him who is at work within each and every one of us; and well done, thou good and faithful servant."

In September 1978, the congregation held a special meeting to vote on a lease agreement with the Community Church. (They had the gall to ask for rent!) Though we voted to accept it, it was probably the more controversial decision in our history! As part of that same meeting the congregation directed that we begin planning the renovation of Luther Hall to provide our own worship space. A Building/Planning Committee was formed with Duane Steinke and Jim Heath as co-chairmen.

Throughout 1978 you could hear the smashing down of walls, the banging of hammers as workers toiled to build our sanctuary in Luther Hall. Wood paneling, railing and the cross were built with the expert hands of Jude Lemmert. The altar was built by George West. Although originally viewed as a short-term interim worship facility, it would be 10 years before a new sanctuary would be built. The dedication of the new Worship Center was held January 7, 1979 with Bishop Heglund officiating.

We were on a roll . . . except when the rains fell, the seams on the roof continued to leak! Much repair work was done, but without success! "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God."

On August 10, 1980, a very major event occurred! The congregation approved extending its ministry to the Tri-Lakes area. The first worship service was held in Monument on September 7, 1980, in two small rooms at the Inez Johnson School, using a loaned altar from Trinity Lutheran in Canon City. Attendance at the first service was 82 adults and children. A new Lutheran Church had been launched . . . a beginning of another new vision.

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.

Stuff the Truck!!

Serve one Another Humbly in Love – Galatians 5:13b

The Social Ministry Committee is sponsoring a Stuff the Truck event in support of the North American Lutheran Church Disaster Response Task Force. Thousands of people lost their homes and all their belongings this year due to hurricanes, tornadoes, fires, flooding, etc. The Disaster Response Task Force of the NALC was, and continues to be there to provide necessities and help to rebuild. NALC Disaster Relief works with anyone who needs help. This year they responded to 22 disasters and rebuilt 26 homes in Pensacola, FL.

In the midst of the above disasters, there was COVID-19. NALC Disaster Response provided face masks, sanitizing items including gloves and wipes to ambulance services, clinics and hospitals in several areas: thus, less focus on supplies.

During the month of May, we will have lists available of items most in need to resupply the disaster warehouses throughout our nation, or to be sent directly to current disaster areas. Flood buckets, health care kits, baby items and school kits are some of the items on the list. We encourage our members to select one kit to assemble as a family. We will hand these lists out between services.

An 8'x26' (10' height) truck will arrive at BFLC on **Saturday, June 26** to load our donations. Our hope is to fill it up! Several other congregations have been invited to participate in this campaign. Invite your friends to participate. NALC Disaster Relief works with anyone who needs help.

If possible, we ask that you keep your donations at home until June 26. We will let you know times later. If this doesn't work, we will take donations the week before. Another way to help is the gift of gift cards from Home Depot, Lowes or Walmart. If you have further questions, contact Ben Devolve, Lora Kobilan, Mary Montie or Kathy Schwindt.

Many of us remembering the Black Forest fire, know how helpful these items can be. This is another opportunity to make the invisible Jesus visible. Thank you!

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Didi in the Congo

Ed Storey

Didi will be in the DRC until the end of May when he will come for the graduation of his youngest daughter, Sarah; as well as more eye surgery.

The container with his new auto should be arriving any day. It got across the ocean and was transferred to a smaller ship for the trip up the river. The port of Matadi is about 60 miles from his home, but he thinks the cargo will be safe.

Didi's big concern these days is the seminary at Tshela. He has indicated there is no money to pay the instructors and they are teaching as volunteers. They have families to feed, however, and cannot do this for long. World Mission Prayer League does not allow Didi to ask for funds for the needs in the DRC. He has also been visiting the farmers. They have a very primitive operation, but there is food insecurity in the Congo and farming is important to feel people.



“Dear BFLC Family,
 My family and I would like to thank everyone for all the kindnesses, thoughts, prayers and hugs we received upon the loss of my husband, Don. We appreciate all of you so very much. With your help we are slowly making it through this terrible loss. My love and blessings to all of you.
 —Karen Ketels

From Orphan Grain Train: “Thank you for your contribution of \$400 to Orphan Grain Train Rocky Mountain Branch.”

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From Catholic Charities: “Thank you for your gift of \$750 to the Marian House Kitchen Sponsor a Day.

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From North American Lutheran Seminary (NALS): “Thank you for your gift of \$550.

Thank you to the Spring Work Day Volunteers!

Spring Work Day 2021 was a big success! The weather cooperated and gave us warm temperatures to work outdoors and help get the church property looking nice. Several volunteers assisted in raking pine needles, clearing piles of slash, prepping the sprinklers and bringing out the patio furniture. They also helped indoors by polishing our cabinets and sanctuary, and a thorough cleaning of the kitchen, including countertops, refrigerators, and oven.



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Todd & Jeannette 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
Thomas & Linda Pratt	11
George & Ginny West	11
Ramiro Ocampo & Cindy Bohn	12
Steve & Dorothy Marlow	14

Al Alberg	1
Jerry Jergensen	1
Jan Duncan	1
Shirley Hoffman	4
Vanessa Corpus	5
Kamdyn Hinderberger	5
Bryan Petch	6
Heather Hite	7
Shannon Kosman	7
Nadya Hildebrandt	9
Emma Beckman	10
Sophia Beckman	10
Susan Harrison	10
Bob Hahn	13
Heidi Mellon	13

Dean Syverson	13
Haldis Vanbuskirk	13
Ian Wilhelm	14
Tyler Kvale	15
Grayson Laskey	15
Patrick Turechek	15
Katie Callantine	18
Connie Schmeisser	18
Clara Makowsky	19
Dorothy Marlow	19
Jennifer Reily	19
Robin Dirks	20
Mickey Bannister	22
Del Lang	22



Greetings all Jacob here,

I am amazed that school is out for the summer already! It seems like it has been such a wild school year. Full of ups and downs and all arounds but I am reminded of just how great our students are. The courage and tenacity to continue on and even succeed in a world full of unknowns shows the character of the students that we have here. I am beyond impressed.

This month was, I believe, the first month where we hosted our meetings in person. Although we still offered the option of joining online, in-person attendance was the favored choice of our gatherings. These gatherings included a young adults' gathering, bingo night, several one-on-one meals with the students and young adults, a youth party to celebrate the end of the semester, and of course our weekly Sunday School, youth group, and confirmation class meetings.

These meetings have been a time of study, discussion, fellowship, and fun. Although our student age ministries are still feeling the effects of Covid, with at least one student quarantined a week, we have seen tremendous growth over the last few months in terms of attendance, participation, and personal growth.

In terms of Education, we have had an amazing year so far. Due to the diligence and perseverance of those on the Education Team we have been able to offer wiggle worship, magic shows, and Sunday every week. Earlier this month we have also had the privilege to open-up and offer a staffed Nursery. We are now offering ministry to students and families from 6 weeks old and up.

As this month comes to a close, we look forward to the future and what we will be able to faithfully offer. In June we have several events on the horizon such as a movie night, confirmation camp, and first communion. Also, we are super excited to be able to host an in person VBS this year! As always, Rainbow Trail will be sending out staff to lead VBS, but we are looking for some adult and student volunteers. Our VBS is going to be the first full week of July from July 5th-9th. We will be giving more information in the beginning of June so be on the lookout!

As we look to the summer and what this have to offer, I wanted to say that I am so thankful for all your understanding, hard work and dedication. It seems as though recent guidance from the CDC suggest that the pandemic's grip is loosening. These changes come with a renewed sense of opportunity and may put a bit more spring in our steps. We can dream again, and we can move forward again, together. We have all experienced this time in our own way, with our own hurts, loss, and frustrations. As we move forward, we do so with this in mind. We put our hope and trust in God who is our strength in times of weakness and shield in times of battle. I look forward to seeing what He has planned in the month of June and am thankful that I get to experience it with my Black Forest Family.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 6:00p Youth Group 7:00p Contemporary Worship Practice	3 9:00a Hand Quilters 9:30 Staff Mtg.	4	5
6 9:00a Outdoor Worship 10:30 Adult Class: "Joining Jesus in His Mission" Youth Committee Mtg.	7	8 6:00p 4-H	9 6:00p Youth Group 7:00p Contemporary Worship Practice	10 9:00a Hand Quilters 9:30 Staff Mtg. 6:30p Worship Mtg.	11 7:30p Movie Night	12
13 9:00a Outdoor Worship 10:30 Adult Class: "Joining Jesus in His Mission" Education Committee Mtg.	14	15 Confirmation Camp	16 4:00p Mom's Group 6:00p Youth Group 7:00p Contemporary Worship Practice	17 9:00a Hand Quilters 9:30 Staff Mtg.	18	19
20 9:00a Outdoor Worship Happy Father's Day!	21	22	23 6:00p Youth Group 7:00p Contemporary Worship Practice	24 9:00a Hand Quilters 9:30 Staff Mtg.	25	26 Stuff the Truck
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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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Organist – Barbara Gurnett

Choir Director – Melanie Hohag

Handbell Choir Director – Bill Fitzpatrick

Keyboard – Landra Decker/Alexandra Cullen

Ministers – All Members

OFFICE HOURS

Weekday Hours

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

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

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