

THE SCRIBE



From Pastor Ken

August 2023

Summer Worship Schedule

One Service – 9:00a

August 6	Indoor	Jesus Feeds 5,000
13	Outside	Peter Walks on Water
20	Indoor	The Spirit Helps Us
27	Outside (Picnic)	Who do you say I am?

NALC Convocation August 9-11

Jon and Lisa Fountain are serving as our BFLC delegates to the 2023 North American Church Mission Convocation in Oklahoma City, OK. They will join Pastor Ken and hear what God is doing through the congregation of the NALC, as well as vote in the Bishop election.

Please support our delegates with your prayers.

Congregational Picnic Sunday, August 27

Come and enjoy our annual congregational picnic, Sunday, August 27, following outdoor worship service. See page 2 for additional information.

New Staff

Join me in welcoming Stephanie Strasner as our new Administrative Assistant starting August 22. Stephanie and Kurt live in Falcon and have two boys, Blake and Tyler.

Michelle's last day will be August 31. Please stop in that day for cake and lemonade, and to say 'see ya later'! Thank you Michelle for working at BFLC for the past 2-1/2 years. You will always be a part of the BFLC family!

-Lisa

Announcements

- **Summer Office Hours.** We will be closing at Noon on Fridays in August.
- **Mom's Group.** Thursday, August 10 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 BBQ.** Friday, August 18 @ 4:30p at Andrew Koetsier's house. Outdoor games at 4:30; 'meet and greet' at 6:00p; dinner at 6:30p. Signup sheet on bulletin board. Contact: Dave Havelka.



Outdoor Family Movie Night!
Friday, August 11 @ 7:30p
See page 5 for details.



Cookies and Lemonade Sunday!
Sunday, August 13

Please join us following outdoor worship services. 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 2023 Trip!
Sunday, August 20
See page 5 for details.



Annual Congregational Picnic!
Sunday, August 27

Following outdoor worship services. Please plan to join us for visiting, laughing, and sharing a meal. Games will be provided for children and youth. Signup to bring a main dish or side and how many will be attending.

- **Senior Social.** Wednesday, August 23 @ 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, August 24 @ 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. Signup on bulletin board.

Mark your calendars for September!

- **Primetimers Event!** Join us for a night of Bunco at Jonathan & Tiffany Brooks' home, Saturday, September 9 @ 3:00pm. Bring an appetizer to share. RSVP to Tiffany by September 7.
- **Two Worship Services and Sunday School Classes.** Start back up on September 10.
- **Bible Study Classes.**
 - † Women's Bible Study on Mondays @ 1:00p start September 11. Course Study: "7 Feasts: Finding Christ in the sacred celebrations of the Old Testament". Contact Roxie Larson to order a study guide.
 - † Everyone's Bible Study on Wednesdays @ 6:30p start September 20. This study continues with Season 3 on how Jesus' followers apply His teaching to their lives. "The Way of the Chosen" is an eight-session study that works alongside each episode of the show. We will be challenged to move from knowing who Jesus is to living out our faith by going the way of The Chosen. Contact: Paige Summerfield.
- **New Member Classes.** Starting Sunday, September 17.
- **Fall Workday.** Saturday, September 16 from 8:00a to Noon. Details to follow.



Black Forest Lutheran Church
Women's Ministry

Mark your calendar for the Fall 2023 Revive Event! September 23 @ 9:00a

Join us for a day to refresh, rejuvenate and REVIVE your MIND, BODY and SPIRIT!

All women are welcome!

Details will be available soon!

Time to Prepare Hygiene Bags for La Puente!

It's time once again to assemble the hygiene bags for La Puente in Alamosa, to be delivered in September or October. The shopping list will be in a bag on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. If you are able to donate even one item on the list, it will be greatly appreciated! Towels may be used but clean. The items may be marked "La Puente" and placed in the cart in Fellowship Hall. We have recently learned that BFLC is the only source to La Puente for these hygiene bags. The excitement and appreciation shown by staff is overwhelming each time we deliver them, as they share the gratitude shown by the patrons served! Please know this ministry from everyone at BFLC is an answer to prayers in the lives of many! Thank you for all you do for God's people!

Social Ministry Committee

New Life Promise - Where Food Meets Faith

Find freedom in your body by putting your focus on God and see yourself the way the Lord sees you –
"Perfect in His Sight."

Want to know the **3 simple things you need to stop the endless cycle** of dieting and start living in freedom with food?
Nutritional Expertise, God Focus and Community!

What's Included In the New Life Promise Plan:

- 1) **Food Meets Faith Manual.** Your pathway to success during your New Life Promise journey which includes both areas for "God Focus" & "Nutrition Wisdom" .
- 2) **The Total Trifecta of Weight Loss.** 28 days of recipes, meal plans, and shopping lists. Cook delicious meals in minutes with our quick and easy, tasty recipes and you'll know exactly what to eat each day with our detailed, easy to follow meal plans and shopping lists.
- 3) **Church Potluck Recipes.** Be a hit at your next church event with our 10 Crowd-Pleasing Church Potluck Dishes.
- 4) **Heavenly Desserts.** Never feel the need to skip dessert again with our 10 Heavenly Dessert Recipes.
- 5) **New Lifers Community.** Feel loved, supported, and encouraged. Hosted in a closed group on Facebook, it's the easiest, most convenient, and most accessible place to get together with your fellow New Lifers.

The group program is divided into eight sessions. Each session includes:

- Handouts (optional)
- Beginning and Closing Prayer Time.
- God's Word – Here you will see some more supporting scripture verses as they relate to that week's topic and supporting questions.
- Nutrition Wisdom Review – Here you will review the nutritional information provided for that session.
- Troubleshooting Challenges.
- Sharing Non-Scale Victories – Use this time to share victories and successes that your group has experienced outside of the number on the scale.

It's a one-time fee of \$49.

Please visit <https://www.isabeldprice.com/ourprogram/> for more information.

Contact Patsy Wurster if you would like to join her on this journey!

Thank you!

- ✠ **Living Hope Church:** “Thank you is not a big enough word to express our thanks. Our pantry and our community has been blessed by Black Forest Cares. The beautiful quilts and dogs were such a nice surprise. Thank you for answering God’s call to help those who are hungry. In our every changing world we continue to see those who need help. Thank you! Thank you! God bless.”
- ✠ **Team Rubicon.** On behalf of Team Rubicon, thank you and Black Forest Lutheran Church for your generous investment of \$1,000.
- ✠ **Department of Veterans Affairs – Eastern Colorado.** Thank you for your donation of \$600 to benefit the Rocky Mountain Regional VA Fisher House.
- ✠ **Rainbow Trail.** Thank you for your recent gift of \$81 and your continued support of RTLC.

Volunteer Opportunity – Marian House

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!



Brian Evans	1	John Kress	16	Terryl & Shawn Jensen	1
David Hopp	1	Carlene Peters	16	Tim & Christine Bury	2
Dan Johnson	1	Laura Swenson	16	Dave & Jenn Reily	2
April Benson	2	Susan Rummel	17	Joe & Mary Anne Ricci	4
Paige Summerfield	5	Susan Stewart	17	Bob & Jane Uzman	6
Rachael Thielmann	5	Pam Wagner	18	Duane & Pam Wagner	7
Emma Webb	6	Sue Clark	19	Bob & Jan Veuthey	8
Holly Hanson	8	Tami Beaupre	22	John & Dinah Kress	9
Michael Hite	8	Eugene Cullen	22	Nathan & Jessica Johnson	10
John Kosman	8	Jeannette Gould	26	Del & Maureen Lang	13
Mary Anne Ricci	8	Tammy Smith	26	Bill & Jo Dieckhoff	14
Pat Turechek	9	Regan Buttermore	27	Mike & Lisa Regennitter	14
Brynn Isley	10	Shawn Jensen	27	Dean & Andrea Syverson	15
Dinah Kress	10	Greg Kleine	28	Jon & Connie Stevenson	23
Dave Reily	10	Bill Sieg	28	Brad & Tammy Smith	24
Alexander Lacomia	11	Rosalind Williams	28	Ken & Katie Callantine	25
Melanie Hohag	12	Nathan Knapp	30	Don & Sue Vigil	31
Michele Robinson	13	John Lacomia	30		
Ginny Johnson	16	Richard Hopp	31		



Youth & Family Ministry

Greetings BFLC Family!

Thank you to everyone who gave, prayed for, and supported our recent mission trip to Appalachia. It was such a blessing to serve and represent our church in a very different place meeting needs both spiritual and physical. We look forward to sharing more stories and reflections with the church congregation on Sunday, August 27. We hope you can be there!

As we prepared for and went on this trip, I was reminded of the Apostle Paul's image of the church as the body of Christ (see 1 Corinthians 12). On the trip, we had the opportunity to be "hands" and "feet" to the families we served in Kentucky, but it was only as an extension of the body of Christ, which is itself even much bigger and greater than our local church body. We were reminded of this when not a week after we had left, we received pictures of the work that the next group (from another church) had done. They had built on the work we did the week before to even further improve the living situation of those we served. It was a joy to be able to go and serve. It is also a joy to be a part of something much greater than ourselves - the mission of God.

Would you pray with us for "T and C" and "Miss T," that they would continue to be filled with gratitude for God's gifts to them in renewed and repaired homes? Would you pray also for them as they receive and read the Bibles that they were given that they would be rooted and grounded in Christ?

On mission with Jesus,
Andrew Koetsier

Upcoming Activities:

- **Youth Group on Wednesday nights (6:30-8p) in August:** a reminder we will NOT be meeting on Wednesday, August 2 as our family will be on vacation. After we return, we will meet weekly for the rest of August: August 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.
- **August 11 - Family Outdoor Movie Night:** Come join us under the stars for *Cars 3*. We will have popcorn and snacks starting at 7:30p and will begin the movie at 8:00p. Bring your own drinks and chairs/blanket to sit outside. Signup sheet on bulletin board or RSVP to Andrew at 719-822-4610 to let us know you are coming!
- **August 20 - Colorado Rockies Faith Day:** 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. We will leave the church following morning worship, grab lunch on the way and enjoy the rest of the day at Coors Field. **RSVP by signing up on signup sheet on bulletin board or texting Andrew by Sunday, August 13.** The cost of the tickets will be \$20-25 per person. All ages are invited!
- **Wednesday, September 6 - Confirmation Class will begin for students 8th grade and up.** Please reach out to me if you or your student is planning to participate.
- **Sunday, September 10 - Sunday School and Wiggle Worship will resume!** With the exciting growth we are experiencing with kids and young families, we will be expanding our Sunday School into two, more age-specific classes. In order to serve our kids well and teach and share the love of Jesus with them, we need your help. Pray about the opportunity to serve our kiddos in either Sunday School or Wiggle Worship on Sunday mornings whether on a weekly, monthly, or quarterly basis.



August



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:30p Evangelism Cmte. Mtg. 7:30 AA Mtg.	2	3 9:30a Staff Mtg. 1:00p Mission Endowment Fund Cmte. Mtg. 7:30 AA Mtg.	4 12:00p Exec. Mtg.	5 7:00a Men's Bible Study
6 9:00a Worship (Inside)	7	8 7:30 AA Mtg.	9 12:00p AARP 6:30 Youth Group 7:00 Contemporary Worship Practice	10 9:30a Staff Mtg. 4:30p Mom's Group 7:30 AA Mtg.	11 7:30p Family Movie Night	12 Black Forest Festival
13 9:00a Worship (Outside) Cookies & Lemonade (after worship)	14	15 7:30 AA Mtg.	16 6:30p Youth Group	17 9:30a Staff Mtg. 7:30p AA Mtg.	18 4:30p Men's BBQ (at Andrew Koetsier's house)	19 7:00a Men's Bible Study
20 9:00a Worship (Inside) Faith Day @ the Rockies	21	22 9:30a Black Forest Community Garden Club 12:00p Stewardship Cmte. Mtg. 7:30 AA Mtg.	23 10:00a Staff Mtg. 6:30p Youth Group 7:00 Contemporary Worship Practice <i>Parking Lot sealed</i>	24 6:30p Men's Peer Group 7:00 Council 7:30 AA Mtg.	25	26
27 9:00a Worship (Outside) BFLC Annual Picnic	28 <div style="text-align: center;"> <i>Parking Lot sealed</i> </div>	29 7:30 AA Mtg.	30 6:30p Youth Group	31 9:30a Staff Mtg. 6:30p Worship Cmte. Mtg. 7:30 AA Mtg.		



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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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