

THE SCRIBE



From Pastor Ken

May 2023

Meet Our New Youth & Family Director

I am pleased to introduce to you Andrew Koetsier ('Kootseer'). Andrew is 40 years old, a missionary kid who spent much time in Russia. He was a Youth Pastor for 4-1/2 years and is passionate about the Lord, his Word, and teaching people to live out their faith. He has several degrees in New Testament, Missions, and Biblical languages. Those who know him well describe him as 'levelheaded', 'great around kids', 'hard-working', and 'a servant'.

Andrew is recently divorced and the father of Audrey (11), Elijah (9), and Hudson (7).
Come and meet Andrew and his kids Sunday, May 7.

Church Workday

Saturday, May 6
8:30a-12:30p
See details on page 2.

New Sunday Adult Classes @ 9:30a

- New Member Class in the sanctuary through May 21; New Member Reception May 28.
- "Jesus Is All About Relationships". Led by Steve & Nancy Lord. Upstairs. See details on page 2.

Our Sundays after Easter will focus on the theme "Who is Jesus Christ?"

The answers will follow each week:

May 7 The Way, Truth, and Life
May 14 He Will Never Leave Us
May 21 Knowing Him Is Eternal Life

Spiritual Orphans Network (SON)

SON is the passion of David and Angela Briedenbach. They will both be with us on Sunday, May 21 to update us on their ministry to Christian churches that were formerly under Communist rule in Eastern Europe. We look forward to hearing about the three female students they adopted and also the relief work they are doing among Ukranian refugees.

Summer Worship Schedule

Starts Sunday, June 4
One Service – 9:00a
See page 2 for details

VBS

Vacation Bible School is June 12 – 16
See page 3 for additional information.
Invite a friend!

Announcements

- **Sunday Adult Class.** Topic: *“Jesus Is All About Relationships”*. Led by Steve & Nancy Lord. Upstairs @ 9:30a. Remember the 1985 song the “Power of Love” by Huey Lewis, which starts with *“The power of love is a curious thing”*? The power of Jesus’s love is not that hard to understand, but it does start with relationships. Come and explore ways to share Jesus’s Love in this Sunday morning Adult Education Class — a three session study about how to build relationships within the family, church and community using His power of love. The last day for this class is Sunday, May 7.
- **BFLC Spring Workday.** Saturday, May 6 from 8:30am-12:30p. Spring has sprung and that means it’s time for some spring cleaning. We have a variety of tasks – picking-up fallen branches, trimming bushes, weeding rock areas, moving patio furniture outside, raking pine needles, and cleaning the chairs in the Fellowship Hall are examples. Many hands make light work, and we’d appreciate your participation. A pizza lunch for volunteers will be served. More details and a sign-up sheet are on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Mom’s Group.** Tuesday, May 2 and 16 from 4:30-6:00p. We do a Bible Study, crafts, chat about life and be supportive of one another. On Tuesday, May 2, we will be packing Mother’s Day Spa bags. Then we’ll have a regular craft and study on May 16. Contact: Karina Isley.
- **Mom’s Group Playground Fundraiser.** *Thank You Mom!* Mother’s Day is Sunday, 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 Sunday, May 14



If you will be graduating from high school or college in May, please let Lisa know.
Cake will be served between services to celebrate!

Summer Worship Schedule

Starts Sunday, June 4
One Service – 9:00a

June	4	Indoor	July	2	Outside	August	6	Indoor
	11	Indoor		9	Indoor		13	Outside
	18	Outside		16	Outside		20	Indoor
	25	Indoor		23	Indoor		27	Outside (Picnic)
				30	Outside			

If you haven’t already done so, please sign up for assisting for Summer Worship in Signup Genius!



**BFLC Yard Sale!
Fundraiser for playground**

Just in time for your Spring cleaning! All proceeds will benefit the new playground.
We will be accepting items from congregation members and their families.

Yard Sale Dates

May 19 – 9:00a-2:00p (open to the public)
May 20 – 9:00a-2:00p (open to the public)
May 21 – 7:30a-1:00p (congregation only)

Collection Dates

May 13 – 9:00a – 3:00p
May 16 – 10:00a – 1:00p and 4:00p-7:00p
May 17 – 10:00a – 1:00p and 4:00p-7:00p

Bring your donations to our volunteers in the Fellowship Hall. All items must be in very good condition. Electronics, small appliances, and hand tools must be in good working order. We are not accepting large appliances, large furniture, adult clothing, large tools, mattresses, bed linens, books, dirty items or personal under-clothing.

Volunteers needed!

We are looking for volunteers to assist during the donation acceptance days, the yard sale days, and during set-up and clean-up. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall. Specify your own hours and preferred role. We have a variety of tasks listed on the sign-up sheets. Contact Jennifer or Dave Reily for questions about volunteering or for donating items.



- **Senior Social.** Wednesday, May 24 @ 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.
- **Men's Peer Group.** Mike Regennitter would like to invite you to the Men's Peer Group on Thursday, May 25 @ 6:30p at church in the room next to the kitchen. We are guys who just want to hang out and chat about life. We will sometimes open up to the deeper challenges we may be facing and be there to support each other. There is no pressure to share, and it's 100% safe and confidential. Come hang out with us, or just sit and listen. No pressure.
- **Men's BBQ.** Friday, May 26 @ 6:00p. At Jack Wetzel's house at 11333 Palmers Green Dr., Peyton, CO 80831. Signup sheet on bulletin board. Contact: Dave Havelka.

Bible Studies @ BFLC

Women's Bible Study

Mondays @ 1:00p
New Course Study: "Angels: Standing Guard",
is an eight-session LifeGuide® Bible Study.
Contact: Roxie Larson (719) 238-7854

Men's Bible Study

Saturday Mornings @ 7:00 AM

Everyone's Bible Study

Wednesdays @ 6:30p
Course Study: "Blessed Are
The Chosen"

Reminders

- **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.
- **Office Closures.** The office will be closing at Noon on Fridays in June, July, and August.

Mark your calendars!

- **Free Shredding Event.** Saturday, June 10 from 9:00a to Noon at BFLC in the parking lot. *Fight Fraud – Shred Instead!* This will be an opportunity for individuals to drop off unneeded personal and financial documents for on-site professional shredding. No reservations required. There will be a limit of 3 boxes or bags per person. No Plastic or metal binders will be accepted. Your donation of cash or a nonperishable food item for Black Forest Cares Food Pantry would be appreciated. Contact Stan Beckner at 719.596.6787 for more information.

Vacation Bible School
with
Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp
Monday, June 12 through Friday, June 16
9:00a – 12:15p



Kindergarten – 6th grade (grade refers to the grade they will be entering this fall)

Cost: Free

Registration forms are on the bulletin board in the narthex. Please turn into Lisa's box on her door when filled out.

VBS is always an outreach to our children as well as the children in the community. It provides a great venue for introducing children to Jesus and growing them in their relationships. Again, this year we are offering it free in the hopes that we can reach more children and families. We do need adults and teens to assist the Rainbow Trail counselors in running this program. Contact the office if you would like to be a part of this amazing outreach ministry.



We are looking for:

- A Coordinator to keep daily activities on schedule during the week
- Dinner Hosts to have counselors over for dinner
- Help with kiddos during the week

Pick up a flyer and hand out to a neighbor, friend or co-worker!

Details for MS/HS Day Camp Week
Sunday, June 11 through Wednesday, June 14

Sunday, June 11 – Potluck at 5:00p in the fellowship hall. We will also be starting our camp for MS/HS this night!

Monday – Friday Volunteers from 8:45a to 12:15p.

Sunday – Wednesday nights:

6:15p	Gather/Mingle
6:20	Active Games
6:50	Snack/Drink/Break
7:00	Bible Study
8:00	Campfire/Small Group/Devo/Music
8:30	Dismiss

Thursday:

6:00p	Program and Ice Cream Social
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Thank you!

- ✦ **Heifer International:** “Thank you for your recent gift of \$800. We are pleased to announce that a group of additional generous donors have matched your donation, doubling the impact of your gift!”
 - ✦ **Ronald McDonald House of Southern Colorado:** “We appreciate your generous donation of \$600”.
 - ✦ **Spiritual Orphans Network:** “Thank you for your recent gift of \$884.”
 - ✦ **Rainbow Trail:** “Thank you for your continued support and your recent gift of \$264.”
 - ✦ **Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation, Inc.:** “We extend our deepest gratitude for your donation of \$141.”
 - ✦ **Family Promise of Colorado Springs:** “We are grateful for your generous donation of \$500.”
 - ✦ **Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity:** “Pikes Peak sends us their thanks for our continued support and donations. And a special thanks from Kayla, Andre & Marilyn – future habitat homeowners!”
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Lorraine Wallace would like to thank Ed Pfort and his merry men for cooking Easter breakfast. And to all the congregation and staff that organized and donated the food (casseroles, ham, fruit, bread, and more). It was wonderful!

Lynn Anderson would like to thank BFLC and Amy Churchill for the wonderful Easter lilies!



We raised \$892.48 with filling the pig!

Thank you!



Celebrate!



Lorraine Wallace	2	Paul & Judy Burke	2
John Poss	7	Chuck & Pat Holte	2
Mark Robinson	8	Johnathan & Tiffany Brooks	5
Shari Kraus	11	Shane & Lauren Swenson	5
Ric Maxson	14	Jim & Debbie Kent	7
Steve Benson	15	Art & Liz Wetherby	5
Kelly Joiner	15	Bob & Margaret Zancanella	23
Avelyn Ullom	17	John & Paige Summerfield	26
Randy Pierce	25	Dwight & Francesca Wahlborg	26
Liz Nieboer	27	Harold & Sunny Wilson	26
Abigail Webb	27	Bob & Joyce Witte	27
Janet Masek	28	Jacob & Emily Wolfe	27
Sue Vigil	28		
Keith Kraus	30		
Mike Woods	31		



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 1:00p Women's Bible Study	2 4:30p Mom's Group	3 6:00p Choir Practice 6:30 Confirmation Everyone's Bible Study 8:00 Contemporary Worship Practice	4 9:00a Quilters 9:30 Staff Mtg. 6:30p Worship Cmte. Mtg.	5	6 7:00a Men's Bible Study Church Workday (8:30a-12:30p)
7 8:00a & 10:30a Worship 9:30 Sunday School Adult Class New Member Class Mom's Group Fundraiser	8 1:00p Women's Bible Study	9 6:00p 4-H	10 12:00p AARP 6:00 Choir Practice 6:30 Confirmation Everyone's Bible Study	11 9:00a Quilters 9:30 Staff Mtg. 1:00p Mission Endowment Fund Cmte. Mtg.	12	13 Drop-off Yard Sale Items (9:00a-3:00p)
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21 8:00a & 10:30a Worship 9:30 Sunday School New Member Class 6:00p Youth Group Visiting Pastor Dave Briedenbach BFLC Yard Sale (7:30a-1:00p)	22 1:00p Women's Bible Study Yard Sale Cleanup Day (9:00a-3:00p)	23	24 1:00p Senior Social 6:30 Confirmation Everyone's Bible Study	25 9:00a Quilters 9:30 Staff Mtg. 6:30p Men's Peer Group	26 6:00p Men's BBQ (at Jack Wetzel's house)	27
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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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