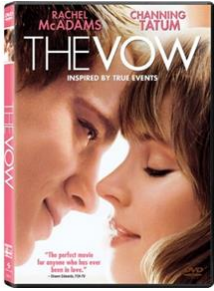


Mark Your Calendars!



Let's face it, the past two years have been a challenge, both physically and emotionally, for almost all of us. Are you ready to kick off 2022 feeling refreshed, revived, and uplifted?

Join us at REVIVE! Saturday, January 8 from 9:00a-12:00p hosted by the Black Forest Lutheran Church Women's Ministry. We'll be discussing the role of women in Jesus' ministry and how we too can be lifted up, even through some of the worst circumstances. There will be food, music and plenty of fellowship with women of the community. All women over the age of 18 are welcome to join us! \$20 per person

Our guest speakers include Krickitt Carpenter, co-author of The Vow. Krickitt will bring you up to date on how God continues to lead her and work in her life today. For more information and/or to register go to www.bflchurch.org. Seating is limited so please register now!

Reminders!

BFLC Staff Christmas Gift—It has been the practice for many years to invite special contributions from the members of the congregation towards a cash Christmas gift for the paid staff of BFLC. This includes the Pastors, Director of Ministries, Youth/Family Ministries Director, Administrative Assistant, Organists, Choir and Bells Director.

End of the Year - December 31—Donor must deliver or mail (postmark) on or by this date in order to claim a charitable contribution for 2021. Checks that are placed in the church offering during the first worship service on 2022 will not qualify for a charitable contribution deduction in 2021, even if the check is predated to 2021 or was actually written in 2021. However, checks that are written, mailed and postmarked in 2021 will be deductible in 2021, though they are not received by church until 2022. If you have questions, please contact Lisa or Karen Pforr.

Life Groups

Our Life Groups are going strong. Still not a member of one? Life Groups are small groups of 8-10 people which meet monthly for fellowship, prayer, a meal, and Bible study. They are a great way to make new friends in Jesus and grow in our faith. If you are interested in joining or becoming a leader of a Life Group, please call or email Lisa in the office or Pastor John.

"It was a good bonding experience, as I knew each participant quite well. They did not know one another but after sharing felt we were one in Christ."

-Donna Wesley

Announcements

Sunday Classes @ 9:30a:

- "Martin Luther" Class – meet in Sanctuary. Led by Pastor Ken.
- "Sharing the Good News" Class – meet in Pastor John's office.

Rainbow Trail Counselors—Rainbow Trail is taking applications to work up at camp this summer. Also, you can sign-up to go to camp at www.rainbowtrail.org.

December Office Hours—Close at Noon on Friday, December 24; and Friday, December 31.

New Member Class starts Sunday, January 9, 2022.

Book Stew 2022—Will start on January 2, 2022.

Christmas Poinsettias: \$10—Sign-up on bulletin board. Checks should be made out to BFLC with "Poinsettia" in the memo line and put in the offering.

Security System—The installation of a security system has begun, so you might see changes throughout the church.



Christmas Program Tonight @ 6:30p in the Sanctuary

Cookies & hot cocoa following recital and skit!

You are invited to come and see our young children's little lights shine as they reenact the Christmas story. You will also be delighted to hear their music - and impressed with the talent in this congregation!

Following the program another treat awaits you which is provided by Lorraine Wallace. Come, be our guests!

Crossing the Neighborhood!

Announcing a brand new ministry for our congregation called 'Crossing the Neighborhood'. In teams of two we go out home to home, giving away crosses and invitations with the message of God's love for whomever we come across. For most this will be a surprisingly rewarding experience, particularly if you like seeing smiles. We typically go Saturday and Sunday afternoons for a couple of hours, with each Messenger usually committing to one afternoon a month. Interested in becoming one of these 'Messengers' and doing the work of Jesus contact Pastor John @ 719-500-9241, pastorjohn@blfchurch.org.

Donations needed

- **Rugs**—Contact Liz Nieboer @ 719-310-0314 if you would like to donate a 5x7 rug or bigger for the immigrants from Afghanistan.
- **Social Ministry** could use more donations of empty pill bottles for sewing kits in hygiene bags. Please remove the labels. Place in shopping cart in Fellowship Hall.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR December 12 – December 19

Today	8:00/10:30a 9:30 6:30p	Worship/Cantata Sunday School Classes Youth Christmas Program
Tuesday	7:00p	Handbell Practice
Wednesday	7:00p	Choir Practice
Thursday	9:30a	Staff Meeting
Friday	<i>Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service</i> 3:30p, 5:30p and 7:30p <i>Office closes at Noon</i>	
Sunday	8:00/10:30a 9:30	Worship Sunday School Classes

Attendance

12/12

8:00a – 96 10:30a – 98



Cantata Participants

Soprano

Nancy Lord
Susie Rummel
Misty Hopp
Tracy Kleine
Christine Makowsky*
Donna Reiner

Alto

Alexandra Cullen
Amy Churchill
Judy Burke
Carlene Peters
Amelia Makowsky
Kerrie Petch*
Luanne Spencer*
Barb Gurnett*

Tenor

Jon Fountain
Mike Decker
Mike Jube

Bass

John Lacomia
Del Lang
Ken Hohag

Narrator: Karen Gourley
Sound: Patrick Turechek/Landra Decker
Rehearsal Accompanist: Liz Wetherby
Director: Melanie Hohag

*Soloist

*Thank you to the Choir for their inspirational music
which draws our attention to the greatest gift of all – God's son.*