

# THE SCRIBE



SEPTEMBER-2021

From Pastor Ken

## Final Outdoor Worship!

Sunday, September 5 is our last 9:00a Summer Worship Service.  
Plan on worshipping outside on September 5.

### Fall Worship Schedule

Begins Sunday, September 12  
2 worship services - 8:00a & 10:30a  
9:30a classes for all

### Adult Classes

Beginning Sunday September 12 @ 9:30a

**New Member Classes:** For those interested in joining Black Forest Lutheran Church and anyone else wanting to attend. We get to know each other, learn about why we do what we do in worship, Baptism and Holy Communion, our spiritual gifts and who we are as BFLC. We will meet in the sanctuary at 9:30a.

**Joining Jesus Classes:** Jesus is alive and on the loose working to heal and restore lives everywhere. He's doing all the hard work – dying for us, being everywhere at once, putting people together at the right time and place. And he invites us to join him on his mission as we extend a hand in welcome, a word of encouragement, and a cup of cold water.

**Life Groups:** We're about to launch "Life Groups" at BFLC. Groups of 8-10 people will gather at homes monthly for food, fellowship and faith. See page 2 for details.

### *News Flash:*

Greg Finke, author of "Joining Jesus on His Mission" will be at BFLC, Saturday & Sunday, October 2 & 3!  
Mark your calendars!

## Good News for Black Forest Lutheran Church (BFLC); Life Groups

*"For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified" 1Cor2.*

First things first. Our Lord Jesus Christ loves me, has mercy on me, redeems me and gives me life eternal. He also does all these things FOR YOU. This is the best news ever. Pastor John is glad to be here with you.

This is why here at BFLC we are doing **Life Groups**. This is an opportunity to get together with fellow Christians once a month, in a small group home setting, to deepen our relationships to Jesus and one another. There will be food, prayer, fellowship and Bible study. In September 26, we will be having a kick-off event where you can sign up for one of these Life Groups. Or just call Lisa at the church office. There are also still opportunities to lead one of these groups so if that interests you just let Lisa know. It is good to be among friends!

Also, you can look forward to Sunday, September 12 between services, where we will have New Membership class, Sunday School, and a "**Joining Jesus on His Mission, How We are Doing**". We are going to get super practical on living out our faith in everyday life. If you missed some or all of the first 'Joining Jesus' classes, this will still be a great opportunity to join in. Be blessed in participating in one of these ministries 9:30am every Sunday starting Sunday, September 12.

Don't forget that Greg Finke, author and teacher of the book "Joining Jesus on His Mission" will be at BFLC the weekend of Sunday, October 3. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about being active in our faith. We will continue to grow in living our faith in Jesus together, thanks be to God.

Much more coming soon!

Pastor John Graham

## Announcements

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**Choir**—We are inviting you to join us! We sing approximately twice a month at alternating worship times. If you are interested, please come to our first practice starting Wednesday, September 1 @ 7:00pm. We will continue to meet for practice every Wednesday at 7:00p. See Melanie Hohag for more details.

**Mom's Group** – This month's event is scheduled for Monday, September 13 @ 4:00p at Kris Partridge's house. The activity planned for the kiddoes is horseback riding! Please contact Karina Isley for additional information.

**Senior Social** – Every 4<sup>th</sup> 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. Next event is scheduled for **September 22**. Contact: Lavonne Hidy.

### Military Care Boxes

We will be **sending out Military boxes for Veteran's Day**.

If you would like to help, you may bring in any of the following items:

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|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| ✓ Chapstick   | ✓ Gum                          | ✓ Small hygiene products |
| ✓ Comics  | ✓ Lifesavers                   | ✓ Snack pack of cookies  |
| ✓ Cracker snacks                                    | ✓ Peanuts                      | ✓ Spices to flavor food  |
| ✓ Flavored Water Enhancers<br>(Like the "Mio" ones) | ✓ Protein bars                 | ✓ Trail mix              |
|   | ✓ Slim Jims (individual packs) |                          |

Please mark them "military" and put them in the laundry cart in the narthex. **Deadline is Sunday, September 26.**

*If there is someone in your family serving away from home, please share their address with the office so we can bless them with a care package!*

### Starting back up!

- **New Member** Classes will meet in the sanctuary on Sundays at 9:30a starting September 12.
- **Sunday School** will begin again on Sundays starting September 12 at 9:30a.
- **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.
- **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 12. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the kitchen.
- **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.



### Nursery is open!

We are taking the ages of 6 weeks to 3 years old. **We need adult help.**  
Please see Lisa if interested.

### Coming this fall!

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**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 RTLK 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!

*Please join us for fun and fellowship as we focus on mind, body and spirit through uplifting music, powerful personal stories, and easy exercises for our minds and bodies.*

- Our Keynote Speaker, **Lisa Edmonds**, is a gifted singer, worship leader, certified speaker and trainer for Stonecroft Ministries, cancer survivor, mom of two and an avid outdoor adventurer.
- 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. 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!*

**All women 18 and older are invited. Please invite family, friends, neighbors and acquaintances to share in the fun! You can register with Lisa Regennitter at [bfic@bfchurch.org](mailto:bfic@bfchurch.org).**

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

**Be sure to take an invitation card to share with your friends and neighbors as we Join Jesus on His Mission. Cards are located on the table in the narthex.**

## Announcements

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### Gingersnap Sunday Results!

The Social Ministry Committee extends a big thank you to all of you for your support of our annual Gingersnap Sunday! Your donations totaled over \$520! No doubt this gift will be appreciated by the members of our mission congregation, Cristo Rey in El Paso, TX. *"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work."*

2 Corinthians 9:6-8



### MOSAIC

Social Ministry Focus of the Month

Mosaic is a non-profit organization that supports people with intellectual and behavioral health needs, autism, and aging adults, and provides opportunities for them to enjoy a full life. Mosaic's mission embraces God's call to serve in the world. Services are provided in the primary areas of:

- Mosaic at Home
- Residential Services
- Day Program
- Employment Services,
- Daily Respite, and
- Children's Extensive Services.

Mosaic was founded in 1913 in Axtell, Nebraska when it was known as Bethphage Inner Mission Association. In 1925, in Sterling, Nebraska, Martin Luther Home was founded as a school for children with developmental disabilities. In 2003, Bethphage and Martin Luther Home combined and became Mosaic, the largest faith-based provider of services to people with disabilities in the U.S.

Today, Mosaic's more than 3,300 employees provide a life of possibilities to nearly 3,700 people with intellectual disabilities in 36 agencies across 10 states and in 3 foreign countries, providing supports to around 3,700 people! There are four agencies in Colorado, and we are blessed to have had one in Colorado Springs for 38 years.

Mosaic is primarily Medicaid funded; however, there is a gap in funding that needs to come from donors. Each October, our local Mosaic reaches out to the community with their annual fundraiser, so watch for information in this regard as an opportunity to support their efforts.



### Didi in the Congo

Didi is back at work in the Congo. He is at the seminary in Tshela. His shipment arrived safely, even while he was in the US. He says the new truck is working well, as well as his new appliances. I believe he has a new stove and refrigerator. They had to be specially ordered to match the electricity in the Congo.

The seminary has been struggling to feed everyone, students and their families. They grow much of their food but have no equipment. He is looking for a cultivator available for purchase in the Congo.

In with his vehicle were clothes for the orphans in Boma and books for the seminary. They are being well received. Even though English is not the prime language, the books can help the students improve their English skills.

Please pray for the safety of Didi and Serafina as few people in the DRC have been vaccinated.

## *50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year for Black Forest Lutheran Church*

*January 10, 1971*

### *A Little Bit of History*

In August 1989, Jim Foster, our second Intern, arrived. His most unusual experience was probably when he learned to run a jack hammer! All our lives were touched by Jim and his family. In his words, "this unique faith community shaped our lives and my ministry."

While the starting of a new mission at Tri-Lakes and the back-to-back construction programs of two new worship centers demanded a considerable amount of time, energy and resources during the 80's, commitment and dedication to other mission efforts continued. Benevolence contributions in support of the work of the Church at Large, hunger projects, Black Forest Care & Share, and concern for the sick and aged were sustained at a level that reflects the fiber and commitment of the membership to the Lord's work.

In November of 1989, Pastor Peterson accepted a call to Mt. Calvary in Boulder, CO. Under his spiritual leadership, the building at Tri-Lakes had been completed, the sanctuary at Black Forest was nearing completion, and the members of the combined worship centers exceeded 500 baptized members. Pastor Gunderman from Arvada, CO became our Interim Pastor. He led our Service of Entry into the new sanctuary on Christmas Eve 1989.

In January 1990, following a congregational study report, it was resolved that it is the intention of BFLC to affect the separation of the Black Forest Worship Center and the Trinity Worship Center into two independent incorporated congregations at such time as each has demonstrated the ability to independently support themselves, develop an experienced lay leadership capability, and a desire to separate is perceived to be in the best interest of the continuing mission of the church.

Two call committees were formed, and two congregational profiles were developed. During this time, the landscaping project continued, which included an outdoor worship area. The dedication of the new sanctuary was held on March 4, 1990. The separation of the two worship centers occurred on August 1, 1990. Pastor Kenneth Dean Hohag, Associate Pastor of Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church in Lakewood, CO, was called to serve BFLC. Retired Pastor Robert Berthelson began serving Trinity as Interim on August 5.

Pastor Ken's installation was August 12, 1990. The many gifts that Pastor Ken brought with him included his wife, Melanie and their three children, Miriam, Gabriel and Rebecca. In his first newsletter article he wrote the following:

*"As we begin to live out our faith together, I anticipate several things happening: 1) We will be a people of prayer; 2) Christ will be the center of all we do; 3) We will grow into a profound sense of His love and presence."*

Sing to the Lord a New Song! Sad news. The Joyful Noise Singing Group had been leading the contemporary worship music the past year, and most of them were Trinity members! Happy news! Our new Pastor and his wife developed a new contemporary worship group over time. Melanie directed a junior choir and Sandy Nutter was the director for the senior choir.

Several of our youth attended the National Youth Gathering in TX, along with 27,000 high school youth. To help finance this trip the youth hosted the first Sweetheart Dinner! (This event has continued every year since, except this year, due to COVID restrictions.) Youth events and confirmation camps were also held at the beautiful Wittwer Ranch in Guffey, CO.

As the congregation grew, so did our ministry programs, which we will go into next month.

#### ***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.



## Convocation hears vision updates, affirms decisions

The 2021 NALC Mission Convocation heard updates on the 10 points of the NALC's 2020 Vision and overwhelmingly approved two resolutions supporting decisions by the Executive Council to establish a central NALC office in the Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas, area and to add four part-time assistants to the bishop.

The convocation revolved around the 10 points of the 2020 Vision. Each vision point was highlighted with oral and written reports. Opportunities for discussion of each point and questions from delegates were provided.

More than 400 delegates and visitors gathered August 4-6 in Corpus Christi, Texas, for the 2021 Mission Convocation around the theme, "God the Father Creates." The convocation and the events preceding it comprise the NALC's annual Lutheran Week.

**2020 Vision Appeal:** We are excited to share that we are moving forward with funding and implementing our 2020 Vision with the full support of the bishop and Executive Council. We are working with Cramer & Associates from Dublin, Ohio, a Christian-based philanthropic advisory firm, to execute this powerful and important initiative. We look forward to communicating and working with you on building our future.

**Elections:** The Rev. Mark Werner of Pittsgrove, New Jersey, and Joel Williams of Erwin, South Dakota, were elected to four-year terms on the Executive Council. The Rev. Dr. Jeffray Greene of Brooks, Georgia, and Matthew Lind of Bainbridge Island, Washington, were elected to the Court of Adjudication.

**The Rev. Dr. Amy Little** was installed as the **General Secretary** of the NALC. The general secretary is the chief operating officer of the NALC and manages its administrative functions.

**A major address on the convocation theme, "God the Father Creates,"** was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Steven Paulson. He focused on the significance of the first article of the Apostles' Creed and Martin Luther's explanation of it in his Small Catechism.

**Melissa Ohden** told the **moving story of her life** as the survivor of a failed saline infusion abortion and now as an advocate for abortion survivors and pro-life policies.

**2022 budgets were approved.** The Convocation approved a \$2 million Operating Budget for the NALC. Budgets were also approved for the church's designated funds: \$875,000 for the Theological Education Fund (which includes the North American Lutheran Seminary); \$215,500 for the Great Commission Fund; and \$143,000 for the Disaster Response Fund.

**Prayer for Ethiopia:** The convocation unanimously approved a resolution inviting NALC pastors, congregations and members to unite in "intentional and intensive prayer for Ethiopia." Ethiopia is going through a time of significant political unrest. The NALC is in a full-communion relationship with the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus, the largest Lutheran church in the world.

**Amendments to the NALC Constitution** adding language naming mission districts and mission regions were approved. The amendments must be ratified by NALC congregations.

**Reports** of the work of the NALC's staff, teams, task forces, ministries and ministry partners were warmly received.

**The Braaten-Benne Lectures in Theology,** which preceded the convocation, focused on God the Father. Other events of Lutheran week included the Women of the NALC Annual Gathering and workshops on discipleship, stewardship and youth ministry.

**Documents, photos and videos** from the convocation and other events of Lutheran Week will be posted at [lutheranweek.com](http://lutheranweek.com).





- ✚ From Spiritual Orphans Network: *"We thank God for your partnership. Thank you so much for your donation of \$2,000. Your ongoing support is always appreciated!"*
- ✚ From Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation: *"We wish to extend to you our deepest gratitude for your donation of \$39 to our HCEF programs. We are grateful for friends like you."*
- ✚ From Samaritan's Purse International Relief: *"Thank you for your gift of \$600. Your support is very much appreciated!"*
- ✚ Lutheran World Relief: *"Thank you for your recent gift of \$1,000. Your donation will change lives in amazing ways!"*



Dan Fikelstein & Liz Nieboer	2	Rebecca Hohag	1	Bob Winford	14
Thomas & Katherine Leland	2	Deanna Hormann	2	Diana Pupich	15
Eugene & Candice McNany	4	Carson Bush	3	Emory Clark	16
George & Christine Cooper	9	Joseph Mobley	3	Rives Duncan	16
Bill & Annegret Sessoms	11	Ken Callantine	4	Mike Phillips	16
Colin & Connie Schmeisser	14	Cory Gurnett	4	Walter Pryor	16
Woody & Nadine Duffin	15	Trina Seebach	5	John Summerfield	16
Richard & Janna Flanders	17	Emily Wolfe	6	Brian Isley	17
WD & Dale Sue Hightower	17	Bob Veuthey	8	Jane Ucman	17
Bryan & Kerrie Petch	17	Laura Betts	9	Tim Bury	20
Marty & Debbie Phillips	19	Norine Kerstein	9	Sheryl Keene	20
Karl & Evelyn Miller	20	Thomas Pratt	9	Lisa Romans	21
John Poss & Kathleen Fitzpatrick	21	Leo Romans	9	Cody Hoffman	22
Robert Owens & Kim Stephens	22	Joshua Westphal	9	David Wintermute	23
Jesse & Julie Keiffer	26	WD Hightower	10	Aric Hanson	24
Leon & Carlene Peters	26	Carolyn Byrnes	11	Fabian Bohn	26
David & Misty Hopp	27	Luke Leland	11	Elise Hopp	27
David & Tammy Klein	27	James Webb	12	Lauryn Klein	28
		Jonathan Brooks	14	Colleen McGlothlin	28
		Linda Johnson	14	Ron Bush	29
		Bill Montie	14	Brittany Dirks	29
		Jody Pfeil	14	Lora Kobilan	29
		Gail Sexton	14	Mary Lyn Willis	29





**Greetings all Jacob here,**

What a fantastic month this has been. I really enjoyed summer at BFLC. Throughout this month I have continued to offer youth group sessions under our new summer hours which are every Wednesday from 6-7:30p. 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. I am also looking forward to confirmation class beginning on September 8th.

Along with these weekly set meetings I am still connecting with the students on a regular basis, including youth and young adults. With our last young adult meeting on Friday, August 27th @ 6:00p. Although our summer meetings have been more irregular, I have enjoyed meeting many of them one on one for meals, discussions, and Bible studies.

This last month we had several events specifically for the youth that were not only a blast but were a fantastic way to facilitate building community within the group as well. We had a table Tennis Tournament on July 18th that turned into more of a cornhole tournament. Special thanks to Aileen Sanders who did a fantastic job and took ownership of the event from start to finish.

We also had a youth presence at the Black Forest Festival in which several youths did face painting for the festival attendees. A special thanks to those who were able to help and participate in that event. We also had a youth movie night on the August 11th. The movie night went fantastically well with Tyler Wesley taking ownership of this event and helping to lead that event as well. It was a great night in the life of the church.

I also had an amazing opportunity to go to Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp at the end of July into the beginning of this month. I had the opportunity to connect with several adult leaders from our church as well as pastors and ministers from all over the country while at the same time connecting with different youth groups. I made several different connections with the RTLC staff members and look forward to seeing where God continues to lead these relationships.

We are looking forward to some amazing events and times in August and early September. These have had to be adapted due to the raise in Covid cases and our youth committees desire to both use wisdom as well as engage in our youth group. As always if there are any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out!


For His glory,

Jacob Oglesby



# September



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:00p Youth Group 7:00 Choir Practice	2 9:00a Quilters 9:30 Staff Mtg.	3	4 7:00a Men's Bible Study
5 9:00a Outdoor Worship	6 	7	8 6:00p Youth Group 6:30 Confirmation 7:00 Choir Practice 8:00 Contemporary Worship Practice	9 9:00a Quilters 9:30 Staff Mtg. 6:30p Women's Bible Study 6:30 Worship Committee	10 12:00p Executive Committee Mtg. 6:30p Youth Event ("Outdoors & S'mores")	11 1:00p Revive Women's Day
12 8:00a & 10:30a Worship 9:30 Sunday School Joining Jesus Class New Member Class	13 1:00p Women's Bible Study 4:00 Mom's Group	14 6:00p 4-H	15 11:00a Christmas Tea Meeting 6:00p Youth Group 7:00 Confirmation 7:00 Choir Practice	16 9:00a Quilters 9:30 Staff Mtg. 6:30p Women's Bible Study	17	18 7:00a Men's Bible Study
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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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#### OUR STAFF

Pastor – Ken D. Hohag

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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

#### OFFICE HOURS

##### Weekday Hours

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

Sunday Worship 8:00a & 10:30a

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