

THE SCRIBE



From Pastor Ken

April 2023

Holy Week and Easter



Palm/Passion Sunday – April 2 @ 8:00a & 10:30a

We wave palm branches as we hear of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. (Kids join us in the fellowship hall at 7:50a and 10:20a to gather for the palm procession). Later, the once joyful crowd turns angry and calls out for his death on a cross.

Maundy Thursday – April 6

Soup Supper - 6:00p

Holden Evening Prayer & Holy Communion – 7:00p

Maundy is Latin for mandate or command. Jesus washes the disciples' feet and gives a new command: to love one another as he loved us. Through his presence we become servants to each other. Our worship ends with the dramatic stripping of the altar, preparing us for the stark reality of Good Friday.



Good Friday – April 7 @ 7:00p

Called "good" because on this Friday the greatest gift was given: the life of our Lord for us. In the service of Tenebrae (darkness), readings are interspersed with music, so we hear the story of our Lord's passion in the gradual darkening of the sanctuary.



Easter Sunday – April 9.

In the darkness of grief, Jesus' followers come to the tomb only to find the stone rolled away and to hear the news: "He is Risen!" Jesus' light scatters our darkness. His presence transforms life itself.

6:00a – Sunrise Service. Dramatic worship, including darkness and candlelight, youth drama and dressing of the altar. Youth and young adults, if you would like to participate, contact Lisa.

7:00 – Easter Breakfast. In the fellowship hall. Sign-up on bulletin board to bring food and sign-up to help in the kitchen at 5:00a.

8:00 – Resurrection of Our Lord Worship.

9:45 – Easter Egg Hunt. For kiddos up to 5th grade. Bring basket and meet in the fellowship hall. 6th grade and up meet Lisa @ 9:15a in the fellowship hall to hide eggs.

10:30 – Resurrection of Our Lord Worship.

New Classes starting Sunday, April 16

Announcements

- **Intergenerational Easter Craft Day.** Saturday, April 1. Crosses start @ 1:00p; Bunnies start @ 2:00p. \$3.00 donation for supplies. *Sign-up!* Contact Sue Wetzel.
- **La Puente Easter Baskets.** We will be taking Easter baskets/bags to La Puente again this year. We plan to put them together between services on Palm Sunday, April 2. We invite you to join us! Thank you for your continued help and support!
- **Mom's Group.** Tuesday, April 4 and 18 from 4:30-6:00p. We do a Bible Study, crafts, chat about life and be supportive of one another. Contact: Karina Isley.
- **New! Everyone's Bible Study.** Wednesdays @ 6:30p starting April 12. Course Study: "*Blessed are the Chosen*". This is the official companion study to Season 2 of The Chosen. It includes a deep dive into the Sermon on the Mount and what it reveals about God's character, power and promises for those who follow Jesus. In this famous sermon we learn that once we belong to God, not only are we given a new identity, but we're also ushered into a new reality. One that is sure, imminent and permanent. Contact: Paige Summerfield.
- **New Member Class.** Starts Sunday, April 23.
- **Mission Trip Fundraiser.** Burritos are back! Sunday, April 23 in between services
- **Senior Social.** Wednesday, April 26 @ 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 Lisa if you are interested in leading this.
- **Men's Support Group.** Thursday, April 27 @ 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.

Bible Studies @ BFLC

Women's Bible Study

Mondays @ 1:00p
Course Study: "Seeing Jesus in the Old Testament; The Word of the Lord"
Contact: Roxie Larson

Men's Bible Study

Saturday Mornings @ 7:00 AM
Contact: George Kerstein

Everyone's Bible Study

Wednesdays @ 6:30p starting April 12
Course Study: "Blessed are the Chosen".
Contact: Paige Summerfield

Reminder

Life Groups. Haven't joined a Life Group yet? We have new opportunities for people to join existing 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. Contact Lisa if you would like to lead or participate in a women's, men's or families' Life Group.

Mark your calendars!

May

- **Mom's Group Playground Fundraiser.** *Thank You Mom!* Mother's Day is May 14. Are you looking for a way to say "thank you" to your mom, but don't know how to go about it? The Moms' Group has your answer! This insightful group knows just what moms need for some relaxation and pampering. On Sunday, May 7, in between services, the Moms' Group will be offering a variety of spa gift bags, including such things as homemade lip balm and bath bombs, along with nail polish, hand cream, sleep masks, treats and so much more! These spa bags will be available in two sizes: the "Moment of Peace" for \$15, and the "Day of Peace" for \$40. There will also be gifts for the kids to buy with their own donation, including bookmarks and nail files. All proceeds will go towards the new playground. Swing by this delightful event and find just the thing to make your mom...*or yourself*...feel special!
- **Graduation.** Sunday, May 14. If you will be graduating from high school or college in May, please let Lisa know.
- **New Member Reception.** Sunday, May 28.

June

- Shredding is back for Saturday, June 10 from 8am-12:00p in the BFLC parking lot.
- **Mission Trip.** We have room for "2" more to join us! We will be having a meeting on Tuesday, April 11 @ 6:30p. Join us! Contact Lisa.

Need for a Social Ministry Coordinator

The Social Ministry Committee is a community outreach organization that supports charitable organizations to address local, state, national, or worldwide needs. We manage a large benevolence budget (which has a book keeper to over seen 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 supports. Our team of 10-12 enthusiastic volunteers meet twice per year to plan events and discuss our annual spending plans. We also have a bookkeeper to oversee the benevolence budget. But they are in need of a chairperson to coordinate things, lead the semi-annual meetings, and speak to the New Member classes. 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, consisting mostly of e-mails and phone calls. The job responsibilities have been fully documented by Mary Montie. Transition assistance into this role is available!

Note from Didi

"During the month of January and the first week of February, we were living in the dark because the town didn't have a power and it was very difficult to keep in touch with many of you without the internet. But as our God is so good, the power was restored, and we have now light and we can be connected with the internet. Serafina continues to improve and is now using both her arms for cooking and housework. She is still walking with a slight limp but is able to walk around the village.

Prayers Requests:

- Pray for the extension of mission as seven more villages are in need of the Gospel.
- Pray for our orphans for spiritual growth.
- Pray for farmers that they may produce more for the care of their family and to be sheer givers at the church of God.
- Pray for the East of Congo as they are facing war with Rwanda.

Didi and Serafina thanks everyone for their continued support and prayers."

Youth Events!

Sunday, April 2 (Palm Sunday)-at 6:00p-Youth Group

- Practice for Easter Skit
- Fill Easter Eggs/Movie
- Dinner

Thursday, April 6 at 5:00p

- Practice for Easter Skit
- Soup at 6:00p
- Worship at 7:00p for Maundy Thursday

Sunday, April 9 (Easter)

- If you would like to participate in the Sunrise service at 6:00a please let Lisa know. Lots of options, and we do need the help!
- Meet Lisa in the fellowship hall at 9:15a to help hide the eggs for the hunt!

Juniors & Seniors!

- Dinner with Cam & Delta to chat about Senior year and then off to college, and the grieving that goes with all of that.
- Thursday, April 20 at 6:30p. (Place TBD) We are thinking Wings!

Mission Trip

- 9th grade and up pray and think about joining us on the Mission Trip! it will be life changing!

Mark Your Calendars for Youth Group!

- No YG March 26
- April 2
- April 16
- April 30
- May 14
- May 21

Last day of Sunday School is May 21st!

Please let Lisa know if you can make any of the events listed above or if you have any questions! 😊

Fun stuff!



A Fun Fundraiser for the Playground! Lisa is going to become a “Gigi” (grandma)! There are two envelopes on Lisa’s office door marked “boy” and “girl”. Place a dollar in the one if you think Kirsten and Carson will have a “boy” or “girl”. (*They are not finding out!*) The fundraiser will end when the baby arrives!



Don't forget!

Time to get your change in for the “fill the pig” fundraiser!



Save the date!
Vacation Bible School
June 12 - 16

Thank you!

- ✦ Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp: “Thank you for your recent gift of \$441 to our annual fund.”
- ✦ Orphan Grain Train: “Thank you for your generous donation of \$1,000.”
- ✦ Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey: “Thank you for your donation of \$1,500.”
- ✦ Life Network: “Thank you for your generous support of the mission and ministry of Life Network. Your willingness to be a strategic partner is a blessing to our staff, patients and clients!
- ✦ The 2023 Book Stew Team would like to thank everyone who donated this year. A big thank you to everyone who purchased books. The proceeds totaled \$643.55 which supports the Salvation Army’s Supports for Veterans. Also, a huge thank you to everyone who assisted in the setting up, and the tearing down of this fundraiser. This event would not have been as successful as it was were it not for your time and energy! Blessings, Joyce Donicht.

Celebrate!

Happy
birthday

HAPPY
Anniversary

Sophia Callantine	1	Lane Swenson	17	Brian & Sondra Evans	4
Brian Gould	1	Agnieszka Weyers	18	Larry & Andi Lockwood	16
Joe Ricci	2	Kent Anderson	19	Bob & Lora Hahn	21
Scott Buttermore	3	Michael Wolfe	19	Aric & Holly Hanson	24
Brian Green	3	Mike Regennitter	20	Kent & Debbie Stalnaker	25
Mary Nifong	5	Jack Yonce	21	Jon & Lisa Fountain	26
Lana Benson	6	Joe Carlson	23	Keith & Shari Kraus	27
Sid Landers	7	Misty Hopp	23	David & Jennifer Havelka	29
Cindy Bannister	8	Christina Collier	24	Duane & Kathy Steinke	30
Freda Fry	9	Avelyn Green	26		
Martha Weyers	9	Jacob Wolfe	26		
Rob Pratt	11	Tracy Kosman	27		
Kathy Schwindt	14	Evelyn Worrell	27		
Stan Beckner	15	Jerry Johnson	30		
Dale Nygaard	15	Debbie Stalnaker	30		



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 7:00a Men's Bible Study 1:00p Intergenerational Easter Craft Day
2 Palm Sunday 8:00a & 10:30a Worship 9:30 Sunday School 6:00p Youth Group	3 1:00p Women's Bible Study	4 4:30p Mom's Group 7:00 Handbell Practice	5 7:00p Choir Practice	6 9:00a Quilters 9:30 Staff Mtg. 6:00p Soup Supper 6:30 Confirmation 7:00 Maundy Thursday Worship	7 7:00 Good Friday Worship	8
9 Easter Sunday 6:00a Sunrise Service 7:00 Breakfast 8:00/10:30 Worship 9:45 Easter Egg Hunt	10 1:00p Women's Bible Study	11 6:00p 4-H 7:00 Handbell Practice	12 12:00p AARP 6:30 Confirmation 6:30 Everyone's Bible Study 7:00 Choir Practice 8:00 Contemporary Worship Practice	13 9:00a Quilters 9:30 Staff Mtg.	14 1:00p Executive Cmte. Mtg.	15 7:00a Men's Bible Study
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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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Sunday Worship 8:00am & 10:30am

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