

# THE SCRIBE



From Pastor Ken

June 2023

## 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			

## Vacation Bible School

June 12 – 16

See page 2 for additional information.

*Invite your neighbor and friends!*

## Playground

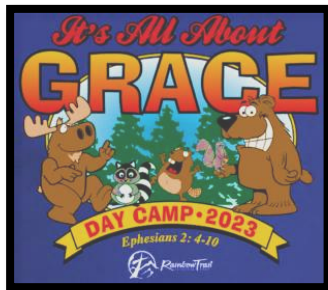
Thank you to everyone who made our new playground a reality. So many of you have been generous with your time, work, and financial gifts. We will see the playground installed in late June after VBS.

## Vacation

As you are on vacation this summer, traveling to various destinations, remember to take time to worship. Stop in at a church on Sundays. If that isn't possible, take your bible and keep up with the readings we will be hearing at BFLC. Focus on Matthew 9-16 and Romans 4-14.

## Announcements

- **Summer Office Hours.** We will be closing at Noon on Fridays in June, July and August.
- **Mom's Group.** Tuesday, June 6 and 20 from 4:30-6:00p. We do a Bible Study, crafts, chat about life and be supportive of one another. Contact: Karina Isley.
- **Young Adult Gathering at the Goulds'.** Thursday, June 8 at 6:00p College-age and young adults, please join us at the Gould's home for dinner and a time of intentional fellowship together.
- **Free Shredding Event!** Saturday, June 10 from 9:00a to Noon at BFLC in the AARP parking lot. This will be an opportunity for individuals to drop off unneeded personal and financial documents for on-site professional shredding. More information on bulletin board in fellowship hall.
- **Senior Social.** Wednesday, June 28 @ 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, June 29 @ 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.



### **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.

Sign-ups on bulletin board:

- MS/HS Camp at Night.
- Bring food for snacks.
- Volunteer during the day.
- RTLC Counselor Dinner Hosts.

***Grab a flyer on the table in the narthex and hand out to a neighbor, worker, friend and more!***

***Check out the t-shirt on bulletin board!***



### **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

## ***Announcements (cont'd)***

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**New Study for Men's Bible Study.** Every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at 7:00a. George Kerstein hosts the Men's Bible Study at BFLC. The next book they will use will be the "Book of Mysteries" by Jonathan Cahn. He is a contemporary Messianic Jew and an active Christian pastor in New Jersey. He has led some of the Congressional prayer breakfasts. You can order the book online. The format of this book is in a daily devotional format (365-day). Each of the chapters relates some Jewish historical event to our Christian calendar, and therefore provide a connection and reason for our church calendar. The course of study will be to read 7 of the chapters ( about one typed written page each) for each Saturday meeting. In this new chapter we will study James, Simon and Judas along with the different religious groups in the 1st century. Please prepare for the workbook questions beginning on page 135. Contact: George Kerstein.

## ***Mark your calendars for July and August!***

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- **July Fun, Food and Live Music!!** Put Saturday, July 30 at 4:00p on your calendar for an evening of family fun, food, and music! Our church member, Bob Uzman, and the local Bluegrass and Gospel Group plan to play a jam. It will be in the outdoor sanctuary area, but you may choose to bring a more comfortable lawn chair if you wish. Also please plan to bring a potluck item of salad, chips, or dessert. Hotdogs, buns, drinks, plates and cutlery will be provided.
- **Cookies and Lemonade Sunday!** The Social Ministry Committee will host its annual Cookies and Lemonade Sunday following outdoor worship on Sunday, August 13. More information to follow.
- **Annual (Potluck) Picnic!** Sunday, August 27 after outdoor worship. Details to follow!

## ***Volunteer Opportunity – Marian House***

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Marian House, operated by Catholic Charities, provides a daily noon meal to those in need. Right now, approximately 250-275 meals are served daily. In May, BFLC sponsored the meal along with Holy Trinity Catholic Church for one day. On the last Thursday and any 5th Saturday of a month, you will find several people from BFLC along with volunteers from Holy Trinity Catholic Church volunteering their time to prepare food for this nutritious meal and /or serving the meal to those in need. This occurs at Marian House located at 14 West Bijou in downtown Colorado Springs. Each congregation is asked to provide 10 volunteers per month. We have lost several volunteers in the past year due to illness and moving out of the area. Currently, we have 5-6 regular volunteers, but we need a few more to make the job easier for all. Food preparation begins at 7:00a, and serving the meal runs from 10:30a to 1:00p. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Marcia Johnson (816-351-4245) or Lisa Regennitter (719-495-2221) for more information. You too can be the hands and feet of Jesus!

## ***Didi Panzo***

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Didi wants to thank everyone for their prayers and support of their mission work. There were four new mission locations opened in March and April, including Sanzi Mission. The city of Boma has suffered a huge loss as 3 major companies have closed, laying off over 15,000 workers. Some of them have turned to farming. The older population is having trouble getting food and Didi and Serafina brought food items to those people. The women of the choirs of the Lutheran church are living what they are learning, and they donated 24 chairs to Muanda Parish. Prayer requests:

1. For the high unemployment in the Congo that it can turn around.
2. For church leaders as they continue in their evangelism.
3. That God may provide for Didi and Serafina to travel to the USA in June for Serafina's checkup.
4. For getting an indefinite Visa which will not require any renewing when they travel out of the country. This is very expensive so pray that God will provide.

**Thank you!**

- ✦ **Ladies of the Black Forest Women's Club:** "Thank you so much for allowing us to use your fellowship hall. It means so much to us to be able to meet occasionally for fellowship!"
- ✦ **Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp:** "Thank you for your recent gift of \$24 to our annual fund. Your continued support is appreciated!"



**Thank you to the Spring Church Workday Volunteers!**

Church Workday 2023 was a big success! The weather cooperated and gave us warm temperatures to work outdoors and help get the church property looking nice. Several volunteers assisted in raking pine needles, clearing piles of slash, prepping the sprinklers, and furniture cleaning the fellowship hall.

**La Puente**

Once again, many thanks to each and every one in this amazing congregation! Social ministry was able to assemble 60 hygiene bags and get them delivered to La Puente on May 1. Their thanks and appreciation for our effort in this continues to be evident each time we arrive! You are helping to provide one of the greatest blessings in the lives of many needy people! Thank you!



**Playground Fundraiser**

A sincere "thank you" to the Black Forest Lutheran Church community for your tremendous support of the yard sale as a fundraiser for the new playground. Whether you were involved with the initial planning, donating items for the sale, set-up, clean-up or buying some treasures, we could not have done this without you. We are truly grateful for your investment of time and talent in support of this event. While the exact amount raised is still being calculated, we believe the result will be over \$3,000. Thank you for making the yard sale such a huge success!



Welcome  
to our  
**New Members**

Steven & Teri Anderson  
Christopher Hausman  
Ron & Karen Hausman

Cody & Amy Long (Riley & Gavin)  
Eric & Tanya McSwan (Maverick)  
Joanne Palmer



**Jacob & Emily Wolfe**  
Felicity Anne Wolfe  
7 lbs., 12 oz., 20" long  
Born March 17, 2023



**Austin & Quinn Peters**  
Griffin Peters  
5 lbs., 5 oz., 19" long  
Born April 28, 2023



**Carson & Kirsten Bush**  
Baylor Diane Bush  
8 lbs., 10 oz., 21" long  
Born May 8, 2023

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

Al Alberg 1  
Jerry Jergensen 1  
Naomi Mobley 3  
Norma Dodgen 5  
Heather Hite 7  
Shannon Kosman 7  
Tyler Strasner 10  
Bob Hahn 13  
Heidi Mellon 13  
Dean Syverson 13  
Haldis Vanbuskirk 13  
Tyler Kvale 15  
Patrick Turecek 15

Katie Callantine 18  
Connie Schmeisser 18  
Clara Makowsky 18  
Dorothy Marlow 19  
Jenn Reily 19  
Mickey Bannister 22  
Del Lang 22  
Stephanie Maxsom 23  
Landon Toelle 24  
Bill Willis 24  
Electa Beckner 28  
Braidon Coughlin 28  
Jenna Yonce 29

**Happy  
Anniversary**

Benjamin & Jessica Worrell 1  
Todd & Jeannette Gould 3  
Steve & Linda Langlais 3  
Wolf & Rachael Thielmann 3  
Jim & Sandy Fariss 5  
Ric & Stephanie Maxsom 5  
Gary & Patsy Wurster 7  
Rob & Shelly Pratt 8  
John & Ginger Gales 10  
Steve & Nancy Lord 11  
Tom & Linda Pratt 11  
George & Ginny West 11  
Mark & Michele Robinson 17  
Winston & Amy Churchill 18  
Jim & Deanna Hormann 25  
Bob & Cindy Winford 26  
Mike & Susan Jube 27  
George & Norine Kerstein 28

**Greetings BFLC Family!**

First of all, thank you all for welcoming our family into your church body. We (the Koetsiers) have greatly enjoyed beginning to get to know you all this past month and are looking forward with anticipation to what God will do in our midst as we follow Jesus together.

This month, we are especially looking forward to VBS. Personally, I have fond memories of going to VBS and the opportunity it presents for kids to know and love Jesus more. For some kids who come, it may be their first time hearing the gospel!

We are thankful yet again to have counselors from Rainbow Trail coming down to lead the camp, but we still need your help. VBS week presents a unique opportunity for our church family to reflect Jesus in the way we serve and play with the kids who God brings to us. I sincerely hope your family makes it a priority to come (whether participating or serving) and would encourage you to invite at least one other child or family to come as well. We look forward to learning together again (or for the first time) about the matchless grace of God.

In His Grace,  
Andrew Koetsier  
Youth & Family Director

*"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."*

*-Ephesians 2:8-10*

**Upcoming activities:**

- **Youth Summer Kickoff Preview and Lunch (Sunday, June 4 at 10:30a).** Join Andrew in the Fellowship Hall following morning worship as we meet to preview our plans for youth group, special events, and the summer together with BFLC Youth. **All high school/middle school youth, parents, and their families** are invited to attend. After an initial meeting and some prayer, we will share lunch and enjoy games together both inside and outside.
- **Young Adult Gathering at the Goulds' (Thursday, June 8 at 6:00p).** College-age and young adults, please join us at the Gould's home for dinner and a time of intentional fellowship together.
- **Sunday, June 11-14 — VBS Night Camp 6:15-8:30p.** All middle school and high school students are encouraged to serve at the morning VBS this week (June 12-16) and are invited to come hang out for games, snacks, and bible study in the evenings. On Sunday, June 11, all VBS volunteers are invited to come at 5pm for dinner and orientation to help with morning VBS.
- **NEW! Youth Group moving to Wednesday nights (6:30-8pm) for the summer.** Beginning Wednesday, June 14 (with the VBS night camp 6:15p-8:30p that week), the youth group will be moving to Wednesday nights for the summer. In June, we will meet on June 14, 21, and 28.
- **Confirmation Camp.** On **Tuesday, June 27**, last year's confirmation class participants will be spending the day enjoying God's creation together as part of our yearly Confirmation class. If you or someone in your family is considering participating in Confirmation this coming fall, please talk to Pastor Ken or Andrew.

**HAPPY  
FATHER'S  
DAY**

**June**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> 9:00a Quilters 9:30 Staff Meeting 6:30p Worship Cmte. Mtg.	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 7:00a Men's Bible Study
<b>4</b> 9:00a Indoor Worship 10:30a Youth/Families BBQ	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 4:30p Mom's Group	<b>7</b> 6:30p Everyone's Bible Study	<b>8</b> 9:00a Quilters 9:30 Staff Meeting 6:00p Young Adult BBQ	<b>9</b> 1:00p Executive Cmte. Mtg.	<b>10</b> 9:00a Shredding Event @ BFLC
<b>11</b> 9:00a Indoor Worship 5:00p VBS Volunteer Potluck	<b>12</b> 9:00a-12:15p VBS 6:15p MS/HS Camp	<b>13</b> 9:00a-12:15p VBS 6:00p 4-H 6:15p MS/HS Camp	<b>14</b> 9:00a-12:15p VBS 6:15p MS/HS Camp 7:00 Contemporary Worship Practice	<b>15</b> 9:00a Quilters 9:00a-12:15p VBS 9:30a Staff Meeting 6:00p VBS Ice Cream Social 7:00 Council	<b>16</b> 9:00a-12:15p VBS	<b>17</b> 7:00a Men's Bible Study
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <span style="font-size: 2em;">←</span> <span style="margin: 0 10px;"><b>Vacation Bible School!</b></span> <span style="font-size: 2em;">→</span> </div>						
<b>18</b> 9:00a Outdoor Worship  <i>Father's Day!</i>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 4:30p Mom's Group	<b>21</b> 6:30p Youth Group	<b>22</b> 9:00a Quilters 9:30 Staff Meeting	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Hosting a Youth Group from Minnesota
<b>25</b> 9:00a Indoor Worship	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 9:30a Black Forest Community Garden Club Confirmation Camp	<b>28</b> 1:00p Senior Social 6:30 Youth Group 7:00 Contemporary Worship Practice	<b>29</b> 9:00a Quilters 9:30 Staff Meeting 6:30p Men's Peer Group	<b>30</b>	



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#### OUR STAFF

Pastor – Ken Hohag

Youth and Family Director – Andrew Koetsier

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

#### OFFICE HOURS

Summer Weekday Hours

9:00am-2:00pm Tuesday-Thursday

9:00am-12:00pm Friday

Sunday Worship 9:00am

#### OUR MISSION

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

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