

# THE SCRIBE



From Pastor Ken

July 2023

## Summer Worship Schedule One Service – 9:00a

July	2	Outside	August	6	Indoor
	9	Indoor		13	Outside
	16	Outside		20	Indoor
	23	Indoor		27	Outside (Picnic)
	30	Outside			

## Playground

Our new playground is installed and almost ready to go! Thank you to Jennifer Reily for heading up the project, our property committee for a job well done, and to all of you who made contributions to make it all possible! Wow! Great job!

## Appalachia Mission Trip

Our mission group will be in Kentucky on Sunday, July 9 through Saturday, July 15. They will be helping to make a families' home warm and dry. Pray for their safety, in work and travel, and that their witness may point to the healer of all, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

## NALC Convocation August 9-11

Our North American Lutheran Church is gathering in Oklahoma City, OK, Wednesday – Friday, August 9-11. We are looking for two BFLC members to serve as delegates. This is a great opportunity to hear about the mission and ministry of our larger church and our missionary, Didi Panza, will be there. If you are able to attend, please contact the church office.

## Vacation Bible School

A big “thank you” to all the volunteers and helpers who made this year’s VBS a success!!  
Good food, good people, good times!!!  
Well done!

## Announcements

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- **Summer Office Hours.** We will be closing at Noon on Fridays in July and August. Office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4.
- **Men's BBQ.** Friday, July 14 @ 6:00p at Jack Wetzel's house. Signup sheet on bulletin board. Contact: Dave Havelka.
  - Looking for:
    - ✓ **Host Home:** Host the Men's BBQ at your home! Is your backyard or home big enough for 10-15 guys? We will provide the food. (Our goal would be to have enough sign up that you would host once a year.)
    - ✓ **Grill Assistant:** Assist Dave in manning the grill that evening.
    - ✓ **Bring a Side Dish:** There might be times where a side dish is needed. If you are open to that please let Lisa know.
- **Senior Social.** Wednesday, July 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.
- **Mom's Group.** Thursday, July 27 from 4:30-6:00p. We do a Bible Study, crafts, chat about life and be supportive of one another. Contact: Karina Isley.
- **Men's Peer Group.** Mike Regennitter would like to invite you to the Men's Peer Group on Thursday, July 27 @ 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.



**July Fun, Food and Live Music!!** Join us Saturday, July 30 at 4:00p for an evening of family fun, food, and music! Our church member, Bob Ucman, 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. Signup on bulletin board.

## Mark your calendars for August!

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### Cookies and Lemonade Sunday!

Sunday, August 13 following outdoor worship.

Free will donation for Team Rubicon.

Team Rubicon's mission is providing relief to those affected by disaster or crises. The organization pairs the skills and experiences of military veterans with first responders, medical professionals and technology solutions to help people.



Colorado Rockies Faith Day Trip!

Sunday, August 20

Stay tuned for further details!



Annual Picnic!

Sunday, August 27

following outdoor worship.  
Signup on bulletin board.  
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!

## July is Birthday Month!

BFLC celebrates the birthday of our nation and the birthdays of BFLC members with birthday cakes and lemonade. **On Sunday, July 2, we are asking you to give a gift-coin for every birthday you have celebrated!** The coins collected that day will be given to the Rocky Mountain Fisher House. A container for your coins will be on the table. This event is supported by the BFLC Social Ministry.



## Habitat for Humanity In Colorado Springs



July 22 is your opportunity to put your faith into action. Help a family achieve their dream of having their own home. You don't have to have any particular skills, just the desire to spend a morning or afternoon volunteering to help make someone's dream a reality. You can volunteer to work as little as half a day. No construction skills necessary. A poster and signup sheet are on the bulletin board. Free lunch is provided. See Stan Beckner for more details.

## The Rocky Mountain Fisher House

Many veterans and active-duty military undergo extended medical treatment for several weeks or months, RMFH provides a place to stay at no cost to these families. The Rocky Mountain Fisher House (RMFH) has nine suites, with private bedrooms and baths. Families share a common kitchen, laundry facility, a warm dining room, and an inviting living room. The Rocky Mountain Fisher House ensures that there is never a lodging fee.

The house is operated by the Denver VA Medical Center and supported by the RMFH Foundation. The VA is responsible for maintenance, operations, upkeep, and staff.

Guests can stay at the RMFH provided a veteran or active-duty service member is a patient at the hospital. Check out is expected at the time of the patient's discharge.

The foundation's mission is to support the RMFH through awareness and fundraising campaigns. An executive director, as well as a Board of Directors, oversee the foundation. Together the foundation, the house manager, and the VA determine how to best serve the house and those who stay there.

Unlike other military non-profits, RMFH Foundation focuses its money on those staying in the house. The donations received help provide all the comforts of a real home including transportation to and from the VA hospital, cable TV, newspaper delivery, snacks and bottled water. The RMFH does not provide meals, but the foundation has set-up a 'meal train' app so that those who wish to volunteer and make a meal for the families staying at the house can easily do so.



### **Let's get the Prime Timers (50+) group together for some fun this summer!**

We are open to many more ideas. Think and pray about what you and someone else might like to sponsor (plan) for a month. When you sponsor a month, you would be responsible for communications, reservations, and event needs. We encourage you to team up with someone to help plan an event. Pick a month and an activity.

Listed below are some ideas we have come up with in the past:

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|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Baseball Game             | Olympic Museum                     |
| Bowling                   | Outdoor concerts                   |
| Dinners                   | Picnics                            |
| Flying W                  | Plays                              |
| Games: dice, cards, Bunco | Potlucks at homes                  |
| Hammonds Candy Factory    | Royal Gorge                        |
| Hiking                    | RV Trips                           |
| Line dancing              | Visit a horse stable in Canon City |
| Movies                    | Zoo                                |

Also, if you want to get together in smaller groups send out an email to see if anyone else wants to join! Please contact Lisa if you have any questions. And be sure to keep her in the loop on all your planned activities!

## Thank you!

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- ✚ **Spiritual Orphans Network:** "Thank you for your recent gift of \$1,000."
- ✚ **Catholic Charities:** "Thank you for your continued support and recent gift of \$750."
- ✚ **Rainbow Trail:** "Thank you so much for BFLC's continued support of RTLC, and your recent gift of \$150."
- ✚ **Open Bible Medical Clinic and Pharmacy:** "Thank you for your generous donation".
- ✚ **Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation, Inc.** "We extend our deepest gratitude for your donation of \$264."

### **A Special Thanks from NALC...**

*Dear Pastor Ken and friends of Black Forest Lutheran Church:*

*We are absolutely moved to joy for the gift you have given to the 2020 Vision Initiative! Your faithfulness in all this is an inspiration. We are delighted that we get to work and serve together in the Church of Christ! May God continue to bless you all and keep you in his loving arms!*

*-Pastor Amy Little*

## BFLC News

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- **Playground.** You prayed on it...and now you can play on it! The new playground equipment is installed and ready for use. This was only possible through very generous donations and multiple fundraisers from the congregation. Your time, talent and support have been greatly appreciated. In the coming weeks, the Property Committee will be adding fencing, an ADA path/ramp, and a deck on the east end of the play area. Stay tuned for more details regarding an official "ribbon cutting ceremony" coming soon. Thank you for your patience. Now go have fun!
- **Helping out!** One of the ways BFLC helps out families in the congregation when they are going through something is to make a meal for them. Lisa is looking for people that can help with that. She will call when there is a need and see if you are available to cook, buy or even get them a gift card.



**Pantry Closure.** Black Forest Cares thanks the congregation of Black Forest Lutheran Church for their support during these years. It has been 32 years since Pastor Peterson asked Kathy Steinke and Lydia Zelones to open a food pantry. So Black Forest Cares was formed. In earlier years we had many families come on Tuesdays and Fridays. However, last years' usage has diminished. The decision was made to close the doors at the end of July. Our remaining supplies will go to support the pantry in Yoder, Colorado. Thank you again for all your support!

*-Karen Ketels and Lydia Zelones*



## Happy Birthday!!!

Jason Yonce	1	Joe Dowdy	12
Andrea Syverson	2	Joshua Kleine	12
Tammy Klein	3	Duane Wagner	14
Christopher Hausman	4	David Williams	14
Karen Ketels	5	Sharon Cress	15
Don Cress	6	Dennis Anderson	16
John Gale	6	Noelle Decker	24
Francesca Wahlborg	6	Bill Fitzpatrick	24
Peyton Joiner	7	Christine Makowsky	25
Karen Pforr	7	Alexandria Cullen	26
Donna Wesley	7	Ashley Bush	27
Zachary Kvale	9	Ivy Hite	29
Jack Wetzel	10	Benjamin Worrell	29
Karen Gourley	11	Bart Denney	31
Jo Dieckhoff	12	Karen Jackson	31

## Happy Anniversary!!!

John & Suzana Lacomia	1
Mike & Landra Decker	7
Jack & Sue Wetzel	7
Dave & Rosie Williams	12
Joseph & Kelsey Mobley	17
Scott & Ann Buttermore	19
Eugene & Alexandra Cullen	22
Tom & Karen Jackson	24
Monty & Jackie Sappenfield	27
Brian & Karina Isley	30



## Youth & Family Ministry

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### Greetings BFLC Family!

Thank you to everyone, including our visiting Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp counselors, who worked together to make our VBS a great success! Each morning, the sounds of worship songs, games, Scripture reading, and play filled our church. In the evenings, students gathered for spirited games, worship, bible study, and even a couple of bonfires.

Reflecting on the week, I am challenged by Jesus' words: "whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it" (Luke 18:17). When I am tempted to be worn down by the cares of the world or puffed up with the biblical "knowledge" I have accumulated over the years, it is a welcome reminder that Jesus calls us to come to Him with faith like a child.

Pray with me in the coming months that the faith displayed by our young people would take root and grow down deep, demonstrated in life-long devotion to Him. Pray also that when we face times of doubt, that God might give us a child-like faith that truly takes Jesus at His word.

With child-like faith,  
Andrew Koetsier

### Upcoming activities:

- **Youth Group on Wednesday nights (6:30-8pm) for the summer:** In July we will meet on July 5 and July 19. August dates are 9, 16, 23, and 30. This summer we are going through a series called "Life in 6 Words" that will help our students know, understand, and share the gospel.

- **Appalachia Mission Trip - July 9-15:** Pray for our mission team of 14 as we serve and spread the love of Jesus in Kentucky this week. Our blessed travelers are:

Cody Buttermore  
Beka Gershenoff  
Alex & Brian Gould  
Peyton Hagan  
Kenli Kern  
Andrew Koetsier

Sara Larson  
Karen Pforr  
Mike Regennitter  
Ashleigh Smith  
Duane & Pam Wagner  
Margaret Zancanella

### Prayers for our Appalachia Mission Trip:

- **Pray** that we would be open to whatever God has in store for our team on this trip; may His will be done
- **Pray** that our words and actions would reflect the heart of Jesus
- **Pray** for eyes to see how we can use our words, hands, and feet to bless those we encounter and serve
- **Pray** that the Holy Spirit would equip us with what we need to accomplish the tasks in front of us (our days are dedicated to doing construction projects in underserved areas)
- **Pray** for traveling mercies (we fly to Nashville on Sunday, July 9 and then will drive an additional 4 hours to our final destination in Kentucky, returning on Saturday, July 15)


- **Family Movie Night!** Mark your calendars for Friday, August 11. Details to follow!

- **Colorado Rockies Faith Day - August 20:** We will be heading to Coors Field in Denver to watch the Colorado Rockies take on the Chicago White Sox followed by a postgame worship concert with Hillsong United.



# July



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 7:00a Men's Bible Study
2 9:00a Outdoor Worship	3 9:00a Mission Trip Mtg.	4  <i>Office Closed</i>	5 6:30p Youth Group	6 9:00 Quilters 9:30a Staff Mtg.	7	8
9 9:00a Indoor Worship  <i>Mission Trip</i>	10  <i>Mission Trip</i>	11  <i>Mission Trip</i>	12 7:00p Contemporary Worship Practice  <i>Mission Trip</i>	13 9:00a Quilters 9:30 Staff Mtg. 11:00 Chuck Holte Memorial Service <i>Mission Trip</i>	14 6:00p Men's BBQ (Jack Wetzel's House) <i>Mission Trip</i>	15 7:00a Men's Bible Study <i>Mission Trip</i>
16 9:00a Outdoor Worship	17	18	19 6:30p Youth Group	20 9:00a Quilters 9:30 Staff Mtg.	21	22
23 9:00a Inside Worship	24	25 9:30a Black Forest Community Garden Club	26 1:00p Senior Social 7:00 Cont. Worship Prac.	27 9:00a Quilters 9:30 Staff Mtg. 4:30p Mom's Group 6:30 Men's S Peer Group	28	29 4:00p Bluegrass Concert @ BFLC Outside Sanctuary
30 9:00a Outdoor Worship	31					



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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

**OUR MISSION**

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

**CONTACT US**

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**OFFICE HOURS**

Summer Weekday Hours  
9:00am-2:00pm Tuesday-Thursday (Closed Tuesday, July 4)  
9:00am-12:00pm Friday  
Sunday Worship 9:00am

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