Barneveld Lutheran Church

February 2019

505 Swiss Lane Barneveld, WI 53507 (608) 924-8621 www.barneveldlutheranchurch.org
All are welcome for worship, every Sunday at 9:00 am.

BLC's TALENT EXTRAVAGANZA!!!

SAVE THE DATE – Sunday April 28th

BLC's got talent –we know it!! Please plan to join us on Sunday, April 28th, for an afternoon of family fun. We will have a talent show and hope to showcase many of the talents that are not necessarily seen during worship or fellowship here at church.

We are looking for performers (singers, dancers, skits, comedians, other ideas), stage assistants and other duties as we discover what we need. Won't you please be a good sport and make this first talent show at our church a success?

Please let any of the following people know that you are ready to help out: Becky Stauffer (becks@mhtc.net), Peggy Jones (574-6703) or Missy Lease (leasefam@mhtc.net)

Let's Celebrate US!

Quilting Days

Mondays in February

4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

8:30am - 11:30am

We will be gathering in the multipurpose area of BLC during the month of February to assemble and tie quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

All are welcome. Come when you can, leave when you need to. If you can tie a knot, you have the skills to help with our quilt making days. We enjoy fellowship while working for a good cause. If the weather/roads are questionable call Marcia to see if we are meeting 574-8182.

Save the Date!

Our VBS/Day Camp week will be

June 17th - 20th

Mark your calendars NOW! Look for more information to come.

VBS = 4 & 5 year olds

Day Camp = 1st—5th grade

Mission: We are called to be Christ's Light...in all things we are committed to seeking & following God's will and not our own.

Dear BLC Family,

The only survivor of a shipwreck was washed up on a small, uninhabited island. He prayed feverishly for God to rescue him and every day he scanned the horizon for help, but none seemed forthcoming. Exhausted, he eventually managed to build a little hut out of driftwood to protect himself from the elements, and to store his few possessions. But then one day, after scavenging for food, he arrived home to find his little hut in flames, the smoke rolling up to the sky. The worst had happened—everything was lost. He was stunned with grief and anger. "*God, how could you do this to me?*" he cried. Early the next day, however, he was awakened by the sound of a ship that was approaching the island. It had come to rescue him. "How did you know I was here?" asked the weary man of his rescuers. "*We saw your smoke signal,*" they replied.

Here's the point of the story: it's easy to get discouraged when things appear to be going badly. But we can't lose heart because God is at work in the midst of what might be possible loneliness, pain and suffering we may be experiencing. Speaking of crosses and pains, we are once again inviting people to write and share their story for our upcoming Lenten devotional. This has quickly become one of the most popular ministries we offer here at BLC. But we need YOU! We need people to step up and write. You can write about your word, about your favorite Bible passage or verse or reflect upon our focus for Lent- "**God Sees Beauty in our Brokenness.**" All ages are invited to participate. Don't be afraid to share your story. It's one of the ways we grow closer as a church family. Information is in the Gathering Space.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the 80 people who attended our Annual Meeting on January 6th to hear about and vote upon important things happening in our parish. I thank *Jeff Ziegler*, Council President, for his leadership and wisdom. I also want to acknowledge and lift up our Council Members: *Liz Taylor, Alycia Hathaway, Wendy Doescher, Judd Koerwitz, Joni Cleary* and newly elected *Jeff Reese*. These folks are the leadership of this church. Seek them out and use them. They are working hard to make BLC a place everyone wants to be part of in this community.

We have a number of things happening I'm proud to share with you:

+ We will have a review of our financial practices and procedures from Wegner CPAs in early February. It's always good to make sure we are up to date with all the best practices.

+ Our Confirmation students will take a trip to *Temple Beth El* February 13th to learn about our Jewish brothers and sisters in faith.

+ Our Women's group "*Rooted with Purpose*" will meet the 3rd Friday of the Month (February 15th) for fellowship and faith sharing.

+ We are inviting people to consider being mentors for our 7th and 8th graders on Wednesdays during Lent. *We need 27 adults to walk with our students*. Please consider this life-giving ministry!

+ We will have a *First Communion Retreat* on Saturday, March 2nd for our little ones preparing to receive Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion.

+ Planning for our *1st BLC Talent Extravaganza* on Sunday, April 28th is underway. I triple dog dare you to share you talents with the community!

Sometimes we are tempted to lose heart and get angry with God. But then we come together in prayer and worship and we are reminded how God always sends us help/helpers. *Remember, the next time when your little hut is burning to the ground, it just may be a smoke signal that summons the grace of God!*

With you a Christian. For you a Pastor.

PJ

Rooted with Purpose
Friday, February 15th at 6:00pm.

All women of BLC are invited for a night of fun and fellowship. Our January gathering was canceled because of snow so we are really looking forward to trying again this month! We will gather at Michelle Kleimenhagen's home (7692 Lone Pine Road) at 6:00pm. You can meet us at Michelle's or at BLC at 5:45 and carpool over together. We can't wait to see you then!

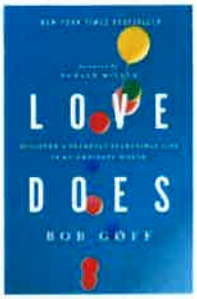
Lenten Devotional Writers Needed

"God Sees Beauty in our Brokenness" is our theme for the 2019 BLC Lenten Devotional book.
Please consider to write a devotion, we need YOU!
For the last two years I have been able to read all of them first hand. I have cried, I have laughed, I was humbled, I was saved, I become more aware of me, I became more aware of you all because of YOUR words. Be that inspiration to someone and help us to reach 50+ writers. This isn't a competition! This is your words simply written to help all of us become more aware of our Beauty and to help us with our Brokenness.

Diane Schlimgen, Devotional Editor

You can use this online form to sign up:https://barneveldlutheran.wufoo.com/forms/z1tmsikt0d169hd/

BLC Book Club: February edition!



FIA (Faith in Action) invites you to read Bob Goff's "**Love Does**," a powerful collection of essays and short stories about how God works in and through our actions. The book was published in 2012 and is a collection of essays and short stories about how our life experiences are tied into the God who loves us. In this book of compelling stories coupled with eye-opening truths, Goff shows a new way to live, a way that's drenched with the whimsy of God's love and the spontaneity of following where he leads.
There are copies available at BLC to check out as well as copies at the library under PJ's name to check out.

We will discuss the book on Thursday, February 28th at Ken and Denise Hummel's home (4779 Cty Rd HH) at 6:30pm.

Did you know that BLC has an Endowment Foundation?

We do! It was established in 1999 by Ted Arneson. It's purpose is so persons can donate for special reasons and get income tax deductions. You can give before or after death. The funds areinvested by a board of trustees. Barneveld Lutheran Church benefits from this Endowment Foundation by being able to spend 5% of the asset value of the fund based on the December 31st balance of the previous year. Distributions for this purpose may be from either the income or the principal of the Foundation. Our recent gift of $400,000.00 to the Foundation will benefit our members for years and years to come! Please consider a gift when you are doing your estate planning.

Annual Meeting Quick Recap

The Annual meeting was held on January 6, 2019. There were 80 members who attended. The meeting was led by Council President Jeff Ziegler and some of the topics raised were our growing attendance at worship, overall enthusiastic atmosphere in the parish and the generous gifts from the Thousand Family, which included $628,000 to the BLC Foundation and a gift of $78,000 to the Memorial and Gift account to be used at the discretion of the Church Council. Bill and Marcene Thousand have left our family of faith an incredibly generous gift to help grow our mission well into the future.

Also discussed were some of the capital improvements to our physical plant including a new electronic sign outside as well as the new screens and projectors in the sanctuary. These new upgrades help to share our mission with the community as well as add to our spirited worship. The screens will also be utilized for youth and adult education purposes. We approved a spending plan for 2019.

We thanked outgoing council member Craig Johnson after 4 years of service and we elected and welcomed Jeff Reese to take his place. Your 2019 Church Council leadership is: Jeff Ziegler, Liz Taylor, Alycia Hathaway, Joni Cleary, Jeff Reese, Judd Koerwitz and Wendy Doescher.

– Respectfully submitted by Alycia Hathaway

Financial Recap from Annual Meeting:

Thank you to everyone for another great year this year! With the quick turnaround between year-end and the annual meeting, we only have preliminary numbers, but are showing an overall net income for operations for the second year in a row! Our preliminary net income for 2018 was about $8,400, up from a net income of $4,000 in 2017, a net loss of $8,500 in 2016, and net losses close to $20,000 for 2013-2015. We had total revenue of $166,000, including giving of $164,000 (including offering and amounts designated for missions). Giving increased by $11,000 in 2018, a 7% increase over 2017.

Total expenses were down about $2,400 from 2017, with the specific line items pretty consistent from year to year.

For 2019, our projected spending plan shows an increase in expenses of about 5%. Once again, thank you for all you have done for a great 2018! We are looking forward to another great year in 2019!

-Respectfully submitted by Danielle Moyer

PLEASE CONSIDER BEING A MENTOR

- We are in need of **27 LENTEN MENTORS**
- Wednesday's during LENT
  March 6th - April 10th, 6:15pm.
- You sit, pray and have conversation with a student at the Wednesday evening Lenten services.
- NO Theological or Scripture background needed
- This is a GREAT OPPORTUNITY to get to know the BLC Confirmation students
- There is a sign up sheet in the Gathering space at BLC or email melaniemarkhardt@gmail.com

If you have any Questions: Please call

Melanie Markhardt 608-279-4381

In our Prayers...

Members of BLC as well as friends and family members of those in our community who need are prayers.

Katie Barrios	Bob Jacobson
Donald Arneson	Bri Ferrell
Carl Arneson	Guenther Kolb
Helen Stampfl	Charlotte Lobitz
Bilie Jo Lewis	Juan Macias
Wayne Schuelke	Rita Schuelke
Kevin Ihm	Dottie Tallman
Diane Venden	Duaine Kirschbaum
Bonnie Gerner	Our local police, fire & EMT's
Kevin Keen	
Troy Stadele	
Carolyn Glover	

Below are those under medical treatment for cancer:

Palmer Wilson	Kathy Parent
Judy Weidman	*Helen Lund*
Rick Stamn	*Richard Fredrickson*

Below are those at home and residents of care facilities who you may wish to send a greeting to:

Carl Arneson 608-203-9728 7710 S Brookline Dr, # L 032 Madison, WI 53719 608.203.9728	**Betty Lou Haefer & Gladys Gullickson** Bloomfield Manor, 3151 Cty Road CH, Dodgeville, WI 53533
Barb and Bob Gentz 2738 Florann Dr, Madison, WI 53711	**Donald Arneson** 207 N Grove Street Barneveld, WI 53507
Guenther Kolb Attic Angel Place, 8301 Old Sauk Rd, RM H 155 Middleton, WI 53562	**Tory Kolb** Attic Angel Place 8301 Old Sauk Rd, Apt 206, Middleton, WI 53562 608.301.7572
Wayne Schuelke 8775 Richards Rd Barneveld, WI 53507	**Katie Barrios** 208 Victoria CT Barneveld, WI 53507

Blood Pressure Checks

Courtesy of the Health Ministry Team by

Craig Johnson

Sunday February 3rd

after worship

BLC GIFT

Growing in Faith Together:

As of December 2018

General Giving = $20,234.00

Mission Giving = $592.40

Cash & Coin = $655.00

Total Income = $21,481.40

Expenses = $12,923.00

We ended the year with a balance of $8,412.95 for the year

Thank you for your generosity. We share in the mission of Christ through your offering. Please consider using automatic giving through your bank. See Joann Manteufel if you have any questions.

Baptized & Welcomed into the family of Faith

GORDON WALTER OLDAY

Infant son of Jonathan and Chelsea Olday was baptized on January 13th. Godparents are Kyle & Megan Krause.

We welcomed the entire family including siblings Burkley & Haddie into membership.

Be Still and Know I am God. Psalm 46:10

February Worship Assistants

	February 3rd	February 10th	February 17th	February 24th
Accompanist	Linda Seeley	Karen Erickson	Linda Seeley	Karen Erickson
Greeters	Jonathan & Chelsea Olday and family	Nancy & Doug Carden	Jeremy & Samantha Oyen and family	Pat & Neil Ranney
Ushers	Ron & Ann Mason	Bob & Joan Johnson	Dennis & Dawn Baumann	Denny & Peggy Bilse
Assisting Minister	Joni Cleary	Ken Hummel	Youth	Peg Jones
Reader	Carissa Manteufel	April Smart	Sateash Kittleson	Nicole Murphy
Communion Servers	Karen Engen-Heitke Garrett Heitke Henri Parks Kelly, Ashland, Billy Carden	Joann Manteufel Cindy Reeson Katie Barrios Joni Cleary Bette Vivian	Mike & Deann Peterson Bette Vivian 3 volunteers needed	Bob & Joan Johnson Bette Vivian 3 volunteers needed
Altar Guild	Jo Ellen Uptegraw and Peg Jones			
Fellowship Fry cakes from Millers, host provides milk	Chelsea Olday	Joann Manteufel Dawn Baumann	Deann Peterson	Volunteer Needed

Worship Participant Coordinators

Greeters: Liz Taylor 608-219-9813 **Readers:** Missy Lease 608-575-2372 **Ushers:** Lee Pollock 608-576-4022
Assisting Ministers: Peggy Jones 574-6703 **Communion Servers:** Joanne Manteufel 608-279-8961

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 9-10am PJ@Marue Coffee for conversation
3 9am Worship 9:50 Holy Moly Blood Pressure checks by Craig Johnson	4 Pastor's Day Off Office Closed 8:30—11:30 Quilting	5 6pm Bell practice	6 Food Pantry 9:30-3:30 6pm Bridge/ Confirmation	7	8	9 9-10am PJ @ Marue Coffee for conversation
10 9am Worship 9:50 Holy Moly 10:00 Fellowship 10:15 GIFT mtg	11 Pastor's Day Off Office Closed 8:30—11:30 Quilting	12 6 pm Bell Practice	13 Food Pantry 9:30-3:30 6pm Bridge Class 5pm Confirmation visit to Temple Bethel	14 	15 Newsletter Deadline 11am Game Day 6:00 Women's Gathering	16 9-10am PJ @ Marue Coffee for conversation
17 9am Worship – Leatherberry baptism 9:50 Holy Moly 10:00 Fellowship 10:45 Council mtg 4:30 4-H in facility	18 Pastor's Day Off Office Closed 8:30—11:30 Quilting	19 6pm Bell Practice	20 Food Pantry 9:30-3:30 6pm Bridge/ Confirmation - Parent Night	21 6:30 FIA metg	22	23 9-10am PJ @ Marue Coffee for conversation
24 9am Worship—Moyer Baptism 9:50 Holy Moly 4pm CHAOS	25 Pastor's Day Off Office Closed 8:30—11:30 Quilting	26 6pm Bell Practice	27 Food Pantry 9:30-3:30 6pm Bridge/ Confirmation	28		

For weather cancelations

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God's work. Our hands.
Together in mission

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Join us for Worship on Sundays at 9:00am
Followed by Fellowship
Holy Moly 9:50—10:45am
Children Pre K - 4th grade

Office Phone: 608-924-8621
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Wednesdays 9:00am - 4:00pm
Thursdays 9:00am - 11:30pm
or as needed.
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