

THE SCRIBE



From Pastor Ken

March 2023

“God’s Amazing Grace”

Wednesdays in Lent

We will fail. It’s not a matter of “*if*”, but “*when*”. In our words and our actions, at home or work. Give us enough time and we will fail. Yet our God never gives up or turns his back on us.

In our Wednesday Lenten services, we’ll hear how good God is, even when we fail. No, especially when we fail. We’ll focus on 5 situations in the Old Testament.

March	1	When We Fail	Adam and Eve	Genesis 3	Psalms 32
	8	When We Doubt	Abraham	Genesis 12	Psalms 21
	15	When We Complain	Wilderness People	Exodus 17	Psalms 77
	22	When We Fall Short	David	1 Samuel 16	Psalms 23
	29	When We Have No Hope	Dry Bones	Ezekiel 37	Psalms 130

Join us as we gather for soup and bread supper at 6:00p. Sign-up in the Fellowship Hall to bring soup or bread. Then at 7:00p, our worship is in the context of the peaceful Holden Evening Prayer service with song, silence, and prayer.

Our Lenten Offerings are designated for the NALC’s Disaster Relief Fund. See page 3 for more information.

Adult Sunday School Class

Life Together: Conflict in the Early Church

A bible study on 1st Corinthians

Sundays @ 9:30a in the sanctuary

We experience conflict in every aspect of our lives: home, school, work, even in church. We don’t like it, we avoid it, and we could handle it better.

Join me for this 7-session study where we’ll learn how the apostle Paul works through various issues in Corinth, the most affluent, talented, and most troubled congregation in the early church.

Announcements

- **Mom's Group.** Tuesday, March 7 and 21 from 4:30-6:00p. The Mom's Group meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. We do a Bible Study, crafts, chat about life and be supportive of one another. Contact: Karina Isley.



First Communion Retreat
Saturday, March 11 @ 10:00a
For 3rd Graders and up.
Contact Lisa if you're interested in attending.

- **Senior Social.** Wednesday, March 22 @ 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, March 23 @ 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, March 31 @ 6:00p. At Dave Havelka's house. Sign up sheet on bulletin board.

Reminders

- **Daylight Savings Time** – Move your clocks forward 1 hour, Sunday, March 12.
- **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. Contact Lisa if you would like to lead or participate in a women's, men's or families' Life Group.

Appalachia Mission Trip Fundraiser!
Extended to March 31!

Use Your Change to Make a Change!
Pick up a jar in the fellowship hall, fill it up with your change,
bring it in and dump the change in the "piggy bank".
We have "1" spot left. Join us on the trip!

Mark your calendars for April!



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

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

Maundy Thursday – April 6 @ 7:00p

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

Good Friday – April 7 @ 7:00p

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

Easter – April 9 *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

New Bible Study!

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.



We will be taking Easter baskets/bags to La Puente again this year. We would very much appreciate donations of chocolate foil-wrapped candy kisses, jellybeans and plastic eggs. 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! Contact: Dale Sue Hightower or Shari Kraus.

Social Ministry in Action!

Time Again for Spring Hygiene Bags!

Twice each year (spring and fall), the BFLC Congregation faithfully provides 40-60 hygiene bags to the people in service at La Puente in Alamosa. Each time these bags are delivered, it is clearly evident what a true blessing these bags are to people in need in the San Luis Valley! Each time we prepare these bags, the generosity of this congregation continues to amaze and overwhelm and we thank you! It is time again to prepare the hygiene bags which will be sent to Alamosa in April.

In the winter of 1978, Sister Mary Angelo Lobato saw the need to create a shelter for the Alamosa homeless community. After two homeless people froze to death from a severe 20 below night near the river, Sister Lobato was concerned that even more people might die, if there continued to be no place for the homeless to shelter. La Puente's shelter opened its doors in 1982 as a response to the community's need to house and assist the homeless and under-served families and individuals in rural Colorado. Today, La Puente is a leading human service provider in rural Southern Colorado. Annually over 12,000 individuals and family members receives assistance by at least one of La Puente's services; including emergency shelter, nutritious food from 1 of 15 food pantries, housing with support services, after-school youth-stabilization programming, educational gardening, crisis prevention resources, soup kitchen meals, home outreach visits, and more.

Black Forest Lutheran has been a faithful supporter of La Puente for over 30 years and the tradition continues! There will be a list of necessary items placed in a small bag on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Please take one home. This is a list of suggestions for what is needed and any items on the list are appreciated in any amounts. Bath towels may be used but clean. La Puente is always appreciative of any new or used (clean) bras, socks, new underwear, bandanas, stocking caps, warm head bands, warm shirts, blankets, etc. Items needed that you may not think of donating are those used in a simple sewing kit (needles, safety pins, buttons, small spools of thread, small pill bottles with labels removed). Needles and thread are often used to repair holes in tents or other shelters. These items are always needed and collected throughout the year:

- Bar soap
- Bath towels
- Brushes
- Chap sticks
- Combs
- Crew socks
- Deodorant
- Hand lotion
- Large Cloth Shopping Bags
- Razors
- Sanitary products for women
- Shampoo 12.5 oz bottle
- Shaving cream
- Sunscreen
- Toothbrushes (individually packaged)
- Toothpaste
- Washcloths

Items may be place in the cart in Fellowship Hall and marked "La Puente". Thank you so very much for continuing to provide for our neighbors in need! "LOVE GOD, LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR!"

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 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. But they need someone to coordinate things, lead the semi-annual meetings, and speak to the New Member classes. 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 fully documented by Mary Montie. Transition assistance into this role is available!

Designated Lenten Offerings

This year's Lenten Offerings will be designated for the NALC's Disaster Relief Fund. Our congregation endured the Black Forest fire in 2013 and continues to give back to other NALC congregations. This fund provides resources to respond rapidly to domestic natural disasters, to alleviate human suffering, to provide transitional assistance and to enable rebuilding efforts to begin. More can be found on the NALC's website at: <https://thenalc.org/nalc-disaster-response/>

Playground Update

You've been praying on it and soon you'll be playing on it! The order for the new playground equipment has been placed. Thanks to the generous donations received to-date, we were able to meet the 50% (of total cost) required for the downpayment. The order was placed on February 13 and the current lead time is five months. We have faith we'll reach the remainder of our goal with continued donations, fundraisers, local grants, and matching funds from BFLC. A picture of the final layout is included here and posted in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you to the congregation for your continued support of this project.



Star Playgrounds - Final layout for BFLC

A Fun Fundraiser for the Playground



Lisa is going to become a "Gigi" (grandma)!

So, what I am going to do is have two envelopes on my 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!



Intergenerational Easter Craft Day

Saturday, April 1

1:00p-Cross Starts

2:00p-Bunny Starts

\$3.00 donation for supplies

See samples in the fellowship hall.

Sign-up!

Supplies that are needed: fake flowers, toilet paper rolls, and magazines, please put in laundry cart marked "craft day".

Any questions contact Sue Wetzel.



Youth Event (for 9-12th graders)

How about a day at Top Golf! Join Cam Regennitter for a time of fun, fellowship and food!
Let me know what day works for you during Spring Break! Contact: Lisa Regennitter.



Thank you!

- ✚ From Didi & Serafina Panzo: “Thank you for your prayers and gift of \$2,703.”
- ✚ From Carolyn Byrnes: Thank you so much for the box of chocolate for Valentine’s Day. So thoughtful of you and a nice surprise!”
- ✚ From Betty Thomas: “Thank you for the “Pot of Gold” candy. This is so nice of all of you to think of me. So nice to be thought of at this time of year!”
- ✚ From Stan Beckner: “Thank you to the Sunday School group for the Valentine’s Day items they passed out with the candy and scripture verses was appreciated. It was also very nice of them to meet everyone and give us the colorful bag. We enjoyed the candy and appreciated the verse they included in each packet. May God bless them for their work!”



Christine Aldridge & Sayde Aldridge
 Cesar Shinall & Shelby Jackson
 Austin & Quinn Peters
 Leah Pfalmer
 Nate & Jessica Johnson
 Liz Wetherby

Winston Churchill	Justin Sadowski
Cliff Collier	Connie Schmiesser
Todd Gould	John Summerfield
Judith Jergensen	Wolf Thielmann
Stephen Makowsky	Pam Wagner
Jody Pfeil	

Well done!



Philadelphia Eagles – 58 lbs.

Kansas City Chiefs – 97 lbs.



And \$532 in monetary donations.

Black Forest Cares thanks you!!

Souper Bowl Results!

Celebrate!



Jack Cullen	1	Kaylie Herrin	16	Ron & Ashley Bush	5
Cesar Shinall	2	Dave Pfeil	16	Emory & Sue Clark	9
Carolyn Conaway	3	Bill Sessoms	16	Rick & Barbara Richardson	10
Lee Weyers	3	Tiffany Brooks	17	Michael & Heather Hite	12
Madison Hanson	4	Suzana Lacomia	18	Steve & Barbara Gurnett	15
Ann Buttermore	6	Kameron Fallang	21	Bill & Sherry Sieg	24
Dave Henderson	6	Kathleen Oman	23	Don & Sharon Cress	26
Jim Fariss	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		
Gina Nygaard	13	Amelia Makowsky	31		
Brendan Gould	14	Annegret Sessoms	31		
Lydia Zelones	14				



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:00p Soup Supper 6:30 Confirmation 7:00 Lent Service 7:50 Choir Practice 8:45 Contemporary Worship Practice	2 9:00a Quilters 9:30 Staff Mtg. 6:30p Worship Committee Mtg.	3	4 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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