

# THE SCRIBE



From Pastor Ken

## Lent

### Ash Wednesday Worship

Wednesday, March 2 @ 7:00p

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent. It is the service when a cross of ashes is traced on our foreheads to remind us that we aren't on earth forever. Our lives will end sooner or later. It's helpful to remember that, while we are limited, our God is not.

*Our lives are truly in His hands.*

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## Wednesdays in Lent

### The Longest Journey: From Head to Heart

**Biblical people encountering God's transforming love.**

It's easy to say we believe in God. It's quite another thing to believe him. During Lenten Wednesday worship, we'll hear of people in the Bible who moved from knowing that God exists to knowing him, trusting him, following him.

We'll look at 7 people in the Bible:

March	2	Epileptic's Father	Mark 29	Ash Wednesday
	9	Abraham	Genesis 15	
	16	Jacob	Genesis 33	
	23	David	Psalms 51	
	30	Elijah	1 Kings 19	
April	6	Paul	Acts 9	
	14	Peter	John 21	Maundy Thursday

Join us as we gather for soup and bread supper at 6:00p. Sign-up in the Fellowship Hall to bring food. Then at 7:00p, our worship is in the context of the peaceful Holden Evening Prayer service with song, silence, and prayer.  
We will focus on moving from our head to heart, trusting him.

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## Sunday School Class

### Hot Topics from a Biblical Perspective

These days it seems everything is up for grabs.

How do we know what's true? What insight does the Bible give us on such topics as:

- Creation/evolution
- Our role in the care of the earth
- Our identity and worth
- Gender issues/preferred pronouns
- The value of life – birth to death
- And more...

Join Pastor Ken Sundays @ 9:30a in the sanctuary.

## What Happened to Fasting?

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What ever happened to fasting during the season of Lent or otherwise? Just like prayer and giving to the poor, fasting is something Jesus commands us (Matt. 6:16-18, 9:15). Imagine if we neglected prayer or giving to the poor. Well, if you imagine that would be sinful, the same applies to neglecting the spiritual discipline of fasting. The Church has always practiced fasting, especially during Lent, and for those of us who have forgotten about it, now is a good time to remember.

So, what is fasting? Fasting is the voluntary giving up of certain foods, the reduction of portions of food, or the complete giving up of food, all for a specific purpose for a specific time. While it normally refers to food, there are many other things a person can fast from. Traditionally these would also include alcohol or marital relations. However, today one might also fast from television, social media, or other such things.

What is the benefit of fasting? Fasting doesn't earn for ourselves merit or the forgiveness of sins. What fasting does do is teach our bodies and desires of the flesh that they are not our boss (see 1Cor6:20). It is a way of learning greater self-control, helps us in prayer, can increase our virtues while reducing our vices, and many other benefits. It must be noted that not everyone should fast from food, such as those underweight, the very young or old, and those with otherwise compromised health. Also worth noting is that since fasting is a voluntary practice, one is not guilty of sin if they break a fast. Much like if the phone rings during prayer, one can pick right up where they left off or just start again another time.

So, I ask you to consider for this season of Lent: What would you like to give up? Eat only 2 meals a day? Give up meat? Don't drink alcohol except for communion on Sundays? Stay off Facebook? Whatever you decide I pray this ancient biblical spiritual discipline will prove a blessing for you and those around you. One last thing, remember that Sundays are not part of the 40 days of Lent.

-Pastor John Graham

## Announcements

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- **Daylight Savings Time** – Move your clocks forward 1 hour, Sunday, March 6.
- **The Women's Monday Bible Study @ 1:00p** will begin a new study starting Monday, March 7. The study will be "Women of the New Testament". Contact: Chris Cooper.
- **New Keys for the Church:** For those of you who need a key, Lisa will be handing out new keys and members of the Property Committee will be conducting a training session on the new security system on the following dates and times listed below. **Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.**
  - Monday, March 7 - come anytime between 9:00a-12:00p
  - Monday, March 14 - come anytime between 5:00p-8:00pOutside doors will be re-keyed on Wednesday, March 16.
- **Mom's Group**—Tuesday, March 8 @ 4:00p. Contact Karina Isley.
- **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. Next scheduled event is Wednesday, March 23 @ 1:00p.
- **Greg Finke Zoom Call**—Joining Jesus on His Mission. Tuesday, March 29 @ 6:30p.
- **Property Committee – Work Request – NEW!** Leaky faucet? Broken chair? Have you seen something in the church that needs repair? The Property Committee is introducing a new "Work Request" form, now posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. If you see something that needs to be fixed, simply add your name, the date and a short description of the issue and the Property Committee will take it from there! We want to keep things working well and looking nice in the church. Thank you for your assistance.
- **Coffee Clean-up and Set-up**—Just a reminder that we need volunteers to make coffee and clean-up during Fellowship. Those wanting to help may call the office or sign-up in the kitchen.
- **Life Groups:** Haven't joined a Life Group yet? We have new opportunities for people to join existing and groups. Get together with 8-12 fellow Christians, perhaps bring a friend, and prepare to make new friends or deepen relationships with existing ones. Once a month we pray, eat, discuss what Jesus is up to, have a bible study and a really good time. If you are considering joining a Life Group, please contact Lisa in the office or Pastor John.

We have slots left!!

## GET AWAY TOGETHER!



APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup> - 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2022  
(FRIDAY 7:00PM - SUNDAY 12:00PM)

Take time to invest in your relationship.

This year's speakers, Sean and Lanette Reed have a unique way of presenting truths and practical tips that help couples thrive. Here are a few of the topics you'll explore:

- Effective communication
- Dazzling date nights
- Strategies for navigating conflict
- You and your partner's personality profile

Cost: \$400 - includes lodging, meals & activities!

Scholarships are available, so don't let money be the reason you don't go!

For details or to signup, contact Lisa Regennitter at [bfic@bfchurch.org](mailto:bfic@bfchurch.org) or call 719-495-2221

## That makes cents!

### Sunday Quarters Food for the Poor



The Social Ministry Committee is now directing all quarters put in the offering plate on Sundays to *Food for the Poor*, which was established in 1982. This organization ministers to impoverished people in 17 Caribbean countries and Latin America. Their goals are to improve health, economic, social and spiritual conditions of the men, women and children they serve. Their mission is to link the church of the First World with the church of the Third World in a manner that helps both the materially poor and the poor in spirit. They acquire shipping container-loads of donated goods and, using well-established shipping and distribution systems, the donations are transported directly to local churches for distribution or special projects.

One reason this ministry caught our attention is the fact that 94.49% goes to the ministry, and they have a high "watchdog service ranking". Considering putting your silver in the Lord's hands every Sunday.

### Penny for your thoughts...

If you place your pennies in the collection plate, they are donated to Mosaic? **Mosaic** helps provide a life of possibilities for people with intellectual disabilities! All those pennies add up!



## 2022 Book Stew



The 2022 Book Stew crew would like to express their appreciation to the congregation and friends for their continued support and donations. We thank you very much for making this fundraiser an astonishing success. We raised \$1,280.70 for the Marshall Fire! **Thank you!**

# Holy Week

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## **Palm/Passion Sunday – April 10 @ 8:00a & 10:30a**

We have Palm branches as we hear of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

## **Maundy Thursday – April 14 @ 7:00p**

In the context of the Holden evening prayers service. Soup dinner at 6:00p.

## **Good Friday – April 15 @ 7:00p**

Called "good" because on this Friday the greatest gift ever was given – the life of our Lord for us.

## **Easter – April 17 *Come celebrate our Lord's resurrection!***

6:00a Sunrise Service – Candlelight  
7:00a Easter Breakfast  
8:00a Easter Worship  
9:45a Easter Egg Hunt  
10:30a Easter Worship

Lenten Devotionals are on the table in the narthex.

# Upcoming Events

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## **LENT**

### **Wednesdays Soup Supper and Lenten Service**

6:00p-Lenten Soup Supper. Sign-up on bulletin board.

7:00p-Lenten Worship

Choir Practices-Now through April 6 choir practice is at 8:00p



### **Easter Morning Breakfast at BFLC**

Sunday, April 17 @ 7:00a

We need your help to bring food items and/or cook breakfast on Easter morning.

Sign-up coming soon!

Sign-up for Easter lilies will be posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall after March 2. Cost is \$10.00. Put in offering plate or on office desk. Please PRINT name and dedication information on the sign-up sheet.



### **Congregational Life Event – Making Easter Baskets**

Can you believe how quickly we will be celebrating Easter? Join us for a time of fellowship and crafting. We will be making cloth strip rope Easter baskets is a fun way to get ready for the season. Saturday, March 26 @ 2:00p, Sign-up coming soon!

*Mark Your Calendars!*

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*50th Anniversary Celebration  
Sunday, April 24, 2022*



*With Joy and Thanksgiving, we Praise God as Black Forest Lutheran Church  
Celebrates 50 Years of Worship, Education, Service and Witness  
to Christ our Savior*

You are invited to join us  
**Sunday, April 24, 2022**  
**One Worship Service at 9:00 am**  
Followed by Brunch and Reception  
Wedgewood Weddings & Banquets  
12375 Black Forest Road

*We are happy to announce that Bishop Selbo and his wife will be celebrating with us on this occasion.*

***Please RSVP by April 3, 2022***

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**In-person registration with payment begins Sunday, February 27 between services.** A table will be set up in fellowship hall until 10:00a, then we will move into the narthex until 10:25a. Although the church is covering most of the cost, we are asking for a donation of \$10 per individual or \$25 per family. If you can donate more, it would be appreciated. Any excess funds received will be applied toward the purchase of new playground equipment for our younger members. Our current playground is beyond repair.



**Name Tags** - We will be asking all attendees of the Anniversary Celebration on April 24 to please wear their church name tags over to the Wedgewood center. Our guests and Bishop will appreciate it immensely! If you are missing your name tag, now would be the time to let Michelle know. She will make you a new one.

## Announcements

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### **Social Ministry – How to be the Hands & Feet of Christ**

*The Social Ministry Committee is an awareness-stimulating group, which educates, challenges and offers opportunities for Black Forest Lutheran Church members to be the hands, feet and heart of Christ.*

The Social Ministry Committee at Black Forest Lutheran supports a wide variety of ministries that span the local, regional, national and international levels. Our job is to make sure you know what is happening. Your job is to select the causes you want to support. Please keep in mind we don't expect everyone to participate in every outreach project we put before the congregation. It's like a smorgasbord – we give you many choices; all of them offer good, healthy ways in which you can be the heart, hands and feet of Christ. Our desire is that you are giving out of joy and thanksgiving!

Our committee encourages first giving to the operating fund, and then giving to other causes as supplementary giving. We all agree it is more exciting to give to a specific cause than to put money toward the utility bill! But it's the same as our personal budgets - mortgages, heat, etc. must be paid to have a home, and so it is with our church home – there is overhead. We hope you prayerfully pick and choose how you wish to participate and share your gifts. As always, we thank you for your generous support.

To help in planning your giving, the following is a preview of the campaigns this committee will bring to your attention in 2022:

March..... Lenten offerings will go to flood relief to the Mekane Yesus Seminary in Ethiopia  
April ..... Educational Article in Scribe of two of our ministries  
May ..... Fair Trade Coffee & plant sales for orphans in Uganda  
June ..... Educational Article in Scribe of one of our ministries  
July ..... Birthday party with proceeds going to Fisher House  
August..... Ginger Snaps & Lemonade Sunday – proceeds to Tunnel to Towers  
September ..... Hygiene Bags for LaPuente  
October ..... Habitat Workday – Date to be announced  
November ..... Food for Thanksgiving Eve; Holiday baskets for Black Forest Cares; Olive wood sales  
December ..... Olive wood Sale; Fair Trade

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### **Lenten Offerings Mekane Yesus Seminary**

The Mekane Yesus Seminary is in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. It is the largest seminary of what is the largest Lutheran body in the world. We as the NALC have a significant and blessed relationship with both the Mekane Yesus Church and the seminary.

You may have heard of efforts to raise funds for a revenue generating facility on campus. A new six-floor building is almost completed on the campus. A couple floors of the building will be rented to generate an income of at least \$225,000/year. The remaining floors will be available for the seminary and Lutheran Bible Translators. By the grace of God, we now have good reason to believe that sufficient funds will be in place to complete that project by this coming spring. Several people from the NALC have been hard at work on this for a number of years.

Sadly, there is still great need. The seminary was devastated by an unprecedented flash flood in August. Although the large new revenue-generating building was untouched, damage on campus is in the millions of dollars. Eight people lost their lives. Much of the seminary will remain incapacitated until funds are raised to rebuild.

The NALC has already jumped in to help. We are encouraging all of our congregations and members to be in prayer for the seminary. Dr. Gemechis Buba of our executive staff has been to Addis Ababa to talk firsthand with how we can help. We as the NALC have already given a financial gift and are encouraging our congregations and individuals to donate.

So, two messages to share with you. First, celebrate and thank God for the new building. What a gift and joy! And second, let's move forward with flood relief and rebuilding work. We have shared in great work, let's continue to move onward in mission and ministry!

BFLC is also ready to jump to provide relief! The Social Ministry Committee is designating the Lenten offerings this year to this purpose. On Ash Wednesday, March 2, and the following five Wednesdays, our offerings will go to Mekane Yesus Seminary in Ethiopia.

*50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year for Black Forest Lutheran Church*  
*January 10, 1971*  
*A Little Bit of History*

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On February 27, 2011, BFLC voted to affiliate with the North American Lutheran Church (NALC) by a vote of 191 to 9. The NALC began in 2010 with several dozen churches. The NALC defines itself as committed to the “theological center of Lutheran belief and practice” devoted to four key values: Christ Centered; Mission Driven, Traditionally Grounded, and Congregationally Focused.

Also, in 2011 we began our relationship with a missionary through World Mission Prayer League. What a rewarding experience this has been! We’ve had several visits from Didi and Serafina Panzo, at which time they share their stories about their ministry. Their first assignment was in Ecuador. They are now “Making Disciples of all Nations” by serving in the Congo.

After 25 years of co-coordinating the Black Forest Cares food pantry, Kathy Steinke stepped down, and Karen Ketels stepped up. Not to worry, Lydia Zelones is still there! Not only do the people we serve run into the thousands, but the hours both Kathy and Lydia have contributed run into the tens of thousands!

In 2012 it was decided it was time to spruce up the front entrance area of the church. Al Klimick played a major role in designing the project. David Van Hart and Ken Palmen put in many volunteer hours working on the steps and railing. Ric Maxson and his crew did the patio.

In 2012 Pastor Ken celebrated the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination.

June 11, 2013, arrived hot, dry and windy, as it had been for several days. It was the day of Jim Hidy’s memorial service where several members had gathered at BFLC. During the reception, someone noticed a gray plume spiraling into the sky. It didn’t take long to realize the forest was on fire! The fire moved quickly, and many had very little time to evacuate. Flames were leaping to 100 feet in the air!

Nine days later, we learned over 14,000 acres were burned; 511 homes were destroyed; 2 people died and 18 BFLC families lost their homes, including Lavonne Hidy. Over half of our membership were evacuated. There were rumors BFLC and neighboring churches had burned, but they proved untrue.

It’s often asked after a disaster like this, “Where is God?” He was there in the volunteers who showed up from all over, using their hands and feet to clear debris, serve meals, offer temporary shelter, presenting gifts, etc. As Pastor stated, “Our church key was available which says, “You may have lost your home, but you are not homeless.”

Speaking of homes, BFLC provided a new home with sanitation for the Robelin Family in Haiti. This was done through partnering with Food for the Poor. Many in Haiti live in rickety shanties.

On September 20, 2015, we celebrated Pastor Ken and Melanie’s 25<sup>th</sup> year with BFLC. A great luncheon was enjoyed by all. We have been truly blessed with their presence, serving our Lord these many years.

In 2018 Pastor Eddy was a guest preacher at BFLC. He is the pastor of Iglesia Luterana in San Pedro, Miami, FL. This is one of our mission partners. Pastor Perez started with 12 parishioners, and four years later the attendance has tripled – predominately Hispanic. He also has a radio ministry. Another mission partner is the Ethiopian congregation in Denver led by Pastor Gudeta Burka. He also was a guest preacher at BFLC that year.

# Thank you!

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- ✠ From the Sisters and Brothers in Christ: On behalf of the survivors of the Marshall Fire, the “Christ the Servant” community thanks you for your generous donation of prayer shawls.”
  - ✠ From Family Promise of Colorado Springs: “Thank you for your generous donation of \$110.”
  - ✠ From Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation:” We extend our deepest gratitude for your donation of \$135.”
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## Welcome to our New Members

Chad & Carrie Konstant  
Justin Sadowski  
Connie Stevenson  
Kurt & Stephanie Strasner  
Rob & Quena Stropky  
Sue Wetzel

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## March

happy  
birthday

Happy  
Anniversary

Barry Cavanaugh	1	Kaylie Herrin	16	Ron & Ashley Bush	5
Carolyn Conway	3	Dave Pfeil	16	Kimble & Marcia Osteros	5
Lee Weyers	3	Bill Sessoms	16	Emory & Sue Clark	9
Madison Hanson	4	Tiffany Brooks	17	William (Rick) & Barbara Richardson	10
Ann Buttermore	6	Suzana Lacomia	18	Michael & Heather Hite	12
Dave Henderson	6	Maren Wurster	18	Steve & Barbara Gurnett	15
Jennifer Hoffman	7	Kameron Fallang	21	Bill & Sherry Sieg	24
Jim Fariss	8	Kathleen Oman	23	Don & Sharon Cress	26
Bill Moreau	8	Allan Oman	25		
Janna Flanders	9	Jutta Romans	25		
Sean Kosman	9	Barbara Speir	25		
Marjorie Denney	11	Jon Webb	25		
Kevin Mellon	11	Betsy Wintermute	25		
Jan Veuthey	11	Debbie Woods	25		
Amy White	11	Ken Hohag	30		
Ryan Green	12	Andrew Carlson	31		
Brendan Gould	14	Amelia Makowsky	31		
Lydia Zelones	14	Annegret Sessoms	31		

Enjoy  
your  
day





Greetings all,

Throughout the month of February, we had quite a lot going on in the life of the church. Not only did we continue to offer our regular class sessions (which are every Sunday and Wednesday), but we hosted some major events as well. Those included our Sweetheart Dinner, Lock-in, anniversary celebration interviews, annual meeting, and Souper bowl donation event. We always look forward to these and it just so happened that they fell on the same month! Thank to all the volunteers who had helped run one or more of these programs or events - you truly are appreciated! We could not have done this without you!

Along with our weekly set meetings and larger events with the youth I am still connecting with the students on a regular basis, including both youth and young adults. Our Sunday School is from 9:30-10:15, youth group every Sunday evening from 6:00-7:30p, and one young adult meeting every month. I also meet with at least two students or young adults for dinner/coffee at least once every month depending on schedules. If you are a member of our youth or young adult group and would like to meet for coffee or a meal, all you have to do is ask - it's on me!

For our big events we had our youth Lock-in which was first weekend in February. We had our Souper Bowl donation event that was led by the youth in which we received \$589.85 and 135 pounds of food. We also had our annual sweetheart dinner on February the 26th. The youth are also participating in interviewing some of our founding members of the congregation for a part of the anniversary celebration. I am so proud of our youth and their parents for not only balancing their normal crazy schedules but also emphasizing the toughness of their spiritual journey together as a community as well.

On top of our youth that is running at full speed we have also continued to run our regular educational programming. We offer both Sunday School and Wiggle Worship and 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. Sunday School is from 9:30-10:15a, and the ages are Pre-K – 5th grade with Maureen Lang, 6th – 12th 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 3–7-year-olds and is led by Amy Churchill. Dave Wintermute also begins both Sunday School and Wiggle Worship with a magic show. The children receive an age-appropriate lesson and be returned to their parents around the time of the sharing of peace and offering. We have had great participation in these classrooms, and I look forward to seeing these groups grow. Not only in numbers and participation but also in their walk with the Lord.

For His glory,

Jacob Oglesby



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 7:00p Handbell Practice 7:00 Cont. Worship Practice	<b>2</b> 6:30p Confirmation 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service 8:00 Choir Practice	<b>3</b> 9:00a Quilters 9:30 Staff Mtg. 6:30p Women's Bible Study 6:30 Worship Committee Mtg.	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 7:00a Men's Bible Study
<b>6</b> 8:00a & 10:30a Worship 9:30 Sunday School (all ages) 6:00p Youth Group	<b>7</b> 9:00-1200p Handing out keys 1:00 Women's Bible Study	<b>8</b> 9:00a Property Committee Mtg. 10:00 Finance Committee Mtg. 4:00p Mom's Group 6:00 4-H 7:00 Handbell Practice	<b>9</b> 12:00p AARP 6:00 Soup Supper 6:30 Confirmation 7:00 Lent Worship 8:00 Choir Practice	<b>10</b> 9:00a Quilters 9:30 Staff Mtg. 6:30p Women's Bible Study 6:30 Evangelism Committee Mtg.	<b>11</b> 12:00p Executive Mtg.	<b>12</b>
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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

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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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