

THE SCRIBE



From Pastor Ken

October 2023

New Adult Class Opportunities

"Joining Jesus as a Family" by Greg and Susan Finke is a handbook focused on Christian parents. In addition, it is very helpful for grandparents and all Christians wanting to lead others in their lives to Jesus. Beginning on Oct. 1 through Dec. 3, "Joining Jesus as a Family" will be offered as an adult education class during the Sunday School hour, utilizing a new video curriculum and the handbook. Led by Steve & Nancy Lord.

Life To Life Discipleship: An Experience in Intentional Discipleship

Tuesday evenings at 6:30p beginning October 3.

In the great commission Jesus told his disciples to, "Go make disciples of all nations." This command is for every baptized Christian. The problem is this: knowing we should do something, and knowing how to do it are two different things.

Before giving His disciples this commission to make disciples, Jesus spent three years teaching them how to be disciples. This Life to Life discipleship experience is similar. It is designed to help us be more intentional in both being Jesus' disciples and making disciples. It will give you tools to help you grow in faith and help others do the same (prayer, bible, talking with others).

I will hold a brief information meeting Tuesday, October 3. I hope you will join me on this exciting journey.

There is a signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall for those who are interested. For more information, go to www.thenalc.org and click on Lift to Life Discipleship.

Also in October

- Sunday, October 15 – Confirmation Sunday
- Sunday, October 22 – New Members Received
- Sunday, October 29 – Reformation Sunday

Meet Micheal and Carmen Zoughbi from Bethlehem. See pg. 3

Sundays @ 9:30a

- **New Member Classes.** Meet in the sanctuary, led by Pastor Ken. New Member Reception October 22.
- **Joining Jesus as a Family.** "Joining Jesus as a Family" is simpler than you think and a lot more fun! Christian parents want to raise their children to be life-long followers of Jesus. But many parents watch their children grow up, leave home, and then walk away from the faith. What went wrong? And how can a new generation of parents avoid the same result?

In their book by this title Greg and Susan Finke identify what Jesus shows us in the gospels to help parents become more intentional and practical in raising Jesus-followers.

1. What does it mean to "disciple" my own child?
2. What are my parenting goals? Where do I want my child to end up?
3. To lead my child there, how then shall I live?
4. What is Jesus' discipleship process?
5. How can I weave Jesus' discipleship process into the rhythm of my family's everyday life?

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Mondays

- **Women's Bible Study** - Mondays @ 1:00p. Course Study: "7 Feasts: Finding Christ in the sacred celebrations of the Old Testament".

Tuesdays

- **Handbell Practice.** Handbells would love for you to join them! Every Tuesday @ 7:00p. If you are interested in joining a group of musicians, please contact Bill Fitzpatrick.

Wednesdays

- **Everyone's Bible Study** - Wednesdays @ 6:30p. 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.

Saturdays

- **Men's Bible Study** – Every 1st and 3rd Saturdays @ 7:00a with George Kerstein.

Planned Activities

- **Mom's Group.** We meet every third Wednesday of each month from 4:00-6:00p. We do a Bible Study, crafts, chat about life and be supportive of one another. Contact: Karina Isley.
- **Confirmation Sunday.** Sunday, October 15 at the second service. Meet in the Fellowship Hall @ 9:30a for cake to celebrate the confirmands.
- **New Member Reception.** Sunday, October 22. Wear your name tags. Join us @ 9:30a in the Fellowship Hall to welcome all new members.
- **AARP Driver's Safety Class.** Thursday, October 26 @ 12:00p. The cost is \$20 for AARP members, and \$25 for non-members. Call Stephan to register. (719) 597-5683.
- **Pumpkin Carving.** BFLC is also hosting its annual pumpkin carving event Saturday, October 28 from 2:00-4:00p. Signup sheet on bulletin board.
- **Reformation Sunday** – Sunday, October 29. **Wear RED!**

Lost and Found

Are you missing a glove, earrings, cell phone, keys, or something else? Check the Lost and Found box! Located on the top shelf in the coat closet.

Crossing the Neighborhood



In teams of two we go out home to home, giving away crosses and invitations with the message of God's love for whomever we come across. For most this will be a surprisingly rewarding experience, particularly if you like seeing smiles. We typically go Saturday and Sunday afternoons for a couple of hours, with each Messenger usually committing to one afternoon a month. Interested in becoming one of these 'Messengers' and doing the work of Jesus. Contact Dave Havelka.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- **RTLCL Grace Race to Raise Money for World Hunger.** RTLCL's Grace Race will be on Saturday, October 7, 2023, with a 4:00 pm start. All proceeds and donations will be given to World Hunger. This is a 5K run/walk around beautiful Sloan's Lake in south Denver. There will be food and refreshments for participants following the race. The entry fee is \$35 until 4:30 pm on September 29th and \$40 after that date. You can register for the race after that date and even on the day of the race; however, we can't guarantee you'll get one of the cool long sleeve tech shirts from the race after September 29th. You don't have to be a runner to make a difference. We had parents with baby strollers, grandparents with grand kids, and runners and walkers of all types last year. Come join us for a great afternoon in the park for a great cause. Register at www.RainbowTrail.org. Don't forget there is the Fleetest Flock Traveling Trophy for the congregation with the most participants. Bring your friends and family or your whole youth group. See you on October 7th! Contact Pam Wagner.
- **Young Adult Night.** Thursday, October 12 @ 7pm. Join Andrew for a bonfire with smores and fellowship together with other Young Adults at BFLC! To be held at the Regennitter's for ages 18-30. Sign up on the bulletin board.
- **Olive Wood Hand Carvings from Bethlehem.** We will be selling Olive Wood starting October 29th. We have received some new items from Bethlehem. We have special guests, Michael & Carmen Zoughbi, who will be joining us in the Fellowship Hall between services. Michael will share the history of the Olive Wood Project and will be available for questions. He has some very fascinating facts about the Olive Wood colors and the Christian Carvers we help.
 - As a special treat, The Zoughbi's will prepare a meal, Sunday Evening (time to be announced) in the fellowship Hall. All are welcome!! Please sign up and join us for a fun Evening with friendly conversation & fellowship.
 - Olive Wood will also be available between services on: November 12, December 10 and December 17.
- **Fair Trades.** We are including Fair Trades products, which will be available on the same dates as Olive Wood: October 29, November 12, December 10 and December 17. So, for all you coffee and chocolate lovers, please check out the products on the FAIR TRADES TABLE. These make great gifts for friends, family and even yourself.

Volunteers Needed

- **Fellowship Hour Setup and Cleanup.** Thank you for signing up!
- **Sunday Volunteers.** Sunday Worship is successful with the help of many volunteers. Many of these opportunities to serve don't entail a huge commitment and are a great way to connect with the other members of our congregation. These include assisting ministers, ushers, greeters, readers, recorders, uploaders, altar guild, and sound. If you would like to help out or have questions about any of these opportunities for our 8:00a and /or 10:30a services, please contact Lisa Regennitter.
- **Nursery Helpers.** This ministry allows children to be cared for in a fun and safe environment and gives parents an opportunity to worship freely as well. This is a paid position. We need at least one adult and one student (9th grade and up) per Sunday. If you are interested, please contact Lisa Regennitter.

Didi in the Congo

Didi and Seraphina send greetings to everyone at Black Forest Lutheran Church. They are both doing well as their mission work continues in Boma. Counseling for abused women continues to be a large part of their work. They are currently working with 7 women who have suffered from domestic violence. They have 25 orphans that are in the school program. All of them passed their classes and resumed school September 11th for 2023-2024 school year. They have a number of students that will graduate from Theological school in October. Thanks to Canadian Lutheran Heritage they have received hard back and e-books in French to help equip the library. Prayers requested for their continued work with the women and orphans and for God to continue to strengthen Didi and Seraphina and provide for their needs. They thank everyone for the financial and prayer support they are receiving.

MOSAIC – Social Ministry’s Outreach of the Month

Mosaic is a non-profit organization that supports people with intellectual and behavioral health needs, autism, and aging adults, and provides opportunities for them to enjoy a full life. Mosaic’s mission embraces God’s call to serve ALL of his people in the world! There are four agencies in Colorado and we are blessed to have had one in Colorado Springs for 40 years!

Mosaic’s very foundation was established from the hearts of Lutherans! It was founded in 1913 in Axtell, Nebraska when it was known as Bethphage Inner Mission Association. In 1925, in Sterling, Nebraska, Martin Luther Home was founded as a school for children with developmental disabilities. In 2003, Bethphage and Martin Luther Home combined and became Mosaic, the largest faith-based provider of services to people with disabilities in the U.S.!!

Black Forest Lutheran Church has faithfully supported Mosaic for many years through Social Ministry Outreach, through collecting and saving pennies in the offering each week, and its’ annual fundraiser every October. This year, Mosaic is planning its annual fundraising breakfast on October 10 from 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. and friends are encouraged to attend this beautiful event! It is quite an emotional, eye-opening experience into the lives of God’s people! If you are at all interested in attending, (with no pressure to donate!) please contact Pam Wagner 719-985-5025 and she will gladly accept your RSVP!

Mission Endowment

Do These Skills Describe You?

We are looking for a few people who have these skills: mission-focused, trustworthy, able to understand some basic financial concepts, and able to meet with us quarterly. The Mission Endowment Fund (MEF) Committee manages donations given specifically for outreach above and beyond the normal operational budget of our congregation. The committee is a small group of five members, approved by the Council to invest contributions to the MEF and to make decisions about dispersing them to causes that spread the gospel in our world.

As we enter 2024, we will be needing some new members to help us decide on new beneficiaries. Prayerfully consider how you can support this effort. We need your ideas, and your prayers. And as God leads you, contact Dave Reily, Lisa in the office, or any of the members of the MEF committee. We’d be glad to tell you more about how we operate and would welcome you to our team (Jody Pfeil, Dave Reily, Kent Stalnaker, Duane Wagner & Sunny Wilson).

Your Mission Endowment Fund Committee

Operation Christmas Child Samaritans Purse

Shoe Boxes

Since 1993, more than 200 million children in more than 170 countries and territories have received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox. The project delivers not only the joy of what, for many kids, is their first gift ever, but also gives them a tangible expression of God’s love. More than 10.5 million shoebox gifts were collected in 2022; 9.3 million from the United States alone.

Shoeboxes will be distributed at BFLC to those wishing to pack their own box on Sunday, October 22nd, October 29th and November 5th during Fellowship between services. Instructions, suggestions and labels will be available. Sunday, November 12th, packed shoeboxes must be returned to BFLC. NO SHIPPING FEES REQUIRED. Shipping costs are paid by the Evangelism Committee and the Social Ministry.

If you want to participate in donating a shoebox (or two or three), but are unable to pack one/them yourself, Chris Cooper will pack one/them for you online for a mere \$15 per shoebox. THAT’S A DEAL!!! Chris will determine whether the box will be for a boy or girl, the age of the child and what will be packed. In this way, BFLC will donate to a range of children. Please make out a check payable to “BFLC” for \$15 for each shoebox you wish to send. In the memo area write “OCC Shoebox”. See Chris’s Helpers personally on Sunday, October 22nd and October 29th or Chris, herself, November 5th. We’ll be happy to help you.

The Greatest Journey

The Greatest Journey! Seeking to follow Jesus’ command to “make disciples of all the nations” (Matthew 28:19), OCC has trained over 1.7 million volunteers from congregations to teach *The Greatest Journey*, OCC’s dynamic follow-up discipleship course for shoebox recipients. Since 2009, 50 million children have enrolled in this 12-lesson program to learn how to follow Christ and share Him with others. More than 17 million of these boys and girls have made a decision to accept Jesus as their Savior during the course. If you add \$6, children receiving shoeboxes will be able to attend this twelve-week Bible study program and receive a Bible of their own, written in their own language. Evangelism at its finest!

Chris will be away on October 22 and 29 but her Helpers will be available for questions or you may send a text to Chris at 719-373-3907 or email her at Shedonist1105@comcast.net.

Fall Workday

A great turn-out with 20 volunteers! Branches and trash were picked-up around the property, the drain by the outdoor worship area was cleaned, one main gutter was cleaned, weeding was done in the volleyball court, gardens and rock areas, pine needles and leaves were cleared from the window wells, mulch was added to the west garden and numerous flowers were planted (some were thinned), all exterior lights were checked, patio chairs and tables were brought into the basement (outside entrance) for winter storage and several unused appliances (freezers and refrigerators) and a desk were removed from the Black Forest Cares area (some items went to Habitat for Humanity). This group worked so quickly and efficiently the list of chores was completed before the pizza restaurant opened! A huge "thank you" to everyone involved.



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Fall REVIVE!

The Fall REVIVE! Event (our 10th), organized by the BFLC Women's Ministry, was held on Saturday, September 23, 2023 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm! We had a great turn-out and heard from our guests that this was one of the best they had attended! This event's focus was on Talking to God (Prayer). We discussed what scriptures say about prayer as well as some basics for talking to God. As usual for our REVIVE! events – it was fun, active, creative, and interactive. Attendees made personalized Prayer Boards and wrote out personalized prayer requests that we lifted up to Jesus when we prayed together at the close of the event. The Spirit of the Lord was present and ministered to us in some amazing ways!

Mark Your Calendar for Winter REVIVE! January 13, 2024! Come join us!!



- ✝ From Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation (HCEF): "We wish to extend to you our deepest gratitude for your donation of \$81 to our HCEF programs."
- ✝ From the Department of Veterans Affairs: "We wanted to thank you for your donation of \$469.01 to benefit the Rock Mountain Regional VA Fisher House."



Maureen Lang	3	Richard Flanders	18	Stan & Electa Beckner	5
Sue Wetzel	3	Thomas Leland	18	Richard & Diane Riggerbach	7
Ashleigh Smith	4	Donna Reiner	21	Jon & Amy Webb	8
Teresa Anderson	6	Cliff Collier	27	Robert & Susan Stewart	11
Alex Gould	6	Bill Dieckhoff	27	Dave & Jody Pfeil	18
Toby Fikelstein	10	Christine Cooper	28	Jon & Susan Rummel	20
Roxie Larson	10	Todd Gould	29	Lee & Martha Weyers	21
Lisa Regennitter	10	Sondra Evans	30	Rob & Quena Stropky	22
Connor Isley	11	Cindy Winford	30	Barton & Donna Ewers	23
Barton Ewers	12	Judi Gibbens	31	Vincent & Tammie Anderson	25
Charlotte Janis	12			Kevin & Heidi Mellon	29
Jessica Johnson	12				
Tracy Kleine	12				
Tom Jackson	13				
Diane Riggerbach	13				
Ken Callantine Jr.	15				
Karina Isley	15				
Susan Jube	16				



Youth & Family Ministry

Greetings BFLC Family!

As you may have heard, we are launching a new Sunday School curriculum called The Gospel Project in Sunday School (and Wiggle Worship) this year. In short, the Gospel Project is designed “to help our kids learn the gospel story of Scripture, love the author and subject of that gospel story, and then to live out their part in this ongoing gospel story.”

This fall, our Sunday School classes (from pre-K all the way to 12th grade) will be focusing on the gospel story as it unfolds through Jesus’ death and resurrection and our Wiggle Worship class during the 10:30am service will be learning about Creation, the Fall, and God’s plan to redeem His creation from sin (from Genesis). You can learn more about the Gospel Project at <https://gospelproject.lifeway.com/>.

In Psalm 145:3-4 David writes, “Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts.” I am excited about the opportunity our kids ministry team has to “tell of God’s mighty acts” to our kids this year. Would you pray with me that God would help us to be faithful in raising up the next generation to know and love the Lord?

By His Grace,
Andrew Koetsier

Upcoming Activities:

Sunday School Classes –Children Pre-K to 5th Grade meet in Room #12 (down hallway off of Fellowship Hall) for first part of class, 3rd to 5th grade will move to Room #22 (upstairs) for the second part of class. 6th through 12th graders meet in Andrew’s office, next to the kitchen. This year our theme is “The Gospel Project”. We pray that you will join us!

Youth Group continues on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8pm. Youth Group is a space for our students to connect with each other and with Jesus. We play games, hang out, share snacks, and study/pray together. Confirmation continues from 5:45-6:45pm on Wednesdays as well.

Wednesday, October 11 6-8pm- we will be celebrating Fall Break by heading to the Main Event (formerly The Summit- 1180 Interquest Pkwy) from 6-8pm for a fun night together of bowling, laser tag, and arcade games. RSVP to Andrew (719-822-4620) by Sunday, October 8 and invite friends to join us!

Thursday, October 12 7pm- Young Adult Night at the Regennitter’s: join Andrew for a bonfire with smores and fellowship together with other Young Adults at BFLC!

Sunday, October 15- Confirmation Sunday. We look forward to the Affirmation of Baptism at the 10:30am service of our students who have completed their two year Confirmation journey. Please also join us for cake with them in the Fellowship Hall at 9:15am. This year’s Confirmands are: Sayde Aldridge, Alex Gould, Adam Weyers, and Aggie Weyers.

Saturday, October 28 2-4pm- BFLC is hosting its annual pumpkin carving event. The pumpkins and cider will be provided, bring snacks to share! Signup by Friday, October 20.

Summer 2024 Save-the-Dates


NEW! July 1-4- NALC Continental Youth Gathering: we will be taking a group from BFLC to the first ever NALC Continental Youth Gathering in Boerne, TX. This four-day gathering will provide opportunities for NALC youth to grow in faith and relationship with others as the body of Christ. This trip is open to MS/HS students and young adults. More details to come. Reach out to Andrew if you are interested!

July 21-26- VBS: we look forward to counselors from Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp joining us once again for VBS (July 22-26 for pre-K through 5th grade) and VBS Night Camp (July 21-25 for 6th-12th grade).



October



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:00 & 10:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School Joining Jesus Class New Member Class	2 1:00p Women's Bible Study	3 6:30p Life to Life Class 7:00 Handbell Practice 7:30 AA Mtg. Al-Anon Mtg.	4 5:45p Confirmation 6:30 Choir Practice Everyone's Bible Study Youth Group	5 9:00a Quilters 9:30 Staff Mtg. 7:30p AA Mtg. Al-Anon Mtg.	6	7 7:00a Men's Bible Study 9:00 Property Cmte. Mtg.
8 8:00 & 10:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School New Member Class Joining Jesus Class	9 1:00p Women's Bible Study	10 9:30a BF Garden Club 6:00p 4-H 6:30 Evangelism Mtg. Life to Life Class 7:00 Handbell Practice 7:30 AA Mtg. Al-Anon Mtg.	11 6:00 Youth Group @ Main Event 6:30 Choir Practice Everyone's Bible Study 7:30 Contemporary Worship Practice	12 9:00a Quilters 9:30 Staff Mtg. 4:00p Social Ministry Mtg. 7:00 Young Adult Night 7:30 AA Mtg. Al-Anon Mtg.	13 12:00p Executive Cmte. Mtg.	14
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22 8:00 & 10:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School Joining Jesus Class New Member Reception 1:00p Bluegrass Camp	23 1:00p Women's Bible Study	24 6:30p Life to Life Class 7:00 Handbell Practice 7:30 AA Mtg. Al-Anon Mtg.	25 1:00p Senior Social 5:45 Confirmation 6:30 Choir Practice Everyone's Bible Study Youth Group	26 9:00a Quilters 9:30 Staff Mtg. 12:00p Driver Safety Class 6:30p Men's Peer Group 7:30 AA Mtg. Al-Anon Mtg.	27	28 2:00p Pumpkin Carving w/ Youth
29 Reformation Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School Joining Jesus Class	30 1:00p Women's Bible Study	31 10:30a Mission Endowment Mtg. 6:30p Life to Life Class 7:00p Handbell Practice 7:30 AA Mtg. Al-Anon Mtg.				



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OUR STAFF

Pastor – Ken Hohag
Youth and Family Director – Andrew Koetsier
Director of Ministries – Lisa Regennitter
Administrative Assistant – Stephanie Strasner
Organist – Barbara Gurnett
Choir Director – Melanie Hohag
Handbell Choir Director – Bill Fitzpatrick
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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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