

THE SCRIBE

AUGUST-2021



From Pastor Ken

Growing Deeper

Words are powerful. They can deepen our faith. I share two quotes you heard in sermons last month.

The first is a prayer: ***“Full of trust we run to you O Lord and put our lives into your hands.”***

We may not always trust or always run to him, but we are growing deeper in faith and learning to put the decisions and events of our lives into the hands of our Lord. See the whole prayer on the prayer card available in the narthex on the table.

The second quote is from Apostle Paul: ***“Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish far more abundantly than all we can ask or imagine.”*** Ephesians 3:20

Memorize that and remember if the next time you face a challenge. Our God is bigger, better, and far more able and willing to help than we dare imagine.

Didi

Didi Panzo reports that his vehicle arrived safely in the Congo. Thank you all for your generosity last fall in providing this practical and necessary gift for our missionaries.

Life Groups

Keep your eyes open for more information about Life Groups. See Pastor John’s article on Page 2.

NALC

Pastor John, his wife, Amanda, and I will be delegates to our NALC Mission Convocation in Corpus Christi, TX, August 3-6. We will be back for worship Sunday, August 8.

Life Groups

*“The Kingdom of Heaven has been forcefully advancing...”
Matthew 11:12*

Church people today love to debate whether Christ’s Kingdom is growing or declining, advancing or retreating. The right answer from this and many Scriptures is that we already know the Kingdom is advancing and nobody can stop it, despite the best efforts of all that oppose God. Victory belongs to our Lord and all that He set out to do will be accomplished very soon.

The real question is whether we are advancing together with Jesus and His Kingdom. Here at Black Forest Lutheran Church, I am happy to observe that, by God’s Grace, we are moving along with Christ on His mission of love.

I would like to announce something by way of telling you all one of my favorite things to do: Getting together with my favorite people (fellow Christians), having good biblical conversations, good food, good prayer, and good fellowship, in the same way Christ did with His disciples and us Christians have been doing ever since. It is a great time! We are calling these **“Life Groups”**.

Life Groups at Black Forest Lutheran Church are intended to share the Gospel of Jesus and **help each other** grow in their faith and commitment to Christ. The program is simple. Each month, groups of 8-12 will meet for food, prayer, fellowship, and learn how to grow in and commit to sharing the Gospel.

Is God calling you to take that next step in your walk to learn how -- and take action – in living out the Gospel with others?”

My prayer is that your answer will be “yes”. Watch for the launch of **Life Groups** in September 2021.

Pastor John

Announcements

Black Forest Festival – The Black Forest Festival will be held Saturday, August 7. BFLC will have a table at the event. The festival will return with the beloved parade, artisan booth fair, live demonstrations, music, kid's games, and food. New this year is a History Walk to showcase the past, present, and future of Black Forest.

Mom's Group – This month's event is scheduled for Wednesday, August 11 @ 3:00p in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Karina Isley for additional information.



Lemonade and Gingersnap Sunday! The Social Ministry Committee hosts its annual Lemonade and Gingersnap Sunday following outdoor worship on August 15. This is a fundraiser to enhance the yearly financial gift BFLC gives to our Mission Partner - Cristo Rey in El Paso, TX. The gingersnaps, made by members of the Committee, are homemade and melt in your mouth!

Date Night – Tuesday August 24 @ 6:30p in the Fellowship Hall. ***"Painting with a Twist"*** – No experience necessary! Bring an 8x10 blank canvas and easel (Lisa has some). Paint will be provided. Sign-up!

Senior Social – Wednesday, August 25 @ 1:00p 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.

Annual Congregational Picnic – Plan to join us for our annual congregational picnic after service on August 29! This year will be a traditional potluck picnic with table service, dessert and drinks provided. Please plan to bring a main dish, side dish, or salad. Sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board starting in August. Family fun and fellowship for all!



Nursery is open! We are taking the ages of 6 weeks to 3 years old.

We need adult help.

Please see Lisa if interested.

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Just a reminder!

The office will be closing at Noon on Fridays in August.

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Announcements

Vacation Bible School Rainbow Trail Day Camp 2021!!!

Thank you VBS! Thank you to all the VBS volunteers and RTLCL counselors who participated in last month's Bible camp. We had a wonderful turnout. And a special shout out to everyone who donated! Your many forms of support for our little BFLCers was very much appreciated. It was a successful event with plenty of crafts, food and snacks!



Brian and Avelyn Green welcomed the arrival of their new granddaughter, **Aubrey Mabel Green** on July 17, 2021. She weighed 5 lbs., 10 oz., 20 in. long. Parents are Brett and Holly Green. *Congratulations!*

Name Tags – We are asking that everyone wear their nametags on Sundays. This will let Pastor John and family, new members, and the person you are sitting next to know who you are! If you need one, please leave a note in Lisa's basket in the office.

Hearing Assistance System for Sunday worship. We hope you enjoy the service using these earbuds and the receiver stored in the cabinet. Simply plug your earbuds into the receiver, adjust the volume and enjoy. When you are done, please turn off the receiver and put it back in the cabinet after worship for the next person to use. **The ear buds are yours to keep at no cost to you.** Please take them home and bring them back the next time you come to church. You could also store the earbuds in your mailbox between services.

Fellowship starting back up – We are looking at starting up again Fellowship between services. We will need people to sign up for set-up and clean-up starting September 13. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the kitchen.

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

- **Women's Bible Study**
 - ✝ Thursdays @ 6:30p starting September 9 with Paige Summerfield. Course studies will be provided later.
 - ✝ Mondays @ 1:00p starting September 13 with Chris Cooper. We will be continuing our studies of Max Lucado's Life Lessons from Galatians.
- **Christmas Tea Committee Meeting** – Christmas Tea is back for 2021! If you would like to be a part of this, join Paige Summerfield on Wednesday, September 15 @ 11:00a for a committee meeting.

Coming this fall!



Marriage Retreat @ Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp! Would you like the opportunity to get away as a couple and just focus on God and each other? We are starting a list of couples who may be interested in going to RTLCL for a weekend retreat. Please contact Lisa if you're interested!



**Black Forest Lutheran Church
Women's Ministry**

Black Forest Lutheran Church Women's Ministry will be hosting a fall **REVIVE!** Event
September 11, 2021
1:00 - 4:00p
Fellowship Hall
\$5.00 Donation Welcomed!

Guest Speaker: Lisa Edmonds

Lisa, the youngest of six, grew up with many challenges that lead her to discover the Lord at the tender age of 13. Lisa has experienced God's faithful hand in the many ups and downs of her life. From growing up in a violent household, to homelessness, to miscarriages in all three trimesters, and a cancer diagnosis in. And, with the lows she's also had glorious highs that has included singing for a collective audience of over 2 million people over the last 30 years as a worship leader.

Lisa will share parts of her personal story and how important godly friendships and relationships have been along her journey.

In addition to hearing Lisa's story, we will have music, snacks and lots of opportunities to get to know each other better!

Please plan to join us and bring your friends and neighbors as we Join Jesus on His Mission.

The registration link will be sent out in August. Watch your email Inbox.

Contacts: Kirsten Bush, Lisa Regennitter, Mary Anne Ricci, and Patsy Wurster.

50th Anniversary Year for Black Forest Lutheran Church

January 10, 1971

A Little Bit of History

After what seemed like endless meetings and negotiations, the work on the Tri-Lakes building began. The National Church was somewhat skeptical when we said we would do it with volunteers, but that approach worked. Many people from Black Forest helped. In July, 1987 Tri-Lakes was changed to Trinity Lutheran. While the building was going on, other programs were also happening: a 4th-6th grade youth group, headed up by Norine Kerstein and Janice Meinhold, started up; Sunday School began at Lewis Palmer; and the first Food Adventures group was held at the Wittwers; a volleyball tournament and ice cream social was held in July, 1987 with five teams competing. (Not to brag, but BFLC was the over-all winner!)

August 23, 1987, the Service of Entry was held from Lewis Palmer to its new home – Trinity Lutheran. It didn't take long to realize how really limited ministry was before this move. The dedication of the building and its furnishings was held October 18, 1987. One building down and one to go! Or so we thought. Attendance at Trinity increased almost 50% and they had almost outgrown the building in the first month! Within five months, it was necessary to put on an addition to the sanctuary as well as the educational unit.

As we continued into 1988, the main emphasis and attention shifted to Black Forest. On April 10, the congregation voted to proceed with the building addition at Black Forest. Plans moved forward with definite plans to add a new sanctuary, Sunday school space and to remodel the existing facility – including a new roof! On June 18, 1989 Black Forest broke ground for a new sanctuary and the building began. The Building Contractor was Dean Hilton, Building Committee Chairperson was Duane Steinke, and the workers were all members.

Duane Steinke will now share some of his memories . . .

Once again, as with the Trinity construction, there was skepticism at the National Church that we could construct a sanctuary using mostly "self-help". Under the guidance of Dean Hilton and a multitude of willing folks, young and old, we planned and built a new sanctuary, fellowship hall, kitchen and several classrooms plus an expanded area in the basement for our community food bank. While some members had some building knowledge, most just pitched in and helped with whatever they could.

The first steps, of course, included planning and necessary approval from Synod officials and the completing the loan process. Next came clearing the very wooded area for an expanded building and parking lot. Due to the large number and size of the pine trees, this required a huge number of person hours. I say "person" because this entire project used all who were willing to lend a hand. As the days, weeks and months went by, excavation, foundation, framing etc. continued with a goal of completion by Christmas, 1989. Even though some said we could not reach that goal, we made it. We bolted down the last pew at 8:30 p.m. the day before Christmas eve and had our first Worship service in our new sanctuary on the eve of our Lord's birthday.

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.



- ✚ 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."*

- ✚ From Marcia Johnson, BFLC Social Committee: *"A huge thank you to all for supporting Lutheran Family Services (LFS) program to aid foster children as they prepare for a new school year. Thirty-eight gift cards were delivered to LFS this week. This program allows LFS to give a \$20 gift card to a foster child to use for additional school supplies or put toward a pair of shoes or clothing of their choice. Wouldn't you love to see the smiles on their faces? This happened because of the generosity of the members of BFLC! Allocated money from Social Ministry Committee and members who shared their resources with others were used. Thank you from Social Ministry Committee and I'm sure the children would want to add their thanks to you as"*

- ✚ From Bill and Mary Lynn Willis: *"Thank you so much for the kind thoughts, prayers, calls, texts, emails and prayer shawls! The shawls are beautiful and so well made. I am feeling much better now and am cancer-free. Thank you for your steadfast help to those in need. The people of this church show so much love. Blessings and"*

- ✚ From Ronald McDonald House of Southern Colorado: *"Thank you for choosing to support the families who are staying in the new Ronald McDonald House and are utilizing the family rooms located inside the hospitals. Thank you for your continued part in helping to keep families close."*

- ✚ From The Salvation Army: *"We are deeply grateful for your contribution of \$700 received on 6/30/2021. Your donation will go a long way in helping people in our community. Thank you for your partnership with us."*



Terry & Shawn Jensen	1
Tim & Christine Bury	2
Dave & Jennifer Reily	2
John & Tracy Kosman	3
Joe & Mary Anne Ricci	4
Bob & Jane Ucman	6
Duane & Pam Wagner	7
Bob & Jan Veuthey	8
John & Dinah Kress	9
Del & Maureen Lang	13
Bill & Joe Dieckhoff	14
Mike & Lisa Regennitter	14
Dean & Andrea Syverson	15
James & Jeanne Leitte	20
Sean & Robin Dirks	22
Tony & Wilda Nussbaum	22
Barry & Laura Cavanaugh	23
Brad & Tammy Smith	24
Ken & Katie Callantine	25
Don & Sue Vigil	31



Brian Evans	1	John Kress	16
David Hopp	1	Carlene Peters	16
Dan Johnson	1	Matt Phillips	16
Julie Keiffer	2	Carolyn States	16
John Spadaro	3	Lauren Swenson	16
Laura Cavanaugh	5	Susan Rummel	17
Karen Moreau	5	Susan Stewart	17
Paige Summerfield	5	Miranda Beckman	18
Rachael Thielmann	5	Pam Wagner	18
Ramiro Ocampo	6	Sue Clark	19
Emma Webb	6	Gianna Spadaro	19
Justin Olson	7	Linda Langlais	21
Holly Hanson	8	Kendal Nussbaum	21
Michael Hite	8	Nolan Nussbaum	21
John Kosman	8	Peyton Nussbaum	21
Mary Anne Ricci	8	Eugene Cullen	22
Pat Turechek	9	Irene Parker	22
Yesenia Corpus	10	Jeannette Gould	26
Brynn Isley	10	Esme Wilhelm	26
Dinah Kress	10	Regan Buttermore	27
Dave Reily	10	Shawn Jensen	27
Alexander Lacomia	11	Marie Merrick	27
Melanie Hohag	12	Greg Kleine	28
Michele Robinson	13	Bill Sieg	28
Juan Corpus	14	Rosalind Williams	28
Gale Banda	15	John Lacomia	30
Ginny Johnson	16	Richard Hopp	31



Greetings all Jacob here,

Greetings all,

This has already been a very busy month, but we are SO excited that things are happening here at BFLC. Throughout this month I have continued to offer youth group sessions under our new summer hours which are every Wednesday from 6-7:30. Invite your friends and classmates because it is an absolute blast. These continue to be a great time for us in the life of the church and I am enjoying the time I have with the students.

Along with these weekly set meetings with the youth I am still connecting with the students on a regular basis, including youth and young adults. Although packed schedules didn't allow for us to have an official young adult meeting this month, I have had the opportunity to meet with all of our regular young adult group attendees for lunch or dinner. Although not as convenient as planning a single event these meetings are fantastic and I enjoy breaking bread with our congregation's younger generation.

As things open up in the lives of the students there still seems to be a mad dash for their time. Students and parents' schedules continue to be more packed with events and traveling and I couldn't be more excited. With that, though, comes a reprioritizing of events that our youth will be able to be involved in. As such we will be moving our sweetheart dinner from sometime this summer to its regularly scheduled date in February. We had wanted to offer it at some time during this summer but after much thought and consideration we have decided to keep it at its original date which will be around valentine's day. Even though we are pushing this event back we have had the opportunity to host many great events for both youth and families.

The largest and most prominent of these events was that of both VBS and night camp that took place the first week in July. We had a great group of students who participated in our in-person VBS with over 15 volunteers. This program ran from Monday-Friday from 9-12:15 and was both fantastically ran as well as a blast to be a part of. During the afternoons I had the opportunity to connect more with the students as well as the Rainbow Trail Staff and, in the evenings, we ran "Night Camp". This was such a great time! We had a blast with the students playing games, eating snacks, and doing a Bible study together as well. I was so blessed to have been able to see some of our students for the first time. We also had an ice cream social on Thursday night with the parents and this was a great time to connect with them as well. On Sunday, the 18th I also had the opportunity of destroying some students in both corn hole and table tennis reminding me, yet again, that I love my job!

We are looking forward to some amazing events and times in early August including Black Forest Festival engagement, movie night and weekly youth group meetings continuing as well.

For His glory,

Jacob Oglesby

Reminders



Outdoor Movie Night – Wednesday, August 11 @ 8:00p. Feel free to arrive around 7:30p to get settled. This movie night will be more directed toward a children's movie, but all are welcome! The movie is Disney's "Big Hero 6". Bring lawn chairs, blankets and drinks. Popcorn will be provided.



Wednesday Summer Youth Group!

Join us on Wednesday evenings from 6-7:30p for games, check in times, and a Bible lesson.



August



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00a Worship Outside	2	3	4 6:00p Youth Group	5 9:30a Staff Mtg. Quilters	6	7 7:00a Men's Bible Study <i>Black Forest Festival</i>
8 9:00a Worship Inside	9	10	11 3:00p Mom's Group 6:00 Youth Group 7:00 Cont. Worship Prac. 7:30 Outdoor Movie Night	12 9:30a Staff Mtg. Quilters	13 12:00p Exec. Mtg.	14
15 9:00a Worship Outside 10:30 Lemonade and Gingersnaps	16	17 1:00p Mission End. Mtg.	18 6:00p Youth Group	19 9:30a Staff Mtg. Quilters 7:00p Council	20	21 7:00a Men's Bible Study
22 9:00a Worship Inside	23	24	25 1:00p Senior Social 6:00 Youth Group 7:00 Cont. Worship Practice	26 9:30a Staff Mtg. Quilters	27	28
29 9:00a Worship Outside BFLC Annual Picnic	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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Organist – Barbara Gurnett

Choir Director – Melanie Hohag

Handbell Choir Director – Bill Fitzpatrick

Keyboard – Landra Decker/Alexandra Cullen

Ministers – All Members

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Weekday Hours

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

Sunday Worship 9:00a

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