

THE SCRIBE



From Pastor Ken

July 2024

Half Sabbatical

I will be taking a half sabbatical from July 4 through August 13. I have arranged for a good group of pastors to fill in for me.

<u>When</u>	<u>Where</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>From</u>
July 7	Inside	Melinda Jones	St. Luke's, Colorado Springs
14	Outdoor	Phil Reimers	Evergreen, Colorado
21	Inside	Andrew Koetsier	Youth Mission Report
28	Outdoor	Allan Oman	Las Cruces, New Mexico
Aug 4	Inside	Marv Combs	NALC Area Bishop's Assistant
11	Outdoor	David Breidenbach	SONetwork, New Mexico

During this time if you are in need of pastoral care, contact the church office, (719) 495-2221, and we will put you in contact with one of several qualified people.

New Online Directory. See p. 4.

Vacation Bible School. July 22 through 26. See p. 2

The **NALC Mission Convocation** is online this year, Friday, August 9 from 4:00p – 7:00p.
Go to thenalc.org. Interested in being our delegates? Contact: Lisa Regennitter.

CROSSWAYS BIBLE STUDY

We now have 25 people signed up for this two year, read through the bible, study. We'll meet each Tuesday at 6:30p beginning on Sept 10. Plan on taking 20 minutes per day for reading and reflection. Cost of materials is \$110 for 60 sessions. This includes 6 manuals, 6 student workbooks and a biblical timeline. Signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Announcements

- **Summer Office Hours.** We will be closing at Noon on Fridays in July and August. Office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, July 4 & 5.
- **Men's BBQ.** Friday, July 16 @ 6:00p at Nate Johnson's house. Signup sheet on bulletin board. Contact: Dave Havelka or Lisa Regennitter.
 - *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.
- **Mom's Group.** Wednesday, July 17 from 4:30-6:00p. We do a Bible Study, crafts, chat about life and be supportive of one another. Contact: Karina Isley.
- **Senior Social.** Wednesday, July 24 @ 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, July 25 @ 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.



Vacation Bible School with Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp Monday, July 22 through Friday, July 26 9:00a – 12:15p

Kindergarten – 6th grade (grade refers to the grade they will be entering this fall)

Cost: Free

Registration forms are on the bulletin board in the narthex. Please turn into Lisa's box on her door when filled out. Invite your friends!

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. We do need adults and teens to assist the Rainbow Trail counselors in running this program.

Sign-ups on bulletin board:

- Bring food for snacks.
- Volunteer during the day.
- RTLC Counselor Dinner Hosts.

Details for MS/HS Day Camp Week Sunday, July 21 through Wednesday, July 24

Sunday, July 21 – Potluck at 5:00p in the fellowship hall. We will also be starting our camp for MS/HS this night!

Monday – Friday Volunteers from 8:45a to 12:15p.

Sunday – Wednesday nights:

- 6:15p Gather/Mingle
- 6:20 Active Games
- 6:50 Snack/Drink/Break
- 7:00 Bible Study
- 8:00 Campfire/Small Group/Devo/Music
- 8:30 Dismiss

Thursday:

- 6:00p Program and Ice Cream Social

Mark your calendars for August!



August Fun, Food and Live Music!! Join us Saturday, August 3 at 4:00p for an evening of family fun, food, and music! Our church member, Bob Uzman, and the local Bluegrass and Gospel Group plan to play a jam. It will be in the outdoor worship 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. Potluck begins @ 6:00p Signup on bulletin board.



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



Annual Picnic!
Sunday, August 25
following outdoor worship.
Signup on bulletin board.
Details to follow!

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!

July is Birthday Month!

Sunday, July 7th 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



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.



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 would like to lead an event. And be sure to keep her in the loop on all your planned activities!

Online Member Directory!

Announcing!!

We are pleased to announce the launch of the new BFLC Jubilee Online Member Directory!

It's development has been in the works for nearly five years. It has been built from the ground up by the NALCNetwork along with BFLC and three other churches in the NALC. We're happy to report BFLC will be the first to launch! It has been built with the utmost of security in mind and only members with an email address in the system will be able to access the directory.

Be sure to check your email Inbox after June 28th. An email with the log-in link will be sent to your email address. When logging in you will be asked to enter your email address and a secure link will be sent to your email Inbox. Once you click on the link you'll be asked to confirm your email address. If you did not receive an email be sure to check your Spam folder.

Members will be able to access information for Member Individuals, Families and Groups from the Online Directory.

While we are confident in the new directory, we are also sure there could be questions about logging in and/or corrections that need to be made. Please send all requests to Patsy Wurster at patsywurster@comcast.net Patsy will get back with you as soon as she can.

Special thanks go out to Amy Churchill who tirelessly led the process of manually entering hundreds of Individuals and Families into the system to ensure we had the most accurate data we could have at the launch.

Also thanks to the testing team - Mickey Bannister, Karen Gorley, Jon Fountain and Shelly Koets - who provided valuable feedback on functionality and usability.

Is Jubilee Secure?

We all worry about security online. We should. At NALCNetwork, we devote a lot of time and energy and resources to preventative cyber security and Jubilee has been built with that in mind. We do not share our data center for NALCNetwork and Jubilee with any other; it is strictly dedicated to the NALC and the congregations in the NALC. Jubilee only allows access to identified members who are included and approved by your church staff. The information in Jubilee is not open to advertisers, or any outside parties for any purpose, ever.

Council Connection

- Council is seeking volunteers from the Congregation to serve on a nominating committee for new Council members.
- BFLC now has a Safety Team of 7 members.

Thank you!

- ✠ **Riley Newcomer:** "I am constantly overwhelmed by your generosity towards me. Your kindness is such an encouragement!"
- ✠ **World Mission Prayer League:** "Thank you for your prayers and gift of \$1,685.50. Your contribution helps as WMPL global workers share the gospel with those least able to hear or benefit from its power."



Happy Birthday!!!

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

Happy Anniversary!!!

John & Suzana Lacomia	1
Mike & Landra Decker	7
Jack & Sue Wetzal	7
Mark & Lisa Hatfield	11
Dave & Rosie Williams	12
Joseph & Kelsey Mobley	17
Scott & Ann Buttermore	19
Eugene & Alexandra Cullen	22
Mike & Debbie Woods	23
Tom & Karen Jackson	24
Monty & Jackie Sappenfield	27
Brian & Karina Isley	30



Youth & Family Ministry

Greetings BFLC Family!

Thank you everyone for praying for our Youth Denver Mission Trip this past month. We had a blessed week serving in Denver with Brother's Redevelopment (painting a veteran's home), Arc Thrift Store (sorting and organizing clothes donations), and The Action Center (food and clothes distribution). We were reminded of how blessed we are and blessed to be a blessing to those in need. We look forward to sharing more about our trip on Sunday morning, July 21. Hope you can join us!

This month, we are especially looking forward to VBS. Personally, I have fond memories of going to VBS and the opportunity it presents for kids to know and love Jesus more. For some kids who come, it may be their first time hearing the gospel!

We are thankful yet again to have counselors from Rainbow Trail coming down to lead the camp, but we still need your help. Please sign up to serve as you are able.

VBS week presents a unique opportunity for our church family to reflect Jesus in the way we serve and play with the kids who God brings to us. I sincerely hope your family makes it a priority to come (whether participating or serving) and would encourage you to invite at least one other child or family to come as well.

The theme of the week is "Created To Be" with a special focus on Psalm 139. We look forward to learning about the purposes God has created us for and be reminded of His great love.

In His Grace,
Andrew Koetsier

"For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well."

-Psalm 139:13- 14

Upcoming Activities

Wednesday, July 3 6-8pm: Youth Group Mini Golf & Ice Cream Night

Sunday, July 21: Denver Youth Mission Trip Report in Sunday Morning Service

July 21-26- VBS Day (Pre-K-Elementary) and Night (Middle School/High School) Camps (see pg. 2)




Wednesday, July 31- Elitch Gardens Day (Denver)

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



July



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 7:30p AA Mtg. Al-Anon Mtg.	3 9:30a Staff Mtg. 6:00p Youth Group (Mini Golf & Ice Cream)	4 7:30p AA Mtg. Al-Anon Mtg.  <i>Office Closed</i>	5 <i>Office Closed</i>	6 7:00a Men's Bible Study
7 9:00a Worship—Indoor	8	9 6:30p Evangelism Mtg. 7:30 AA Mtg. Al-Anon Mtg.	10 7:00p Contemporary Worship Practice	11 9:30a Staff Mtg. 7:30p AA Mtg. Al-Anon Mtg	12 12:00p Executive Mtg.	13 9:00a Property Cmte. Mtg.
14 9:00a Worship—Outdoor	15	16 7:30p AA Mtg. Al-Anon Mtg.	17 4:30p Mom's Group	18 9:30a Staff Mtg. 7:00p Council Mtg. 7:30 AA Mtg. Al-Anon Mtg	19 6:00p Men's BBQ	20 7:00a Men's Bible Study
21 9:00a Worship—Indoor	22	23 7:30p AA Mtg. Al-Anon Mtg.	24 1:00p Senior Social 7:00 Contemporary Worship Practice	25 6:30p Men's Peer Grp 7:30 AA Mtg. Al-Anon Mtg	26	27
						
28 9:00a Worship—Outdoor	29	30 7:30p AA Mtg. Al-Anon Mtg.	31 <i>Elitch Gardens Youth Trip!</i> 			



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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

Summer Weekday Hours
9:00am-2:00pm Tuesday-Thursday (*Closed Thursday, July 4*)
9:00am-12:00pm Friday (*Closed Friday, July 5*)
Sunday Worship 9:00am

BLACK FOREST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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