

# THE SCRIBE



From Pastor Ken

May 2022

## **50<sup>th</sup>!!**

Wow! Our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration was an amazing day! Raising our praises to God in a packed sanctuary, we were reminded of our purpose by Bishop Dan Selbo: *"To be a people who share Christ's peace and to live out our faith in our everyday lives". He is Risen. He is Risen Indeed!"*

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary so meaningful. Please see page 7 for a whole list of thank you's!

Also, make a point to see the "Paper Quilt" made by our students as they responded to the question *"Where Do You See Jesus in Your Life?"*.

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| Sunday, May 1   | Adult Classes begin<br>New Member Class in Sanctuary<br>Joining Jesus Class upstairs  |
| Tuesday, May 3  | Join "Joining Jesus" author, Greg Finke, online at 6:30p for our final zoom call.   |
| Tuesday, May 10 | Financial Peace University Class. <i>Don't miss this!</i><br>One-hour class runs for 9 weeks. Signup for materials.<br>See page 3 for additional information. |

### **Summer Worship Schedule**

One service at 9:00am - starts Sunday, June 5  
Outdoor worship begins Sunday, June 19

### **VBS**

Vacation Bible School is June 13 – 17  
See page 4 for additional information.  
*Invite a friend!*

## ***Easter was dear, spring is here, and so we move forward...***

It always delights me to think of all you Christian soldiers who march on day by day for the sake of Christ's love for the world. Our weapons are of love and peace, this being the message we bring to all in need, by word and deed. It is not primarily those who go home to home giving away crosses with the message of the Gospel. It is not even those who are being trained and equipped in bible studies or classes. Dare I say it... it is not even when we gather together every Sunday for worship... It most delights me to think of all you Christians who daily are ready and willing to love your neighbor as yourself, with a word or deed of Christ. Telling people how much God loves them. Demonstrating this in deeds. Inviting others to know Jesus Christ our Lord. How great is the value of one single person coming to faith in God? Jesus showed us on the cross and God proved it by raised Him from the dead for our eternal life. God bless you all in your good works.

Pastor John

## ***Announcements***

- **New Member Classes.** Starting Sunday, May 1 @ 9:30a in the sanctuary with Pastor Ken.
- **Social Ministry Sales.** The BFLC Social Ministry Committee is sponsoring a sale Sunday, May 1 between services in the Fellowship Hall. Offered will be Fair Trade coffee, tea and chocolate as well as jewelry and plants. All proceeds will go to charity.
- **Joining Jesus on His Mission:**
  - Joining Jesus classes begin Sunday, May 1 @ 9:30a upstairs in Room #26 with Pastor John.
  - A special webinar will be held Tuesday, May 3 @ 11:00a. This webinar is entitled 'Why Missional Living Fizzles (And How to Reverse It)'. This one requires pre-registration.
  - Our next and final Greg Finke zoom call will be Tuesday, May 3 @ 6:30p.

Please email Lisa at the office for links to either of these sessions. The webinar will be recorded and available for your review.

- **Travel Group.** Thursday, May 4 @ 10:30a. Join us for lunch at the Officer's Club at the Air Force Academy followed by a visit to The Planetarium. We will meet at the South Gate at 10:30 where we will proceed to the Officer's Club for an Italian Buffet lunch! From there, we will attend the second show at The Planetarium. RSVP to Dave Wintermute.



- **Life Group's Leader and Facilitator Gathering.** Saturday, May 7 @ 5:00p in the fellowship hall. This will be a Potluck dinner. Anyone interested in being a Life Group leader or facilitator (facilitators lead bible studies) are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Pastor John.
- **Life Groups:** We have new opportunities for people to join existing and new Life 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, and have a bible study. If you are considering joining a Life Group, please contact Lisa in the office or Pastor John.



Mother's Day and Graduation Sunday  
Sunday, May 8



- **Mom's Group.** Tuesday, May 10 @ 4:00p. The BFLC's Mom's Group has a faithful group of young mothers who meet for bible studies, visits to the park and other fun activities. They meet regularly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays of each month in the fellowship hall at 4:00p. If you have any questions or would like to join these ladies, contact Karina Isley.

## Announcements (cont'd)

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**Financial Peace University Class.** Planning for the future is hard when you're still paying for the past! Listen—there's a better way! Join the Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University class that will be held at Black Forest Lutheran Church. This is a weekly, one-hour class that lasts for 9 weeks. Through the use of online tools, a video presentation, discussion topics and some homework assignments, we will learn how to beat debt and make a plan for the future together! Interested? Join me at BFLC starting Tuesday, May 10, 2022, @ 6:30pm. The cost is \$59 per couple or individual. Once registered, you will be able to have access to the online tools. Please email Lisa at the office for link to sign up.

- **AARP Driver's Safety Class.** Thursday, May 12 from 1:00-5:00p in the fellowship hall. \$20 AARP Members; \$25 Non-Members. Call 719-597-5683 for reservations.
- **Men's BBQ.** Friday, May 13 @ 6:30p. David Klein's House. BYOB and bring your own chair. Featuring a talk from Pastor Ken. Signup.
- **BFLC Spring Workday.** Saturday, May 14 from 8:30a-12:30p. Duties include raking pine needles, trim/cut back plants in garden areas, prepping the sprinklers, and much more. Lunch will be provided. Sign-up. In case of inclement weather, next date would be Saturday May 21.
- **Yard Sale at BFLC to Benefit the New Playground.** In an effort to help downsize to prepare for their move to Florida, Bill & Mary Montie will be conducting a yard sale at BFLC Friday, May 20 & Saturday, May 21 from 8:30a to 2p. The proceeds will go to helping the congregation purchase a new playground set. The sale will be open to BFLC members and the community. Tell your friends and help spread the word. If any of our members would like to also sell things at this yard sale, also, please let Mary Montie know. There are three conditions: All sales go to the playground fund; everything must be priced; your unsold items will be your responsibility to pick up. Mary can also use a couple extra hands setting up and during the sale.
- **Senior Social.** Wednesday, May 25 @ 1:00p. Join us for our monthly get-together to socialize, play games or do crafts. Light snacks are provided.
- **Men's Support Group.** Men, have you struggled with life's curveballs, felt sadness or loss, anxiety, or just ever felt alone? Do you find it hard to talk to anyone about what you're experiencing? Know that you are not alone. In fact, 3 in 4 men with daily feelings of depression or anxiety don't talk about it with anyone or seek help. Mike Regennitter and Jacob Oglesby invite men that may be struggling to join them in a conversation to discover that they are not alone and to connect with other men in a safe, confidential space. Date TBD. Contact Mike or Jacob.



## New!

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**Women's Bible Study: "Anxious".** *"We live in a broken, sad, scary place where there's plenty to be anxious about. But true peace comes when we learn to hold God's Word up to what worries us. There, we learn we can't fix ourselves; we can't protect ourselves. Instead, the Bible tells us we can rest, knowing that Jesus walked into the broken, sad, scary places to rescue us and love us. He is the One who fixes. His is the only protection that matters."*

Join Melanie Hohag in this 8-session Bible Study by Scarlet Hiltibidal (with daily readings during the week) as we dive deeply into His Word and embrace the practice of prayer. Details to follow soon. Contact Lisa or Melanie if interested.

## BFLC Tidbits

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- **Free Medical Clinic & Pharmacy for Uninsured Adults.** If you are an adult age 18 - 64 who resides in El Paso or Teller Counties and have no health insurance, Open Bible Medical Clinic & Pharmacy is here to help!!! Our caring team of volunteer Medical Providers, Nurses, Pharmacist and administrative professionals exist to show and share the love of Jesus by providing free access to medical care and life saving medications to those in need. We are located at: 555 E Costilla Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80903. To schedule an enrollment appointment, go to our website at: [openbiblemedical.org](http://openbiblemedical.org) or give us a call at 719-475-0972.
- **Bag donation.** Social Ministry needs large, cloth bags to use for the La Puente Hygiene bags. Any donation would be greatly appreciated!
- **Containers for Marian House.** Marian House no longer provides take-out meals for the clients of Marian House. We have no need for containers in the future.



## Mark your calendars!

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- **Summer worship schedule begins June 5 with one service at 9:00a.** Outdoor service begins June 19. BFLC needs help with setup and take-down on Sundays when service is outside! Contact Mike Decker.
- **Outdoor Family Movie Night.** Saturday, June 24 @ 8:00p. More details to follow. Stay tuned!



### Vacation Bible School/Rainbow Trail Day Camp June 13-17 • 9:00a-12:00p

- Kindergarten to 6<sup>th</sup> Grade (grade refers to the grade they will be entering this fall)
- Registration begins May 8
- Middle School and High Schoolers, there will be more details on evening events (songs, bonfires, games & much more!)

If interested, please let Jacob know. Signups coming soon!

- **Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Day.** Once per year there is the opportunity for men and women, 16 years and older, to have fun while contributing to a community service construction project with your BFLC friends. *Habitat for Humanity* has scheduled that day on Saturday, July 16. No construction experience necessary. Look for a sign-up sheet on the fellowship hall bulletin board in June.

## Please join us!

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**Mom's Group** is looking for Adults and Youth to watch kiddos while mom's get some spiritual time with other moms. We're also looking for mentors for the moms of the group. If you have a kiddo in middle or high school and would like to do this, please let Lisa know.



If you are age 50 or above and may be seeking some fun social activities with other BFLC friends, we would like you to join our group called **"Prime Timers"**. Some previous events were bowling, potlucks at homes, outings for dinner, movies, hikes, picnics, and more!  
Please let Lisa know if you would like to be a part of this group.



**Crossing the Neighborhood:** Many of you have taken those little wooden crosses, along with an invitation, and given them away to someone with the message "This is a sign of how much God loves you" or something similar. About a week ago I gave a couple of young men a cross with that message, all because they were waiting at a traffic light next to me. I figured God loves them also. If you enjoy giving away crosses, telling people God loves them, seeing smiling faces and being a blessing, then let Pastor John know. Or just keep up the good work one cross/invitation at a time.

## Are You Ready to Foster Hope?

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*An Opportunity to be the Hands and Feet of Christ!*



Social Ministry

Sometimes children need to be taken away from their parents for their own safety. That's when foster parents step in – sometimes in the middle of the night – to welcome and comfort the kids to a temporary home. But foster parents have a very difficult task and can be overwhelmed with the demanding work. Having extra help from some special friends makes a big difference in the future success of the foster kids.

This is where the **Fostering Hope Foundation** steps in providing volunteers from a church to walk alongside the foster parents. A group from our congregation just completed such an assignment with the help of a Fostering Hope Coordinator. The Buttermore, Kosman, Lord, Montie, and Reily families worked with a family of five who foster parented an additional set of two-year-old triplets, with a very successful experience for the children!

Volunteers commit to help for a year, offering support such as preparing a meal on a busy day, helping with indoor/outdoor chores, babysitting or tutoring or just listening to the foster parents and praying. They meet monthly hearing the latest needs of the foster parents to coordinate what types of help are needed and can be provided.

Would you like to hear more about this program and how you can help with this need in our local community? Are you able to show the love of Christ through actions? The Social Ministry Committee wants to hear from you. Contact either Mary Montie or David Reily to be added to a list of those interested in learning more. You may also talk with any of the above families on their Fostering Hope experience.

For more information, see the Fostering Hope website at: <https://fosteringhopefoundation.org>

## Seeking Nominations for Additional Beneficiaries of the Mission Endowment Fund

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Do you have ideas on who our Mission Endowment Fund (MEF) could benefit? Is there an organization or an individual, either local, national, or international that the MEF Committee should consider supporting?

The MEF receives funds, not from the church's budget, but from special designated offerings to focus on supporting unique needs outside of the normal congregation's benevolence giving. That means we seek to support causes not being supported (or fully supported) by the Christian Education, Evangelism, or Social Ministry Committees.

Currently, the MEF Committee is providing educational support to Pastor Albert, a Lutheran pastor at the Betela Seminary in Madagascar. Though we are limited to disbursing 10% of our assets each year, we occasionally have funds available to support another cause. The MEF Committee meets quarterly to evaluate proposals/requests for funding support. They may be a one-time need or a recurring need.

Please submit your ideas to David Reily, the current committee chair or talk with the members of the committee: Kent Stalnaker, Duane Wagner, or Sunny Wilson.

## Didi in the Congo

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Dear members of BFLC:

My wife and I have the pleasure of thanking all of you for the partnership built with you for the advancement of God's Kingdom around the World.

I recall being approached by Pastor Ken in 2010 after we were commissioned as Global workers of the NALC and said, *"I am going to ask my church to partner with you in mission"*. I thought that was a joke, but eventually we came to see the reality, as Black Forest Lutheran Church supported us 100% while in Ecuador.

We've been invited on many occasions to worship with you. Pastor Ken would say, *"You are the preacher"* so I preached.

My family consider Colorado as home, and BFLC as our primary church. People are lovely and kind. We became friends with so many of you, including Chris Cooper, Karen, Ed Storey, Lisa, Mike, Pastor Ken and Melanie, etc.

As you celebrate your 50th anniversary, we are in communion with you and hold you in our prayers. BFLC is very instrumental in making our mission work possible in Ecuador and the DRC. We love you so much.

Pastor Ken, you are an angel sent in our lives, and we love you, along with your lovely wife, Melanie. Your leadership to this body of Christ is building up the Kingdom of God around the World.

Thank you very much for all your efforts. May the blessings of God flow upon you.

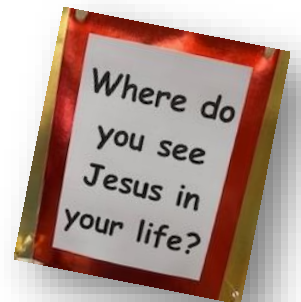
Happy 50th anniversary!

*Didi & Serafina*

## The Paper Quilt

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Be sure to check out the paper quilt our young people designed in celebration of BFLC's 50th Anniversary. It is a "paper quilt" of where they see Jesus in their lives! It will be in the narthex for the next couple weeks. It is so delightful to see how our young people envision Jesus in as part of their daily lives!



According to them Jesus is in the food we eat, in the words we hear, in our dreams, in kind words, etc., etc. We can learn from these young minds, as they are so right - Jesus is everywhere!

*Enjoy Jesus as seen through their eyes. It will make for a happy heart!*

Thank you to Pam Wagner and Jacob Oglesby for their efforts in putting this quilt together.

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We wish to acknowledge the following people  
for their part in making our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Day  
special:

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- The Anniversary Committee: Mike Decker, Norine Kerstein, Nancy & Steve Lord, Mary Montie, Pam Wagner & Ginny West.
- Bishop Selbo and his wife, Mary, for their participation in this celebration.
- George and Norine Kerstein for their donation of the Luther pins and corsages.
- The Bell Choir Directed by Bill Fitzpatrick: Amy Churchill, Nadine Duffin, Jim Fariss, Judith Jergensen, Donna Reiner, Pam Wagner, Amy White and Rosie Williams.
- Dave Campbell for directing his wife, Mary's, memorial gifts to our celebration.
- Jacob Olgesby for his guidance and arranging the interviews conducted by our youth.
- Jacob and Pam Wagner's assistance with the children's banner, and of course, thank you to the children for their contributions to the banner.
- Donna Reiner for her beautiful hand work on our Anniversary Banner.
- Melissa Devolve for the professional binding of our history booklets.

*All funds received in excess of the  
expenses for this event will be applied  
toward replacement of our church  
playground.*

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- † From Jean Keenan: “To my church family: Thank you all for your prayers, support, meals and rides during this long ordeal with my arm. It was very much appreciated!!
- † Good Samaritan Society: “Thank you for all you do. We’re very grateful for all your efforts and deeply touched that you’d do something so thoughtful. Your generosity did not go unnoticed!”.
- † From Rainbow Trail: “Thank you so much for your recent gift of \$120 to our Annual Fund”.
- † From Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation: We extend our deepest gratitude for your donation of \$120 to our HCEF programs.”
- † From Spiritual Orphans Network: “Thank you for your continued partnership and recent gifts in the amount of \$2,500.”

## ***Lenten Offerings***

As you are aware our Lenten offerings were directed this year to go toward flood relief at the Mekane Jesus Seminary in Ethiopia. With joy and thanksgiving, we will be sending a check for \$3,023. Thank you for your generosity and support!

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## ***Thanks for the tools!***

The Social Ministry Committee would like to thank the congregation for contributing to this year’s Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity Tool Drive. The amount raised includes \$370.01 donated by individuals in the congregation, a \$250 grant from the Thrivent Financial Company, and \$500 from the Social Ministry benevolence funds. The grand total raised for the needed tools was \$1,120.01.

The Committee thanks everyone in the congregation for supporting this ministry and especially Joe Dowdy for working with the construction job supervisor to identify the exact tools needed for the work team to continue their work building Habitat for Humanity homes in the Colorado Springs area. Joe is currently working hard to purchase the exact tools needed at the best price available.

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## ***From El Porvenir (Jenna Saldana, Director of U.S. Operations):***

“Thank you for your generous contribution of \$800 to fund the work of El Porvenir. Your gift helps us empower Nicaraguans to improve their living standards and offer them the opportunity to live better lives in ways many of us take for granted every day. This includes our monetary efforts toward the “latrine” project in the El Porvenir community, which helps decrease waterborne illnesses and helps ensure personal dignity for families every day. Many thanks again!”

## Baby Corner!

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Congratulations Ken & Katie Callantine on the new addition to their family!



Welcome "Sophia Grace Callantine"  
Born 4/1/22 - 6 lbs – 8 oz.

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Congratulations to parents Dan and Sarah Ricci and grandparents Joe and Mary Anne Ricci on the new addition to their family!



Welcome "James Lincoln Ricci"

## Celebrate!

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Lorraine Wallace	2
Karla Olson	3
Whitney Otis	3
Jon Stevenson	3
John Poss	7
Mark Robinson	8
Zachary Sanders	9
Shari Kraus	11
Tracey Debusk	12
Jeanne Leitte	13
Ric Maxson	14
John Hartley	16
Stephany Knox	16
Avelyn Ullom	17
Aileen Sanders	18
Alex Kieffer	23
Randy Pierce	25
Liz Nieboer	27
Abigail Webb	27
Janet Masek	28
Sue Vigil	28
Keith Kraus	30
William Graham	31
Mike Woods	31

Paul & Judy Burke	2
Chuck & Pat Holte	2
Jonathan & Tiffaney Brooks	5
Shane & Lauren Swenson	5
Jim & Debbie Kent	7
Bob & Margaret Zancanella	23
John & Paige Summerfield	26
Dwight & Francesca Wahlborg	26
Harold & Sunny Wilson	27
Bob & Joyce Witte	27
Jacob & Emily Wolfe	27
Randy & Marcia Johnson	31



### Revelation 3:20

***“Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me”***

Greetings All,

The month of April is always a time of thoughtful reflection for me. With the preparation of Easter comes special services, congregational dinners, Easter candy... a LOT of Easter candy, extra planning and communication to parents, families, volunteers and committee members. It means new colorful decorations and youth group skit rehearsals. These are good things. In many ways these are great things. We do these things as acts of opening the door for the *Father* to walk in and be our guest. To sit amongst us as we eat soup on Wednesday nights or get up before the sunrise on Easter. This year instead of counting success by the amount of candy we gave away, or number of students processing on Palm Sunday I wanted to take notice of the smiling faces, the warm hearts, the joyous laughter. Of this, there was plenty. I found myself focusing on the volunteers who put aside their busy schedules to be there for one another. To those who worked on special music with the students so they could proclaim their joy in being counted a child of His. Yes, we did many great things as a church last month, but I found that the greatest thing we did is listen for the Lord knocking at our heart's door. Then with eager anticipation we ran to the door and let Him in.

For His glory,


Jacob Oglesby

### Youth Corner

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- **Sunday School.** From 9:30-10:15a. Pre-K to 5th grade with Maureen Lang; 6th to 12th grade with Jacob; all others are with Pastor Ken or Pastor John
- **Youth Group Sessions.** Sunday Evenings, 6:00 PM to 7:30p. Throughout the month we have continued to offer Youth Group Sessions. ***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!
- **Graduation Sunday.** Sunday, May 8. If you will be graduating from high school or college in May, please let Jacob know.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 8:00a & 10:30a Worship 9:30 Sunday School New Member Class Joining Jesus Class Social Ministry Sales 6:00p Youth Group	<b>2</b> 1:00p Women's Bible Study	<b>3</b> 10:00a Property Cmte. Mtg. 11:00 Greg Finke Webinar 6:30p Greg Finke Zoom Call	<b>4</b> 6:30p Confirmation	<b>5</b> 9:00a Quilters 12:00p Staff Mtg. 6:30 Worship Cmte. Mtg.	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 7:00a Men's Bible Study 5:00p Life Group Leader Mtg.
<b>8 Graduation Sunday</b> 8:00a & 10:30a Worship 9:30 Sunday School New Member Class Joining Jesus Class 6:00p Youth Group	<b>9</b> 1:00p Women's Bible Study	<b>10</b> 10:00a Finance Cmte. Mtg. 4:00p Mom's Group 6:00 4-H 6:30 Finance Class	<b>11</b> 12:00p AARP 6:30 Confirmation 8:00 Contemporary Worship Practice	<b>12</b> 9:00a Quilters 9:30 Staff Mtg. 1:00p AARP Driver's Safety Class 6:30 Evangelism Cmte. Mtg.	<b>13</b> 12:00p Exec. Mtg. 6:00 Men's BBQ	<b>14</b> 8:30a Church Spring Workday
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May 2022 SCRIBE

### OUR STAFF

Pastor – Ken Hohag  
Associate Pastor – John Graham  
Youth/Family Ministries Director – Jacob Oglesby  
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

### OUR MISSION

Black Forest Lutheran Church glorifies God through worship, prayer, education, and service as ambassadors of Christ.

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### OFFICE HOURS

#### Weekday Hours

9:00am-2:00 pm Tuesday-Friday Sunday Worship 8:00a & 10:30a

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