

THE SCRIBE



From Pastor Ken

January 2023

The Real Work of Christmas

*When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:*

*To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among all,
To make music in the heart.*

Sunday, January 1
New Year's Day Service
9:00a

Saturday, January 7
Revive!
9:00a
See page 2 for further details

New Classes starting Sunday, January 8 @ 9:30a

"New Member Class" in the sanctuary

"The Life of Apostle Peter" upstairs in Room #26

Sundays in January

New Year's Day Service Sunday, January 1 @ 9:00a

- **Book Stew 2022.** Begins January 8. The proceeds will be donated again to the Salvation Army's Support for Veterans. Help is needed for set-up on January 6, 2023 @ 9:00a. Contact: Joyce Donicht.

Announcements



Black Forest Lutheran Church
Women's Ministry

Saturday, January 7, 2023
9:00am to 12:30pm
\$10.00 per person

All women over 18 years old are invited.

Join us as we kick off 2023 with a morning to refresh, rejuvenate and revive your MIND, BODY and SPIRIT at our Winter REVIVE! Event.

God is at work in all of us, in our big moments and even in our everyday goings and comings. What's God's story in your life? We'll take a look to see where He's been showing up in our lives, sometimes where we least expect it. It will be a fun and interactive way to uncover your own Jesus story.

Back by popular demand - Mary Ritchie, YMCA and Silver Sneakers coach, will provide some fun while we move our bodies and get the circulation going.

We'll provide music, food and plenty of time to get to know your neighbors from the community. A delicious breakfast will be provided. RSVP to Lisa at bflc@bflchurch.org.

- **Senior Social, Wednesday, January 25 @ 1:00p.** Every 4th Wednesday of the month 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. Contact: Lavonne Hidy.
- **Men's Support Group, Thursday, January 26 @ 6:30p** in office off of kitchen. In our ever-changing and trying world men need to know that it is okay to struggle, to be challenged, and to ask for help. Mike Regennitter invites men to join him in conversation and discover that they are not alone. We will be given tools for how not to just survive, but to thrive.
- **Men's BBQ, Friday, January 27 @ 6:00p** at David Klein's house. Featuring the 4 B's: Bible-talk, Brotherhood, BBQ and BYOB. A good event to invite a friend. Free-will offering to cover food costs. Signup sheet on the bulletin board. Contact: Dave Havelka.

Start-Up Dates

Choir Practice	January 4
Confirmation	January 4
Quilters Group	January 5
Men's Bible Study	January 7
All Sunday Classes	January 8
Monday Women's Bible Study	January 9
Handbell Practice	January 10
Senior Social	January 25

Reminders

Volunteers needed. I am asking that you take a moment and pray about helping out on Sunday mornings! We need around 25 volunteers per Sunday for various tasks in worship, we have awesome trainers, so you all can do it :) Volunteers are needed for both services: Altar Guild, Assistants, Counters, Greeters, Nursery Attendants, Readers, Recorder, Uploader, Sound, and Ushers. Please give it a thought and prayer! Any questions let me know and you all know I appreciate all of you! Blessings, Lisa Regennitter.



Church Mailboxes. All members have a mailbox assigned to them located in the hallway by the nursery. It's a good place to store your nametags, and it also serves as a vehicle for in-house communication. Remember to check it weekly. It's also where you will find your 2023 offering envelopes when they arrive.

You can still join us!

Meeting – Wednesday, January 4 @ 5:30p

Mission Trip Dates: July 9 – 15



Sharing Life and Faith Together!

New Life Groups starting up in 2023!!

Join a Life Group today! Great discussions! Yummy food! Meet lifetime friends and so much more...!!! Contact Lisa in the church office.

Need for a Social Ministry Coordinator

The Social Ministry Committee is a community outreach organization that partners with charitable organizations to address local, state, national, or worldwide needs. We manage a large benevolence budget to distribute funds to those charities that we vet annually. We plan various fund raisers throughout the year to respond to more pressing or urgent needs, and each month we highlight the work of various organizations that the committee sponsors.

Our team of 10-12 enthusiastic volunteers meet twice per year to plan events and discuss our annual spending plans. But they are in need of someone to coordinate things, lead the semi-annual meetings, and keep financial records of our giving. Our two interim chairpersons, Mickey Bannister and David Reily wish to hand the reigns over to a new leader(s). If you have some organizational and communication skills, are interested in working with non-profits, and enjoy being with a lively group, talk with Mickey Bannister, David Reily, or Lisa in the office. The time commitment varies between 5-10 hours per month with e-mails, some computer work and some phone calls. The job responsibilities have been full documented by Mary Montie who recently moved away. Transition assistance into this role is available!

Upcoming February Events

Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 5 @ 12:00p

Potluck – bring a dish to share!

Annual Reports are due Friday, January 6

New Member Reception

Sunday, February 12

Come and welcome our New Members to BFLC between services and remember to wear your nametag.

Souper Bowl

Sunday, February 12

Souper Bowl of Caring is a national movement of young people working to fight hunger and poverty in their own communities around the time of the Super Bowl football game. We will be collecting monetary donations and food for the people in need. Our donations will go to Black Forest Cares.

Sweetheart Dinner

Saturday, February 18

Make sure to mark your calendars for this year's Sweetheart Dinner. Our dinner is a fundraiser for our mission trip to Appalachia in July.



Poinsettia's List

In Memory Of

From

Glory of God!

Richard Gibbens

Judi Gibbens

George & Chris Cooper

Jerry & Ginny Johnson

Robin Knutson

Keith Knutson

Bart Denney

Marjorie Denney

Our Parents

Ray & Linda Sherrier

John & Ginger Gale

Kathy Schwindt

Kenneth & Carol Wagner

Duane & Pam Wagner, Freda Fry

Kent & Debbie Stalnaker

Bill & Annegret Sessoms

Starting Your Day With God

Have a quiet interlude with God before you begin your full day can bring assurance of being prepared for what the day may hold. Martin Luther stressed the need for time and prayer with God before anything else. Our Portals of Prayer devotional booklets have a brief scripture and thought-provoking devotion written for each day. Pick one up on the table in the narthex and take the time to give it a try as you continue to grow as a disciple of Christ.



Thank you!

- ✝ Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp: "Thank you for your recent gift of \$228."
- ✝ Good Samaritan Society: "Thank you for your love and generosity. You are a blessing to our facility and our family. Our best wishes to you and your congregation."



Each of us on staff would like to express our gratitude for your generous gifts during this Christmas season. It is comforting to know we are surrounded by such a caring church community!

- Thank you to Melanie and the choir for a beautiful Cantata!
- Black Forest Cares says a hearty thank you for your generosity for your food and monetary donations for our families this Christmas.
- Thank you to our dedicated group of volunteers who decorated our church for Christmas, and to the volunteers who assisted on Sundays in 2022!



Thank you from the Mom's Group! We raised \$382 towards the playground fundraiser from our bake sale!

Celebrate!

*Happy
Birthday*

Amy Webb	1	Jackie Sappenfield	15
Tom Passarelli	2	Quena Stropky	16
Ginger Gale	3	McKenzie Petch	19
Hannah Joiner	3	Lori West	19
Gary Wurster	4	Connie Stevenson	20
Ed Pforr	5	Ethel Cleis	22
Adam Weyers	5	Don Vigil	22
Jay Kvale	6	Kris Partridge	23
Tom Paulsen	6	Vern Regennitter	25
Alex Woods	7	Kathleen Fitzpatrick	26
Winston Churchill	8	Terryl Jensen	27
Steve Gurnett	9	Kerrie Petch	28
Mike Jube	9	Jean Keenan	29
Kirsten Bush	10	Jessica Worrell	29
Mike Decker	10	Lola Allred	30
Wendy Crist	11	Lily Carlson	30
Cita Helseth	12	Ray Sherrier	30
Nancy Lord	12	Lora Hahn	31
Marcia Johnson	13	Eleanor Makowsky	31
Lisa Fountain	15	Carina Passarelli	31
Tom Pratt	15		

*Happy
Anniversary*

Mike & Jutta Romans	4
Kent & Janeen Anderson	5
Pastor Ken & Melanie Hohag	7
Arnie & Luanne Spencer	22
Allan & Kathleen Oman	27
Jay & Courtneyanne Kvale	30
Robin & Janet Masek	30

Correction to Orphan Grain Train donations

The December 2022 Scribe indicated that "9" girls shorts were donated. The correct number is "79".



January 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Happy New Year! 9:00a Worship	2	3 4:00p Mom's Group	4 5:30p Mission Trip Mtg. 6:30p Confirmation 7:00 Choir Practice	5 9:00a Quilters 9:30 Staff Mtg.	6 9:00a Book Stew Setup 9:30 Finance Cmte. Review Mtg. Annual Reports Due!!	7 7:00a Men's Bible Study 9:00a Revive!
8 8:00/10:30a Worship 9:30 Sunday School New Member Class 5:00p Sweetheart ♥ Dinner Mtg. 6:00 Youth Group	9 1:00p Women's Bible Study	10 6:00p 4-H 7:00 Handbell Practice	11 12:00p AARP 6:30 Confirmation 7:00 Choir Practice 8:00 Contemporary Worship Practice	12 9:00a Quilters 9:30 Staff Mtg.	13 12:00p Executive Committee Mtg.	14 9:00a Property Committee Mtg.
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OUR STAFF

Pastor – Ken Hohag
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-2:00pm Tuesday-Friday
Sunday Worship 8:00am & 10:30am

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