

# THE SCRIBE



## From Pastor Ken

*“Look outside, the leaves are changing. The weather is getting colder. November is a month of change. We’ll change our clocks, fall back because of daylight savings time. That’s Saturday night, November 6.”*

*In this month, we’ll also see how the Lord changes us!*

On Sunday, November 7, we’ll hear how he is changing our hearts. Like the poor widow who learns just how good God is and begins putting her trust in Him. She ends up using what she has for the sake of others. Her heart is changed by the sacrificial love of the Lord. He can be doing the same in us.

On Sunday, November 14, we’ll hear how God changes our whole lives through Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection. He died once for all and by his forgiveness, he makes our lives new. So, we live it out, and meet together, encouraging each other to make a difference in this world. We reflect Jesus in all we do.

Then on Sunday, November 21, we’ll celebrate Christ the King, the culmination of the church year. When all is said and done, we will see Jesus Christ, the one who is, who was, and who is to come. All we are, and all we have belongs to him. He is Lord.

All of this, finally, is Stewardship. We are managers of all that God has entrusted to us; ourselves, our time, and our possessions. This month, we plan how we will trust, and share, and reflect him.

## Thanksgiving Eve

On **Wednesday, November 24**, we meet to give thanks to our gracious God who provides us with every good gift. Be thinking of what you are especially thankful for. Then bring some non-perishable food to share with those who are in need in our community. You may bring it forward during our processional offering.

## Love Your Neighbor

There was a girl, in high school, the kind who kept to herself and was usually found sitting on the floor alone by her locker reading. She was a socially awkward girl with a lot of family issues. More important for her was fitting in with the rest of her peers because she didn't fit in at all.

There was a boy, in the same high school mentioned, who happened to be popular. He was athletic, had good grades, and fit in very well with his peers. Every day of school he would walk down the hall, see the girl mentioned above, and say hello to her with a smile. Their lockers were close by.

Three years is a long time to go through high school. I remember those years too. What nobody realized is that the boy who greeted that girl with a smile every day meant the world to her. It was almost nothing for the boy, who simply saw the girl as a person loved by God (he was a Christian). To the girl this was the only affirmation of her value she would get every day. The fact that someone would notice her, smile at her, greet her, was only known by her for all of her high school days.

That is until one day she, through the school counselor, was given the opportunity to speak to the rest of her high school class. She had struggled with thoughts of suicide. She had struggled with a lot of things. She shared a lot of things with her classmates that day she spoke. What broke our hearts was when she spoke of Josh, the boy who would greet her every day. As it turns out his simple kindness to an unpopular girl helped keep her alive throughout her high school days.

Her name is Cheryl.

Love your neighbor as yourself my friends. A little bit of Christ's love in you goes a long way when you share it, even if you never know the difference.

-Pastor John

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### *Join a Life Group today!*

**Life Groups** is a small-group ministry where we get together in groups of 6 to 12 people at someone's home once a month for food, fellowship, prayer, and Bible study.  
If you would like to join a group or be a leader, contact Lisa or Pastor John.



## November

- **Prime Timers!** November's host activity will be a movie night. There is a one night only showing of "*The Most Reluctant Convert*" at the Regal Interquest Theater on Wednesday, November 3 @ 7:00p. Each person can purchase their tickets and we will meet at Cheddars after the movie for dessert and discussion. **Please let Karen Gourley know if you would like to join.** She will make the reservations at Cheddars (in the same parking lot as the theater). Hope to see everyone there! Contact Karen Gourley.
- **Men's BBQ**—Friday November 5 @ 6:00p, will be held at David & Tammy Klein's house. Please RSVP with Pastor John. BYOB. Speaker will be Pastor Josh from St. Lukes. Free will offering to cover food costs. Invite a friend!
- **Men's BBQ**—Friday, November 5 @ 6:00p at David & Tammy Klein's house at 17110 Fairwind Pl., Elbert, CO 80106. Please bring a folding chair and a jacket (the room might be a little cool). BYOB. Please RSVP with Pastor John. Speaker will be Pastor Josh from St. Lukes. Free will offering to cover food costs. Invite a friend!
- **Fair Trade Coffee Products & Olive Wood Sales**—Sunday, November 7 between services in the Fellowship Hall. Coffee, tea, chocolate and nuts will be offered. These carvings make for a perfect Christmas gift!
- **AARP**—Starting in November, the AARP Chapter will resume its monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of every month at Noon in the Fellowship Hall. Next scheduled event is Wednesday, November 10.
- **Veteran's Day**—Thursday, November 11.
- **Intergenerational/Christmas Project**—Saturday, November 13 from 2:00-4:00p. Sign-up sheet on bulletin board. \$20 per kit. Contact Paige Summerfield. Check out display in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Office closed** November 25 and 26.
- **Advent** begins November 28.
- **Prayers for Prisoners International**—The Christmas Card Outreach is an opportunity for volunteers outside of prison to send a personal Christmas card to a prisoner. Many prisoners don't receive anything for Christmas, so a card from a stranger with a note inside means the world to them! The Social Ministry Committee is hosting a Christmas card party on Sunday, November 28 @ 1:00p in Fellowship Hall. We are going to use cards with artwork created by inmates, so just bring a pen and words of encouragement. (There will be cookies!)
- **Senior Social.** Is on hiatus for November and December. We will resume in January 2022. Contact: Lavonne Hidy.



**Book Stew 2022** –The scheduled dates for the 2022 Book Stew are January 2, 9, 16, and 23, 2022. We are currently accepting donations. The drop-off boxes are in the Fellowship Hall **until the last week of December**. Our goal is to set up during that week to allow time for the first sale scheduled for January 2, 2022. 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.

### November – Election Month Pray, Think and Vote

There are 90 million Christians in America, yet millions do not vote – about 1 in 4:

*“Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God.”*

*Romans 13:1*

When we pray unceasingly for our nation, think biblically about the issues, and **vote** consistently in every election. The impact of Christians taking action from the local, state and federal levels will be unprecedented. Pray, think and vote in order to protect the four core pillars of faith which are **religious freedom**, the **sanctity of life**, **strong families and marriages**, and **compassion and support for those in need**. By not voting, you are most likely voting for something you don't agree with or want. Voting is an opportunity to do good.

## Announcements

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### December

- **Olive Wood Hand Carved from Bethlehem**—Once again, it's time for the olive wood table to be set up in Fellowship, displaying many beautiful hand carved olive wood pieces made in the Holy Land. For several years now, one of BFLC's global missions has been to provide a market for 46 Christian Palestinian families who live in Bethlehem. We will be offering these beautiful olive wood pieces between services on Sunday, November 7 and December 12. These carvings make for a perfect Christmas gift!
- **Christmas Tea!** The Christmas Tea will be held Saturday, December 4 @ 10:00a. The theme this year is "*Season of Love*". There are many opportunities where your help is needed – set up, decorating, clean up, and tear down. New this year is the option to adopt a table and it will be yours to decorate. Also, if you create a centerpiece, it will be donated to someone at your table! If you'd like to volunteer, attend the Christmas Tea Committee Meetings, or if you have questions, please contact Paige Summerfield.



**Gingerbread Houses!** Calling all candy carpenters! Anyone that can pick up a piece of candy is invited to participate in our Gingerbread Decorating Party Sunday, December 12 following the 10:30a service. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. If you are a bit 'o honey mason, a gum drop engineer, or a graham cracker framer bring a cutting board, 3 bags of candy, and a potluck meal to share and join us. Come build your gingerbread house on a cookie foundation with your BFLC family! Space is limited so sign-up soon! You may contact Laura Edwards with any questions 719-639-5299.



**Prime Timers!** Our December event will be the Flying W Ranch's Christmas Program at 4:00 pm on Saturday, December 11. You will be captivated with a musical show performed by the world-renowned Flying W Wranglers. One of the most talented groups in Flying W history will perform a Western Christmas Jubilee that will make your heart sing, take you back to years gone by, and take you to a Babe in a manager where the redemption of the world began.

If you would log on to Flying W Ranch website at [www.flyingw.com](http://www.flyingw.com), then click on the Christmas Show tab, you can browse all of their information and order your tickets. The price of tickets is \$60 for seniors over age 65 and military. Others are \$65 per person. When you order tickets, **enter the code Black Forest Lutheran Group** in the comments box at the bottom of your billing information just prior to completing transaction. The code confirms that you will be seated with our group - not that you will receive an additional discount other than Senior or Military as on previous page.

If interested, please check out the website ASAP as they sell out of their Christmas tickets fast. There are also driving directions to the ranch and parking instructions on the website. Send me an email when you have your tickets. We hope this event will be of interest to all of you and we can celebrate the birth of Christ together! Contact Pam or Duane Wagner.



**The Social Ministry and Evangelism Committee are again sponsoring Samaritan's Purse Ministry's "Operation Christmas Child"**

Once again BFLC will be participating in the Samaritan's Purse Ministry's **Operation Christmas Child**. From children to seniors, people pack shoebox gifts each year to bless children in need around the world. Children who participate, learn about giving.

Thousands of volunteers serve annually inspecting and preparing shoeboxes for international shipping. Every hour, work stops for a few minutes to pray for the children who will receive the boxes.

Long before shoeboxes arrive in more than 100 countries, volunteer National Leadership Teams train pastors and community leaders who want to share the message of the Gospel and bless children. The leaders learn how to host child-friendly outreach events, and how to implement "The Greatest Journey" follow-up discipleship program.

Pastors around the world host outreach events in places where people may not know Christ and invite them to follow Him. In many places, they also offer "The Greatest Gift", a Gospel story booklet Samaritan's Purse developed for shoebox recipients. As a result of what they learn in "The Greatest Journey", boys and girls grow in Christ and share with friends and family. The students also invite others to their graduations where the Gospel is shared. This often brings parents, siblings, and friends to accept Christ and become active members in the local church. Families are reached, churches grow, new churches are started, and communities are transformed.

Members of Black Forest Lutheran Church are asked to fill a shoebox (shoe boxes, instructions and suggestions were distributed on Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup> between services), with a medium sized toy, a few extra smaller toys and toiletries. Instructions and suggestions will be available. A sticker is provided to state whether the box is for a boy or a girl and the age. Please adhere it onto the box. Shoe boxes and instructions will be on a table in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays between services. If the donor would like, a letter may be inserted into the box sharing a message and an email address. The shipping will be provided by the Evangelism Committee and Social Ministry.

PLEASE DO NOT TAPE THE BOX SHUT.  
BOXES MUST BE BROUGHT BACK TO THE CHURCH  
**NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 14, 2020.**

## Reminders



- † **Helping our church family members in need!** Amy Churchill is looking for volunteers that would be willing to occasionally drive members that are no longer able to drive themselves to Church so that they can attend a worship service. Please contact Amy or talk to Lisa if you would like to be of service.
- † **Sunday Helpers:** We need Sunday Helpers going forward for the months of November and December: **Altar Guild, Assistant Ministers, Greeters, Recorders, Upload Service, and Ushers.** Please contact Lisa.
- † **Mission Endowment Fund Committee**—The BFLC Mission Endowment Fund Committee is looking for an evangelically motivated, and financially aware individual for membership to join our meetings. Please contact Dave Reily.

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### Reverse Advent Calendar



Each day add an item to a box! On Sunday, December 12, bring in your box for Black Forest Cares.

Nov. 28	Box of Cereal	Dec. 5	Canned Tuna
Nov. 29	Peanut Butter	Dec. 6	Cake Mixes/Icing
Nov. 30	Stuffing Mix	Dec. 7	Applesauce
Dec. 1	Boxed Potatoes	Dec. 8	Cranberry Sauce
Dec. 2	Mac-n-Cheese	Dec. 9	Box of Crackers
Dec. 3	Canned Fruit	Dec. 10	Spaghetti Sauce/Spaghetti
Dec. 4	Chicken Noodle Soup	Dec. 11	Oatmeal

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think of us!**

#### Amazon Smiles

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### Didi in the Congo

During September, Didi and Serafina were blessed with a visit and the work of people from the World Mission Prayer League. Gloria and Dr. Joseph came for mission work related to eye camps. In three days over 2000 people had eye exams and were treated for minor issues. Over 100 people were able to have some type of eye surgery. Didi thanks everyone who donated eyeglasses.

Dr. William Obaga, Regional Coordinator for Africa from the Theological School of Tshela also spent time with them teaching the Lutheran confession to students, lay leaders, and pastors. On September 12, Didi was the presiding pastor at the consecration of Bishop Albert Ngoma Khonde. This event was marked with the presence of many CELCCO pastors, members, and dignitaries from various branches of the government.

Upon asking Serafina if they had any current needs we could help fill, her reply was lots of prayers.

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From the Rocky Mountain Regional VA Medical Center: *"Thank you for your donation to benefit the Rocky Mountain Regional VA Fisher House. The money will be used to help us provide additional support and comfort to the veterans and family members who stay with us."*

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Due to BFLC's

Power Church program crashing, we are unable to list this month's birthdays and anniversaries.

*But we are sending out many happy returns!!!*



## *50th Anniversary Year for Black Forest Lutheran Church*

*January 10, 1971*

### *A Little Bit of History*

During 1999 the hammers continued pounding; preaching, teaching, and ministry, inside and outside the walls, also went on as normal as possible. One youth director left, Chris Harris, and another came on board, Trisha Hanson. Another staff position, Lay Ministry Coordinator, was approved at the Annual Meeting. Carolyn Byrnes became the “keeper of the lists”. As the outside of the new addition was nearing completion, Pete Pedersen coordinated a group of men to complete the basement area of the new addition. The Service of Dedication of the Addition to Black Forest Lutheran Church was held on November 7, 1999. The new Fellowship Hall was filled. Another vision fulfilled! A Vision Task Force was formed to think, imagine and pray about how to make use of this new space. What are the needs of the community and to what ministries is God leading us?

Three new outreach programs came to our attention for participation – Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, Interfaith Hospitality Network (classrooms in our new addition became bedrooms), and marketing olive wood carvings from the Holy Land to help several Christian Palestinian families provide a living for their families. In 2000, thanks to the efforts of Gilbert and Melba Rose, we sent 35 Easter baskets to La Puente in the San Luis Valley. It was the first time for most of these young people to receive an Easter basket. This project continues to this day, only hundreds of baskets are now sent! We also started our family pumpkin carving event.

In 2000 there were more staff changes – Amy Frelly replaced Carolyn and in 2001 Kris Trahnstrom replaced Trisha. Themba Mikhabela from South Africa came into our midst also in 2000. After meeting Themba, Pastor Ken quickly saw the potential and gifts in Themba. Along with other congregations, BFLC supported Themba in his pursuit of attending seminary. He was a pastry chef at the Broadmoor Hotel and had attended culinary schools. As fundraisers for his tuition, he prepared fabulous meals and great pies! He was ordained in 2005 and received a call to a Lutheran church in the Virgin Islands.

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#### **In History:**

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##### ***Tragedy Strikes, 9-11: Scribe, September 2001***

“This week has been overshadowed by the tragedies that claimed so many lives. The surrealistic images of a commercial airline crashing into the already smoking World Trade Center continues to haunt our minds. Suddenly, in a moment, nearly everything else in our lives pales in comparison.

The Pentagon Building, a symbol of strength, now reveals a gaping hole on one of its five sides – a profound reminder that real security is at best partial, and our lives are indeed fragile. We experience that truth as individuals in times of illness or crises. This time we experience it as a nation, and perhaps, as an entire world.

It's a cruel reminder that our world is fundamentally broken. Hatred drives people to unimaginable acts. People killing people. Thousands of them. And many others suffer with grief and terrible injury. I'm reminded of a picture from the Crossways Bible Study – the world with its blue oceans and familiar continents – cracking, coming apart at its seams. Not because God wants it so, but because people do. It's the terrible end result of people using their God-given freedom not for good, but evil. Not life, but death. God's intent all along from the first is that we would serve God by serving others. Sin is the corporate refusal to live out that vision, and instead, serve only self.

It's Cain against Able. Brother killing brother, now on a global scale. Cain's question still echoes, “*Am I my brother's keeper?*” And God's silent answer is still true, “*Yes, you are your brother's keeper.*” Now, more than ever.”

–Pastor Ken

BFLC held a prayer service on the night of September 11, providing a space and time with God for our members and people in the community. It was well attended.

#### ***50th Anniversary 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! We hope you are reading our history/memory articles in the Scribe.



Greetings all,

As we close out the month of October, I continue to marvel at the beauty of Black Forest. We have so many opportunities to see God at work not only in the lives of others but also in the quiet breezes and beautiful scenery. Our God really broke the mold when he made this area, and I am so grateful to be a part of a beautiful congregation both inside and outside the walls of the church.

Throughout this month we have continued to offer youth group sessions every **Sunday evening from 6-7:30p.** **Invite your friends and classmates because it has been 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. We play games, get to know each other better, have a quick snack, and we also get to share in a Bible study as well. I have been teaching the students the S.T.O.P method of Bible study. If you're not sure what that is, come check us out Sunday evening and I'll tell you ALL about it!

Along with these weekly set meetings with the youth I am still connecting with the students on a regular basis, including both youth and young adults. We are offering confirmation class to students **every Wednesday from 6:30-8:00p, Sunday School from 9:30-10:15a, and one young adult meeting every month.** If your student would like to meet for a lunch, I am also glad to schedule those as well.

We typically hold at least two youth events every month. These have been a blast and have varied from volleyball to table tennis, from smores to late night movie events. During October we had two events - a youth and family paint night where we painted a Fall pumpkin picture together and our annual pumpkin carving event as well. During the month of October, we also had our First communion retreat as well as our confirmation Sunday. What a great time to see both the future of the church and the church of today come together and take steps forward in their faith journey. I am honored to have been a part of them.

We continue to offer both Sunday School and Wiggle Worship. We have had a great time in planning and running these classes in the past and are excited that we get to continue offering them this semester. Sunday School is from 9:30-10:15 for ages Pre-K – 5<sup>th</sup> grade with Maureen Lang, and 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade with me, and all others are with Pastor Ken or Pastor John. Wiggle Worship is after the children's message in the second service and is for 3 to 7-year olds. The children will receive an age-appropriate lesson and be returned to their parents before communion.

We are looking forward to some amazing events and times in November be on the lookout for these events and we look forward to seeing you there.

For His glory,

Jacob Oglesby



**Rainbow Trail  
Lutheran Camp Senior High Retreat  
Calling all 9th - 12th graders!  
November 19-21, 2021**

The Senior High Retreat is specifically geared for high school youth. This retreat can be an opportunity to connect on the real struggles that high school presents, explore what life after high school might look like, and how we can live faithfully through it all.

Don't miss this opportunity to be immersed in community on the mountain, in which we will discover and affirm the gifts that God has given us. November in the mountains can be chilly, but also refreshing both physically and spiritually.

Contact: Jacob Oglesby

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# November



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 8:00a &amp; 10:30a Worship 9:30 Sunday School Classes</p>	<p>1 1:00p Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>2 1:00p Mission Endowment Cmte. Mtg. 7:00 Handbell Practice</p>	<p>3 6:30p Confirmation 7:00p Choir Practice 8:00p Cont. Worship Practice</p>	<p>4 9:00a Quilters 9:30 Staff Mtg. 6:30p Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>5 9:30a Christmas Tea Workshop 6:00p Men's Group</p>	<p>6 7:00a Men's Bible Study</p> 
<p>7 8:00a &amp; 10:30a Worship 9:30 Sunday School Classes Olive Wood &amp; Trade Sales 6:00p Youth Group</p>	<p>8 1:00p Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>9 10:00a Finance Cmte. Meeting 6:00p 4-H 6:30p Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>10 12:00p AARP 6:30p Confirmation 7:00 Choir Practice</p>	<p>11 9:00a Quilters 9:30 Staff Mtg.</p> 	<p>12 12:00p Executive Mtg.</p>	<p>13 8:30a Choir Sectionals 2:00p Cong. Craft Nativity Scene</p>
<p>14 8:00a &amp; 10:30a Worship 9:30 Sunday School 6:00p Youth Group</p>	<p>15 1:00p Women's Bible Study 6:00p Mom's Group</p>	<p>16 7:00p Handbell Practice</p>	<p>17 6:30p Confirmation 7:00 Choir Practice 8:00 Cont. Worship Practice</p>	<p>18 9:00a Quilters 9:30 Staff Mtg. 7:00 Council</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 7:00a Men's Bible Study</p>
<p>21 8:00a &amp; 10:30a Worship 9:30 Sunday School Classes 6:00p Youth Group</p>	<p>22 1:00p Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>23 6:30p Women's Bible Study 7:00p Handbell Practice</p>	<p>24 6:30p Confirmation <b>7:00p Thanksgiving Eve Worship</b> 7:50p Choir Practice</p>	<p>25 Office closed, <i>Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!</i></p>	<p>26 Office closed.</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28 8:00a &amp; 10:30a Worship 9:30 Sunday School Classes 1:00p Christmas Card Outreach 6:00p Youth Group <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i></p>	<p>29 1:00p Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>30 7:00p Handbell Practice</p>				



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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

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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