

# THE SCRIBE



From Pastor Ken

June 2024

## Summer Worship Schedule

Starts Sunday, June 2

One Service – 9:00a

June	2	Indoor	July	7	Indoor	August	4	Indoor
	9	Indoor		14	Outside		11	Outside
	16	Outside		21	Indoor		18	Indoor
	23	Indoor		28	Outside		25	Outside (Picnic)
	30	Outside						

*If you haven't already done so, please sign up for assisting for Summer Worship in Signup Genius!*

**Outdoor Worship Set-up & Take-down.** If you are available during the summer to help set-up/take-down outdoor worship, please contact Lisa.

Our **Youth Mission Trip** is June 2-6. We will commission our group during our first summer worship service, Sunday June 2. See p. 5 for more information.

### **Sabbath Rest**

Our Lord reminds us that we need time to rest. Summer can be such a time. For students, it's summer vacation. For families, it's a time to travel. If you are away for the weekend, remember to find a place to worship. If you're camping, bring your bible. We can give you the Sunday readings ahead of time so you can tune-in even when you are away.

### **Summer Sabbatical**

I will be taking a ½ sabbatical this summer, July 4 – August 15. We have a great line up of pastors in my absence so be sure to attend

### **VBS**

Vacation Bible School is July 22 - 26  
See page 3 for additional information.  
*Invite a friend!*

### **Crossways Bible Study**

Coming this Fall!  
Tuesday Evenings

Do you want to read the whole bible?

Join me as we work our way through the scripture in 2 years.

We will meet on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00p Sept. 3 – Dec. 16. Then, Jan. 6 – May 27 with a break for Lent. Materials are \$110 for 60 sessions (\$2/class). This includes 6 manuals, 6 student books, and biblical timeline.

Sign-up in the Fellowship Hall.

## June @ BFLC

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- **Summer Office Hours.** We will be closing at Noon on Fridays in June, July and August.
- **Wiggle Worship.** June and July, wiggle worship will be during indoor service only. No wiggle worship during the month of August.
- **Mom's Group.** Moms, if you need some "me" time, come and check out the Mom's Group. We do a Bible Study, occasional crafts, chat about life and be supportive of one another. During the summer months we also meet for outdoor fun activities. The kids also have a great time! June outdoor meeting date is Friday, June 7 @ 9a. Meet at Black Forest Regional Park. June indoor mom's meeting is June 19 @ 4:30p. Meet in the Fellowship Hall. Contact: Karina Isley.
- **Crafting w/ Sue Wetzel.** Saturday, June 22 @ 10:00a. Get ready for celebrating July 4th! All materials provided. Due to the amount of time preparing the material, please sign up no later than June 16. Any questions, feel free to contact Sue Wetzel (602) 571-9780.
- **Men's Fire Pit.** Friday, June 14 @ 7:00p. Hosted by Randy Rieke. Bring a lawn chair! Sign-up sheet on bulletin board. Contact Dave Havelka
- **Senior Social.** Wednesday, June 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.
- **Men's Peer Group.** Thursday, June 27 @ 6:30p. In our ever-changing and trying world men need to know that it is okay to struggle, to be challenged, and to ask for help. Mike Regennitter invites men to join him in conversation and discover that they are not alone. Location TBD.
- **AARP Free Shredding Event!** Saturday, June 29 @ 9:00a to Noon at BFLC in the parking lot. *Fight Fraud – Shred Instead!* This will be an opportunity for individuals to drop off unneeded personal and financial documents for on-site professional shredding. No reservations required. There will be a limit of 3 boxes or bags per person. No Plastic or metal binders will be accepted. Contact Stan Beckner at 719.596.6787 for more information.
- **Wholly Kicks Ministry.** Wholly Kicks ministry, founded by Tyg"er" Taylor, is based on the belief everyone is a "whole" person. They provide NEW shoes and socks to those experiencing homelessness and economic disparity. Wholly Kicks distributes shoes in Metro Denver Title 1 schools, shelters, soup kitchens, Colfax motels, and alongside numerous resource nonprofits. BFLC will collect donations of \*\*NEW\*\* sneakers and \*\*NEW\*\* sturdy shoes in all sizes. Tyg says he is short of men's size 14, but all sizes from toddler on up will be gratefully received as long as they are New, Sneaker style shoes. (NOT "worn once," NOT "in great shape but have been worn." NOT sandals, dress shoes, or flip flops). Please label new shoes (or new socks!) and place in the bin in Fellowship Hall by June 30, 2024. Contact Lisa Hatfield 719-339-7831 if you are interested in driving to Tyg's shoe storage to drop off our donations and see more of this ministry. <https://whollykicks.org/>
- **Black Forest Slash / Mulch Schedule.** SLASH: April 27 – September 8, 2024. MULCH: May 11 – September 14, 2024. Please visit their website for more information ([www.bfslash.org](http://www.bfslash.org)).

### ***Mark Your Calendars for July and August!***

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**Office Closed.** The office will be closed on July 4-5.

**Vacation Bible School with Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp.** Monday, July 22 – Friday July 26. This year's theme is "Created to be...Loved." 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. Registration begins June 9! Contact: Andrew Koetsier or Lisa Regennitter.

**Elitch Gardens Trip!** Wednesday, July 31. Signup on bulletin board. Stay tuned for more details!

**Colorado Rockies Faith Day Trip!** Sunday, August 11. Stay tuned for further details!

**Annual Picnic!** Sunday, August 25 after outdoor worship. Details to follow!

## Council Connection

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- The property insurance team was able to obtain affordable property insurance for BFLC. Many thanks to Jack Wetzel for his tireless support this past 7 months as well as to many folks including the property and finance committees.
- Council has directed mutual ministry to utilize a human resource (HR) consulting company to help us build our HR program to ensure BFLC is compliant with all relevant employment laws.

## Happy Birthday USA and Members of BFLC!

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Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup> after service, come celebrate with cake and coffee in the Fellowship Hall. Help Rocky Mountain Fisher House by donating a coin for every anniversary of your birthday plus your birthday. You will be blessing military families who need housing while their loved ones are in the hospital.

## The Rocky Mountain Fisher House

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Many veterans and active duty military undergo extended medical treatment for several weeks or months, we provide a place to stay at no cost to these families.

The Rocky Mountain Fisher House 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 Rocky Mountain Fisher House Foundation. The VA is responsible for maintenance, operations, upkeep, and staff.

Guests are able to stay at the Rocky Mountain Fisher House as long as 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 Rocky Mountain Fisher House 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, Rocky Mountain Fisher House Foundation focuses its money on those staying in the house. The donations we receive help provide all the comforts of a real home including transportation to and from the VA hospital, cable TV, newspaper delivery, as well as snacks and bottled water. The Rocky Mountain Fisher House 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.

The Rocky Mountain Fisher House Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit.

## Special Thank You!

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THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the May 11 BFLC Spring Workday. Your time and talents were greatly appreciated. With at least 18 congregation members plus several members of the local 4-H club, many tasks were completed, including:

- ✓ The local 4-H group raked the outdoor worship area, resulting in numerous bags of pine needles (you may have seen the large pile of bags by the dumpster)
- ✓ Organic weed deterrent was spread on the large rock areas by the Black Forest Rd. entrance.
- ✓ The garden "gullies" were cleared and are ready for the spring rains.
- ✓ The Mountain Mahogany bushes were trimmed.
- ✓ Picnic tables, patio tables, chairs and cushions were brought out of winter storage and put back on the patio and on the deck by the playground.
- ✓ Pinecones were collected for future craft projects.
- ✓ Overhead lights were cleaned in the nursery, hallway, Fellowship Hall, and kitchen.
- ✓ The cabinet doors in the kitchen were cleaned.
- ✓ The carpet in the Mountain Mahogany room was shampooed.
- ✓ Windows in and around the Fellowship Hall were washed and windowsills were vacuumed.
- ✓ The tabletops in the Fellowship Hall (both round and rectangular tables) were scrubbed.
- ✓ And pizza was eaten at the end!

Thank you for sharing your Saturday with the church. We are very grateful for your help!

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\*\*\***Scribe Article Deadline.** Please have all Scribe Articles in to Stephanie Strasner by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month to be put into the following month's Scribe.\*\*\*

## Thank you!

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- ✝ From Kirsten & Kamdyn Hinderberger: "Thank you for thinking of us as we prepare for finals and finish up another hard semester! We are grateful for your generosity."
- ✝ From Living Hope Church: "Thank you for teaching youth the value of service and community. Your gift will help us continue on our mission."

## Celebrate!

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Happy  
Birthday

JUNE

Happy  
Anniversary

Al Alberg	1	Jenn Reily	19	Benjamin & Jessica Worrell	1
Jerry Jergensen	1	Mickey Bannister	22	Todd & Jeanette Gould	3
Naomi Mobley	3	Del Lang	22	Steve & Linda Langlais	3
Norma Dodgen	5	Stephanie Maxon	23	Wolf & Rachael Thielmann	3
Heather Hite	7	Landon Toelle	24	Jim & Sandy Fariss	5
Shannon Kosman	7	Bill Willis	24	Ric & Stephanie Maxson	6
Tyler Strasner	10	Electa Beckner	28	Gary & Patsy Wurster	7
Gavin Long	12	Braidon Coughlin	28	Rob & Shelly Pratt	8
Bob Hahn	13	Kellie Rieke	29	Christopher & Faithe Hausman	9
Dean Syverson	13	Jenna Yonce	29	John & Ginger Gale	10
Haldis Vanbuskirk	13	Jennifer Arnold	30	Steve & Nancy Lord	11
Tyler Kvale	15			Tom & Linda Pratt	11
Julie Olson	15			George & Ginny West	11
Patrick Turechek	15			Bill & Karen Moreau	16
Katie Callantine	18			Mark & Michelle Robinson	17
Connie Schmeisser	18			Lyle & Nikki Belleque	18
Clara Makowsky	19			Winston & Amy Churchill	18
Dorothy Marlow	19			James & Kris Mahurin	18
				Steve & Teresa Anderson	23
				Jim & Deanna Hormann	25
				Bob & Cindy Winford	26
				Mike & Susan Jube	27
				Matt & Trina Seebach	27
				George & Norine Kerstein	28
				Ryan & Megan Pennington	30

Welcome  
to our  
New Members

Mania Black  
Dana Clevenger  
Shari Hoey  
Mike & Wendy LaCroix  
Tom & Cindi Little

Randy & Jamie Snyder  
Jon Stevenson  
Rory & Lauren Taylor  
Dwight Wahlborg  
Pat West



## Youth & Family Ministry

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### Greetings BFLC Family!

*Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?'*

*And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'*

-Isaiah 6:8

We are looking forward to our Youth Mission Trip to Denver June 2-6. We hope you can join us on Sunday morning, June 2nd at the worship service as we send them off with prayer. Please see below for a little bit more about our trip and how you can pray for us!

In His Grace,  
Andrew Koetsier

### Upcoming Activities/Reminders:

**June 2-7:** Denver Youth Mission Trip (no youth group on Wednesday, June 5th)

**June 19, 5:30-6:30pm:** Youth Bluegrass Band- Bob Uzman is helping us form a small group of youth bluegrass guitar players. We will meet 3-5 times this summer. This will be available for approximately ages 10+. Contact Andrew for more information and stay tuned for more details.

**June 19 and June 26-** No Youth Group (Andrew on vacation)

### Save the Date

**July 21-26-** VBS Day (Pre-K-Elementary) and Night (Middle School/High School) Camps. Registration starts June 9.

**Wednesday, July 31-** Elitch Gardens Day (Denver)

**Sunday, August 11-** Colorado Rockies Faith Day 2024: Rockies-Braves and Zach Williams Concert

### Denver Mission Trip

#### **Our Team**

**Youth:** Cameron Gaetano, Brian Gould, Hannah Joiner, Audrey Koetsier, Alex Lacomia, Clara, Eleanor & Lillian Makowsky, Alysha Snyder, Emma Webb, Jason & Jenna Yonce.

**Adult Leaders:** Karina Isley, Andrew Koetsier, Christine Makowsky, Barb Richardson

**What we will be doing:** we will be partnering with three different service organizations (Brothers Redevelopment, Arc Thrift, The Action Center) in the city, helping with projects ranging from painting and light home repair to assisting with food & clothing donation centers.

- **Pray** that we would be open to whatever God our team in 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
- **Pray** that our relationships with God and each other would grow through this trip

**HAPPY  
FATHER'S  
DAY**

**June**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2 9:00a Worship—Indoor	3	4 7:30p AA Mtg. Al-Anon Mtg.	5 4:30p MEF Mtg.	6 9:00a Quilters 9:30 Staff Mtg. 7:30p AA Mtg. Al-Anon Mtg.	7 9:00a Mom's Group Outdoor Meet-up @ BF Regional Park	8
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <span style="font-size: 2em;">←</span> <span style="color: red; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">Youth Mission Trip</span> <span style="font-size: 2em;">→</span> </div>						
9 9:00a Worship—Indoor	10	11 6:00p 4-H 7:30 AA Mtg. Al-Anon Mtg.	12 12:00p AARP 6:30 Youth Group 7:00 Contemporary Worship Practice	13 9:00a Quilters 9:30 Staff Mtg. 6:30p Worship Mtg. 7:30 AA Mtg. Al-Anon Mtg.	14 12:00p Executive Mtg. 7:00 Men's Fire Pit	15 Relationship Cafe
16 9:00a Worship—Outdoor	17	18 7:30p AA Mtg. Al-Anon Mtg.	19 4:30p Mom's Group	20 9:00a Quilters 9:30 Staff Mtg. 7:00p Council 7:30 AA Mtg. Al-Anon Mtg.	21	22 10:00a Crafting w/ Sue Wetzel
23 9:00a Worship—Indoor	24	25 7:30p AA Mtg. Al-Anon Mtg.	26 1:00p Senior Social 7:00 Contemporary Worship Practice	27 9:00a Quilters 9:30 Staff Mtg. 6:30p Men's Peer Group 7:30 AA Mtg. Al-Anon Mtg.	28	29 9:00a AARP Shred- ding
30 9:00a Worship—Outdoor						



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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

**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**

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

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**BLACK FOREST LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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