

# THE SCRIBE



From Pastor Ken

September 2023

## Final Outdoor Worship!

Sunday, September 3 is our last 9:00a Outside Worship Service.

### Fall Worship Schedule

Begins Sunday, September 10

Two worship services - 8:00a & 10:30a

Sunday School Classes for all ages at 9:30a

#### Classes Starting September 10:

- **Living Our Faith as a Family:** How we can work out problems in the healthy ways that Jesus taught. Meet in the sanctuary starting @ 9:30a.
- **The Gospel Project:** New curriculum for kids and youth. See pg. 6.

**New Member Classes:** For those interested in joining Black Forest Lutheran Church and anyone else wanting to attend. We get to know each other, learn about why we do what we do in worship, Baptism and Holy Communion, our spiritual gifts and who we are as BFLC. We will meet in the Sanctuary starting September 17 @ 9:30a.

#### Upcoming Sunday Classes:

- Martin Luther
- How We Got the Bible
- Joining Jesus as a Family

#### Life To Life Discipleship: Tuesday Evenings

Do you want to grow deeper in your prayer life?

Do you want to be more comfortable having faith conversations?

Do you want to be encouraged and encourage others?

Join me on Tuesday evenings beginning late September.

**Regular Office Hours Resume.** Tuesday through Fridays, 9:00a to 2:00p.

### **Sundays**

- **Sunday School Classes** – Starting September 10, Sunday school meets each Sunday for children Pre-K to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade in the classrooms off of the fellowship hall and 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade meets upstairs in room 22 @ 9:30a, 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders meet in Andrew's office. This year our theme is "The Gospel Project". We pray that you will join us!
- **New Member Classes.** Starts September 17 in sanctuary.

### **Mondays**

- **Women's Bible Study** - Mondays @ 1:00p starting September 11. Course Study: "7 Feasts: Finding Christ in the sacred celebrations of the Old Testament". Contact Roxie Larson to order a study guide.

### **Wednesdays**

- **Everyone's Bible Study** - Wednesdays @ 6:30p starting 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.
- **Choir.** We are inviting you to join us! We sing approximately twice a month at alternating worship times. If you are interested, please come to practice on Wednesdays, @ 6:30p. See Melanie Hohag for more details.

### **Saturdays**

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

### **Planned Activities**

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- **Mom's Group. New!** Mom's group switching to the third Wednesday of each month starting September 20 from 4:00-6:00p. We do a Bible Study, crafts, chat about life and be supportive of one another. Contact: Karina Isley.
- **Christmas Tea Committee Meeting.** If you would like to be a part of this, join Paige Summerfield on September 9 at 9:30a for a committee meeting in the fellowship hall. Signup sheet on bulletin board.
- **Fall Workday** is scheduled for Saturday, September 16 from 8:00a-12:00p. Duties include raking pine needles, trim/cut back plants in garden areas, putting back patio furniture, and much more. Lunch will be provided. Sign-up sheet on board.
- **Craft Day.** Friday September 22 at 10:00am- Tree of Life Wreath. Personalize your tree by bringing some small rock, shells, or wood pieces from your property or travels. Wreath can be made seasonal by adding either fall touches or spring flowers. Hot glue gun will be used. Signup sheet on bulletin board. Contact: Sue Wetzel
- **Men's BBQ** is Friday, September 22. Meet at 6:00 pm. Eat at 6:30 pm. BYOB (Bible, beverage). BBQ and brotherhood provided. Nate Knapp is hosting a walleye fish fry and Curbow trout. RSVP early as supply is limited. Signup sheet on bulletin board with location address
- **Fall 2023 Revive Event** Come join us for the Fall REVIVE! Event on Saturday, September 23, 2023, from 9:00a – 12:00p! Don't miss this one! Talking to God. One of the most important things we do in our faith life is to talk to God. We establish a true relationship with our Creator through conversation, whether it's about Him, about our day and our joys, or our hurts and fears. We'll be discussing what scriptures say about prayer and we'll also discuss some basics for talking to God. As usual for our REVIVE! events – it will be fun, active, creative, and interactive. No worries, you will not be called on to pray. If you're a beginner at prayer or a seasoned faithful praying sister, this event is for you! Bring your prayer list as we'll be lifting them up as we pray together, and we'll be making prayer/vision boards together. Breakfast will be provided. \$10 donation appreciated. You can Venmo to @kirstenmbush, mail or drop a check or pay at the door. We hope to see you there!
- **Men's Peer Group.** Mike Regennitter would like to invite you to the Men's Peer Group on Thursday, September 28 @ 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.

## ***Coming in October!***

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- **Sunday Morning Adult Class.** “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 October 1 through December 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.
- **Paint Day with Lisa!** Thursday, October 12 @ 6:30p.
- **Confirmation Sunday.** Sunday, October 15 at the second service.
- **New Member Reception.** Sunday, October 22. Wear your name tags.
- **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!**

## ***Reminders***

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- **Kitchen Dishes:** Please pick up any and all items that belong to you from the kitchen.
- **Fellowship Hour Setup and Cleanup.** We need people to sign up for setup and cleanup for fellowship time on Sundays starting September 10. Signup sheet on board in kitchen.
- **Senior Social help needed.** We are looking for a volunteer(s) to take over hosting the monthly Senior Social events here at the church. This will be on the third Wednesday of every month from 1-4:00p. This is a tradition that Lavonne Hidy started and we would very much like to keep it going. Duties include getting the fellowship hall set up with the chosen activities (games, cards, dominoes, etc.), and setting out the food, drinks and paper products in the kitchen. Attendees will bring food donations. It is a well-attended social event! Please contact Lisa Regennitter if you are interested.

## ***Didi in the Congo***

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The women of CELCCO in the Province of Congo Central gathered in Matadi in July to learn and strengthen their beliefs. As the country is facing many situations that are creating chaos, suffering and mass murdering, the committee of women decided to talk about jealousy that can lead to death. Various presenters pointed out why we are called as Christians? Christians are the reflection of Jesus Christ. His life was a humble life and not a jealous life and His love endures forever. Since the DRC is having hard time economically, women are exhorted to build a positive mind that may bring peace in the community and to avoid anything that may lead to jealousy that divides community, families, the church and possibly the country. It's been 3 months since the rain stopped in the DRC/Congo Central Region; the people are facing difficulty in growing crops and having something to eat. Families are lamenting about famine and are out of stock to feed their families. Churches are incapable to respond to the situation, only praying and asking God's favor for earlier rain may help to overcome the situation. In the meantime, children are suffering from malnutrition and dying. This dilemma is everywhere, and signs of global warming are visible. Please hold the DRC people in your prayers.

**Financial Help Pays Big Dividends!**

Guess who has helped keep a Madagascar Seminary from closing its doors? **Every one of YOU** who has contributed in the past to the **Mission Endowment Fund!**

The Betela Seminary in Madagascar needed help complying with new requirements: its Dean must obtain a Master's in Divinity to continue operating and training Pastors in Madagascar. The Mission Endowment Fund (MEF) Committee has come alongside Pastor Albert, their Dean, semester after semester providing funds for tuition internet fees and encouragement. With your help, he could continue his work at Betela Seminary while also working towards his degree online. After several years of working full-time while taking classes, he's on the verge of achieving his degree in December 2023! Partnering with Dean Albert enables our brothers and sisters at Beleta Seminary to continue to train future pastors who in turn spread the good news for years to come. Thanks to ALL past MEF donors!

"How is it that **ALL** the past donors helped Dean Albert?" you may wonder. Because the MEF committee distributes a limited portion annually to the mission field, while investing the bulk of the donations for future needs. Through investing the donations, those donations continue to work for years, even decades. The MEF only receives donations specifically designated to the MEF, not a dime from BFLC's budget. The fund receives donations of financial securities (like stocks) or cash from individuals, wills, estates, and trust funds, and is designed to make them last, well, *in perpetuity*.

I know, now you're thinking: "*Wow, That's awesome! How can I be part of that?*"

The MEF Committee will be searching for new missions to support, and we need new members (early in 2024.) Prayerfully consider how you can best support this effort. We need your ideas, and your prayers. And as God leads you, contact me or any of the members of the MEF committee. We'd be glad to tell you more about how to donate or welcome you to the team.

Thank you for all your support! Well done past donors! Well Done.

"Sunny" Wilson and the MEF Committee

**Military Care Boxes**

We will be **sending out Military boxes for Veteran's Day.**

If you would like to help, you may bring in any of the following items:

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| ✓ Chapstick   | ✓ Gum                          | ✓ Small hygiene products |
| ✓ Comics  | ✓ Lifesavers                   | ✓ Snack pack of cookies  |
| ✓ Cracker snacks                                    | ✓ Peanuts                      | ✓ Spices to flavor food  |
| ✓ Flavored Water Enhancers<br>(Like the "Mio" ones) | ✓ Protein bars                 | ✓ Trail mix              |
|   | ✓ Slim Jims (individual packs) |                          |

Please mark them "military" and put them in the laundry cart in the narthex. **The deadline is Sunday, September 26.**

*If there is someone in your family serving away from home, please share their address with the office so we can bless them with a care package!*



*Special Thanks!*

The Social Ministry Committee would like to thank everyone for their support of our annual Cookies & Lemonade event. The donations will be sent to Team Rubicon.

*Successful Event!*

The Bluegrass Music Jam Festival was enjoyed by everyone who attended! Many positive remarks, thanks to the musicians, and hopes for another in the future were expressed! Many thanks to Bob Uzman for his work in organizing this event!



Rebecca Hohag	1	Gail Sexton	14	Dan Finkelstein & Liz Nieboer	2
Deanna Hormann	2	Bob Winford	14	John & Tracy Kosman	3
Carson Bush	3	Emory Clark	16	Thomas & Katherine Leland	4
Ken Callantine	4	Walter Pryor	16	George & Christine Cooper	9
Cory Gurnett	4	John Summerfield	16	Richard & Janna Flanders	17
Rebecca Botvinik	5	Brian Isley	17	Bryan & Kerrie Petch	17
Emily Wolfe	6	Jane Uzman	17	Marty & Debbie Phillips	19
Bob Veuthey	8	Tim Bury	20	Colin & Connie Schmeisser	19
Laura Betts	9	Sheryl Keene	20	John Poss & Kathleen Fitzpatrick	21
Norine Kerstein	9	Steve Anderson	21	Dale & Gina Nygaard	24
Tom Pratt	9	Lisa Romans	21	David & Misty Hopp	27
Leo Romans	9	Dave Wintermute	23	David & Tammy Klein	27
Carolyn Byrnes	11	Aric Hanson	24		
James Webb	12	Barbara Richardson	24		
Sterling Thielmann	13	Elise Hopp	27		
Jonathan Brooks	14	Linda Langlais	27		
Linda Johnson	14	Ron Bush	29		
Jody Pfeil	14	Mary Lynn Willis	29		



## Youth & Family Ministry

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### Greetings BFLC Family!

And just like that—summer has come and gone. If you are like our family, your August was filled with the last trip(s) of summer vacation, extra family time, and the inevitable gearing up for the new school year. With the new school year comes new beginnings, new expectations, and new (or renewed) rhythms.

As you and your family head into the fall, I pray that amid all the busyness, you will settle into intentional rhythms with Jesus as a family. For some, this may mean a renewed commitment to be present each Sunday, worshipping and learning together with our brothers and sisters at BFLC. For some, it may be a commitment to smaller, intentional community like a small group, youth group, or other group focused on growing together with Jesus. For some, it may mean a new priority of regular time in God's Word and prayer as a family, supporting and encouraging one another in your daily walk with Jesus.

For all, I pray that you would be reminded of God's presence with you throughout your day, whether filled with work, school, or play. May you be salt and light (Matthew 6:13-16) wherever He sends you. May you know that He goes with you and may you join intentionally in His kingdom life and work.

With you on the journey,

Andrew Koetsier

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### Upcoming Activities:

- **Youth Group will be continuing Wednesday nights from 6:30-8pm for the upcoming school year.** 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. During the teaching time this fall we will be wrapping up our series called "Life in 6 Words" that will help our students know, understand, and share the gospel. We will also begin a new series on the Gospel of Mark.
- **On Wednesday, September 6 from 5:45-6:30pm,** Pastor Ken and I will be hosting an informational meeting for this year's Confirmation Class for both students and parents. Starting Wednesday, September 13, Confirmation Class will be each Wednesday from 5:45-6:45pm. Please reach out to me if you/your student plans to participate.
- **On 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! Please 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.
- **On Sunday, September 10 from 9:30-10am,** we will be having a parent meeting during the Sunday School hour to introduce our new curriculum for Sunday School and Wiggle Worship (The Gospel Project), talk about our vision for our kids ministry at BFLC, and update registration information for all kids participating in our ministries this upcoming school year.
- **Sunday School Classes:**
  - Pre-K to 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Room #12 (down hallway off of Fellowship Hall).
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Room #22 (upstairs)
  - 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> Grade: Andrew's office.



# September



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 7:00a Men's Bible Study 9:00 Property Cmte. Mtg.
<b>3</b> 9:00a Outdoor Worship	<b>4</b>  LABOR DAY	<b>5</b> 7:30p AA Mtg. 7:30 Al-Anon Mtg.	<b>6</b> 5:45p Parent Confirmation Info Mtg. 6:30 Youth Group 6:30 Choir	<b>7</b> 9:00a Quilters 9:30 Staff Mtg. 7:30p AA Mtg 7:30 Al-Anon mtg	<b>8</b> 9:30a Christmas Tea Committee Mtg.	<b>9</b> 3:00p Bunco Night @ Brooks House
<b>10</b> 8:00a & 10:30a Worship 9:30 Sunday School Pastor Ken Conflict Class	<b>11</b> 1:00p Women's Bible Study	<b>12</b> 6:00p 4-H 7:30 AA Mtg. 7:30 Al-Anon Mtg.	<b>13</b> 5:45p Confirmation 6:30 Youth Group 6:30 Choir 7:30 Contemporary Worship Practice	<b>14</b> 9:00a Quilters 9:30 Staff Mtg. 7:30p AA Mtg. 7:30 Al-Anon Mtg.	<b>15</b> 12:00p Exec.	<b>16</b> 7:00a Men's Bible Study 8:30a Fall Work Day
<b>17</b> 8:00a & 10:30a Worship 9:30 Sunday School New Member Class	<b>18</b> 1:00p Women's Bible Study	<b>19</b> 7:30p AA Mtg. 7:30 Al-Anon Mtg	<b>20</b> 4:00p Mom's Group 5:45p Confirmation 6:30 Youth Group 6:30 Everyone's Bible Study 6:30 Choir	<b>21</b> 9:00a Quilters 9:30 Staff Mtg. 7:00p Council 7:30 AA Mtg. 7:30 Al-Anon Mtg.	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 9:00a-Noon Revive Day
<b>24</b> 8:00a & 10:30a Worship 9:30 Sunday School New Member Class	<b>25</b> 1:00p Women's Bible Study	<b>26</b> 9:30a Black Forest Community Garden Club 7:30p AA Mtg. 7:30 Al-Anon Mtg.	<b>27</b> 1:00p Senior Social 5:45p Confirmation 6:30 Youth Group 6:30 Everyone's Bible Study 6:30 Choir 7:30 Contemporary Worship Practice	<b>28</b> 9:00 Quilters 9:30 Staff Mtg. 6:30p Men's Peer Group 7:30 AA Mtg. 7:30 Al-Anon mtg	<b>29</b>	<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 – Stephanie Strasner  
Organist – Barbara Gurnett  
Choir Director – Melanie Hohag  
Handbell Choir Director – Bill Fitzpatrick  
Keyboard – Landra Decker/Alexandra Cullen  
Ministers – All Members

**OFFICE HOURS**

Weekday Hours  
9:00am-2:00pm Tuesday-Friday  
Sunday Worship 8:00a & 10:30am

**OUR MISSION**

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

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